

## Appendix 1

### AREA COMMITTEE REPORT– SHORT FORM

#### 1. Item of business and issues for consideration

##### **Short description of report content and the decision requested:**

This report requests that the South East Area Committee supports the installation of alley gates to the passageways behind 2 to 48 Devonshire Road by allocating funds to top up the contribution (£2000.00 requested) from Cllr Clements' locality fund. Total cost £3827.06 + vat. This will help to alleviate to reported anti-social behaviour being experienced by these residents.

##### **Background**

Housing Services received a 30-signature petition from residents in Devonshire Road about anti-social and criminal behaviour over the years that they have experienced in the alleyways around these properties. They are requesting that alley gates be installed to prevent unwanted access to the alleyways, which will stop the anti-social behaviour.

This is an area with both owned and Council properties.

We consulted with the residents and owners of the properties about a proposal to install alley gates and we have received agreement from all residents although one owner has not responded. This one property does not directly abut an alleyway.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health, Councillor MacDonald supports the proposal and has been consulted.

##### **Project**

There is a scheme drawn up to install four alley gates and associated fencing to secure the alleyways behind Nos. 2 to 48 Devonshire Road. (See sketch plans and photos)

Quotes requested and received, and the scheme has been reviewed by the Design Out Crime Officer (DOCO) from Suffolk Police and she supports the scheme.

2. List of supporting documents for consideration

Appendix 1A - Plan of the area showing proposed position of alley gates  
Appendix 1B - Sketch plans of proposed gates and photos of the locations

3. Summary of any other consultation carried out and outcomes

[Note - It's not necessary to include any consultation referred to in documents listed in Box 2]

Consultation has been carried out with residents, and owners of the properties, Councillors, DOCO for Suffolk Police.  
We have consulted with Legal Services and acted upon their advice

4. Links to Area Action Plan or other adopted policies

- To alleviate deprivation in the domain of **Crime**
- To support the Council's Corporate Plan to deliver;
  - **Priority 3: An Enjoyable Place to Live, Work & Study**
  - **Priority 6: Safe Communities**

5. Financial implications

This is a one off expenditure for the works.  
Quote received for £3827.06 + VAT

We have requested up to £2,000.00 from County Councillor Clements' locality fund. We will confirm the actual amount granted at this meeting.

Housing's cyclical maintenance programme will cover the future maintenance, which takes place approximately every seven years.

6. Proposed Date of Decision

Wednesday 10 January 2018

7. Recommended Decision

**That the South East Area Committee supports the installation of alley gates to the passageways behind 2 to 48 Devonshire Road by allocating funds from the South East Area Committee budget to top up the contribution from County Councillor Clements' locality fund (£2,000 requested) to meet the total required (£3827.06 + VAT).**

8. Reasons for decision

To stop the anti-social behaviour experienced by these residents by the current use of these alley ways.

9. Alternatives considered and reasons why rejected

None

10. Conflicts of interest

Name of all members who were consulted AND declared a conflict of interest	Nature of interest	Did the Audit & Governance Committee give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (if yes give details and date of dispensation)
N/A		

11. Risks considered

Risk Description	Consequence of risk	Probability of risk occurring taking account of controls (1 – almost impossible 6 – very high)	Impact of risk, if it occurred taking account of actions (scale 1 – negligible; 4 – catastrophic)	Actions to mitigate risk
Funding not agreed	Continued negative impact on residents due to high levels of anti-social behaviour in close proximity to their property.	4	3	Approval of funding will mitigate risk.

12. Record of Decision taken

**13. Exemption from call in (if applicable)**

I certify that this decision is urgent and therefore exempt from call-in for the following reasons:

Signed.....  
[This must be signed by the Chair of the Area Committee]

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