

Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee			
Service Area	Estate Improvement Budget/HIP Environmental Programme	Lead Officer	Carol Graham Claire Frew
<p>Stage 1: Pre-Consultation</p> <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? 			
<p>Estate Improvement Budget</p> <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. Although limited in value, the budget is ideally suited for conversion to a participatory budgeting approach as it often funds a number of smaller projects that have been highlighted as a priority by customers. Examples of recent exercises include customer engagement on options for the type and design of new fencing and lighting.</p> <p>To date, 3 projects are being undertaken within the East Kilbride area in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adding additional street signage in Burlington Gardens • improving paving and fencing in Denholme Crescent • updating bin stores in Pine Crescent <p>Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2023/2024 - Housing Investment Programme</p> <p>Engagement with tenants on the overall Housing Revenue Account budget for the 2023/2024 period and the proposed level and focus of the Housing Investment Programme, took place as part of the annual resource budgetary consultation process. The Environmental aspect of the Housing Investment Programme (the 'Environmental Programme') is a significant budget area that covers a wide range of projects that seek to improve the quality and energy efficiency of the council's domestic housing stock.</p> <p>Examples of projects within this budget area can include replacement doors and windows within properties or redevelopment of communal areas in multi-storey buildings or sheltered housing facilities. Not all projects included within this budget area are suitable for inclusion of a participatory budgeting approach, however for those that are, officers will ensure the required element of choice and voting opportunities are offered to customers and appropriately recorded.</p> <p>To date, 3 participatory budgeting projects are being undertaken in the East Kilbride area that tenants have highlighted are a priority, with a lighting improvement being delivered at Catacol Grove and internal refurbishment programmes at Davaar and Headhouse Court sheltered housing sites.</p>			

Stage 2: Post Consultation

- The outcome of the PB activity
- What happens next?
- Further reporting requirements (eg required Committee approval)

Estate Improvement Budget

A total of £6,913 from the Estate Improvement Budget has been spent so far in the East Kilbride division during 2023/2024 on a range of tenant priorities.

- following requests from tenants in Burlington Gardens who were experiencing postal issues, additional street signage was installed in December 2023
- in response to tenants in residents in the Denholme Crescent area where there had been reports of several refuse issues, improvements were made to the footpath and fencing
- following a tenant request, bin store doors in Pine Crescent are being painted

Housing Revenue Account Budget for the 2023/2024 - Housing Investment Programme

Upgraded Lighting – Catacol Grove

Following a series of meetings with tenants and residents in Catacol Grove about local disorder issues, including suspected drug dealing, street lighting was upgraded in preparation for the installation of CCTV to reduce anti-social behaviour at a cost of £4,500.

Davaar and Headhouse Court Sheltered Housing

Residents in all 50 properties were consulted on the internal refurbishment of the communal lounge, kitchen, office and toilets at Davaar and Headhouse Court sheltered housing sites. Through a series of residents' meetings and individual discussions, tenants were involved in selecting colour schemes and other aspects such as soft furnishings. The total costs of the internal refurbishment were £23,123.41.

Officers from Housing and Technical Resources will continue to take forward opportunities within East Kilbride to ensure tenants and other customers can determine the outcome of budgets within the Environmental Programme and Estate Improvement Budget, with further updates provided to Committee.