

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Housing Tenancy Board

Date **20 October 2014**

Report of: **Director of Community**

Subject: **UPDATE ON ESTATE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2014/15**

SUMMARY

This report provides Board members with an update on the progress of schemes approved for 2014/15 together with those outstanding from 2013/14.

The report also provides an update on mobility scooter storage facilities and parking improvements.

RECOMMENDATION

That Board members note the information contained in the report.

INTRODUCTION

1. At the Board's meeting on 22 April 2014 approval was given to progress a number of estate improvement schemes, these together with an update on current status are shown below.
2. At the Board's meeting on 28 July 2014 it was agreed that the report on Estate Improvements would also include an update on the provision of mobility scooter storage and parking in the borough.

UPDATE ON ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2014/15

3. An update on approved schemes together with any costs are shown below:-

SCHEME	STAGE	COST/ESTIMATED COST
Security/Privacy fencing work at Chapelside & Crofton Court	Works completed	£3894
Lighting improvements at Redoubt Court	Works ordered	£500 estimated
Dropped kerbing at Beverley Close & Frosthole Close	Works ordered	£2750 estimated
Bicycle storage at Hewett House	Consultation	£250 estimated
Noticeboards to Housing Blocks including installation	Works in Progress	£3500 estimated
Surfacing work at Barnes Close	Works ordered	£400 contribution
Drying lines at Frosthole Close	Consultation	Works deferred
Motor Cycle parking area at Frosthole Close	Consultation	£500 estimated
Safety railings at Bishopsfield Road	Works ordered	£2000 estimated
Removal of drying area at Minden House	Works ordered	£3000 estimated
Ground works to Flats and Maisonette Blocks	Works on hold	Works deferred
Safety railings at Western Court	Feasibility	£500 estimated
Signage work at Bishopsfield Road, Beverley Close, Hewett Road & Robinson Court	Works in Progress	£2206 estimated
Line Marking at Foster Close & Cross hatching at Bishopsfield Road	Works in process of being ordered	£500 estimated
	Total	£20000

UPDATE ON 2013/14 ESTATE IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

4. The table below provides Board members with an update on those estate improvement schemes that have previously been approved for funding:-

SCHEME	STATUS	COST/ESTIMATED COST
Landscaping work at Foster Close	Works completed	£1572
Bin Storage at Marchesi Court	Survey required	On hold - To be funded from Housing Capital Programme
Noticeboards to Housing Blocks	Works completed	£3000 (Funding carried over into 2014/15)
Landscaping works at Ransome Close & Winnards Park	Works to be progressed in 2014/15	£1500 (Funding carried over into 2014/15)

IDENTIFICATION OF ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2015/16

5. Consultation with Tenant and Leaseholder Forums and issues arising from Estate Inspections over the next few months will go some way in helping to identify possible schemes for inclusion in a work programme for 2015/16.
6. A further report on the progress of the Estate Improvements outlined in this report, together with suggestions for 2015/16, will be considered at the Board's meeting in April 2015.

UPDATE ON MOBILITY SCOOTER STORAGE

7. An update on the programme for mobility scooter storage was last provided to the Board at its meeting on 22 April 2014.
8. At the Board's last meeting held on 28 July 2014 a request for a further update on progress was made. It was agreed that the update be included in the report on Estate Improvements.
9. As indicated in the April report to the Board additional scooter storage and access had been identified for Frosthole Close, Holly Hill Mansions, Lincoln Close, Northmore Close and Trafagar Court.
10. At the time of writing provision has been made at all sites with exception of Holly Hill Mansions which at the time of writing is in the process of being arranged.
11. The cost of works to the aforementioned sites will effectively use the remaining budget allocation; as a result there are no further identified funds for future scooter storage works.

UPDATE ON PARKING PROVISION

12. Following the report to the Board on 28 October 2013 about car parking on housing estates an annual budget of £25,000 was set aside from the 2014/15 Housing Capital Programme to fund parking improvements at some housing locations.
13. At the end of May 2014 visits were made to a number of sites identified in the report to members last October. Arising from the visits improvement works were identified at the following housing sites:
 - Marks Road (Spencer Court), Stubbington;
 - Minden House, Redlands Lane, Fareham South East;
 - Nelson Court, Fort Fareham Road, Fareham South East; and
 - Thorni Avenue, Fareham North West
14. At the present time drawings, costings and permissions are to be made. It is envisaged that works will be carried out in summer 2015. As a result funding set aside from 2014/15 budget will be carried forward into 2015/16.
15. Site surveys will be carried out in spring 2015 to identify further schemes to be funded from 2015/16 budget allocation.

RISK ASSESSMENT

16. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

CONCLUSION

17. This report has provided Board members with an update on the progress of previously identified and approved estate improvement schemes.
18. The report has also provided an update on the provision of additional mobility scooter storage and parking at housing sites in the borough.

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: Housing Tenancy Board 22 April 2014 - Estate Improvements Programme 2014-15
Housing Tenancy Board 22 April 2014 - Update on Programme for Mobility Scooter Storage
Housing Tenancy Board 28 October 2013 – Review of Car Parking on Housing Estates

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