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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> 7
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>20th July 2006</b>	<b>CATEGORY:</b> <b>DELEGATED</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>PETER McEVOY Ext 5830</b>	<b>DOC:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUPPORTING PEOPLE – EXPENDITURE OF NON-RECURRENT FUNDS</b>	<b>REF: BW</b>
<b>WARD (S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS01</b>

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### **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That members consider the recommendations of the Core Strategic Housing Group and award grants as follows: -
- South Derbyshire District Council – The Sanctuary Project - £12,232 – awarded to cover a 24-month period.
  - Trident Housing Association – Lemon Grove Women's Refuge - £50,268 – (balance of funds to cover a 21 month period).

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To inform Members of the Councils receipt of one-off Supporting People funds received from Derbyshire County Council and to seek approval for expending this fund.

### **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 For the financial year 2005/06 the Derbyshire County Council predicted a £1m under spend of Supporting People funds. This was mainly due to delays in some long-term service developments. Therefore, In January 2006 Derbyshire County Council Cabinet approved the allocations of this under spend and allocated £62,500 to each District/Borough Council (totalling £500,000) and £500,000 to be used to the County Council.
- 3.2 Whilst the District Council has some flexibility as to how it wishes to distribute these funds, the following conditions were attached to the funding: -
- The services to be delivered must meet the Supporting People Grant Conditions.
  - The services are to be in addition to existing provision.
  - The services are to meet agreed strategic targets to support people in their own homes.
- 3.3 In March 2006 the Districts Core Strategic Housing Group, (includes member representation) agreed that the funding should initially be restricted to the District

Council and those Registered Social Landlords, which currently operate in the South Derbyshire. Application forms were devised and sent out accordingly.

3.4 Five applications were received. These were initially vetted by Derbyshire Supporting People to assess eligibility criteria and scored. A panel made up from the Core Strategic Group (4 officers: 1 member) met on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006 to assess and scored the eligible bids. The average score is shown against each application below.

3.5 The following five applications were received and considered.

### **South Derbyshire District Council – The Sanctuary Project**

Supporting People Eligibility: Yes – Revenue Only

Aims: The Sanctuary Scheme is a victim centred initiative, which aims to promote choice amongst victims of domestic abuse. The scheme enables victims to remain in their own homes, if that is their preference, and feel safe by professionally installing a variety of security measures.

Objectives: To promote choice and to reduce the number of victims having to flee violence. To offer an alternative to presenting themselves as homeless and having to be re-housed because of domestic abuse.

<u>Funding:</u>	<u>2006/07</u>	<u>2007/08</u>	<u>Total</u>
Requested	£6,116	£6,116	<b>£12,232</b>
Other funding secured	<u>£9,687</u>	<u>£9,687</u>	<u>£19,374</u>
Total	<u>£15,803</u>	<u>£15,803</u>	<u>£32,606</u>

Average Score: **106/140**

### **Trident Housing Association – Lemon Grove Women's Refuge**

Supporting People Eligibility – Yes

Aims: To assess needs and provide floating support for women and children moving on from the refuge into independent living supporting them through the transition period.

Objectives: To give women and children leaving the project the support to enable them to live independently.

<u>Funding:</u>	<u>2006/07</u>	<u>2007/08</u>	<u>Total</u>
Requested	£28,382	£29,517	<b>£57,899</b>
Other funding secured	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Total	<u>£28,382</u>	<u>£29,517</u>	<u>£57,899</u>

Average Score: **89/140** \*Councillor Wheeler declared a conflict of interest and abstained from scoring.

## **Trident Housing Association – Substance Misuse Worker for Young People**

Supporting People Eligibility – **No** – predominantly focuses on advice and education

Aims: To assist young people seek help, support and guidance on substance misuse, and minimise the risks to their health and well being, and sustaining their tenancy.

Objectives: Include providing direct on site support, giving advice and counselling, improving health and well being, preventing further misuse through education and training.

<u>Funding</u>	<u>2006/07</u>	<u>2007/08</u>	<u>Total</u>
Requested	£20,803	£21,635	<b>£42,438</b>
Other funding secured	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	<u>£20,803</u>	<u>£21,635</u>	<u>£42,438</u>

Average Score: **Not Scored** - not eligible for Supporting People funds

## **Trident Housing Association – Resettlement Worker for Young People**

Supporting People Eligibility – **Yes** – excluding focus on children and education

Aims: To assist service user at Chrysanthemum Court to move into independent accommodation providing an holistic resettlement support package during the process, and assistance in sustaining their tenancy thus reducing the risk of further homelessness in the future

Objectives: To provide direct on site support for moving on to independent living.

<u>Funding:</u>	<u>2006/07</u>	<u>2007/08</u>	<u>Total</u>
Requested	£18,183	£18,910	<b>£37,093</b>
Other funding secured	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	<u>£18,183</u>	<u>£18,910</u>	<u>£37,093</u>

Average Score: **88.5/140**

## **Walbrook Housing Association – Floating Support for People with Chaotic Life Styles**

Supporting People Eligibility – **Yes**

Aims: To empower people with chaotic lifestyles to sustain an independent tenancy within the community; to improve multi agency working; to meet local and government strategic targets.

Objectives: To deliver on average support to 12 people over a 25 hour week; includes benefit assessment/ advice, budgeting skills, life skills training and signposting to education an training, back to work in order that individuals can maintain an independent lifestyle; provide service for people 16 – 75.

<u>Funding:</u>	<u>2006/07</u>	<u>2007/08</u>	<u>Total</u>
Requested	£27,659	£27,659	<b>£55,318</b>
Other funding secured	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	<u>£27,659</u>	<u>£27,659</u>	<u>£55,318</u>

Average Score: **64.5/140**

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 The award of grants falls within the Supporting People funds received from the County Council.

#### **5.1 Corporate Implications**

5.1 These projects fit within the Corporate Plan and the Housing Strategy.

#### **6.0 Conclusion**

6.1 In April 2003 the Supporting People programme was launched. The programme is committed to providing a better quality of life for vulnerable people to live more independently and maintain their tenancies.

6.2 In March 2006, Derbyshire County Council took the initiative to transfer funds to the districts to safeguard Supporting People funds for Derbyshire. Whilst still needing to comply with the Supporting People Grant conditions this gives the District Council the opportunity to pilot some projects in South Derbyshire.

Background papers:

Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Report – 2 January 2006.