

OAK TREE HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

REPORT TO: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: WIDER ACTION 2022-23 QUARTER 4

DATE: 22nd MAY 2023

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Committee on wider action activities in Quarter 4 of 2022/23. Appendix 1 details all active projects.

Key Recommendations

It is recommended Committee note the activities in the period January 2023 to March 2023.

Potential Risks

Financial Implications	The majority of costs incurred in all projects are grant aided with any balance being contained in the 2022/23 budget.
Risk Considerations	Risks are mitigated by OTHA having partnered with established local projects to deliver the outcomes detailed within our projects.
Legal Implications	There are no legal risks emanating from the delivery of these projects.
Health & Safety	Health and Safety risks are mitigated by utilsing existing established projects to deliver the majority of these projects. Projects managed wholly in-house are over seen by appropriately experienced and qualified staff.
Equalities Assessment	There are no adverse equalities impacts envisaged resulting from our wider action activities.
Workload Resources	Workload demands of managing these projects are covered within existing staff resources and via external support as required from Community Links.

Issues to Note/Consider

Social Housing Fuel Support Fund

This service will cease from March 2023. Discussions are ongoing with partner organisations however it is unlikely a joint approach will be considered going forward.

Advice for All

This is a joint project with Cloch and Larkfield Housing Association's and it is likely this may be continued in 2023/24. The project moved into OTHA basement as a tenant in Quarter 4.

Starter Packs

This is a joint project with Cloch and Larkfield HA's and it is likely this project will be continued in 2023/24.

Pathways to Construction

The funding bid to extend this project for a third year was unsuccessful. Residual finding remains to cover staff posts in the first quarter of 2023/24. Committee agreed to transfer this project into a pilot open space maintenance in-house labour organistion. This matter is repreported elsewhere on this Agenda.

Tenancy Support Service

Fundinf of this project ceases at 31st March 2023. Partners have decided to cease operating this service jointly. We will consider options in quarter 1 2023/24.

Social Housing Fuel Support Fund (OTHA / Cloch / Larkfield / RCH)
Project continues in first quarter of 2023/24 or until funding full spent.

Additional Funding sourced in period Cost of living funding Hardship fund