

<b>Report to</b>	<b>YARDLEY DISTRICT COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Report of:</b> <b>Date of Decision</b>	<b>Strategic Director Place</b> <b>19 November 2015</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS BUDGET 2015/16</b>
<b>Key Decision: Yes</b>	<b>Relevant Forward Plan Ref:</b>
<b>If not in the Forward Plan: (please "X" box)</b>	<b>Chief Executive approved</b> <b>O&amp;S Chairman approved</b>
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s):</b>	<b>Councillor Ian Ward – Deputy Leader of the Council</b> <b>Councillor John Cotton – Neighbourhood Management &amp; Homes</b>
<b>Relevant O&amp;S Chairman:</b>	<b>Councillor Zafar Iqbal – Neighbourhood &amp; Community Services, Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Relevant Executive Member</b>	<b>Councillor Sue Anderson</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>Acoc's Green, Sheldon, South Yardley, Stechford &amp; Yardley North</b>

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To re-state to the District Committee that a sum of £97,013 was allocated for carrying out environmental improvement works in neighbourhoods for 2014/15 and to provide an update on progress. The projects have been submitted by a combination of suggestions from Housing Liaison Boards, local residents and members and Council officers as outlined in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 To inform the District Committee that a further sum of £94,400 has been allocated for carrying out environmental improvement works in neighbourhoods during 2015/16.
- 1.3 To seek approval for the projects outlined within Appendix 2.
- 1.4 To inform the District Committee of the budgetary position to date (Appendix 3).

## 2. Decision (s) recommended

That the District Committee:

- 2.1 Note progress in connection with the projects initiated in 2014/15.
- 2.2 Approve the projects outlined at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 Note the budget position statement provided at Appendix 3.

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### **3 Consultation**

#### **3.1 Internal**

All ward members within the district are being consulted on the project proposals for the District Committee Capital Environmental Budget for 2015/16.

#### **3.2 External**

The Housing Liaison Boards and other local residents are assisting with identifying the proposed projects to be funded from the Environmental Budget 2015/16.

### **4. Compliance Issues:**

#### **4.1 Are the recommended decisions consistent with the Council's policies, plans and strategies?**

Improving the Council owned housing stock directly contributes to the strategic outcomes of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Council Business Plan 2015. In particular there is a specific target under the theme of securing a high quality of life for residents. Stock improvements will also impact upon the other strategic outcomes, most notably on the aspiration for healthier communities, all of which are consistent with the themes identified in The Leader's policy statement.

The creation of targeted environmental projects on a district by district basis will significantly impact the quality of life for residents and enhance the stock improvements already in place

#### **4.2 Financial Implications**

The total capital funding for these schemes is contained within the approved Housing Public Sector Capital Budget 2015/16. The 2015/16 Capital Environmental Budget allocation to Yardley is £94,400 and is based on the number of Council properties totalling 7442 within the District.

#### **4.3 Legal Implications**

The proposed allocation of work is consistent with the effective management of the Council's housing stock under Part II Housing Act 1985. From a procurement perspective it makes good use of Repairs and Maintenance and framework contracts which have been established to secure improved performance and better value for money than conventional single scheme tendering.

#### **4.4 Public Sector Equality Duty (see separate guidance note)**

In making its decision the District Committee is required to have due regard to the public sector equality duty. In relation to the Programme, due regard has been paid to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and an Equality Assessment has been carried out which has shown that the programme will not have any adverse effects.

The requirements of the Council's Standing Order relating to Contracts No. 9 in relation to equal opportunities and the West Midlands Forum Common Standard for Equalities in Public Procurement will be incorporated in the contracts for projects carried out within the programme.

**5. Relevant background/ chronology**

- 5.1 A citywide sum of £800,000 has been identified for capital environmental projects on Housing Revenue Account land and/ or property.
- 5.2 A sum of £94,400 has been allocated to the Yardley District Committee for 2015/16. This allocation is based on a stock of 7,442 properties within the district.
- 5.3 The Local Housing Team together with their HLBs, elected members and other residents have identified the projects agreed by the District Committee and detailed at Appendix 1.

**6. Evaluation of alternative options**

- 6.1 Alternative options have been considered during the consultation with Housing Liaison boards and other residents. However, based on local priorities, it is recommended that the projects listed at Appendix 2 are proceeded with during the 2015/16 financial year.

**7. Reasons for decision(s)**

- 7.1 To enable the District Committee to meet its requirements in the delivery of the Housing Investment Programme Environmental Works Programme.

**8. Update on projects agreed in 2014/15**

- 8.1 An update on the delivery of capital projects agreed during 2014/15 is provided at Appendix 2.

**Signatures**

**Chief Officer**

**List of Background Documents used to compile this Report**

**1.**

**List of Appendices accompanying this report (if any)**

1. Appendix 1: Yardley District Environmental Capital Project: Update on schemes agreed 2014/15.
2. Appendix 2: Yardley District Capital Environmental Budget 2015/16 : Proposed schemes 2015/16 for District Committee Approval.
3. Appendix 3: Yardley District Committee: Overall Budget Sheet – Capital Environmental Budgets.

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