

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 1 June 2015

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform Members about agreed spend to date from Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne area.

2. Recommendation

That the Dearne Area Council receives the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.

3. Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to Devolved Budget and Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

3.2 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4. Commitments to Date

4.1 Appendix one shows a breakdown of committed spends from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015, remaining allocation to be carried forward and total allocations and projects for 2015/16 by Ward and by fund.

4.2 Appendix one shows the full grant allocation for the Dearne area Council with no committed spend to date for the financial year 2015/16. Dearne North have a reduced Devolved Ward Budget allocation of £10,109.49, this includes an under spend of £109.49 from the 2014/15 financial year. In addition Dearne South's allocation for 2015/16 is £9,600.14, which includes a £399.86 overspend from the 2014/15 financial year.

4.3 Dearne North and South have not yet committed any of its £10,000 Ward Alliance allocation. Dearne North have a carry forward of £3,938.85, which includes £1,267.25 Public Health funds. This brings

the total Ward Alliance fund allocation for the North to £13,938.85.
Dearne South also have a carry forward of £3,660.80 bringing the total
ward alliance fund allocation for 2015/16 for the South to £13,660.80.

- 4.4 Ward Alliances are currently reviewing priorities and planning for the
timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance and Devolved Ward funds in
2015/2016.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Dearne Area Council budget update

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Appendix 1

Dearne Area Council (May 2015) Update

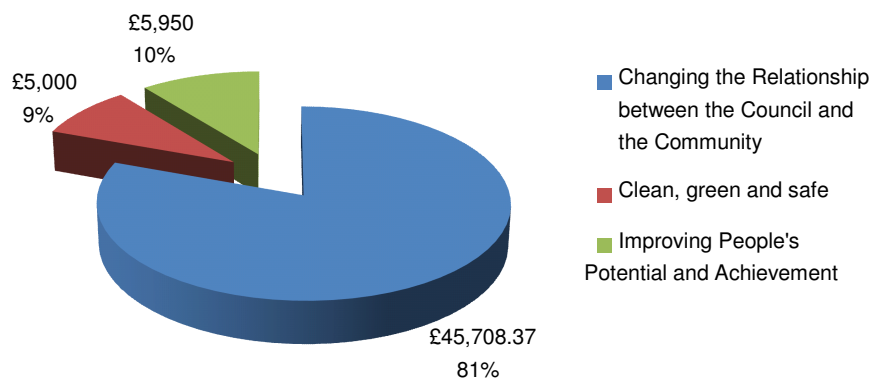
Devolved Ward Budget Overview

The Dearne Area Council allocated £56,658.37 of its 2014-15 £56,368 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, an over-allocation of £290.37

However, as part of the grant payment to the Goldthorpe Development Group in the Dearne South Ward is not due to be paid until 2015-16 (as per their agreed terms) the Devolved Ward Budget will not overspend.

2014/2015 DEVOLVED WB	Allocation	Committed Spend	Allocation Remaining Carried Forward to 2015-16
DEARNE	£ 56,368.00	£ 56,658.37	- £ 290.37
Dearne North	£ 23,936.00	£ 23,826.51	£ 109.49
Dearne South	£ 32,432.00	£ 32,831.86	- £ 399.86

A breakdown of how these allocations for the 2014-2015 financial year supported the corporate plan priorities is below:



The Dearne Area Council has a Devolved Ward Budget grant allocation of £19,709.63 for the 2015-2016 financial year.

2015/2016 DEVOLVED WB	Carry Forward 2014-15	2015-16 allocation	Full 2015-16 Allocation
DEARNE	- £ 290.37	£ 20,000.00	£ 19,709.63
Dearne North	£ 109.49	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,109.49
Dearne South	- £ 399.86	£ 10,000.00	£ 9,600.14

To date, the Dearne North Ward has not allocated any of its £10,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation.

To date, the Dearne South Ward has allocated £399.86 (over-commitment of the 2014/15 budget) of its £10,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation. To date, none of this has been charged to the Ward.

Devolved Ward Budget Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Over-spend of budget from 2014/15 – contribution to Goldthorpe Development Group.	£ 399.86		£ 9,600.14

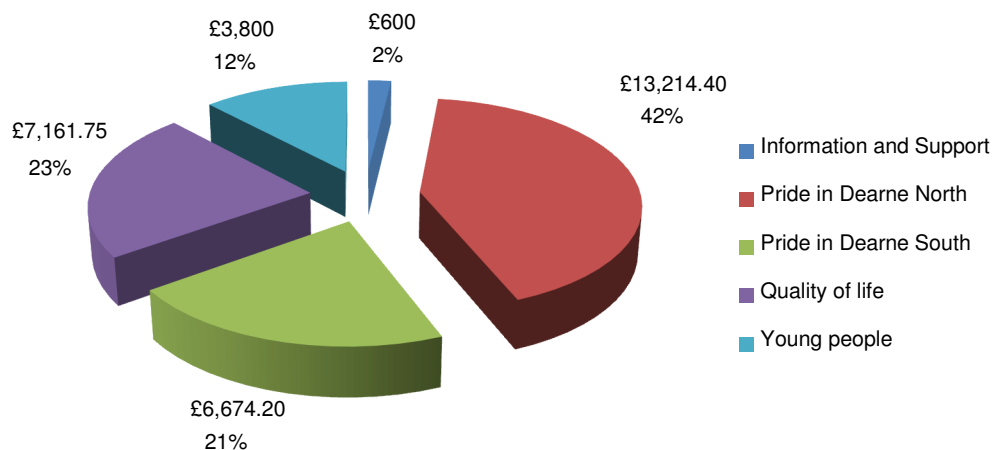
Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview (Includes Public Health Funds)

The Dearne Area Council's Ward Alliances allocated £31,450.35 of its 2014-15 £39,050 Budget.

The remaining £7,599.65 unspent allocation will be carried forward and made available to spend in the 2015-16 financial year.

2014/2015 Ward Alliance Fund	Allocation	Committed Spend	Allocation Remaining Carried Forward to 15-16
DEARNE	£ 39,050.00	£ 31,450.35	£ 7,599.65
Dearne North	£ 22,388.00	£ 18,449.15	£ 3,938.85
Dearne South	£ 16,662.00	£ 13,001.20	£ 3,660.80

A breakdown of how these allocations for the 2014-2015 financial year supported the Ward priorities is below:



The Dearne Area Council's Ward Alliances has a Ward Alliance grant allocation of £27,599.65 for the 2015-2016 financial year.

This allocation, broken down by Ward below, is made up of a £20,000 allocation for 2015-2016, and carry forward allocation of £7,599.65 from the 2014-2015 financial year.

2015/2016 Ward Alliance Fund	Carry Forward 2014-15	2015-16 Allocation	Full 2015-16 Allocation
DEARNE	£ 7,599.65	£ 20,000.00	£ 27,599.65
Dearne North	£ 3,938.85	£ 10,000.00	£ 13,938.85
Dearne South	£ 3,660.80	£ 10,000.00	£ 13,660.80

The Dearne North Ward has not allocated any of its £13,938.85 Ward Alliance allocation. The Dearne North Ward has £1,267.25 of Public Health Funds remaining which is included in the total allocation for 2015/16.

The Dearne South Ward has not allocated any of its £13,660.85 Ward Alliance allocation. The Dearne South Ward has no Public Health Funds remaining.