

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 7 June 2010

Decision No: (CAB 10/11 3454)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING AND LOCAL SERVICES
SUBJECT:	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECT APPROVAL - DECENT NEIGHBOURHOODS 2010/11
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THE DECISION

- (i) To approve in accordance with Financial Procedures Rules the spend across the following schemes:

Decent Neighbourhoods	2010/11 £000s	2011/12 £000s	2012/13 £000s
Holyrood Estate	500	0	
Northam Estate	250	0	
Kingsland Estate	275	0	
Millbrook / Maybush	400	0	
Thornhill	100	0	
Estate Improvement Programme	200	200	200
Total Decent Neighbourhoods	<u>1.725</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Decent Homes Plus			
Challis Court (Sheltered Improvements)	291	0	
Total Decent Homes Plus	<u>291</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>2.016</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Financial Procedure Rules require that all schemes with a total value of more than £100,000 be approved by the appropriate Cabinet Member before they can proceed. Schemes over £200,000 need to be approved by Cabinet. Under the revised Financial Procedure Rules Agreed on the 12th May 2010 this report does not need to go to Cabinet and can be dealt with as a Chief Officer decision after appropriate consultation. As this paper was initiated before the 12th of May it has been decided to allow it to follow the original decision route and allow it to go to Cabinet as any change at this stage could cause a delay.
2. Including sums in a capital programme does not give authority to spend the money. This is done by a separate scheme approval process. Following the capital updates it is necessary in some cases to bring scheme approvals in line with approved budgets.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. During consultation with tenants, their representatives and leaseholders over the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme and in the formation of the HRA Business Plan there was strong support for these schemes during the option appraisal process.
2. To adopt the option of not undertaking these works would consign these neighbourhoods and homes to terminal decline contrary to residents wishes and the Council's stated policy to:
 - Deliver a programme of projects to improve the appearance of our estates
 - Develop, nurture and sustain a sense of pride and local identity through resident involvement.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Ed Grimshaw

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*