



## Report to:

Northwards Housing Board

9<sup>th</sup> September 2008

## Item No:

# 8b

<b>Title:</b>	Resource Pool Panel Decisions		
<b>Date:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2008		
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<b>Confidential:</b>	No		
<b>For:</b> (Please tick action required)	<b>NOTING</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>APPROVAL</b> ✓

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To summarise the decisions made by the Resource Pool Panel following their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Board are asked to approve these requests and to approve varying the budget to reflect the decisions made by the Panel.

### IMPLICATIONS

<b>Equality &amp; Diversity:</b>	A number of the requests directly impact on service delivery with equality and diversity implications
<b>Financial:</b>	All the requests have a financial impact that needs to be assessed against value for money
<b>Staffing:</b>	There should be no direct impact on staffing as permanent staffing proposals are not considered through this mechanism
<b>Decency Target:</b>	Some requests may enhance the delivery of the Decent Homes Programme
<b>Governance:</b>	The proper management of the Pool is a key part of governance
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	There are no specific risk implications of the pool which is there for service enhancement.

### Equality & Diversity Implications (Please tick where relevant):

BME	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Parents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Violence	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol / Drug Mis-users	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Consultation/Consideration:

	Yes, No or N/A:	Name:	Date:
<b>Sub-Committees:</b>	No		
<b>Area Panel:</b>	No		
<b>Task Groups:</b>	Yes	Resource Pool Panel	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2008
<b>Ward Councillors:</b>	N/A		

### Resource Pool

1. Following the completion of the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008, the Resource Pool contains £366,000 from surpluses in the three financial periods (figures ignoring pension adjustments) and cashable efficiencies.
2. The section from the Financial Regulations relating to this process has been attached also as the Terms of Reference for the group.
3. 21 requests were received by the Panel and considered at a meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
4. Due to timing, the report has not been through Resource & Audit Sub-Committee this time prior to approval by the Board.

### Decisions

5. The Panel approved the following requests:

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<b>Resident Involvement</b>	
Tenant members of CIH	1,125
Marquee	5,000
<b>Cheetham Hill</b>	
Air-conditioning	20,000
<b>Monsall Street</b>	
Sanctuary Installations	15,000
<b>Retirement and Caretaking Schemes</b>	
Benches for four sheltered schemes	1,200
Computers in communal areas	660
Broadband connections for schemes	15,000
Difficult to let improvements	15,000
Benches for three multi storey schemes	1,000
Garden shed	300
<b>Surveying</b>	
Lighting in Rest Room	942
<b>Regeneration</b>	
GIS	15,000
Trailer	7,500
Kids Football Tournament	500
Awards for Achievement sponsorship	1,000
Regeneration Assistant Programme	15,000

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**Business Improvement**

Advertising on Radio Ramadhaan 750

**ICT**

Contribution to Handheld technology project 10,000

**TOTAL**

**124,977**

**Process**

6. It was obvious that there had been some learning from the previous Resource Pool round and suggestions were more focussed on outcomes. There were no suggestions really for anything that should have been covered by existing budgets.
7. Three suggestions that either needed more work or conflicted with existing exercises were deferred. The Officers were asked to review these.

**Recommendation**

8. Overall the Panel concluded that the process had been a success again and that the allocation of around £125,000 was appropriate.
9. The Board are asked to approve these requests and to approve varying the budget to reflect the decisions made by the Panel.

## Extract from Financial Regulations

### 6 Resource Pool

- 6.1 A Resource Pool shall be created from budget efficiency savings (see 2.3 above), savings identified through the year on particular projects and/or expenditure headings that are not subject to virements and from half of any surplus generated in any financial period (see 4.8 above).
- 6.2 The first call on the Resource Pool shall be any shortfall for funding the payroll budget since there is a timing difference between the inflation increase in the Management Fee and the payroll inflation index.
- 6.3 Budget Holders and Teams are able to put forward service development bids to the Resource Pool for funding at any time during the year.
- 6.4 Bids for funding are for in-year schemes only and therefore permanent staffing proposals are not considered through this mechanism.
- 6.5 Each quarter (or more often if necessary), a Resource Pool Panel comprising the Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of Resources & Audit, the Chief Executive and the Director of Business Services will review funding requests to the Resource Pool and will make decisions on additional resources to be made available. This part of the Budget Setting Process is delegated to the Panel provided decisions fall with relevant financial authority limits.
- 6.6 Bids for funding to the Resource Pool will be assessed based on the value for money provided by the proposal and the potential enhancement to tenant facing services. Consideration will also be given to the authority given to Northwards through the Delivery Plan.
- 6.7 The decisions of the Resource Pool Panel will be reported to the Resource & Audit Sub-Committee.