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City Council

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Latimer, Western Park, Charnwood, Thurncourt.**

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:

Cabinet

16th May 2005

Corporate Capital Programme – Older Persons Homes.

Report of the Corporate Director, Social Care & Health

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval of the proposals for the Maintenance and Improvement of Older Persons Homes as requested at the Council meeting on 31st March 2005.

2. Summary

- 2.1 There are currently eight Older Persons Homes in Leicester run by Leicester City Council, plus Butterwick which is closed pending refurbishment into an intermediate care facility. These homes require a constant rolling programme of maintenance and improvement to improve the living environment for residents, to meet expectations from the Commission for Social Care Inspection, and to ensure health and safety requirements are adhered to.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Cabinet are requested to;
- a) confirm the release of £250,000 for the maintenance and improvement of Older Persons Homes in the 2005/06 Capital Programme.
 - b) request a further report detailing proposed expenditure for 2006/07 and 2007/08 as and when additional funding becomes available.

4. Headline Financial and legal Implications

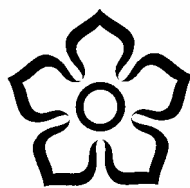
- 4.1 This report is exclusively concerned with financial issues.
- 4.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report (Kamal Adatia, Barrister, ext. 7044).

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	No
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Report

1.1 Proposals for expenditure 2005/06

Proposals for expenditure are as follows;

	£
Replacement Window Programme	160,000
Automatic Door Closures	20,000
Assisted Baths	30,000
Bedroom Refurbishment	<u>40,000</u>
Total	250,000

1.2 The UPVC double glazed replacement window programme was started using a combination of monies from previous capital allocations and the Central Maintenance Fund in 2003. To date windows have been completely replaced in four Homes and partially replaced in four more. The £160,000 requested would enable the programme to be completed at all Homes.

1.3 A significant improvement in comfort levels for residents has already been reported in homes where the windows have been replaced. Reduced energy consumption has also been reported by the Energy Advice Centre who monitor consumption, and UPVC windows will considerably lessen the need for maintenance expenditure in future years from the Central Maintenance Fund.

- 1.4 The £20,000 allocated for Automatic Door closures will allow the department to complete a first phase of provision to high risk bedroom doors. Fire Officers are already requesting Automatic Door Closures to new builds following recent well publicised fires in other parts of the country, and the department is keen to start the programme as soon as possible.
- 1.5 The £30,000 requested for Assisted Baths will complete the programme of replacing existing standard baths and out-dated assisted baths in all Homes. Outcomes will be more dignified bathing for residents and a reduced manual handling risk for staff.
- 1.6 £40,000 is requested for a first phase of bedroom upgrades which is partly in response to comments from CSCI on poor lighting and environment in service users rooms. Priorities are being determined in conjunction with staff and residents, and work will include upgraded lighting and replacement built in furniture and carpets. Beds will also be replaced at some Homes.
- 1.7 At the meeting on 31st March 2005, Council agreed that the bid for £250,000 for each of years 2006/07 and 2007/08 should be placed in the reserve list. If this finance is approved it will be used to continue/finalise the programme of both bedroom refurbishment and automatic door closures. It will also be used to pilot the introduction of en suite facilities, and for any emerging health and safety priorities.
- 1.8 It therefore follows that if this finance is not approved, implications will include not fully addressing concerns raised by the Commission for Social Care Inspection, and not completing health and safety works known to be required.

2. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

2.1 Financial Implications

This report is exclusively concerned with financial implications.

2.2 Legal Implications

(To follow)

2.3 Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	No		
Policy	No		
Sustainable and Environmental	Yes	2.3	
Crime and Disorder	No		
Human Rights Act	No		
Elderly/People on Low Income	Yes	All paragraphs.	

3. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

Cabinet 29/03/05 Corporate Capital Programme 2005/06 to 2007/08

4. Consultations

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