

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Head of Contract and Asset
Management

REPORT NUMBER **G75**

TO: STRATEGY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 16 August 2007

2007/08 CAPITAL PROGRAMME – NON COMMITTED SCHEMES

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval to implement schemes within the Council’s Housing Revenue Account capital programme that are ready to proceed.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That expenditure from the Council’s Housing Revenue Account be approved to carry out the proposed schemes detailed in the table in paragraph 3.1 below.

2.2 That £27,500 each be transferred from the HRA budgets for ‘Paths & Walls’ and ‘Fences and Gates’ to the HRA budget for ‘Badly Neglected Properties’.

The Committee is able to resolve this matter.

3. **KEY INFORMATION**

3.1 The Head of Community Development has requested that the following schemes proceed from the Housing Revenue Account. Approval is therefore required for:-

Budget 2007/08	Work Category	Estimated Cost (£)	Balance of Budget Remaining after approval of these schemes (£)
£20,000	Badly Neglected Properties: 9 Lambs Lane, Lawshall 7 Hitchcock Place, Sudbury 10 Hillside Place, Sudbury 8 Hartest Way, Gt. Cornard	21,500 13,500 9,500 10,000	£54,500 overspend (budget of £20,000 already committed on 26 Rectory Close, Raydon Way)

Budget 2007/08	Work Category	Estimated Cost (£)	Balance of Budget Remaining after approval of these schemes (£)
£71,340	Estate Improvements & Parking Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicular access at 6 Wiston Road, Nayland • Vehicular access at 4 The Street, Whatfield • Footway improvements at 1-4 Lewis Lane, Stutton 	7,290 4,520 4,020	20,170
£170,360	Fences & Gates: Boundary fencing at Timperleys, Hintlesham	17,500	£152,880

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Although all these schemes can be accommodated from existing HRA budgets for 2007/08, the budget for Badly Neglected Properties will be exceeded. There is a need therefore to transfer £55,000 from other HRA budgets to allow the schemes in this budget heading to proceed.
- 4.2 The Head of Contract and Asset Management considers that £27,500 each can be transferred from the budgets for 'Fences and Gates' and 'Paths and Walls' to the Badly Neglected Properties without affecting any works already identified in these work programmes for this financial year.
- 4.3 Unfortunately it will not be possible to recover any of the expenditure on the badly neglected properties through recharges because:-
- The tenant of 9 Lambs Lane is 96 years old and has been transferred to an old people's home.
 - The tenant of 9 Hitchcock Place has died.
 - The former tenants of 10 Hillside Place and 8 Hartest Way have agreed to vacate their properties and move to smaller accommodation, thus releasing two 3-bedroomed properties for Council use.

5. **RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

6. **APPENDICES AND BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO:**

None.

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