

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL****PUBLIC REPORT**

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>NORTHFIELD DISTRICT COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Strategic Director Place</b>
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>16 June 2016</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS BUDGET 2017/18</b>
<b>Key Decision: Yes / No</b>	<b>Relevant Forward Plan Ref:</b>
<b>If not in the Forward Plan: (please "X" box)</b>	<b>Chief Executive approved</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>O&amp;S Chairman approved</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Councillor Ian Ward – Deputy Leader of the Council Councillor Peter Griffiths – Cabinet Member for Housing and Homes</b>
<b>Relevant O&amp;S Chairman:</b>	<b>Councillor Victoria Quinn Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Relevant Executive Member</b>	<b>Councillor Steve Booton</b>
<b>Wards affected:</b>	<b>Kings Norton, Longbridge, Northfield, Weoley</b>

<b>1. Purpose of report:</b>
1.1 To advise the District Committee that a sum of £128,800 was allocated for carrying out environmental improvement works in neighbourhoods for 2017/18. The projects have been submitted by a combination of suggestions from Housing Liaison Boards, local residents, Elected Members and Council officers.
1.2 To seek approval for projects to the value of £48,983.52 as outlined in Appendix 1
1.3 To inform the District Committee possible future projects to date Appendix 2

<b>2. Decision(s) recommended:</b>
That the District Committee:-
2.1 Approve the projects outlined in Appendix1
2.2 Note the possible future projects in Appendix 2

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### **3. Consultation**

Consultation should include those that have an interest in the decisions recommended

#### **3.1 Internal**

All ward members within the district are being consulted on the project proposals for the District Committee Capital Environmental Budget for 2017/18.

#### **3.2 External**

The Housing Liaison Boards and other local residents are assisting with identifying the projects

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

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

Improving the Council owned stock directly contributes to the strategic outcomes of the Sustainable Community Strategy, and the Financial Plan 2017+. 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 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 2017/18. The 2017/18 Capital Environmental Budget for Northfield is £195,591 which is made up of slippage from 2016/17 of £66,791 and the 2017/18 allocation to Northfield is £128,800 which 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 stock under Part II Housing Act 1985. From a procurement perspective it takes 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.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Relevant background/chronology of key events:</b>
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 £128,000 has been allocated to the Northfield District Committee for 2017/18. This allocation is based on a stock of 10,096 properties within the district.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Evaluation of alternative option(s):</b>
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 in Appendix 1 are proceeded with.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Reasons for Decision(s):</b>
7.1	To enable the District Committee to meet its requirements in the delivery of the Housing Investment Programme Environmental Works Programme

<b>Signatures</b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Cabinet Member or Executive Member for Local Services or Ward Committee Chairman	.....
Chief Officer	.....

<b>List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:</b>
None

<b>List of Appendices accompanying this Report (if any):</b>
1. Appendix 1 Proposed Northfield District Capital Environmental Budget 2017/18 projects for District Committee Approval
2. Appendix 2 Northfield District Capital Environmental Budget 2017/18 projects awaiting quotes

<b>Report Version</b>		<b>Dated</b>	
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