

Update for Hamilton Area Committee

Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee			
Service Area	Estate Improvement Budget	Lead Officer	Claire Frew
Stage 1 : Pre Consultation : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are we asking the public for their view on (what service is it / description etc)? • How much funding are we asking about? • Who are we asking, • How are we doing this? • When are we doing this? • When will we report back? 			
Improving Bin Areas in Blantyre <p>The Estate Improvement Budget totals £40,000 and is split across the 4 housing divisions of South Lanarkshire. Each local housing management team can direct the funding towards projects or improvements highlighted as a priority by customers of Housing and Property Services. Although not a significant value, the budget is ideally suited for conversion to a participatory budgeting approach as often funds a number of smaller projects that have been highlighted as a priority by customers. Examples for its use recently have been the installation of new fencing and lighting, which the types and design of were consulted on with customers.</p> <p>To date, one project has been completed within the Hamilton area with improvements made to bin areas in the Industrial Estate area of Blantyre following feedback from tenants.</p>			
Improving Lighting in Larkhall <p>In addition to the project undertaken through the Estate Improvement Budget, a small project to improve lighting in Larkhall was delivered through the Planned Maintenance Budget following tenants highlighting safety and security issues.</p>			
Stage 2: Post Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcome of the PB activity • What happens next? • Further reporting requirements (e.g. required Committee approval) 			
Improving Bin Areas in Blantyre <p>In response to customer feedback, £3,109.20 was spent removing bin chutes and installing new bins in the Industrial Estate area of Blantyre.</p>			
Improving Lighting in Larkhall <p>Following engagement with local people who raised safety and security issues in Larkhall, officers utilised funding from the Planned Maintenance Budget to carry out an additional project making improvements to lighting at Annbank Street. The total cost of the project was £3,865.71.</p> <p>Officers from Housing and Technical Resources will continue to take forward opportunities within the Hamilton area to ensure tenants and other customers have the opportunity to determine the outcome of budgets within the Environmental Programme and Community Safety Partnership Commissioning Budget, with further updates provided to Committee at a later date.</p>			