

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: ESTATE BASED INITIATIVES 2008/09
From: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & SOCIAL WORK SERVICES		
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1. Purpose of Report / Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline to the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership the Estate Based Initiative Projects identified for the 2008/09 financial year.

2. Background

2.1 Since the inception of the Council, provision has been made within the Housing Revenue Account budget to pursue Estate Based Initiative Projects designed to upgrade the local environment as identified by the local Area Housing Office.

2.2 Estate Based Initiative funding is allocated based on the percentage of Housing Stock in each area. For financial year 2008/09 Estate Based Initiative provision of:

- £17,215 has been allocated for Bellshill area
- £6,834 has been allocated for Viewpark area

2.3 Whilst, it is acknowledged that Estate Based Initiative Projects submitted by Area Offices may sometimes overlap with existing programmes they nevertheless represent locally determined priorities which would substantially benefit local environment by:

- Improving security
- Improving the appearance of common areas
- Minimising future management and maintenance programmes
- Improving the quality of life for local residents

3. Proposals / Considerations

3.1 Bellshill Estate Based Initiative 2008/09. Feedback from residents, Community Police and Sheltered Wardens highlight security concerns for residents in Sheltered Housing Complexes. For the Financial Year 2008/2009, approval is sought for the following projects.

- Install CCTV monitoring equipment at Unitas Court Sheltered Complex at a cost of approximately £10,000. The installation of static dome cameras at various points throughout the complex, and digital recording and monitoring equipment in the warden's office. This proposal would enhance security at the complex.
- Erection of additional metal fencing and alterations to existing metal fencing at West End Drive Sheltered Complex at a cost of approximately £7,000. This proposal would improve security within the complex and restrict access from unwanted visitors.

3.2 Viewpark Estate Based Initiative 2008/09. A number of projects have been identified by the Area Housing Office for inclusion in the Local Development Programme. In order to maximise the delivery of the projects, it is proposed that the Viewpark Estate Based Initiative budget of £6,834 is allocated as a contribution to the Local Development Programme for the following projects

- First Avenue - Environmental Improvements
- Juniper Road/Burnhead Street - fencing alterations
- Myrtle Road former Lock Up site – Environmental Improvements

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Bellshill and District Local Area Partnership approves the projects and contribution proposed.



Mary Castles
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