

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
17th March, 2014:**

Agenda Item: 4

Report of Area Council Team.

**Devolved Ward Budgets, Ward Alliance Funds
and Public Health Allocation**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the Central Council on progress in each Ward in expending the Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Fund budgets.

2. Recommendation

That the Central Council notes the contents of the report

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council (Cab.21.11.2012/6; Cab.16.1.2013/10.3; Cab13.2.2013/9 and Cab.8.5.2013/7.1) each Ward was allocated a Devolved Ward Budget and a Ward Alliance Fund. The Devolved Ward budget has been available to commit since the beginning of the financial year while the Ward Alliance Fund became available once the Ward Alliance Priorities were presented to the Central Area Council on 11th November 2013. It was intended that the Devolved Ward Budget and a Ward Alliance Fund pressures in establishing the Ward Alliances and agreeing meaningful ward priorities it has been agreed that the funding can be carried over to next financial year, 2014-15.

3.2 Devolved Ward Budget 2013-14

A Devolved Ward budget of £20,000 per ward has been allocated for the 2013/14 financial year. The responsibility for determining areas of expenditure and utilising the available budget rests with Ward Members.

In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:

- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
- it is in the wider public interest (whole community can potentially benefit),
- it represents value for money.

3.3 Ward Alliance Fund 2013-14

Barnsley Council has made £17,000 per electoral ward available to match fund against time, expertise and resources for community projects identified in the 21 electoral Wards. £7,000 of this fund has been made available by the Public Health Department.

The Ward Alliance Fund is intended to:

- ensure practical solutions to local issues involving local people.
- support and develop community groups and volunteering.
- support schemes and initiatives identified in the Community Strategy, Area Plan or Ward Plan.
- support and encourage service improvements.
- support equality and diversity (including fostering good relations between people from different groups, eliminating unlawful discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity for all).
- the funding from public health will be available to drive forward the actions within local ward actions plans that can demonstrate an improvement in health and well-being and an asset based approach to community development

4.0 Position Statement

4.1 Appendix One breaks down the approvals to the 1st March, 2014 for the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund.

Please note that a further £5,193 has been committed from the Stairfoot Ward Alliance Fund since the 1st March so is not shown on the Appendix One summary.

4.1 It is important to note that as we near the end of the financial year the Central Councils accumulated commitment of the Devolved Ward Budget for the five Wards is £59,014 out of the £100,000 allocated. This leaves £40,986 unspent.

4.2 The accumulated commitment for the Ward Alliance Fund is £2,959, the total uncommitted budget being £47,141.

4.3 The total commitment from the Public Health element is £2347.10.

4.2 Given the timescales for expenditure being the end of March 2014, it is unlikely that there will be any further allocation of funds before the end of this financial year. However all none committed funds can be carried forward into the next financial year (2014-15)

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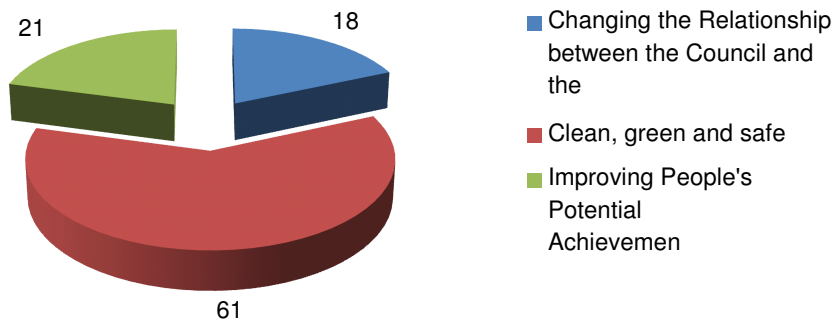
APPENDIX ONE

Central Area Council (April 2013 – March 2014) Update

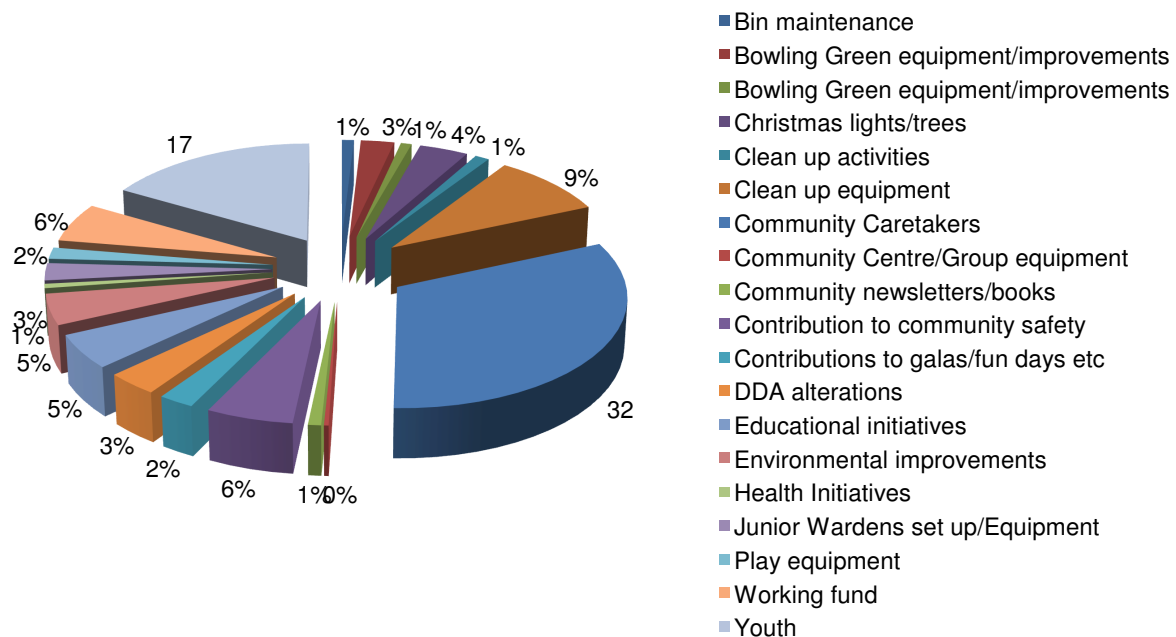
To date, the Central Area Council has committed £59,014.20 of its £100,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation

	Committed	Allocation Remaining	To be charged
CENTRAL	£ 59,014.20	£ 40,985.80	£ 54,296.89
Central	£ 3,981.20	£ 16,018.80	£ 18,685.57
Dodworth	£ 9,665.00	£ 10,335.00	£ 11,091.97
Kingstone	£ 19,527.00	£ 473.00	£ 473.00
Stairfoot	£ 8,950.00	£ 11,050.00	£ 16,023.15
Worsbrough	£ 16,891.00	£ 3,109.00	£ 4,243.20

A breakdown of how this commitment supports the corporate plan priorities is below:



These commitments are split into the following project themes:



The following shows a breakdown of commitment by Ward, and also details the actual spend to date.

To date, the Central Ward has committed £3,981.20 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £1,314.43 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

Central have a total of **£16,018.80** Devolved Ward Budget Funding unallocated.

Devolved Ward Budget Projects	Allocation	Charged spend
Emptying cost for litter and dog bins (Burton Road)	£ 551.20	£ 551.20
Just Paint it Project	£ 1,400.00	
Burton Rd Primary School Flu Awareness Campaign 2013	£ 380.00	£ 380.00
Community Safety & Crime Prevention Initiatives	£ 750.00	£ 340.00
Central Working Fund	£ 300.00	£ 43.23
Central Environmental Working Fund	£ 600.00	

To date, the Dodworth Ward has committed £9,665 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £8,908.03 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

Dodworth have a total of **£10,335** Devolved Ward Budget Funding unallocated.

Devolved Ward Budget Project	Allocation	Charged spend
Portaroo for engagement event - 22.6.13	£ 120.00	£ 120.00
Dodworth Village gala	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Dodworth Gala Working Fund	£ 1,000.00	£ 912.53
Environmental Projects Fund	£ 1,200.00	£ 422.20
Dodworth Miners Welfare BC - Floodlights	£ 960.00	£ 960.00
Dodworth Junior Warden Scheme	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00
Dodworth Ward Christmas Trees (and associated costs)	£ 2,135.00	£ 2,243.30
Dodworth Wesleyan Reform Church - DDA Access	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00

To date, the Kingstone Ward has committed £19,527 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £19,527 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

Kingstone have a total of **£473** Devolved Ward Budget Funding unallocated.

Devolved Ward Budget Projects	Allocation	Charged spend
Community Caretaker	£ 18,902.00	£ 18,902.00
Christmas Tree for St Edwards Church	£ 125.00	£ 125.00
Community Newsletter	£ 500.00	£ 500.00

To date, the Stairfoot Ward has committed £8,590 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £3,976.85 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

Stairfoot have a total of **£11,050** Devolved Ward Budget Funding unallocated.

Devolved Ward Budget Projects	Allocation	Charged spend
Community Safety and Crime prevention Initiatives	£ 750.00	£ 390.00
Environmental Projects Fund	£ 2,000.00	£ 603.92
Aldham House Community Clean Up Initiative	£ 5,000.00	£ 2,039.70
Ardsley Welfare Bowling Green Improvements	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Aldham Area TARA - Aldham Clean Up Event	£ 400.00	£ 400.00
Stairfoot Working Fund	£ 300.00	£ 43.23

To date, the Worsbrough Ward has committed £16,891 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £15,756.80 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

Worsbrough have a total of **£3,109** Devolved Ward Budget Funding unallocated.

Devolved Ward Budget Projects	Allocation	Charged spend
New Play area at Worsbrough Mill	£ 1,000.00	
Worsbrough young peoples learning provision	£ 8,930.00	£ 9,005.80
Maintenance of Worsbrough Dale Bowling Green	£ 584.00	£ 584.00
Summer Children/Youth Scheme	£ 895.00	£ 895.00
Bank End Community Group - Crafting Skills	£ 177.00	£ 177.00
WSDA - Community & Spectator safety project	£ 660.00	£ 660.00
Dealing with Isolation through Integration	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Story Telling Shelter & Chair	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Community Safety & Crime Prevention Initiatives	£ 450.00	£ 340.00
Green fingered wanderers first cut	£ 595.00	£ 595.00
Environmental Project	£ 100.00	

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

Central has committed £2,280 of its £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund, to date, £2,280 of this commitment has been charged.

The projects have declared a total number of 246 volunteer hours, which equates to the equivalent monetary value of £2,728.14.

Central have a total of **£7,720** Ward Alliance Funding unallocated.

Ward Alliance Funded Project	Allocation	Charged spend
SHINE - Children's Group - Gateway Pals	£ 2,280.00	£ 2,280.00

Dodworth has committed £679 of its £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund, to date, £679 of this commitment has been charged.

Dodworth have a total of **£9,321** Ward Alliance Funding unallocated.

Ward Alliance Funded Project	Allocation	Charged spend
Dodworth Readers Group - Books	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Wharnccliffe Crafts - Crafting skills & equipment	£ 179.00	£ 179.00

The Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough Wards all have £10,000 Ward Alliance Funding unallocated.

Public Health Funding Budget Overview

Central has committed £2,347.10 of its £7,000 Public Health Funding, to date £2,347.10 of this commitment has been charged.

Central have a total of **£4,652.90** Public Health funding unallocated.

Public Health Funded Project	Allocation	Charged spend
Barnsley YMCA - Enchanted Pop up prom	£ 2,347.10	£ 2,347.10

The Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough Wards all have £7,000 Public Health Funding unallocated.