Estate Improvement Scheme

As part of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) medium-term financial strategy the Housing Scrutiny Committee approved £1 million per annum for 5 years of capital funding for improvement to City Council owned housing estate. The criteria for each proposal need to meet two fundamental principles:

- The proposal will add value to the asset (the estate)
- The proposal should not act as a substitute for the planned maintenance programme, but it may be prudent for the Council to consider including works from the planned programme where it makes sense to incorporate them.

A steering group has been created to oversee the project, it includes council officers from stakeholder services and representatives from the police. The group has devised a set of additional criteria by which proposals are assessed. Any proposal brought forward as part of the EIS needs to meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Build out future cost (i.e. a spend to save initiative)
- Design out crime and anti-social behaviour
- Make a visible and positive difference to the aesthetics of an estate
- Contribute to strengthening the community on the estate
- Improve the health and safety and/or health and well-being of those living on the estate

The funding has been available from 1st April 2019. We are 6 months into the programme and although relatively little has been spent so far (approx. £10,500) there are 31 different proposals of varying value in the pipeline which should be delivered in relative speed now that a dedicated surveyor has been employed to the project. The current proposals range from a largescale crime prevention re-design project, making changes to mitigate ASB, installation of bike shelters, redesigning communal drying areas and repairing hard standings. Suggestions for proposals have largely come from residents through engagement and walkabouts and we continue to encourage more ideas by promoting the scheme in Open Door and at established resident involvement groups. Residents have played a central role and ward councillors have been consulted on specific proposals in their areas, but we would like to increase Member and resident involvement by promoting the scheme at Area Committees. David Greening, Head of Housing and Emily Watts Resident Engagement Officer will be attending each of the 4 Area Committees to give an overview of the scheme and answer questions. More information on the proposals can be found on the following page.

Process for Identifying a Proposal

1	Suggestions comes from a resident, councillor, Housing Officer, Estate Champions
2	A proposal form is completed, this requires certain criteria to be satisfied and relevant services within the council to be consulted to confirm the changes are viable
3	The proposal form comes to the monthly EIS working group for discussion. If all members agree with the proposal consultation can begin
4	Resident Engagement Officer consults the impacted residents and ward councillors. Residents are given 3 weeks to respond to the proposals, if the amount of those in support outweighs those who do not, we have a mandate to begin work. We encourage resident feedback on the proposals, all of which are considered to see if additional changes or amendments can be made to suit those who live in the area.
5	Results are analysed and residents are written to a final time to confirm the consultation outcome and when/if the changes will be made. For very large-scale proposals (e.g. Kingsway) there are additional levels of consultation.

Proposals with Mandate for Delivery- Consultation has been undertaken

1	**Kingsway:** Installing secure entry system from ground floor to prevent public access
2	**East Road:** Measures to prevent ASB and increase security
3	**St Bedes Crescent:** Install a metal pergola
4	**Ditton Fields:** Install new suited lock system on communal doors and bin stores
5	**Fernwood, Bracondale and Heatherfield:** Implement measures to reduce ASB and increase security including CCTV
6	**Ainsdale and Tweedale:-** Replace broken fencing and install bike stores
7	**Fulbourn Road**: Install a metal perimeter fence around the green to prevent illegal encampments

Proposals in the Pipeline which have not been consulted upon- If these area are in your locality and you are not aware of them, it is because they are at stage 2 or 3 of the proposal process table

	1	**Ashbury & Golding:** Increase fire safety measures by extending the bin store and ensure the bin room is lockable, reconfigure the drying area to better use space for drying and bike storage.
	2	**Bill Briggs Court:** Convert unused open garages which invite ASB into proper garages with lockable doors so they are usable by residents.
	3	**Cherry Hinton Library Flats:** Install rear and front gates with fob entry system, lighting, clear alleyway and install security gate. Linked to the Cherry Hinton Library planning application
	4	**Davy Road:** Install a new access gate for grass cutter access, repair existing broken gates and repair the perimeter security
SOUTH OF THE RIVER-	5	**Ditchburn:** Install a mobility scooter store

WILL BEAVITT (ESTATE CHAMPION)	6	**Ekin Road:** Reconfigure drying area so its more useable, providing space for cycle racks and drying space.
	7	**Fison Road:** Reconfigure the old recycling area which attracts fly tipping to create a new cycle storage area
	8	**Hanover & Princess Court:** Communal area repairs and mitigation of ASB through lighting and CCTV
	9	**Highdene Estate:** Reconfigure drying area to provide dedicated bin storage to deliver on fire safety measures
	10	**James Street:** A parking scheme has just been introduced so we will monitor its progress and potentially add more parking spaces based on demand.
	11	**Langdale:** Removal of a broken wall and reconfigure a shed into bike storage
	12	**Litchfield and Neville:** Construct a lockable bin store adjacent to the current store for the recycling bins to increase fire safety, install bike storage
	13	**Thorpe Way:** Replace old broken wooden knee rail with galvanised metal equivalent
	14	**Upperhall Court:** Complete communal area repairs which were not on the snagging list to be rectified by Keepmoat
	15	**Walpole St Bedes:** Reconfigure drying area to provide dedicated bin storage to deliver on fire safety measures
NORTH OF THE RIVER- RICHARD COLE (ESTATE CHAMPION)	16	**Albion Yard:** Upgrade the car park
	17	**Atkins Close:** Upgrade bin store, entry system, install drying area and bike storage
	18	**Beales Way:** Upgrade paths
	19	**Bermuda:** Install storage for mobility scooters and bike trailers with extra bike storage. Install gate from Histon Road
	20	**Campkin Road:** Install a dedicated bin storage area, upgrade the drying area upgrade and install bike storage.
	21	**Cockerell Road Flats:** Upgrade door entry system and signs around the blocks, install drying areas
	22	**Dundee Close:** Install bike storage
	23	**Honey Hill:** Measures to reduce ASB by Install new dusk to dawn lighting, upgrade existing street lighting and landscape appropriately
	24	**Maitland Avenue:** Upgrade bin storage area and remove individual bins for replacement with larger metal equivalent, improve fencing around site, remove bin chutes and balcony
	25	**Markham Close:** Install secure undercover bike storage, upgrade paths
	26	**Molewood and Hazelwood Close:** Upgrade bin stores, install secure undercover bike storage
	27	**Minerva Way:** Install bike storage
	28	**Perse Way:** Replacement of communal doors and locking mechanism, upgrade bin area, replace broken/ damaged fencing, create a new drying area
	29	**St Kilda Avenue:** Upgrade paths and install bike storage

	City wide Proposals
22	**Car Park Resurfacing:** Augustus Close, Minerva Way, Litchfield Road
23	**Fencing:** Anns Road, Britten Place, Rachel Close, Tiveron way, Trevone Place, Wycliffe Road, Caledon Way, Edgecombe, Maitland Avenue, Mortlock Avenue, St Kilda, Livermore Close, Rutland Close, Brackley Close, Fordwich Close, Aylesborough Close
24	**Communal Lighting on City Homes Land:** Replacing exiting broken lights and adding new lighting
25	**Street Lighting on City Homes Land:** Replacing exiting broken lights and adding new lighting