

REPORT

<b>To:</b> HOUSING & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		<b>Subject:</b> Millennium Garden, Holehills
<b>From:</b> DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND PROPERTY SERVICES		
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**1. Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the progress of the Millennium Garden, which is part of the Holehills housing regeneration project, and seek an additional contribution of £8,000, to be funded from the 2001/02 HRA Capital Programme, towards the overall development costs.

**2. Background**

2.1 As part of the regeneration of Holehills involving the construction of 140 new build houses for sale and rent it was agreed to develop part of the area as a small park for the enjoyment of the local community. As part of the wider environmental improvements along the A73 Airdrie Gateway Corridor, Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire agreed to fund the majority of the work.

2.2 The work comprises landscaped areas, seating areas and small play area. The total budget for the project was £250,000 with Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire providing £165,000 and other partners, including Persimmon Homes, Scottish Homes and the Council contributing the remainder of the funding. To date the Council has contributed £35,000 and is currently in the process of installing 2 CCTV cameras at a cost of approximately £40,000 funded from this year's HRA Capital programme.

2.3 The first phase of work is now complete involving the main earthworks and planting. However there has been higher than anticipated levels of vandalism resulting in an increase in costs for the second phase to replace plants and shrubs and the maintenance costs have also been revised upwards to cover future replacement costs. As a result an additional £30,000 is required to complete the project and secure the future maintenance of the park.

**3. Proposals**

3.1 In order to secure the completion of this project which will provide a much needed local amenity and is strongly supported by the local elected member and the tenants association the other partners have agreed to contribute an additional £22,000. It is therefore proposed that the Council contribute the shortfall of £8,000 to be funded from the 2001/02 HRA Capital programme and this can be accommodated within the current programme.

#### **4. Corporate Considerations**

- 4.1 This project is consistent with the Council's corporate priorities as it is contributing to the regeneration of an area which is within the North Lanarkshire SIP and is helping improve facilities in the area, including the provision of a play area. This project represents excellent value for money for the Council who are providing a small proportion of the overall cost of the development and is a good example of how, through effective partnership working, housing regeneration can have wider benefits for the local community.

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to the contribution of £8,000 towards the Millennium Garden Project to be funded from the 2001/02 HRA Capital Program



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