



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**CORPORATE POLICY AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CABINET MEMBER  
MEETING  
15 OCTOBER 2008**

# ITEM 7

Report of the Corporate Director Regeneration  
and Community

## Security Grants Scheme

### SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of a proposed external funding application providing security grants to businesses. The report seeks approval by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Corporate Policy and Economic Development.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve bidding for and submission of the funding application from Derby & Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DDEP) for this scheme.
- 2.2 To approve in principle the entering into an agreement with Derbyshire Constabulary to deliver this scheme if the bid is successful.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The scheme will provide grants of up to 50% of the cost of security measures to a maximum value of £1000 to 80 businesses that have experienced criminal activity in the priority neighbourhoods of Derby.
- 3.2 As there is only capital funding available Derby City Council is unable to resource the advice giving and grant distribution aspects of this project. DCC will therefore, be the accountable body for the funding agreement with DDEP but will manage a Service Level Agreement with Derbyshire Constabulary to deliver the operational aspects of the scheme including the disbursement of grants to businesses.
- 3.3 The Security Grants Scheme has run successfully over the last few years in the Normanton area of the City and if the funding application is successful will now be delivered in the priority neighbourhoods of Mackworth Estate, Morley Estate, Abbey, Austin Estate, Sinfin Estate, Osmaston & Allenton, Crewton & Harvey Road, Alvaston & Boulton, Asterdale Estate, Normanton & Pear Tree, North Chaddesden, Derwent and City Centre.

- 3.4 The total scheme value is £188,000. DCC hope to receive £108,000 total in capital grant funding and this will be paid out to Derbyshire Constabulary to deliver the scheme

	DDEP Grant	Business Contribution	Total
Security Measures	£80,000	£80,000	£160,000
Non-recoverable VAT	£28,000	£0	£28,000
Total	£108,000	£80,000	£188,000

- 3.5 The funding agreement will end on 31/03/2010 with final reports submitted to DDEP by 30/06/2010 by Derby City Council.
- 3.6 The City Growth Executive of Derby City Partnership has recommended that this project is taken forward.

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**Background papers:** None  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 Funding for this scheme is provided through Derby & Derbyshire Economic Partnership with match funding from the business grant recipients. The cost of this scheme to Derby City Council is staff time to manage and monitor the scheme. This work can be undertaken within existing staffing levels and without an adverse effect on work programmes.

**Legal**

- 2.1 Derby City Council will be the accountable body for this scheme and will enter into a service level agreement with Derbyshire Constabulary to ensure compliance with the funding terms and conditions. Regular monitoring of the scheme by Derby City Council will safeguard the organisation's position regarding liability for any repayment if outputs aren't delivered or grants are inappropriately awarded. Our previously close working relationship with Derbyshire Constabulary provides us with a high level of confidence that our exposure to and risks will be minimised.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 The scheme will be managed by existing personnel within existing terms and conditions.

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 This scheme is aimed at those small businesses in deprived areas that suffer criminal activity and are unable to afford the total cost of security measures.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 5.1 This scheme will contribute to the following corporate priorities:  
Making us proud of our neighbourhoods  
Leading Derby towards a better environment.