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Date: 1 October 2014

Dear Councillor,

Housing and Community Services Committee

A Meeting of the **Housing and Community Services Committee** will be held in the **Council Chamber**, on **Thursday, 09 October 2014 at 18:00**. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

To:- **Conservative Group**
Councillor Hewlett (Chairman), Councillor Smith (Vice-Chairman) and
Councillors Ford, Harrison, Mrs. Hood, Lemmon and Murray.

Labour Group
Councillors Dunn, Frost, Mulgrew, Rhind, Richards and Shepherd.



AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 To receive the Open Minutes held on 28th August 2014.

Open Minutes 28.08.2014. **5 - 8**
- 3 To note any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda
- 4 To receive any questions by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No.10.
- 5 To receive any questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.
- 6 Reports of Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 7 PRESENTATION BY ACTIVE NATION ON LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT.
- 8 GROVE HALL EXTREME ZONE PROJECT. **9 - 12**
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Exclusion of the Public and Press:

The Chairman may therefore move:-

That in accordance with Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

- 14 To receive any Exempt questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.
- 15 To receive the Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th August 2014. Exempt Minutes 28.08.2014.
- 16 CARELINE SERVICES - PARTNERSHIP PROJECT.



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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

28th August 2014

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillors Hewlett (Chairman), and Councillors Ford, Mrs Hall, Harrison, Mrs Hood, Murray, Mrs Watson

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Frost, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd

In attendance

Mr Bob Ledger and Mr Martin Guest

HCS/12 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Smith (Vice Chairman) - substituted by Councillor Mrs Hall, Councillor Mulgrew – substituted by Councillor Southerd and Cllr Lemmon – substituted by Councillor Mrs Watson

HCS/13 **Minutes**

The Committee considered the open minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2014

RESOLVED:-

To approve as a true record the open minutes of the meeting held on 12th June.

HCS/14 **Declarations of Interest**

None have been received.

HCS/15 **Questions raised by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 10**

None have been raised.

HCS/16 **Questions raised by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 10**

None have been raised.

HCS/17 **Reports of Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

None to Report.

HCS/18 **Presentation by Active Nation on the Leisure Management Contract**

With the agreement of the Chairman this has been postponed until the next meeting on the 9th October.

HCS/19 **Setting of Garage Rents at Chatsworth Road, Newhall**

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Housing & Environmental Services in the setting of the Garage rents at Chatsworth Road, Newhall. A couple of members questioned why that Council Tenants would not be charged VAT but Non-Council Tenants are charged VAT at 20%.

It was explained that letting to Council house residents were deemed to be in-house and non VAT chargeable, whereas non tenants were deemed to be VAT chargeable. The Committee was informed that a more in-depth explanation if required could be provided by the Director of Finance, Kevin Stackhouse.

RESOLVED:-

Members approve the report and agree a rental value of £9.75 per week for each of the Chatsworth Road garages.

HCS/20 **Experian Rental Exchange Scheme Phase 1**

The Committee then considered a report from the Director of Housing & Environmental Services regarding the Rental Exchange Scheme with Experian and Big Issue Invest.

A brief presentation was given on Phase 1 of the Scheme. This scheme would help provide people who are Social Housing Tenants to improve their Credit Score, as at present rental payment history is not currently included in the credit score process.

Members were informed that if the Council does sign up to Phase 1 of the Scheme it could be established how many of our Tenants could improve their Credit Score. Also through this scheme the Council could identify tenants who are financially vulnerable and help them to get back on track through the Tenancy Sustainment Service.

During the discussion a few queries were aired about whether those people who chose to withhold information might find that this was detrimental to their Credit History. There were also questions about whether Credit History is based on the Postcode and not the individual. Assurances were given that the Credit History is based on the individual, so for instance if the siblings go away to University and get into debt and gaining a bad credit rating. This would not adversely affect the parents.

Overall it was felt that Phase 1 could be a positive move for our tenants and help the vulnerable tenants towards Credit Unions instead of Loan Sharks.

Resolved:-

- To approve that we should engage with the Rental Exchange scheme in its first phase to analyse data on our tenant portfolio.
- To authorise the Director of Finance & Corporate Services to sign the Data Processing Agreement as attached in Appendix 1.
- To note that any proposal to move forward into the scheme's second phase would come before Members in a subsequent Committee report for approval.

HCS/21 **Corporate Plan 2009-15: Performance Management Report**

Members considered a report by the Director of Housing & Environmental Services and Director of Community & Planning Services on the progress and achievements during the period of 1st April to 30th June 2014 in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/15.

It was reported that performance on property re-let times was improving and would be back on target by the end of the second quarter.

On Table 4 of the report Councillor Dunn questioned the turnover times of the properties as he knew someone who had been allocated a property and did not get the keys until 63 days later. In addition there was a health and safety issue with the heating installation which had not been picked up on the inspection. Councillor Dunn questioned if we have the skills and staff to do inspections efficiently of re-let properties.

It was confirmed that we do have the correct skills and staff and that properties are left in various states and the Council has a fit to let Standard to adhere to. The Director of Housing and Environmental Services gave a commitment to look into the case raised by Councillor Dunn.

RESOLVED:-

To note the progress and achievements during the period 1st April to 30th June 2014, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/15.

HCS/22 **Work Programme Report**

Members of the Committee received a report from the Director of Community & Planning Services and Director of Housing & Environmental Services setting out the updated work programme.

RESOLVED:-

To note the updated work programme for the year.

Exempt Items

HCS/23 **Any Exempt questions received by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No 11.**

No questions were received.

HCS/24 **Exempt Minutes**

The Committee considered the exempt minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June.

RESOLVED:-

To approve as a true record the exempt minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June 2014.

Cllr Hewlett
CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 6.40 p.m.

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| REPORT TO: | Housing and Community Services | AGENDA ITEM: 8 |
| DATE OF MEETING: | 9th October 2014 | CATEGORY: DELEGATED/ |
| REPORT FROM: | Director of Community and Planning | OPEN: |
| MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT: | Director of Community and Planning Stuart Batchelor Ext: 5820 | DOC: |
| SUBJECT: | Grove Hall Extreme Zone Project | REF: SB |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | All | TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07 |

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To approve the submission of the Sport England Improvement Fund Application for the refurbishment and enhancement of the Grove Hall and Green Bank Leisure Centre, subject to Finance and Management Committee approving the financial package.
- 1.2 To recommend to the Finance and management Committee that they approve the funding proposal for the project.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To update Members on the progress made on the project to redevelop and refurbish the Grove Hall and refurbish significant parts of the Green Bank Leisure Centre.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 In March 2014 Sport England announced that their Improvement Fund Programme would be prioritized towards capital projects increasing participation by 14 – 25 year olds as this age group has relatively low levels of participation in sport and physical activity. The available funding was announced as being for grants between £150,000 and £500,000 with partnership funding of 25%. In view of the continuing need to refurbish and upgrade the aging Green Bank Leisure Centre and the principle agreed by this Committee on 19th April, 2012 that when considering the 'Sports Facility Strategy Framework' that 'Indoor extreme sports facilities to be planned into major developments – i.e. indoor multi sports facilities to include space for extreme sports such as climbing, roller and cycling activity', then an Expression of Interest (EOI) Application was submitted as a speculative bid. The EOI was mainly based around the conversion of the Grove Hall into an 'Extreme Zone' providing skate boarding, bmx, bouldering and climbing activities, plus the enhancement of Swadlincote Town Hall for dance, the further renovation of Green Bank Leisure Centre and lastly the potential provision of outdoor facilities in the urban parks.

- 3.2 The 'EOI' was successful and Sport England has invited the Council to submit a full application. Since that point various plans and proposals have been considered but the availability of partnership funding and the practicality of delivering a completed project within Sport England's timeframe has resulted in the following proposal.

Proposal

- 3.3 The project is to refurbish and redevelop the Grove Hall which is adjacent to Green Bank Leisure Centre along with the refurbishment of areas of Green Bank Leisure Centre and provision of skateboard facilities in the community. The main part of the project will be the works on the Grove Hal. This facility is a 30 year old 3 badminton court (limited roof height) hall which is limited in its use for sport and physical activity. The hall needs significant refurbishment to make it suitable and consultation has identified a desire to create an 'Extreme sports and Dance Zone' which will include a state of the art 20 station indoor climbing area, young people's chill zone and a dedicated dance and fitness class hall. The aim being to significantly increase participation by young people in general and in particular girls and women plus promote family participation across the whole Centre.
- 3.4 The conversion will result in the loss of two squash courts. Whilst this is an unfortunate consequence the demand for squash has seen a decline over recent years. The District currently has 9 squash courts which is more than any other Derbyshire authority including Derby with the average Derbyshire provision being one court for every 31,000 people. The South Derbyshire provision currently is one court per 8,333 people and the removal of two courts will still show provision of a court per 10,714 people. On this basis it would seem entirely appropriate to use the squash court space for an activity which will generate significant use by predominantly young people.
- 3.5 The project would also give the opportunity for the areas of the Centre which still require refurbishment to be accommodated. The Swimming Pool Hall would be enhanced, the main sports hall floor replaced and a cycling studio would be created in the old sauna. These elements would virtually complete the transformation of an ageing and tired venue into a modern vibrant Centre which would be the centre piece of the Councils leisure offer to its growing community.
- 3.6 It is also planned to provide a skate park facility in the community with financial support for a project in an urban park. This will complement the recent refurbishment of the Woodhouse Sk8 Park and provide for the outdoor needs of young people in the urban core.

Need and Demand

- 3.7 The project aims to help provide a new facility for young people and families in South Derbyshire to help increase opportunities for for participation in alternative sports. This project has been developed following discussions with a number of key partners including Active Nation, South Derbyshire Sport, local Schools, youth groups and individual community members. The popularity of indoor

climbing has increased significantly over the last 20 years and today many people (often based in the major cities) climb only on indoor climbing walls. Indoor climbing is popular across the age groups but particularly amongst younger people and students. (British Mountaineering Club Strategic Plan 2013-2017). With 25% of young people either wishing to or actively participating in Extreme sports it is the fastest growing sport not only in the UK but in the world.

- 3.8 The proportion of the population who are within the 16- 19 age bracket has risen from 5.6% in 2007 to 11.5% in 2013. Therefore South Derbyshire along with other providers needs to consider its leisure and service provision to cater for this increase. The interest shown by those who were surveyed to visit on a regularly basis is very positive (65% said they would visit it weekly). There has also been a wide range of activities identified through the consultation which can be delivered as part of this project.
- 3.9 The new facility will address the need for new facilities which suit the young people within South Derbyshire and will provide a supervised approach which is lacking in the park environment. The Youth Needs Survey (targeting 13-19 year olds) completed by South Derbyshire District Council found that 38.6% of respondents of over 1000 surveys returned said they would like to undertake outdoor based and adventurous activities.
- 3.10 The project also provides for new facilities for Street Dance targeted at young women. A young peoples dance project was initiated 10 years ago and whilst popular will greatly benefit from a dedicated facility.
- 3.11 The Youth Needs Survey identified that whilst there appeared to be lots of activities and opportunities for this age group there were limited opportunities for youths. It also identified that individuals had a concern for personal safety and of anti-social behavior which sometimes limited participation. The proposed facilities and their location will help reduce these concerns.
- 3.12 In terms of consultation with potential user groups this has included:
- Shout Out- the Young Peoples Disability Group (up to 19 years) conducted consultation which showed the need for outdoor and adventurous activities and a weekly multi-sport club. With almost 130 members this gives a solid case for delivering specific activities for disabled people.
- 3.13 The long term implications of this project are particularly important. Whilst progress has been made on extending the life of the Centre there are large costing items that will require significant investment from the Council in future years. This project, with the financial support of other partners enables those works to be completed now and help extend the life of the Centre well beyond the 10 years that were being forecast previously.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The proposal is estimated as costing £900,000 towards which the Sport England application will be for £500,000. The remaining partnership funding will be provided from a number of sources that are being examined and will form the basis of a report to Finance and Management Committee subject to the approval of this Committee. The balance will be funded from a combination of borrowing (on a prudential basis subject to the affordability of revenue streams repaying borrowing costs) increased income and existing Partnership funds.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The programme of developments linked to the 2012 Olympic Legacy links with the Councils Corporate priorities and the key action within the 'Promoting Healthy Facilities and Lifestyles' objective and the 'promotion of cultural events' in the 'Lifestyle Choice' priority. The project would also contribute to supporting the 'Safer Neighbourhoods' objective of the 'Safe and Secure' priority in that it would provide significant opportunities for youth engagement

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The 2012 London Olympics gave the community of South Derbyshire an ideal opportunity to become more physically active, support emerging local talent and benefit from external investment. This proposed programme will continue the success of 2012 and prove to have a lasting impact on the District.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 As promised by the Council the legacy of the 2012 London Olympics for South Derbyshire will be increased physical activity levels and opportunities for continued involvement in sport. The proposed programme of facility development is fulfilling that promise.

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| REPORT TO: | Housing and Community Service Committee | AGENDA ITEM: 9 |
| DATE OF MEETING: | 9th October 2014 | CATEGORY: |
| REPORT FROM: | Director of Community and Planning | OPEN: |
| MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT: | Vicky Smyth 01283 595776 vicky.smyth@south-derbys.gov.uk | DOC: |
| SUBJECT: | Derbyshire Integrated Wellbeing Approach | REF: |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | ALL | TERMS OF REFERENCE: |

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members approve the signing of new Derbyshire County Council Public Health funded service contracts.

1.2 These include:-

- Transfer of the 'Healthy Lifestyle Hub' referral scheme into the new County wide 'Derbyshire Health Referral Scheme' as part of the Derbyshire Integrated Wellbeing Approach.
- Refreshed service specification for 'Walking For Health'.
- Refreshed service specification for 'Five 60' programme.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform members of the current service provision in district and to outline the new Derbyshire County Council Integrated Wellbeing Approach.

2.2 To approve the development of Derbyshire Health Referral, Walking For Health and Five60 in South Derbyshire.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Lifestyle choices such as inactivity and unhealthy nutrition are key factors to major diseases and preventable mortality locally. Inactivity is responsible for 17% of premature deaths in England.

3.2 Inactivity is defined as doing fewer than 30 minutes of physical activity per week. The rate for South Derbyshire in 2012 was 27.5% which equates to an estimated 20,958 inactive adults.

3.3 An estimated direct cost to the NHS of physical inactivity across the UK is £1.06 billion. For Derbyshire the projected cost in 2010 was £191.3 million.

3.4 Chief Medical Officer Guidelines [\(Page 16 of 52\)](#) recommend that adults should:-

- Perform 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity per week
- Do activity to improve muscle strength on at least 2 days per week
- Minimise the amount of time being sedentary
- Adults 65+ should also incorporate activity to improve balance and coordination on at least 2 days per week

3.5 Derbyshire County Council Public Health wish to commission redeveloped services to combat high inactivity levels across the County.

Health Referral

3.6 The current 'Healthy Lifestyle Hub' scheme in South Derbyshire is designed to encourage people living with/or at risk of a medical condition, to take part in physical activity on a more regular basis to improve their health and quality of life. Participants are referred onto the service by their GP's or other health professionals.

3.7 Sessions are run out of Green Bank and Etwall Leisure Centres, with strategic support from SDDC's Sport and Health team. Currently there is a yearly target of 579 12 week completers across the district, with an additional target of 202 of them still being active after 52 weeks.

3.8 The current Healthy Lifestyle Hub contract covers 1st April 2011 until the 30th November 2014 and is worth £51,000/a.

3.9 Derbyshire County Council Public Health (Formally NHS Derbyshire County) are seeking to agree a co-commissioning model for development of a new Health Referral scheme. This will supersede the current 'Healthy Lifestyle Hub' provision. Derbyshire County Council feel that although there has been improvements over the past 3 years towards a more quality assured, standardised approach in line with national guidance, the current approach is not achieving best value or the expected results. WaistWise will be de-coupled from the current provision.

3.10 The new contract will run from 1st Dec 2014 – 30th Nov 2017, with an option to extend until the 30th November 2018. The contract value will be reduced to £33,000

3.11 Essentially the new service will remain the same as the existing service and will include:

- **Wide range of physical activity opportunities to include 4 essentials of:**
 - Walking
 - Gym
 - Swim
 - Class / group exercise
 - Plus 2 other opportunities e.g. Nordic walking, Dance, Jogging, Tai Chi in the community etc
- **Self – guided opportunities** (e.g. the use of pedometers and support at regular intervals by the Health Referral instructors)

However, WaistWise will be de-coupled from the current provision thus showing a clearer pathway into either physical activity or weight management. Sessions will also need to be free at the point of access in line with other NHS referred services.

3.12 The Health Referral Scheme, whilst focussing on improving and maintaining healthier choices in physical activity has the potential to impact on other choices and

behaviours e.g. alcohol, nutrition, smoking, social inclusion etc. There is strong acknowledgement that those in poorest health live with significant barriers to accessing support.

3.13 It is vital that 'cross working' across multiple agencies should develop at a local level to ensure maximum benefit for the client. Thus the Health Referral Scheme will form part of a new 'Derbyshire Integrated Wellbeing Approach'.

3.14 This new approach will be facilitated by a number of elements:-

- Primary contractor – who will administer, coordinate and manage referrals, data and quality assure
- Accredited provider Network for Community Weight Management
- Specialist Weight Management Service
- Wellbeing Service – will promote the Scheme and be able to facilitate referrals through General Practice.

3.15 The strong partnership formed in South Derbyshire to deliver the Healthy Lifestyle Hub Programme will continue to work collectively to support the Integrated Wellbeing Approach.

3.16 Part of the Health Referral development proposed includes re-location of some services to the Oakland Village complex. This centre would provide an excellent and appropriate venue to house the service. SDDC, Trident Reach and Active Nation are currently working hard to source capital funds to facilitate resourcing of the gym facility.

Walking For Health

3.17 A successful Walking For Health scheme has been in operation in South Derbyshire since 2001. Locally the scheme is delivered by Get Active in The Forest and has developed into one of the most successful schemes regionally.

3.18 The nationally accredited Walking For Health Scheme(WfH) engages sedentary adults, who would benefit from increased physical activity.

3.19 Walking has a positive impact on cardio respiratory, metabolic and muscular-skeletal fitness as well as diabetes, mental wellbeing. Walking is often described as a near perfect form of physical activity (Morris and Hardman, 1997).

3.20 Evidence suggests that for every pound spent on Walking For Health, the NHS will save £7.

3.21 Derbyshire County Council wish to re-commission the service until 30th Nov 2017, with option to extend until 30th Nov 2018. There will be an increase in funding thus enabling us provide even more access to walking programmes in the district.

3.22 Walking For Health will work closely with Health Referral in line with the integrated Wellbeing Approach.

Five 60

3.23 Five60 is a universal healthy lifestyle programme targeting all school pupils between school year 3 to 5 in junior and primary school settings across Derbyshire.

- 3.24 The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) shows nationally that one in five children in reception is overweight or obese. One in 3 are obese or overweight in Year 6. This trend is reflected across Derbyshire.
- 3.25 The Five60 programme actively encourages children and young people to become more physically active, reduce sedentary behaviour, understand the importance of eating healthily and promote self-confidence.
- 3.26 Funding for the re-commissioned service remains at current level until July 2017.

Associated support

- 3.27 In addition to the three contracts outlined above Derbyshire County Council Public Health are investing in physical activity prevention by two other locality focused routes
- 3.28 As part of the Integrated Wellbeing Service an 'inactivity fund' has been established. The fund aims to decrease sedentary behaviour and inactivity in adults 16+. Allocation for South Derbyshire is £30,048/a (until 2017) and funds will be released in November on submission of a locally agreed action plan. Initial ideas for allocation of funding are outlined in Appendix 1.
- 3.29 The South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Locality Plan (2014/2015) has identified 3 main priorities for the area:-
- Reducing health inequalities within families and young people in the urban core (75%)
 - Supporting the health of older people (20%)
 - Supporting individuals and families living in rural areas experiencing health inequality (5%)
- (% in brackets represents proportion of funding allocated to this priority area)
- As a result four physical activity projects were funded as part of the plan:-
- Outdoor Gym development in Newhall (£5,000)
 - Physical activity interventions with vulnerable communities (£5,000)
 - Junior Parkrun at Maurice Lea Park (£3,000)
 - Capital investment towards Oakland Village gym (£2,500)

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Funding for Health Referral has decreased from £51,000 p/a to £33,000 p/a. Targets have reduced proportionally to 330 (12 week completers).
- 4.2 The new Integrated Wellbeing Approach may give further opportunities for providers to deliver weight management, smoking cessation, NHS Health Checks and hosting services as part of the 'accredited provider network'. SDDC have expressed an interest in delivering against all elements in the future.
- 4.3 Derbyshire County Council's inactivity funding will be used to support physical activity development across South Derbyshire. South Derbyshire has an allocation of £30,048 (2013 – 2016). This will in part mitigate against the reduced allocation into Health Referral.
- 4.4 The South Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Locality Plan (2014/2015) has also supported a number of physical activity initiatives across the district. Total additional investment of £15,500

4.5 Contribution towards Walking For Health has increased from £6,000/a to £8,605/a.

4.6 Support for Five60 remains static at £11,970 p/a.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The services cut across many corporate agenda's and these are shown below: -

- Sustainable growth and Opportunity
 - The project supports promotion of The National Forest and opportunities available in it e.g. Walking For Health
 - Sessions are offered free to ensure good access for all
 - Sessions will be delivered in different Hub areas around the district.
- Lifestyle Choices
 - The Project promotes increased participation in physical activity and supports the development of a healthier lifestyle.
- Value for Money
 - Development of employees by up skilling the workforce

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The service proposals will have a significant impact on improving the health and wellbeing of South Derbyshire residents.

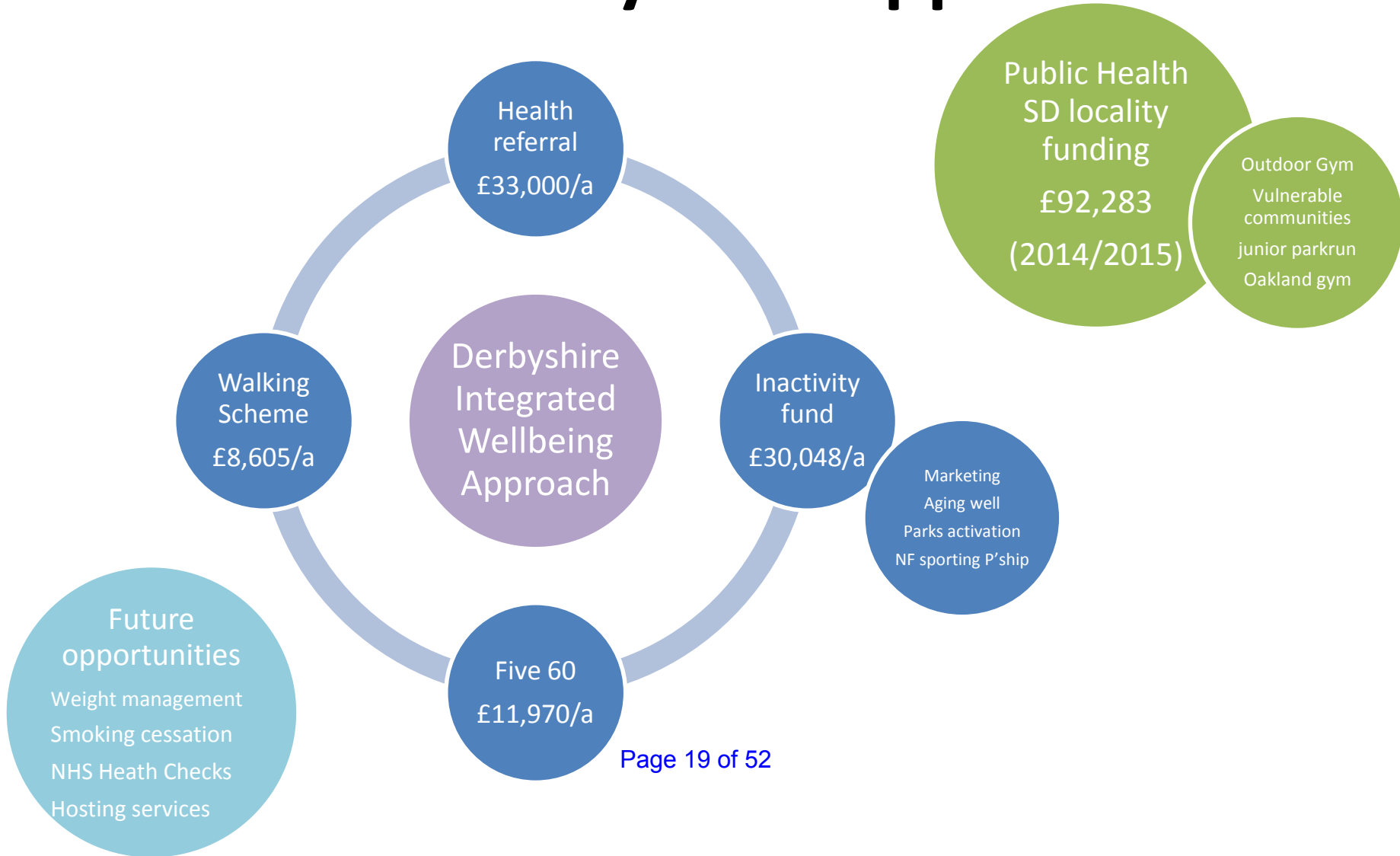
7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The service proposals will build on the good work of the 'Healthy Lifestyle Hub' scheme in the district. By working in collaboration across South Derbyshire there will be added value to the schemes and a decrease in physical inactivity levels across the district.

8.0 Background Papers

Appendix 1 Derbyshire Integrated Wellbeing – South Derbyshire approach

Derbyshire Integrated Wellbeing South Derbyshire Approach



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| REPORT TO: | HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE | AGENDA ITEM: 10 |
| DATE OF MEETING: | 9 th October 2014 | CATEGORY: DELEGATED |
| REPORT FROM: | Director of Community and Planning | OPEN |
| MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT: | Stuart Batchelor 01283 595820 | DOC: |
| SUBJECT: | Parklife Project | REF: |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | Swadlincote, Newhall, Woodville, Church Gresley | TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07 |

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the progress on the development of the Urban Parks
- 1.2 To approve the delivery of the 'Parklife' project.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide Members with an update on progress since the Review of Anti-Social Behaviour in Public Open Space and seek approval for the delivery of the 'Parklife' project.

4.0 Detail

Background

- 4.1 The Council fully recognises the value that parks and open space plays in the urban areas of the District. The environmental benefits of large areas of open space are important from a planning aspect but as importantly the informal and formal activity that a park space can offer is crucial from a public health perspective.
- 4.2 In 2009 the Housing and Community Services Committee considered a Service Review of Anti Social Behaviour in the urban parks. The Review had examined the issues around actual and perceived levels of crime in the parks and proposed a series of works in the subsequent years which would reduce crime, increase community use and improve facilities

4.3 In the subsequent 5 years significant changes have been delivered as follows:

Launch of Parklife brand and leaflet

Eureka Park HLF funded refurbishment to heritage features

New play equipment at Eureka Park funded by PlayBuilder programme

Externally funded Community Engagement Officer employed for Eureka Park project.

Expansion of National Play Day to a major event

Outdoor Gym installation at Maurice Lea Memorial Park

Refurbishment of Woodhouse Skateboard Park

Financial support of Neighbourhood Wardens to priorities ASB hotspot areas in Parks

Reinstatement of Friends of Newhall Park

Establishment of a regular Conservation Volunteer team at Swadlincote Woodlands

Work towards Local Nature Reserve designation at Swadlincote Woodlands

Funding secured for Newhall Park outdoor gym

Tree planting initiative in Parks since Jubilee year

Permanent orienteering courses at Swadlincote Woodlands & Eureka Park.

4.4 During this period there continues to be a relatively low level of ASB and criminal damage in the Parks with incidents being occasional rather than a predictable pattern.

4.5 However it would not be sensible to seek to further protect the Parks, particularly Eureka Park which has benefitted from over £600k of capital works. The most effective method of protecting the Parks is through the increased use by the local community both in terms of participation in activity but also through engagement as volunteers and Friends of Groups. This proactive approach would be backed up with continued enforcement and patrolling from Neighbourhood Wardens and Police Community Support Officers.

Parklife

4.6 The Parklife brand was launched in 2011 to encompass activity within the urban parks under one promotional heading. The South Derbyshire Partnership provided financial support towards this launch and a leaflet pulling together a calendar of activity has been provided each year since. A copy of the latest leaflet is attached as Appendix 1.

- 4.7 It is now appropriate to consider the expansion of Parklife to be a development project which instigates activity to increase usage and delivers physical improvements to the parks for users. The proposal is to deliver a two year project during which time an 'activator' will develop a programme of activity and engagement across the principle park areas resulting in sustained increased use by individuals, families, uniformed groups and volunteers. The highly successful 'Village Games' will be used as a model for the project as the Village Games has seen significant increased use of open space in villages through the provision of new activities and recruitment of local volunteers.
- 4.8 The concept of Parklife has been recognised by Derbyshire Public Health as an important initiative due to the key role that public open space can play in two crucial areas of health concern. These are childhood obesity and adult mental health, particularly around dementia and Alzheimers. Physical activity has a positive impact on reducing the incidence of these conditions and open space, particularly formal parks can be fundamental in encouraging physical exercise, whether that be on an individual basis or through instructor/group led activity.
- 4.9 The key objectives and action areas of the project will be:
- To reduce anti social behaviour - improvements to the infrastructure in terms of lighting, community presence, targeted patrols and enforcement activity
 - To increase sport and physical activity use - delivery of a sport development programme covering tennis, netball, bowls and rounders, running, walking and cycling activity
 - To increase community engagement - further development of Friends of Groups, Park Watch and Team South Derbyshire Volunteer Group
 - To provide and enhance facilities - provision of skateboard facilities in Newhall, enhancement of dated play areas
 - To increase the range and number of cultural and public events - to promote the Parks as venues for small and medium scale cultural and sporting events along with the delivery of large events where suitable.
 - To increase conservation and environmental education activity - expand the environmental volunteering across all sites and increase the educational use of the Parks
- 4.10 Other partners will have responsibility for certain aspects, for example tennis development will be co-ordinated by Active Nation, the charity who operate the Council's leisure facilities, as part of a 'Racket Development project' which will cover the whole District.

- 4.11 A schematic of how the Parklife project is provided as Annexe 2 and fully illustrates the scope, objectives and partners/communities that will be engaged by the project.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The anticipated cost of the project will be £25,000 per year and this will be funded from within current budgets and external contributions. This funding is as follows:

Derbyshire Public Health £7,000 Grounds and Open Space budget £5,000, Safer South Derbyshire Partnership £4,000, South Derbyshire Sport £4,000. Further applications for funding have been submitted to the National Forest Company, £2,000, Coalfields Regeneration Trust and the South Derbyshire Partnership.

- 5.2 The project will only progress when sufficient funds have been secured.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 Parklife will deliver across two corporate priorities, 'Lifestyle Choice' and 'Safe and Secure' being able to provide for increased physical and cultural activity, which in turn will ensure that the Urban Parks and open spaces are seen as safe environments for families and individuals to visit and use.

7.0 Community Implications

- 7.1 The Parklife project will have significant benefits to the local community, as it will make the most of the significant capital resource that has been invested by the Council in the parks and open spaces, by encouraging their use and reducing the incidence and perception of anti social behaviour.

8.0 Conclusions

- 8.1 The delivery of Parklife over a two year period will encourage community ownership and use of valuable areas of open space that will be sustainable for the future.

9.0 Background Papers

- 9.1 N/A

PARK LIFE ACTIVATOR



FACILITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AWARENESS ENGAGEMENT



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Reporting problems For crime or anti-social behaviour issues please phone the Police using the non-emergency number 101. To report dog fouling problems to the Neighbourhood Wardens phone 01283 595943.

Come and have a go at **Orienteering** around Swadlincote Woodlands. Good area for beginners, families and youth groups. You can download a map and clues off our website www.south-derbys.gov.uk/orienteering



CHURCH GRESLEY



The Maurice Lea Memorial Park
National Play Day
 Wednesday 6th August
 12noon - 4:00pm
 A celebration of children's right to play for the whole family to enjoy! And don't forget the event is completely FREE!

South Derbyshire Festival of Leisure
 Saturday 26th - Sunday 29th June
 1:00pm - 5:00pm
 A fun filled weekend for all the family.
Lots to see and do for all ages
 Phone: 01283 595782
 Web: www.south-derby.gov.uk



LOVE PARKS WEEK
 Sat 25th - Sun 3rd August
 Get out and enjoy your local parks!
 Check your local press for other events that may be happening in the area
www.loveparksweek.org.uk



NEWHALL

Eureka Park
LOTTERY FUNDED
 Pay it a visit this summer and see the changes take place!
 Eureka Park undergoing major restoration works, due for completion in August 2014. Funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, your town park is being transformed.



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Regular Activities in the parks

- Local Health Walks**
 Various walks that take in the urban parks.
Tuesdays 1:00pm
 Meet at Heartwood Surgery Health Centre, Swadlincote (COPD)
Wednesdays 10:00am
 Meet at Green Bank Leisure Centre, Swadlincote (COPD)
Wednesdays 10:30am
 Swadlincote Buggy Walk - Meet in the play area at Sharpe's Pottery, Museum
Thursdays 2:00pm
 Meet at Old Post Centre, Newhall
Fridays 2:00pm
 Meet in main reception, Oakland Village
- Club Activities in your Parks**
- Eureka Park**
Netball
 Eureka Park Ladies Contact: Cheryl Livesey. Email: clivesey@liveseybrs.co.uk
 Central Ladies Netball Team
 Contact: Donna Ellis: 07957 931736.
- Bowls**
 Eureka Park Bowls Contact: Lee Fearn 07904 000743. Email: leafearn.lf@googlemail.com
- Maurice Lea Memorial Park**
- Football**
 Gresley Juniors Football
 Contact: Christine Green 07980 494480. Email: christine.green1@virgin.net
- Newhall Park**
- Beavers, Cubs, Scouts**
 1st Newhall Beaver (6-8yrs) - Monday 5:30pm - 6:45pm
 1st Newhall Cubs (8-10.5yrs) - Monday 7pm - 8:30pm
 1st Newhall Scouts (10.5y-14yrs) - Thursday 7pm - 9pm
 Contact: gsl@1stnewhallscoutgroup.org.uk
- Bowls**
 Lamb Inn Bowls Club Contact: Tom Wain 01283 522876.
- Boxing**
 Royal Oak Amateur Boxing Club and Fitness Centre
 Contact: George Balfour 077714 106562
 Email: p2rty@yaho.co.uk

Pay and play
 You can pay and play for activities on the following parks:
 Eureka Park - Crazy Golf, Tennis and Bowls.
 Maurice Lea Memorial Park - Tennis and Bowls.
 See www.south-derbys.gov.uk for further details.

Use your Park!
 Hold your own event in one of the parks listed, or rent the Bandstand at Maurice Lea Memorial Park. Phone the South Derbyshire Cultural Services team on 01283 595782.

Get involved in your Park
 If you would like to join a Friends of the Park group or have ideas about how to improve your park, contact Zoe Sewter, 01283 595753

Arts in the Parks
 Music, crafts, painting, drama and dance don't have to happen in big buildings - enjoy culture in the open air! Concerts, photography, theatre, exhibitions, performance, film-making, poetry, sculpture - use our great parks to get involved in creative activities. If you are inspired to organize your own arts events phone the Cultural Services Team on 01283 595782 or email cultural@services@south-derbys.gov.uk

Outdoor Learning
 The parks are a great place to explore, discover, learn and have fun at the same time. Contact the Environmental Education Team for help with ideas, resources, or teaching staff. We also have loan boxes which contain old maps and photographs, park information and activity ideas. Phone 01283 535039 or email rosliston@south-derbys.gov.uk

Heritage
 If you would like to discover more about the historical background of Swadlincote's public parks, then the "Magic Attic" at Sharpe's Pottery Museum is an excellent place to start. Phone: 01283 819020.

South Derbyshire Sport
 For other Sport and Health opportunities in South Derbyshire phone 01283 595776 or visit www.healthiersouthderbyshire.org

Rosliston Forestry Centre
 Something for everyone in The National Forest. Outdoor activity, environmental education, sculptures, ponds, lakes, woods, walk trails, log cabins and open air entertainment at 'The Glade'. For details of the full programme of events and activities, go to www.roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk

South Derbyshire parklife
 activities for all in the open air

2014

Get your park life on!
 Here to see what's on at your park this summer.

Visit our award-winning parks

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Don't forget
 The parks in this leaflet are also a great place to have an informal picnic or kick around. Get a group of friends together and have fun! Remember they are free to visit!

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South Derbyshire Parks & Recreation activities for all in the open air

June

- Monday 2nd June**
Street Games
5:30pm to 7:30pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park
- Tuesday 3rd June**
TCV Conservation Action Day
10:30am. Swadlincote Woodlands. Meet in the Car Park
- Wednesday 4th June**
Street Games
5:30pm to 7:30pm. Newhall Park
- Monday 9th June**
Street Games
5:30pm to 7:30pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park
- Wednesday 11th June**
Street Games
5:30pm to 7:30pm. Newhall Park
- Monday 16th June**
Street Games
5:30pm to 7:30pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park
- Wednesday 18th June**
Street Games
5:30pm to 7:30pm. Newhall Park
- Monday 23rd June**
Street Games
5:30pm to 7:30pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park
- Wednesday 25th June**
Street Games
5:30pm to 7:30pm. Newhall Park

Maurice Lea Memorial Park

A fun filled weekend for all the family. Enjoy Main Arena entertainment together with brass bands, background music, cultural events, sports activities, kite shows, displays and much more!

Lots to see and do for all ages!

Saturday 28th - Sunday 29th June
1:00pm - 5:00pm South Derbyshire

Festival of Leisure

July

- Tuesday 1st July**
TCV Conservation Action Day
10:30am. Swadlincote Woodlands. Meet in the Car Park
- Thursday 24th July**
PlayMobile and Xplorer
10:00am to 12:00pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park
- Xtreme and Xplorer**
10:00am to 12:00pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park
- Commonwealth and Xplorer**
10:00am to 12:00pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park

Check your local press for other events that may be happening in the area

LOVE PARKS WEEK

Get out and enjoy your local parks!

Friday 25th July - Sunday 3rd August

www.lovetoparkswest.ltd.uk

- Monday 28th July**
Xtreme and Xplorer
2:00pm - 4:00pm. Newhall Park
- WheelsMobile and Xplorer**
2:00pm - 4:00pm. Newhall Park
- Thursday 31st July**
Xtreme and Xplorer
10:00am - 12:00pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park
- WheelsMobile and Xplorer**
10:00am - 12:00pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park

August

- Monday 4th August**
Xtreme and Xplorer
10:00am - 12:00pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park.
- Commonwealth and Xplorer**
10:00am - 12:00am. Maurice Lea Memorial Park.
- Tuesday 5th August**
Commonwealth and Xplorer
2:00pm - 4:00pm. Newhall Park.
- WheelsMobile and Xplorer**
2:00pm - 4:00pm. Newhall Park
- TCV Conservation Action Day**
10:30am. Swadlincote Woodlands. Meet in the Car Park

Maurice Lea Memorial Park

National Play Day
Wednesday 6th August
12noon - 4pm

A celebration of children's right to play, this year's event promises to bring Bouncy Castles, Soft Play, Laser Games, Human Table Football, Arts & Crafts, Agones and the Climbing Wall, plus much more for the whole family to enjoy!

And don't forget the event is completely FREE!

- Friday 8th August**
Xtreme and Xplorer
2:00pm - 4:00pm. Newhall Park.
- WheelsMobile and Xplorer**
2:00pm - 4:00pm. Newhall Park.
- Monday 11th August**
PlayMobile and Xplorer
10:00am - 12:00pm. Eureka Park

SWADLINCOTE'S GREAT WAR WALK
THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST

A pleasant urban walk linking five parks. Looking at evidence of changes to Swadlincote's landscape in the past WW1 years, especially development of 2 Memorial Parks: Eureka Park and Maurice Lea Memorial Park. The walk will include the launch of a 'Poppy Trail' in Maurice Lea Memorial Park and a walk through Swadlincote Woodlands.

Meet at 13pm - Sharpe's Pottery Museum, West St, DE11 9DG

Organised by the Environmental Education Project

£2 per person. Walk is just under 4 miles. 2 hrs. No stiles.

The Poppy Trail and walk route leaflets will be available free on-line after 14th August.
www.south-derbys.gov.uk/firstworldwar

- Monday 18th August**
Xtreme and Xplorer
10:00am - 12:00pm. Eureka Park
- Commonwealth and Xplorer**
10:00am - 12:00pm. Eureka Park
- Climbing Wall**
6:00pm to 8:00pm. Swadlincote Woodlands (Car Park)
- Thursday 21st August**
PlayMobile and Xplorer
10:00am - 12:00pm. Eureka Park
- Xtreme and Xplorer**
10:00am - 12:00pm. Eureka Park
- Tuesday 26th August**
Xtreme
10:00am - 12:00pm. Swadlincote Woodlands
- Thursday 28th August**
PlayMobile and Xplorer
10:00am - 12:00pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park
- Xtreme and Xplorer**
10:00am - 12:00pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park
- Commonwealth and Xplorer**
10:00am - 12:00pm. Maurice Lea Memorial Park

Free activity sessions

For 8-16 year olds

You will need to have a completed consent form or a play pass. Just turn up - booking not required.

PlayMobile

Test your skill levels at giant games including jenga, snakes and ladders, connect four and chess. Take part in art and craft activities, space hopper races, circus skills and bounce to your hearts content on the bouncy castle plus many more free play opportunities.

WheelsMobile

Have a 'wheely' great time on the Street Surfing Boards, Skate Boards, Mini Scooters, KMX Karts, and the all terrain mobile mountain biking ramps and equipment!

New for 2014...Roller skates!

Climbing Wall

How high can you climb? The full 9 metres! Come and try the mobile climbing wall with overhangs and 6 faces to test your climbing skills!

Xplorer

Explore the park, find the markers, complete the challenge, have fun together!

Using a simple map of the park the aim is to find the points marked on the map and write down the name of the secret animal or colour. Xplorer is a fun family challenge for children and their parents, grandparents and guardians.

Xtreme

Xtreme invites participants to take part in urban laser combat using the latest digital laser guns on your doorstep. Come and join us as we dodge and duck behind inflatable barricades, cargo nets and obstacles to see who can come out as the starpest shooter. Plus...the craziest sports around! Crazy catch, handball, ultimate frisbee, dodge ball and much more!

Commonwealth

Follow our Commonwealth van around South Derbyshire as it offers a variety of commonwealth inspired sports for all to come and have a go at. Competitions will be running in the inflatable arena throughout the school holidays with chances to win South Derbyshire Sport medals!

All of the provisions are suitable for ages 8-16 years (under 8's can attend with a responsible adult).

TCV Conservation Action Day

Join the Conservation Volunteers at Swadlincote Woodlands. Tools and tea provided. Please bring lunch and remember to wear suitable clothing. Phone Tom Watkins at TCV for details 01283 223327 or 07970 540616.

Eureka Park

Look out for a timetable of events happening in Eureka Park over the summer. See our website www.south-derbys.gov.uk/eureka and park notice boards for details.

September

Tuesday 2nd September

PlayMobile and Xplorer

10:00am - 12:00pm. Eureka Park.

Commonwealth and Xplorer

10:00am - 12:00pm. Eureka Park.

Xtreme and Xplorer

10:00am - 12:00pm. Eureka Park.

TCV Conservation Action Day

10:30am. Swadlincote Woodlands. Meet in the Car Park

October

Tuesday 7th October

TCV Conservation Action Day

10:30am. Swadlincote Woodlands. Meet in the car park.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Members approve the draft Affordable Warmth Strategy 2014-2019 at appendix 1 as a basis for wider consultation.
- 1.2 That authority is given for the Director of Housing and Environmental Services in consultation with the Chair of this Committee, to agree any minor amendments to the proposed draft strategy arising from wider consultation before it is finally adopted. Any major proposed changes would be brought back to this Committee.

2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To bring before Committee the draft Affordable Warmth Strategy 2014-2019, attached at annex A.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Affordable Warmth Strategy sets out the Council's proposed actions in having a positive impact on reducing fuel poverty.
- 3.2 In July 2013 the Government adopted a new assessment for fuel poverty based on a 'Low Income, High Cost' definition. A household is now considered to be fuel poor if their fuel costs are above the national average and where after fuel costs the household income is below the official poverty line (60% of median income). The previous assessment was based on a household spending more than 10% of their income on fuel. The poverty line is a continuous moving line depending on local income levels. Putting this into a South Derbyshire context, based upon the 2014 Private Sector Stock Condition Survey, the median annual income for households after household costs, for those in fuel poverty is estimated to be £8,477 compared to £20,709 for households not in fuel poverty.

3.3 Raising household income levels as well as reducing household expenditure on fuel are the two most significant factors which influence the number of households in fuel poverty. At a time when there are significant financial constraints to public sector funds this Council is not in a position to offer financial support to those households in fuel poverty. Therefore, the core aim of this strategy is to focus on reducing fuel poverty by:-

- Encouraging households at risk of fuel poverty to take measures to reduce their fuel bills.
- Promoting take-up of energy efficient measures to improve the thermal efficiency of the private housing stock.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications for the Council.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 The Affordable Warmth Strategy supports delivery of the Corporate Plan “Lifestyle Choices” theme by contributing to the key project: -

- LP05 – Reducing the number of vulnerable households experiencing fuel poverty.

6. Community Implications

6.1 Fuel poverty resulting in cold homes can cause poor health, particularly to the most vulnerable residents. This strategy aims to deliver actions that will improve the energy efficiency of residents’ homes, maximise their income and encourage behaviour changes that will help to minimise and prevent the detrimental health impacts of fuel poverty.



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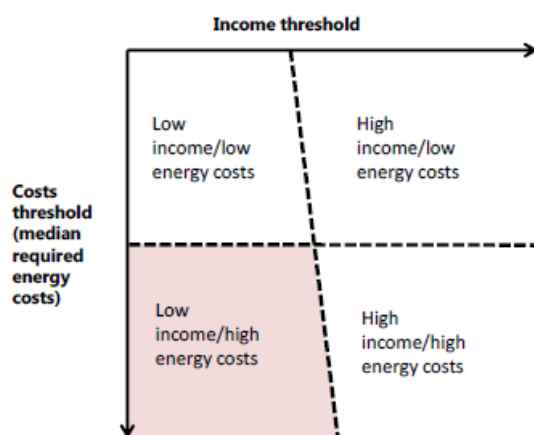
Appendices

- A Affordable Warmth Action Plan 2014 - 2019

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Affordable Warmth Strategy is focussed on assisting vulnerable people on low incomes who are either in fuel poverty, or may fall into fuel poverty as a result of a change in their circumstances, to live in easy to heat, thermally efficient dwellings.
- 1.2 In July 2013 the Government adopted a new assessment for fuel poverty based on a 'Low Income, High Cost' definition. Under this definition a household is considered to be fuel poor where:
- The household fuel costs are above average (the national median level).
 - Where after fuel costs the household income is below the official poverty line (60% of national median income).

Figure 1¹: Low Income, High Cost



- 1.3 Therefore, the shaded area in figure 1 above represents those households in fuel poverty. To no longer be in fuel poverty a household could either lower their energy costs or increase their income.
- 1.4 Based on the latest data available from the 2011 English Household Surveys datasets, the national median household fuel costs are £1,234 and the median income after housing costs is £11,553. Putting this into a South Derbyshire context, based on the 2014 Private Sector Stock Condition Survey the median annual income for households, after taking into account household costs, for those in fuel poverty is estimated to be £8,477 compared to £20,709 for households not in fuel poverty.
- 1.5 Rising energy prices are affecting many households. The Council cannot control energy prices, nor can it insist on households taking up measures to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. However the causes of fuel poverty amongst households is often a combination of several factors – the property, household profile and behaviours, income levels and budgeting skills, lack of access to and information on the most competitive energy tariffs and poor awareness of energy efficiency measures.

¹ Figure1: The low income high costs definition from 'Fuel Poverty: Fuel Poverty Report, updated August 2013, published by Department of Energy & Climate Change.

2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 This strategy comes at a time when there are significant financial constraints to public sector funds which impacts on the level of financial support councils can offer to those households in fuel poverty. Therefore, this strategy focuses on ensuring households are aware of their options and, where limited funding is available, energy improvements targeted to those households known to be in/at risk of fuel poverty.
- 2.2 The core aims of this strategy are to reduce fuel poverty in South Derbyshire by:-
- Encouraging households at risk of fuel poverty to take measures to reduce their fuel bills.
 - Promoting take-up of energy efficient measures to improve the thermal efficiency of the private housing stock.

3. National Context

- 3.1 The Climate Change Act 2008 introduced a legally binding framework to tackle the dangers of climate change requiring the UK's greenhouse gas emissions to be at least 34% lower by 2020, using a baseline of 1990 figures. In practice, there needs to be a reduction in the demand for energy in existing homes by improving insulation and replacing inefficient boilers, as well as measures to change householders' behaviour if the government is to achieve this goal. Getting households out of fuel poverty links in with this by ensuring that residents not only live in well heated, thermally efficient homes, but that they also consider reducing their energy use and, thereby, fuel wastage.
- 3.2 The Energy Act 2011 introduced the Green Deal and the Energy Company Obligation (ECO). The Green Deal was launched in January 2013 and is a funding mechanism (through the not-for-profit Green Deal Finance Company) to allow homeowners and businesses to undertake measures now and pay for some or all of the cost of the energy saving improvements over a 25 year period. In the main Green Deal is not an affordable option for those households on low incomes struggling to pay for energy, i.e. those in fuel poverty. ECO is targeted at supporting the installation of energy efficiency measures to low-income households and in properties that are harder to treat, such as those with solid walls or of non-traditional construction which cannot be financed solely through the Green Deal. The Energy Act 2011 also requires energy companies from 2013 to provide households with information on the cheapest tariff on their energy bill statements.
- 3.3 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for public health from the NHS to upper tier local authorities. Each local authority now has its own statutory Health and Wellbeing Board with the responsibility to ensure that NHS Services, health improvement and social care services are properly co-ordinated and integrated. The Department of Health has produced a framework document for England which sets out desired public health outcomes and how they will be measured for the period 2013 - 2016. These wider determinants of health include indicators to measure reductions in fuel poverty and in the numbers of excess winter deaths in the overall population.

3.4 The Home Energy Conservation (HECA) Act 1995 required all English housing local authorities to prepare and publish a report by 31 March 2013 setting out the energy conservation measures that the authority considers practicable, cost-effective and likely to result in significant improvement in the energy efficiency of homes in its area. In partnership with all other Derbyshire authorities, South Derbyshire District Council has prepared and published a HECA Strategy setting out the Council's priorities up to March 2016.

4. Local Context

4.1 Fuel poverty levels in Derbyshire (excluding Derby City) are estimated to be around 43,500 households, representing nearly 12.8% of all households across the area. Table 1 shows the estimated numbers of fuel poor households in each Derbyshire local authority area in 2012².

Table 1: Number of households in fuel poverty per local authority area 2012, updated June 2014 based on low income, high cost indicator.

| Local Authority | No. of Households in Fuel Poverty | % of Households in Fuel Poverty |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Amber Valley | 7,078 | 13.2% |
| Bolsover | 4,153 | 12.4% |
| Chesterfield | 6,217 | 13.0% |
| Derbyshire Dales | 4,915 | 15.6% |
| Erewash | 6,287 | 12.6% |
| High Peak | 5,281 | 13.3% |
| North-East Derbyshire | 5,239 | 11.9% |
| South Derbyshire | 4,393 | 11.0% |
| Total for Derbyshire (excluding Derby City) | 43,565 | 12.8% |
| East Midlands | 256,017 | 13.2% |

4.2 The datasets above are extracted from the sub-regional fuel poverty statistics published by the Department of Energy and Climate Change based on the new 'low income, high cost indicator' definition for fuel poverty.

4.3 The differences between the authorities can be partially explained by the make-up of the local housing stock. Both age of the property and whether the dwelling is connected to the gas network have a significant bearing on the energy efficiency of a property and how expensive it is to heat it. Older properties built pre- 1930's are likely to have a solid wall construction. Gas is a cheaper form of fuel for heating compared to oil, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and electric. Table 2 below shows the percentage of households across Derbyshire not connected to the gas network.

² Fuel Poverty 2012, published June 2014: sub-regional data based on the new definition low income, high cost indicator published by the Department of Energy & Climate Change.

Table 2: Households across Derbyshire not connected to the gas network³.

| Local Authority | No. of households not connected to the gas network | Number of households based on 2011 Census | % of households not connected to the gas network |
|---|--|---|--|
| Amber Valley | 2,443 | 52,596 | 4.64% |
| Bolsover | 1,636 | 32,801 | 4.99% |
| Chesterfield | 1,367 | 46,796 | 2.92% |
| Derbyshire Dales | 5,804 | 30,744 | 18.88% |
| Erewash | 1,073 | 48,692 | 2.20% |
| High Peak | 2,158 | 38,946 | 5.54% |
| North-East Derbyshire | 2,379 | 43,070 | 5.52% |
| South Derbyshire | 4,413 | 38,992 | 11.32% |
| Total for Derbyshire (excluding Derby City) | 21,273 | 332,637 | 6.40% |

4.3 Overall South Derbyshire has the second highest number of households off gas with Derbyshire Dales having the highest. Across South Derbyshire, the rural parishes in the south and north-west of the district have the highest number of properties off the gas network, between 26 – 37%.

4.4 Housing Types

4.4.1 Locally⁴, rates of fuel poverty are above the District average of 11% for households living in pre-1919 (17.7%) and 1919 – 1944 (19.4%) housing. Properties built during this period tend to be of solid wall construction and less energy efficient than today's more modern stock. Solid wall constructed properties are relatively more expensive to heat and it is more difficult to improve their thermal efficiency as opposed to cavity wall properties. In the main the Government's 'Affordable Warmth' programme which has run in various forms over the last 10 years has targeted those on means-tested benefits who would benefit from cavity wall and loft insulation.

4.5 Fuel Poverty Factors

4.5.1 The District 2014 Private Sector Stock Condition Survey suggests that the energy efficiency variation between various property types is quite small. Dwellings across South Derbyshire occupied by households in fuel poverty have an average SAP Rating of 60 compared to 61 for households not in fuel poverty. The main principal drivers of fuel poverty in South Derbyshire are household income and energy prices. Furthermore the average annual fuel cost for households in fuel poverty is £180 less than for those not in fuel poverty in South Derbyshire. Significantly, the average household income after fuel costs for those in fuel poverty is on average £8,400 in South Derbyshire. It is likely that the majority of these households are in receipt of some form of welfare benefit.

³LSOA Estimates of Households not Connected to the Gas Network, updated March 2014 published by the Department of Energy & Climate Change

⁴ 2014 South Derbyshire Private Sector Stock Condition prepared by David Adamsons & Partners Limited.

4.6 Deprivation across South Derbyshire

- 4.6.1 The English Indices of Deprivation 2010⁵ (IMD 2010) are the Government's official measure of multiple deprivation at small area level and provide a consistent measure of deprivation across England. The overall measure of IMD is constructed by combining data from seven domains, each of which measures a different aspect of deprivation including income, health and employment. In South Derbyshire only one ward, Newhall and Stanton features in the top 30% of most deprived areas in England.
- 4.6.2 However, the most significant of the seven domains measured which impact on fuel poverty is income. For South Derbyshire, this domain indicates that Hartshorne area as well as Newhall and Stanton are in the top 30% of most income deprived areas in England.

5. Past Achievements

- 5.1 During the last 5 years the Council has successfully completed several initiatives to improve the energy efficiency of homes across the district. This includes:-
- 2010 Low Carbon Village Project which targeted the rural parishes of Melbourne, Church Broughton, Barrow on Trent, Newton Solney and Overseal. This project was aimed at reducing the carbon footprint of villages and lowering residents' energy bills. Over 200 free energy measures were installed including full/top-up loft insulation and cavity wall insulation.
 - 2008 – 2012, using CERT (Carbon Emissions Reduction target) 4,140 lofts were insulated and 2,685 cavity walls filled primarily in the Swadlincote urban area. This is around 15% of the homes across the District equating to a carbon saving of 334 tonnes.
 - 2013/14 funding secured from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) was used to deliver a heating replacement programme. 46 inefficient boilers were replaced with A-rated energy efficient boilers to households across the District, resulting in approximately £16,000 of fuel savings per year for those households in or at risk of fuel poverty.
 - 2008 – 2010, delivered an external wall installation scheme in conjunction with the National Energy Agency to improve the thermal efficiency of 10 park homes.
- 5.2 According to the Department of Energy and Climate Change latest fuel poverty statistics published June 2014, 11% of the population South Derbyshire compared to 15.5% in 2010 are now in fuel poverty. This is a reduction of 4.5% (1,474 households).

⁵ English Indices of Deprivation published by DCLG: available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-indices-of-deprivation-2010>

6. Strategic Priorities for 2014 - 2019

6.1 Looking ahead to the period 2014 -2019 a key challenge for the Council will be to reduce fuel poverty at a time when there is significant economic difficulty, cuts to public funds and changes to welfare benefits. Given the national and local context and the work previously undertaken to reduce fuel poverty, for this strategy the intention is to focus on a small number of areas where a significant change can be achieved and measured. Therefore, the priority areas for action are proposed as follows:-

- Priority 1: To reduce energy bills to those households in fuel poverty.
- Priority 2: To encourage homeowners to undertake energy efficiency measures.

7. Action Plan 2014 - 2019

7.1 The Action Plan 2014 -2019 is at Appendix One and aims to address the issues which contribute to fuel poverty in relation to the priority areas identified above.

Affordable Warmth Action Plan 2014 - 2019

| Key Action | | Outcome | By When | Resources | Lead Officer |
|--|---|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Priority One: To reduce energy bills for those households in fuel poverty | | | | | |
| 1.1 | To identify vulnerable households at risk from fuel poverty through desktop analysis. | A detailed desktop geographical breakdown will be developed to identify broad areas of high fuel poverty and fuel usage South Derbyshire to enable initiatives to be targeted. | Sept 2015 | Within existing resources | Strategic Housing Projects Officer in liaison with Energy and Housing Standards Assistant |
| 1.2 | To inform households identified in 1.1 of the methods available to switch energy provider/tariffs | To pilot a project household fuel bills to determine the best method to encourage households to switch provider/tariffs. | Commence from Sept 2015 | Within existing resources | Energy and Housing Standards Assistant |
| 1.3 | To explore community interest in a "collective community Oil/LPG scheme" | To provide households not connected to the gas network with a competitive option for purchasing fuel. | 2015/17 | Within existing resources | Senior Environmental Officer (Housing Standards) |
| 1.4 | Explore funding opportunities to delivery projects to reduce fuel poverty in the most deprived areas across the district. | To reduce household fuel bills in the Hartshorne, Newhall & Stanton area | On-going | Subject to external funding | Energy and Housing Standards Assistant |
| Key Action | | Outcome | By When | Resources | Lead Officer |
| Priority Two: To encourage homeowners to undertake energy efficiency measures | | | | | |
| 2.1 | To promote energy efficiency improvements to homes through Green Deal and Energy Obligation Scheme (ECO). | To link with wider events and publications, e.g. Liberation Day, play schemes to raise awareness of initiatives. | September 2015 | Within existing resources | Energy and Housing Standards Assistant |
| 2.2 | To continue to work with the Local Authority Energy Partnership (LAEP). | To develop in partnership with other Local Authorities a range of models/funding streams to support energy efficiency improvements. | 2014 – 2019 | £3,000 LEAP partnership contribution | Energy and Housing Standards Assistant |
| 2.3 | To remind private landlords that from 2018 properties must have an energy rating of at least 'E' and the consequences of not improving thermally efficiency properties. | To produce a leaflet and distribute to known landlords; promote awareness through local press and other forms of media e.g. website. | 2015 - 2018 | Within existing resources | Energy and Housing Standards Assistant |

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| REPORT TO: | Housing and Community Services Committee | AGENDA ITEM: 12 |
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| REPORT FROM: | Director of Housing and Environmental Services | OPEN |
| MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT: | Gary Clarkson Ext 5897 | DOC: |
| SUBJECT: | Progress report: Housing Capital Investment Programme 2012 - 2017 | REF: |
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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Members approve this half-yearly progress report for the Housing Capital Investment Programme which includes both the Improvement Programme to current stock and the New Build and Acquisition Programme.
- 1.2 Members approve an amendment to the New Build and Acquisition programme replacing two acquisition properties for two previously approved new build properties.

2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide a six monthly progress report on the Improvement Programme as requested at the February Committee 2012, which details the anticipated progress to the end of September 2014 and the remainder of the five year programme to March 2017.
- 2.2 To provide an update on the New Build and Acquisition Programme.

3. Detail – Section A - Improvement Programme

- 3.1 Expenditure and Completions.
 - 3.1.1 This report details the progress made in respect of the programme approved in 2012 in terms of expenditure, and numbers of properties, where specified.
 - 3.1.2 The following tables show a comparison between the approved five-year programme and the expenditure and number of completed properties to the end September 2014, which is the half-way point in the five-year-programme.
 - 3.1.3 The expenditure table shows all of the schemes, whilst the properties table only shows the schemes where property numbers were indicated in the original programme.

| Scheme | Total budget to 30th September 2014 (£0,000) | Anticipated expenditure to 30th September 2014 (£0,000) | Variance - Expenditure (£0,000) | Percentage complete |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Planned external maintenance | 1,620 | 1,245 | - 375 | 76.9% |
| Kitchen replacements | 1,900 | 1,319 | - 581 | 69.4% |
| Bathroom replacements | 795 | 837 | 42 | 105.3% |
| Central heating upgrades | 2,100 | 2,216 | 116 | 105.5% |
| Electrical Rewires | 1,450 | 1,545 | 95 | 106.6% |
| Roofing | 1,400 | 2,534 | 1,134 | 181.0% |
| External insulation | 425 | 645 | 220 | 151.9% |
| Loft insulation | 189 | 17 | - 172 | 9.1% |
| Door Replacement | 375 | 287 | - 88 | 76.6% |
| Window replacements | 225 | 426 | 201 | 189.5% |
| Showers and extract fans | 1,300 | 442 | - 858 | 34.0% |
| Smoke alarms | 495 | 238 | - 257 | 48.0% |
| Non-traditional properties | 170 | 14 | - 156 | 8.4% |
| Environmental and garage site improvements | 375 | 123 | - 252 | 32.7% |
| Community Rooms / Communal areas | 40 | 34 | - 6 | 84.2% |
| Lift replacements | 75 | 127 | 52 | 169.2% |
| Unforeseen Decent Homes | 148 | 71 | - 77 | 48.2% |
| Total | 13,082 | 12,121 | - 961 | 92.7% |

Table 1 – Budget and Expenditure.

3.1.4 Only 30 properties remain that do not have loft insulation between 250-300mm deep. We continue to seek to gain access to these properties.

3.1.5 On some contracts shown in Table 1 above, the underspend indicates reduced scheme costs and does not necessarily indicate that the specified number of completed properties have not been achieved. Therefore, Table 2 below has been provided to show progress by specified property numbers.

| Scheme | Planned to 30th September 2014 | Anticipated completed properties to 30th September 2014 | Variance - Properties | Percentage complete |
|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kitchen replacements | 679 | 496 | -183 | 73% |
| Bathroom replacements | 441 | 393 | -48 | 89% |
| Central heating upgrades | 700 | 854 | 154 | 122% |
| Electrical Rewires | 660 | 601 | -59 | 91% |
| Roofing | 226 | 517 | 292 | 229% |
| Showers and extract fans | 1300 | 1112 | -188 | 86% |

Table 2 – Planned and Completed Properties.

3.1.6 From slower than anticipated starts on the new contracts that commenced in January 2014 (i.e. Planned Maintenance, Kitchens, Bathrooms, Door and Window Replacements and over-bath Showers), due to the Corporate procurement review in 2013, the number of completions is still below those programmed up to the half-way stage in the five-year programme.

3.1.7 With the contractors now having established effective teams, the number of targeted properties per month is being increased to ensure that the programme is back on target at the earliest opportunity. The anticipated position at the 31st March 2015 is as shown below.

| Scheme | Planned number of properties to 31st March 2015 | Anticipated number of completed properties to 31st March 2015 | Variance - Properties | Percentage complete |
|--------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kitchen replacements | 822 | 670 | -152 | 82% |
| Bathroom replacements | 538 | 529 | -9 | 98% |
| Central heating upgrades | 850 | 994 | 144 | 117% |
| Electrical Rewires | 796 | 743 | -53 | 93% |
| Roofing | 284 | 577 | 293 | 203% |
| Showers and extract fans | 1600 | 1492 | -108 | 93% |

Table 3 – Planned and Forecast Completed Properties.

3.2 Decent Homes Standard

- 3.2.1 All of the Council's properties remain compliant with the Decent Homes Standard as a result of the works undertaken, and this is expected to be the same at the end of the current financial year.
- 3.2.2 Routine property inspections or complaints from tenants continue to reveal non-decent elements (that were originally planned to be improved from 2017 onwards) necessitating them being brought forward to the current five-year plan and funded from the Unforeseen Decent Homes budget.
- 3.2.3 As we move away from the original survey data, its accuracy diminishes and the need to add additional properties to the programme increases. However it is still anticipated that overall, the original programme approved in February 2012 of £27m will underspend due to favourable tenders being obtained.

3.3 Procurement.

- 3.3.1 Contracts are in place for all of the major schemes, with the exception of any future External Wall Insulation. The previous tender was kept to a maximum two-year contract due to the uncertainty on grant aid. On completion of the existing works, a new contract will be procured prior to any further properties being insulated.
- 3.3.2 Of the recently tendered contracts, the first contract to be reviewed for a possible extension is the Domestic Electrical Rewiring Contract which was awarded to British Gas Social Housing Limited (trading as P.H.Jones) in November 2012. The contract is currently scheduled to end in March 2015 and the review will commence in October 2014 to allow for re-tendering, if required. However performance of the contractor to-date has been very good and if favourable terms can be agreed an extension to the contract is a likely outcome of the review.

3.4 Environmental and Garage Sites Improvements

- 3.4.1 The pilot garage site improvements works was completed at Chatsworth Road, Newhall in August and 23 inadequate garages have been replaced with 21 wider and longer garages to suit modern cars. 14 of the 21 garages were let within 10 days of the works being completed and a leaflet drop has been undertaken (30th September) in the adjacent vicinity to advertise the remaining garages. Feedback so far has been very positive.
- 3.4.2 The success of this project will drive the formalisation of a strategy to roll out across the district and proposals will now be prepared for four or five other sites and progressed in line with the approved budget. With the recruitment of a replacement Project Officer (Environment), the intention is to now move more quickly on garage site improvements as well as various parking improvements across the District.
- 3.4.3 Similarly, the completion of the internal door replacements, the renewal of the flooring covering and redecoration of the internal communal areas at Brightman House will continue with Holmes Court (both Swadlincote) and then follow the Planned Maintenance Programme to include other communal flat areas around the District.

3.5 Passenger Lifts

3.5.1 The replacement of the passenger lifts at Coniston Court, Swadlincote, Peartree Court, Etwall and Unity Close, Church Gresley were completed in June 2014 without any complaints due to the co-operation between the tenants and contractors, with the assistance of the Careline Wardens.

3.6 External Wall Insulation

3.6.1 The Council has been extremely successful in being able to obtain grant funding and a total of 90 properties have received external insulation during the programme.

3.6.2 The works undertaken to-date received funding of £297,523.92 from Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

3.7 Non- Traditional Properties.

3.7.1 Following full survey work by Michael Dyson and Associates of the non-traditional properties arrangements are being made to follow up on the highlighted short term repairs.

3.7.2 There are some areas of deterioration in concrete joints and areas of decay in timber elements. The original programme budgeted for £200,000 worth of repairs, which are now estimated to be in the region of £652,500. Further work on the viability of such long-term investment now needs to be undertaken.

4. Detail – Section B - New Build and Acquisition Programme

4.1.1 In April 2013, the Council approved the first phase of commitment to increase its stock by building new homes, which the Council had not been able to do since 1991. The budget agreed for the provision of 50 homes was £5.37m.

4.1.2 One of the first actions completed was the 'buying back' of the only leased flat in a block of twenty-six flats at Smallthorn Place, Swadlincote, which has the added benefit of increasing the Council's strategic options relating to the site.

4.1.3 At the same time, Planning Permission was obtained for 49 properties on five sites, as follows:

| Address | Number of dwellings | House Types |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Lullington Road, Overseal | 12 Dwellings | 4 X 1 beds |
| | | 5 X 2 beds |
| | | 2 X 3 beds |
| | | 1 X 4 beds |
| Coton Park, Linton | 23 Dwellings | 4 X 1 beds |
| | | 10 X 2 beds |
| | | 8 X 3 beds |
| | | 1 X 4 bed |
| Pine Grove, Newhall | 2 Dwellings | 2 X 1 bed bungalows |

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| St Catherine's Road, Newhall | 2 dwellings | 2 X 2 beds |
| Pennine Way, Swadlincote | 10 dwellings | 2 X 1 bed bungalows |
| | | 6 X 2 beds |
| | | 2 X 3 beds |

Table 4 – New Build Sites and dwelling numbers.

- 4.1.4 Following an EU tender process, six contractors were appointed to a Five-Year Framework Agreement for the current and any future new build schemes, as shown below:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Bullock Construction | Goodwin Building Contractors |
| Keepmoat Limited | Harvey & Clark |
| Geda Construction | Robert Woodhead |

Table 5 – New Build Framework Contractors.

- 4.1.5 Following the award of the framework, the tenders used in the tender process were examined to award either individual sites or combinations. However, due to recent unprecedented increased costs for materials such as bricks and roof tiles, the value of the tender submissions was very tight to the agreed original overall budget.

4.2 Current Position

- 4.2.1 After interviews with the most advantageous tenderers, adjustments were made to proposed contract values primarily by the Council arranging for further site investigation works to allow the contractors to submit firm costs, removing the overall risk to both parties. Contractors had priced for risk which had to some extent increased prices.

- 4.2.2 Contract negotiations were still ongoing for two sites when this report was drafted and a verbal update will be provided at the meeting:

| Address | Contractors |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Lullington Road, Overseal | Robert Woodhead |
| Coton Park, Linton | Tbc |
| Pine Grove, Newhall | Tbc |

Table 6 – Awarded Contracts.

- 4.2.3 The fourth site at St. Catherine's Road, Newhall was considered not to be economical viable based on the submitted tenders and is proposed to be subject to a further options appraisal. The prices that came back were significantly higher than the unit costs being achieved on other sites.
- 4.2.4 The fifth site at Pennine Way, Swadlincote was the subject of a successful grant funding application following a Committee decision of April 2014. The Framework contractors will be invited to submit a mini-tender once the first three contracts have been finalised.

4.3 Replacement acquisitions

- 4.3.1 Opportunities to buy back two further properties have been progressed in lieu of the two previously proposed new build properties at St Catherines, proposed now to be the subject of further option appraisal. Both negotiations are on-going and agreement on price has been reached on one property in Midway. By including these two acquisitions the original aim to build and acquire 50 homes within the original budget should still be achievable.

4.4 Phase 2 New Build and Acquisition Programme

- 4.4.1 The HRA Business Plan Working Group is on schedule to report to the November 27th meeting of this Committee proposing a phase 2 programme.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The report is not proposing any increases to previously approved expenditure.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 The corporate implications of the report has direct relevancy on all four of the Council's corporate themes and specifically on a number of priorities contained within each theme.

6. Community Implications

- 6.1 The approved five year programme is delivering on tenant priorities of replacing tired and outworn internal fittings and environmental improvements, whilst the New Build and Acquisition Programme increases the overall stock and provides high quality, energy efficient properties built to current standards.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 Housing and Community Services Committee – February 2012, April 2013, April 2014

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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Committee considers and approves the updated work programme.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the updated work programme.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Attached at Annexe 'A' is an updated work programme document. The Committee is asked to consider and review the content of this document.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None arising directly from this report.

5.0 Background Papers

5.1 Work Programme.

**Housing and Community Services Committee – 9th October, 2014
Work Programme 2014/15**

| Work Programme Area | Date of Committee meetings | Anticipated completion date | Submitted to Council target date | Contact Officer (Contact details) |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Active Nation Year 3 Report and Future Plans | 9th October 2014 | | | Malcolm Roseburgh Culture and Community Manager (01283) 5955774 |
| Parklife project | 9 th October 2014 | | | Stuart Batchelor Director of Community and Planning Services (10283) 595820 |
| Council Stock – Investment and New Build Programme progress | 9 th October 2014 5 th February 2015 | | | Gary Clarkson Improvements Manager (01283 595897) |
| Affordable Warmth Strategy | 9 th October 2014 | | | Beverly Wagstaffe Housing Strategy Manager (01283 595775) |
| Careline Partnership - Business Case | 9 th October 2014 | | | Bob Ledger Director of Housing and Environmental Services (01283 595775) |
| Quarterly performance | November 2014 March 2015 | | | |
| Private Sector Leasing scheme | 27 th November 2014 | | | Martin Guest Performance and Policy Manager (01283 595940) |

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| Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Review - report | 27 th November 2014 | | | Bob Ledger Director of Housing and Environmental Services (01283 595775) |
| Housing Revenue Account budget setting | 5 th February 2015 | | | Kevin Stackhouse Director of Finance and Corporate Services (01283 595811) |

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