

February 2016

Dear Resident

SOUTH CENTRA£ DECIDES **NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME 2016/17** **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT**

We have an allocation of c.£130,000 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) funding which has been ear-marked by the Council for environmental improvements over 2016/17. The HRA money comes from Council rents and can only be spent on land owned by the Council in and around Council properties. Although there are pockets of this land across South Central it mainly means Dumbiedykes, Prestonfield and bits of the Pleasance.

Some of the projects done in the past include improved fencing around Cameron House Community Centre, low maintenance planters installed in the front of high rise blocks and repairs to footpaths and steps at Viewcraigs. This is your chance to suggest how we can ensure the area is properly maintained. Please note that the money cannot be used to fund routine property or roads maintenance work.

If you've got an idea which you think could help improve the environment of your area then please let us know by the end of February. You can complete the attached application form and post to us at the addressed noted below or you can download a form from the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership website <http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/south-central/> and email it to Rory.gardner@edinburgh.gov.uk Time is short now, so please let us have your ideas back by Friday, 26th February.

Residents of South Central are invited to come along to **South Centra£ Decides** on Saturday, 30th April, at the Methodist Church Hall, 25 Nicolson Square when you will have the opportunity to vote for your favourites. Anyone over the age of 12 is eligible to vote so long as they live in South Central. You be able to vote for your preferred HRA project. You will also be able to vote on Roads Capital fund submissions and for your favourite community grant applications. It's a fun event. There will be lots more information coming out about this soon. Please put the date in your diary. There are a number of buses that end up at Nicolson Square. These include 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14, 33, 37, 47, 48, 49, 60.

We look forward to hearing from you by the end of the month to seeing you on Saturday, 30th April at Nicolson Square.

Yours faithfully



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