

HOUSING & REGENERATION, PLACE – NORTH WEST LOCALITY

PROPERTY & ESTATES: PLANNED COMMUNITY WALKABOUT

DAY: Wednesday DATE: 08/08/2018 TIME: 2:30pm - 4:15pm							
PRESENT: Queensferry District CC: Keith Giblett & Graeme McKinley The City of Edinburgh Council: Samantha Reeves (Tenant & Resident Services), Helen Miller & Lisa Bisset (Family & Household Support Service), Daniel Shaw (Housing Officer). DISTRIBUTION: All Above. Cc: George Norval (Housing Operation Manager), Kelly Bonner (Team Leader, Housing); David Stevenson (Team Leader, Housing); Margaret Laing (Team Leader, Environmental Wardens); Susan Carson (Team Leader, Family & Household Support Service), Patrick Coogan (Roads), Aidan Douds (Community Police Officer), Kevin Lang, Louise Young, Graeme McKinley & Norrie Work (Councillors)							
	SUITABLE STANDARD			ISSUE	ACTION TAKEN	ASSIGNED TO	CLOSED OUT
	Yes	No	N/A				
Stair Treads & Painting			X	Walker Drive - Issue raised by residents that all stairs badly in need of painting to improve appearance of blocks	Owners would be required to obtain quotes and council pay share.	N/A	
Stair Doors: Condition/Glass/Locks/Door Entry System			X	Walker Drive - Issue raised by residents that not all blocks have secure entry doors.	Owners in several blocks have refused and unable to take forward without full buy in.	N/A	
Brickwork & Harling				Walker Drive - Water damage to several blocks caused by rhone issues.	Inspection to take place following completion of works to rhones and roof.	Housing	
Rhones & Drainage		X		Walker Drive - Several stairs have reported issues with water leaking down into rear entrance of stair and blocking drain – damage to harling on exterior of blocks, standing water. Water ingress through skylight/roof affecting internal plasterwork	Jobs booked through repairs direct. Scaffolding required, allowing inspection of roof & rhones for cause of water ingress.	Housing	

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Building Fabric: General Points - Roofing		X		Walker Drive - Water ingress around skylight/roof at top of stairs	Inspection to take place following completion of works to rhones and roof.	Housing	
Block Bin Cupboards			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Satellite Dishes & CB Aerials			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Fencing			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Communal Gardens		X		Discussion around communal areas, some felt that these should be kept clear while others acknowledge that children were playing. Noted concern that as communal storage areas are full of dumped items this prevented toys being stored at end of each day.	Amnesty Day proposal to be taken forward to clear storage cupboards and allow proper storage of toys when not in use.	Tenant/Resident Services/Housing	
Shrub Areas		X		Overgrown	QDCC & Housing to explore options at getting them under control to allow residents to maintain in future.	QDCC/Housing	
Trees		X		One tree in communal area may require attention as unstable.	Forestry to investigate	Forestry	
Abandoned Vehicles		X		White Van, reg plate SO51ERK abandoned outside garage 9 @ Walker Drive	Reported to Environmental Wardens	Environmental Wardens	
On-Street Bin/Recycling Areas		X		Bins overflowing as no provision for recycling in the blocks of flats, (provision made for recycling in 4 in block properties 6-32 Walker Drive)	Reported to Waste	Waste	

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Fly-Tipping		X		<p>Suggestion of an amnesty and cage to allow storage cupboards to be cleared and garage secured to prevent further fly tipping.</p> <p>Big problem with private let tenants moving out and dumping rubbish in communal storage areas in blocks.</p> <p>Issues of fly tipping, mainly in garages but also in storage cupboards and communal areas in street.</p>	<p>Explore possibility of Amnesty Day to allow dumped items to be removed.</p> <p>Work being undertaken to secure garages and fly tipped items removed.</p>	Housing/Tenant & Resident Services	
Rubbish & Litter		X		Bins in area are overflowing, only emptied weekly and often are full long before they are collected.	Referred to Waste services	Waste	
Dog Fouling		X		Issue raised by resident as several cases of dog fouling in street and playpark off Farquhar Terrace and no dog litter bins or signage to discourage behaviour.	Referred to Environmental wardens	Environmental Wardens	
Graffiti			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Pigeon Huts & Sheds			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Pest Control			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Street Lighting			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Street Furniture			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Garages		X		Garages are no longer fit for purpose, concern that they now present a safety risk as children climb on them and not structural safe. Attractive to fly tippers & not all garages are tenanted but used	Building warrant application submitted	NEP	
					Chris Harrison undertaking work to identify unauthorised use of garages and	Housing	

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				by locals without permission. Suggestion that garages are demolished without delay to allow two phases to work. Phase one: Demolition Phase Two: Restoration work to ground to allow parking spaces. Recycling bins to be installed as part of project	arrange removal of fly-tipped items to allow steel door to be fitted to prevent future fly tipping & unauthorised use. QDCC to take forward suggestions around Phase of NEP and urgent demolition with Peter Strong at meeting 3 rd September 2018.	QDCC	
Parking		X		Residents raised issue with parking at Hopetoun Road as unofficial 'park & ride'. Advised very unsafe as cannot see cars coming down the road.	Investigation whether yellow lines are required or other safety measures could be implemented.	Roads	
Driveways			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Drain Covers			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Pavements		X		Resident raised concern regarding condition of pavements.	Issue reported on website	N/A	
Roads	X			Suggestion regarding possible traffic calming measures at entrance to Walker Drive. Narrower entrance or speed humps. Stop cars entering area at high speeds, few near misses. Concern regarding children playing in area.	Investigation whether traffic calming measures required.	Roads	
Bus Shelters			X	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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Neighbourhood Environmental Projects	X		<p>Issue raised with urgent demolition of garages required on safety grounds</p> <p>Several residents advised they wished the removal of fenced garden area, area only now used by dog walkers, overgrown and children unable to play safely in the area.</p> <p>Fenced and locked area of grass could be used as a community space/play area for future NEP's.</p>	<p>QDCC to raise concerns with Peter Strong.</p> <p>QDCC & Housing to explore possibility/options for cutting back overgrown areas.</p>	<p>QDCC</p> <p>QDCC & Housing</p>	
Other		X	<p>Several residents raised concerns regarding goings on in the area. Prevalence of drug taking and dealing, a recent assault.</p>	<p>Advised to report any issues to Police Scotland on 101/999 as appropriate.</p>	<p>Police Scotland</p>	