

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
12th May, 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 the final position by Ward, of the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund budget for 2013-14. It also confirms the carry forward figures from 2013-14 and total spend available for 2014-15.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Central Council receive the report.**
- 2.2 **That each Ward in the Central Council Area, plans the effective expenditure of their Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund to ensure spend by 31 March 2015.**

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; Cab13.2.2012/9 and Cab.8.5.2013/7.1) each Ward was allocated a Devolved Ward Budget and a Ward Alliance Fund. The Devolved Ward budget was made available to commit at 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 would be fully committed in the financial year, 2013-14, but due to the pressures in establishing the Ward Alliances and agreeing meaningful ward priorities it was agreed that the funding could be carried forward to the next financial year, 2014-15.

3.2 Ward Budget 2013-14

A Devolved Ward budget of £20,000 per ward and a Ward Alliance Fund of £17,000 per ward were made available for the financial year, 2013-14. £7,000 of the Ward Alliance Fund was made available by the Public Health Department.

3.3 Devolved Ward Budget 2014-15

A Devolved Ward budget of £20,000 per ward has been allocated for the 2014-15 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.

3.4 Ward Alliance Fund 2014-15

Barnsley Council made £10,000 per electoral ward available to match fund against time, expertise and resources for community projects identified in the 21 electoral Wards.

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).

3.5 The balance remaining from 2013-14 has been carried forward to the financial year 2014-15. This includes any remaining Devolved Ward Budget, Ward Alliance Fund and Public Health Allocation. There is no additional Public Health Allocation for 2014-15.

4.0 **Position Statement**

4.1 Appendix One breaks down the approvals for the financial year 2013-14 for the Devolved Ward Budget, Ward Alliance Fund and Public Health Allocation. The figures include the 2014-15 allocation in addition to the funding carried forward, giving the total spend available for 2014-15

4.2 A synopsis of the total spend available to each Ward at 1 April 2014 is as follows.

Central:	Devolved Ward Budget	£35,309
	Ward Alliance Fund	£17,720
	Public Health	£ 4,653

Dodworth:	Devolved Ward Budget	£31,092
	Ward Alliance Fund	£19,321
	Public Health	£ 7,000
Kingstone:	Devolved Ward Budget	£20,473
	Ward Alliance Fund	£20,000
	Public Health	£ 7,000
Stairfoot:	Devolved Ward Budget	£32,576
	Ward Alliance Fund	£14,807
	Public Health	£ 7,000
Worsbrough:	Devolved Ward Budget	£26,928
	Ward Alliance Fund	£20,000
	Public Health	£ 7,000

- 4.3 It is important to note that it is unlikely that there will be any carry forward to 2015-16, and that every effort should be made to have plans in place to ensure full spend by 31 March 2015.

Appendices

Appendix One - Central Area Council (April 2013 – March 2014) Update

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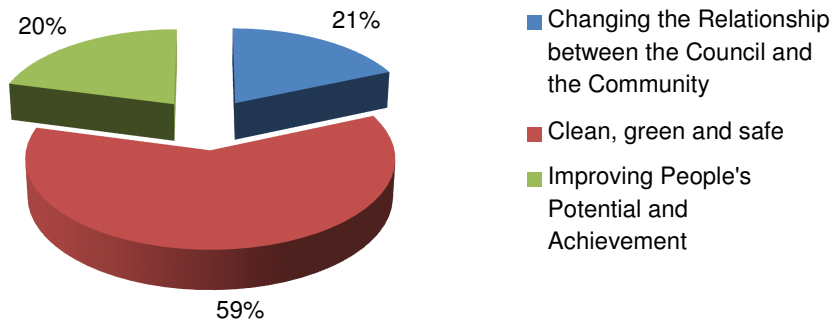
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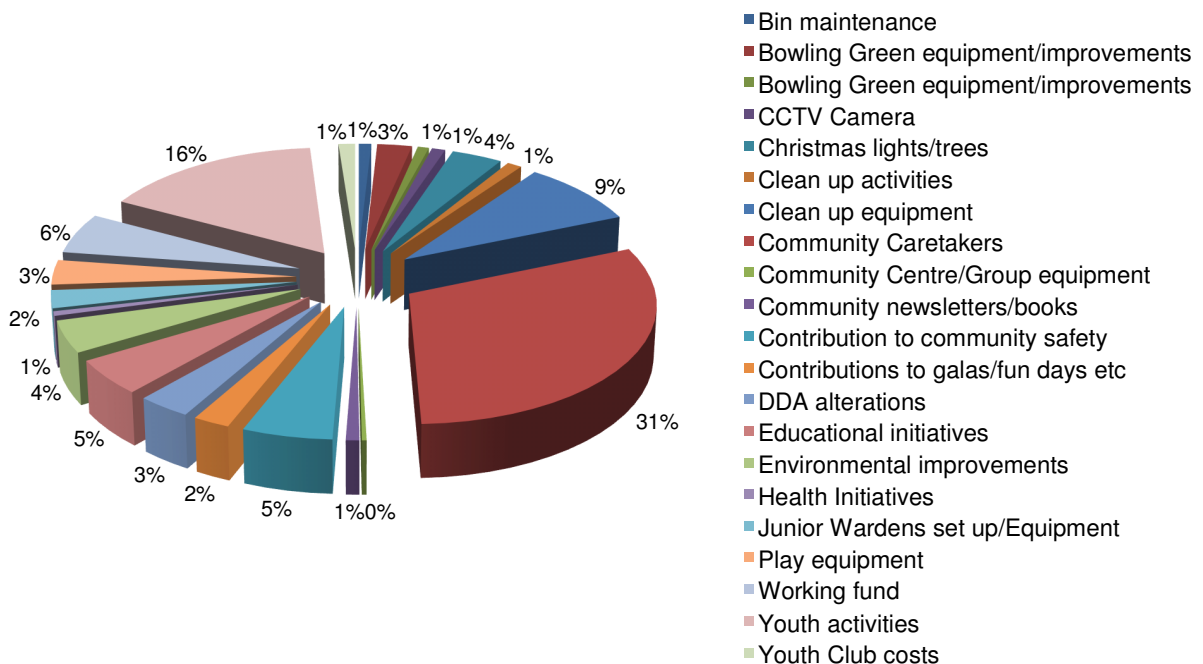
The Central Area Council committed £61,419.16 of its £104,000¹ Devolved Ward Budget allocation, with £58,252.32 of this commitment being charged.

	Committed	Allocation Remaining	To be charged
CENTRAL	£ 61,419.16	£ 42,580.84	£ 45,747.68
Central	£ 5,051.20	£ 14,948.80	£ 15,308.57
Dodworth	£ 9,665.00	£ 10,335.00	£ 11,091.97
Kingstone	£ 19,527.00	£ 473.00	£ 473.00
Stairfoot	£ 9,549.96	£ 10,450.04	£ 12,576.19
Worsbrough	£ 17,626.00	£ 6,374.00	£ 6,297.95

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



These commitments are split into the following project themes:



¹ This allocation includes a £4,000 ear-marking from the 2012-2013 financial year for the Worsbrough Ward

The following shows a breakdown of commitment by Ward, and also details the actual 2013-2014 spend.

The Central Ward committed £5,051.20 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, with £4,691.43 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The uncharged £15,308.57 from 2013-2014 will be added to the £20,000 2014-2015 allocation, giving a full Devolved Ward Budget allocation of £35,308.57.*

Devolved Ward Budget Project	Allocation	Charged spend
Emptying cost for litter and dog bins (Burton Road)	£ 551.20	£ 551.20
Just Paint it Project	£ 1,400.00	£ 1,400.00
Burton Rd Primary School Flu Awareness Campaign 2013	£ 380.00	£ 380.00
Community Safety & Crime Prevention Initiatives	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Central Working Fund	£ 300.00	£ 43.23
Central Environmental Working Fund	£ 600.00	£ 497.00
Replacement slide at Hoyle Mill Children's play area	£ 1,070.00	£ 1,070.00

The Dodworth Ward committed £9665 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, with £8,908.03 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The uncharged £11,091.97 from 2013-2014 will be added to the £20,000 2014-2015 allocation, giving a full Devolved Ward Budget allocation of £31,091.97*.

Devolved Ward Budget Project	Allocation	Charged spend
Portaloos 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

* Please note that all ear-marked funds from the 2013/2014 financial year are subject to Cabinet approval.

The Kingstone Ward committed £19,527 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, with £19,527 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The uncharged £473 from 2013-2014 will be added to the £20,000 2014-2015 allocation, giving a full Devolved Ward Budget allocation of £20,473.00.*

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

The Stairfoot Ward committed £9,549.96 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, with £7,423.81 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The uncharged £12,576.19 from 2013-2014 will be added to the £20,000 2014-2015 allocation, giving a full Devolved Ward Budget allocation of £32,576.19.*

Devolved Ward Budget Projects	Allocation	Charged spend
Community Safety and Crime prevention Initiatives	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Environmental Projects Fund	£ 2,000.00	£ 1130.92
Aldham House Community Clean Up Initiative	£ 5,000.00	£ 3999.70
Ardley 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
CCTV Cameras	£ 599.96	£ 599.96

The Worsbrough Ward committed £17,626 of its £24,000*² Devolved Ward Budget allocation, with £17,702.05 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The uncharged £6,297.95 from 2013-2014 will be added to the £20,000 2014-2015 allocation, giving a full Devolved Ward Budget allocation of £26,297.95*

Devolved Ward Budget Projects	Allocation	Charged spend
New Play area at Worsbrough Mill	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Generator for Youth Club	£ 735.00	£ 735.00
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	£ 450.00
Green fingered wanderers first cut	£ 595.00	£ 595.00
Environmental Project	£ 100.00	£ 100.25

* Please note that all ear-marked funds from the 2013/2014 financial year are subject to Cabinet approval.

*² This allocation includes a £4,000 ear-marking from the 2012-2013 financial year

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

The Central Ward committed £2,280 of its £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund allocation, with £2,280 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The uncharged £7,720 from 2013-2014 will be added to the £10,000 2014-2015 allocation, giving a full Ward Alliance Fund allocation of £17,720*

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

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

The Dodworth Ward committed £679 of its £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund allocation, with £679 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The uncharged £9,321 from 2013-2014 will be added to the £10,000 2014-2015 allocation, giving a full Ward Alliance Fund allocation of £19,321*

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 Stairfoot Ward committed £5,193 of its £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund allocation, with £5,193 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The uncharged £4,807 from 2013-2014 will be added to the £10,000 2014-2015 allocation, giving a full Ward Alliance Fund allocation of £14,807*

Ward Alliance Funded Project	Allocation	Charged spend
OMTI - IT for the Community Transition	£ 4,000.00	£ 4,000.00
Ardsley Welfare BC - Security fencing	£ 1,193.00	£ 1,193.00

The Kingstone and Worsbrough Wards did not commit any of their £10,000 2013-2014 allocation. This £10,000 has been added to their £10,000 2014-2015 allocation, giving each Ward an allocation of £20,000 to spend in the 2014-2015 financial year.

* Please note that all ear-marked funds from the 2013/2014 financial year are subject to Cabinet approval.

Public Health Funding Budget Overview

The Central Ward committed £2,347.10 of its £7,000 Public Health Funding allocation, with £2,347.10 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The uncharged £4,652.90 has been rolled forward, and will be available to spend in the 2014-2015 financial year.*

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 did not commit any or their £7,000 Public Health Funding 2013-2014 allocation. This £7,000 will be rolled forward, and available to spend in the 2014-2015 financial year.*

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Examples of projects suitable for the £7,000 Public Health element of the Ward Alliance Fund.

	Children's Services	Adults and Communities	Planning and Transport	Housing	Environmental	Work and the Economy
Connect	Intergenerational activities - facilitating contact between younger & older residents	Local area co-ordination - work with individuals, families & communities to support people with disabilities	Designing traffic free spaces into developments - to encourage social connections	The Big Lunch - events to encourage neighbours to get to know each other	An area based growing competition - to improve local environments through collaboration between residents	Encouraging business to take advantage of support - to make them more competitive
Be Active	Support buddies for disabled young people - to help them take part in sport & physical activities	Health walks scheme - to encourage physical activity & use of the natural environment	Town centre cycle paths - to encourage physical activity & low carbon travel	Enable tenants to grow their own food - through community owned allotments	Green Gym - to promote health & fitness and support conservation activities	Encourage the unemployed to engage with volunteering - to increase skills, keep active and improve wellbeing
Take Notice	Public art project devised with young people - to encourage appreciation of public spaces	Festival for social inclusion - e.g. the Barnsley Pride events	Auditing green space provision - to ensure access to the natural environment	Gardening support for vulnerable residents - to maintain outdoor spaces	Resident involvement in wildlife protection - to encourage appreciation of local biodiversity	Citizens taking note of what job opportunities there are - and concentrate on transferable skills & with business, look for markets to expand into & new skills development
Keep Learning	Online directory of learning activities for young people - to encourage participation & enjoyment of learning	Adult learning - as an alternative to prescribing anti-depressants for mild mental health problems	Identifying sites for self-builders - to encourage people to learn the innovative & entrepreneurial skills needed to build homes	Provide training - as part of resident involvement in decision making for tenants, to encourage learning through participation	Community planting day events - to teach basic skills and improve public spaces	Focussing on skills attainment - maximising the digital agenda as a conduit for learning and a subject in its own right
Give	Peer support awards for young people - to recognise their efforts in helping others	Time banking - to encourage skills swapping and reciprocal volunteering as a route to build social networks	Supporting volunteer led 'walking bus' schemes - to encourage volunteering, physical activity & safe travel to school	Use peer support models - to enable independent living and residential support to promote mutual support	Encouraging volunteers to 'adopt' their local area - to help maintain the quality of their public space	Local business support networks - of volunteers giving time and expertise to provide business support to local enterprise