



T U R N I N G H O U S E S I N T O H O M E S

Area Housing Panels

Environmental Projects

Guidance Notes & Application Form

Guidance Notes – what we will fund

The Area Housing Panel (AHP) funding is a devolved budget from the HRA (Housing Revenue Account) to spend on environmental improvements that benefit Council Housing Estates or mixed tenure estates where a majority of Council Tenants will benefit.

Each project must be sustainable (permanent such as fencing or lighting) and able contribute to the reduction of crime and/or the fear of crime, anti social behaviour or general environmental improvements. Un-sustainable projects (i.e. community skips) will only be considered after sustainable projects.

Here are only some examples of the projects that the AHP will fund:

- Litter bins
- Dog bins

- Security fencing } to stop access
- Security planting } to an area
- Shrub / tree removal
- Security lighting
- Gating areas
- Parking bollards in problem parking areas
- Motorbike / cycle barriers
- Anti vandal paint
- Planted areas / beds
- Community notice boards
- Community benches
- Community Skips (only up to 10% of the budget can be spent on skips and joint funding and alternative funding should also be encouraged)
- Letter Boxes

The following are projects that the AHP **can not** fund:

- Any projects that can not be proven to be of benefit to Council Tenants
- Projects where the funding is available elsewhere, i.e. Streetpride, the Police, Parish Councils, RMBC General Fund etc.
- Interior projects i.e. redecorating community buildings
- Projects that are already on a programme of works
- Projects based on privately owned land/grounds
- Projects where only one tenant benefits from the project

AHP Project Application Form

Name: _____

Position: _____

Who is putting the project forward?

i.e. Neighbourhood Champion, Panel Members etc

About the project

Describe the project and explain why it is needed?

Which of the following does the project contribute to:

Tick as many as the project contributes to

Crime reduction Reduction of anti social behaviour Fear of crime reduction

Environmental Improvements Other Initiative (Please specify)

Security Measures

How will you measure the success of this project? (2010 staff to provide advice and help to evaluate the project after 12 months).

What was the impact of the AHP project on the Estate or in the local area?

How many Council Tenants will benefit from this project? _____

How many people all together will benefit from this project? _____

Please state what the benefits are for the 'Green' – Environmental Agenda

(Please note you can seek advice from Neil Everest)

Cost of your project

How much do you expect the project to cost
(if known, please leave blank if not known)

Could this project be funded by other means or agencies?

i.e. Street Pride, Parish Council

Is this project match funded or can it be match funded?

If already match funded, who are the other funders?

What is the final cost of the project?

Equalities and Diversity monitoring (to be carried out by 2010 staff)

Who will your project mainly benefit? (Please tick all those applicable if known).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children under 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> People of minority ethnic origin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young people under 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> People with disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Older people (50 plus) | <input type="checkbox"/> Carers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women / girls | <input type="checkbox"/> People with mental health problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ex-offenders | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees or asylum seekers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lone parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Travellers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men / boys | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay, lesbian or bisexual people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please state _____ | |

Monitoring

Which of the following best reflect the ethnic origin of most of the people who will benefit from this project? (Please tick those applicable)

White

- British
 Irish
 EU
 Other white background (please specify)

Black or Black British

- Caribbean
 African
 Other black background (please specify)

Dual Heritage

- White and Black Caribbean
 White and Black African
 White and Asian
 Other dual background (please specify)

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
 Pakistani
 Bangladeshi
 Kashmiri
 Other Asian background (please specify)

Or

- Chinese
 Yemeni
 Gypsy or Traveler
 Other ethnic group (please specify)

