

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to	NORTHFIELD DISTRICT COMMITTEE
Report of: Date of Decision	Strategic Director Place 22 January 2016
SUBJECT:	BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS BUDGET 2015/16
Key Decision: Yes	Relevant Forward Plan Ref:
If not in the Forward Plan: (please "X" box)	Chief Executive approved O&S Chairman approved
Relevant Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Ian Ward – Deputy Leader of the Council Councillor John Cotton – Neighbourhood Management & Homes
Relevant O&S Chairman:	Councillor Zafar Iqbal – Neighbourhood & Community Services, Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Relevant Executive Member	Councillor Brett O'Reilly
Wards Affected:	Kings Norton, Longbridge, Northfield, Weoley

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the District Committee about budget spend for the financial year 2014/15.
- 1.2 To inform the District Committee about the process for carrying out improvements using the Environmental Works budget
- 1.3 To inform the District Committee of the criteria for carrying work using the Environmental Works budget
- 1.4 To inform the District Committee of the works completed and in progress for 2015/16 and to provide a budgetary position to date for 2015/16.

2. Decision (s) recommended

That the District Committee:

- 2.1 Note progress in connection with the projects initiated in 2014/15 and 2015/16 (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 Note the process for carrying out improvements using the Environmental Works budget (Appendix 2).
- 2.3 Note the criteria for carrying out work via the Environmental Works budget (Appendix 3).
- 2.5 Note the budget position statement provided at Appendix 4.

Lead Contact Officer	Mark Rodgers Contract Team Manager – Capital Investment Team
Telephone No: E-mail address:	0121 464 5370 Mark.Rodgers@birmingham.gov.uk

3 Consultation

3.1 Internal

Ward members within the district have been 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, the Council Business Plan and Budget 2014+. 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 Northfield is £128,800, and is based on the number of Council properties 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 £128,800 has been allocated to the Northfield District Committee for 2015/16. This allocation is based on a stock of 10,167 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.

6. Evaluation of alternative options

- 6.1 Alternative options have been considered during the consultation with Housing Liaison boards and other residents.

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 and 2015/16

- 8.1 An update on the delivery of capital projects previously agreed is provided at Appendix 1.

Signatures

Chief Officer

List of Background Documents used to compile this Report

None.

List of Appendices accompanying this report

1. Appendix 1: Northfield District Environmental Works Budget: Update on schemes agreed 2014/15 and 2015/16.
2. Appendix 2: Environmental Budget: Standard Operating Procedure.
3. Appendix 3: Environmental Works Budget Criteria.
4. Appendix 4: Northfield District: Overall Budget Sheet – Environmental Works Budget.

Report Version 1

Dated

6 January 2016

