

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**SPECIAL NORTH AREA COUNCIL****22nd January, 2015**

31. **Present:** Councillors Burgess (Chair), Cave, Cherryholme, Davies, Duerden, Grundy, Leech, Miller, Platts, Spence and Tattersall.

32. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non pecuniary interests.

33. **Stronger Communities Grant Process**

The Area Council Manager presented a report setting out a proposal to establish a North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant Process, including the establishment of a Grant Panel.

It was noted that all successful projects would need to address North Area Council priorities and BMBC corporate priorities and that the Grant funding totalled £100,000 from the Area allocation. Applications between £5,000 and £20,000 would be considered and all projects must be delivered in the 2015/16 financial year.

Details of the General Guidance and recommended Terms of Reference in respect of the proposed Grant Panel were set out in Appendices 1 and 2 respectively. It was confirmed that the Assistant Director Neighbourhood, Access and Support would approve grants following recommendations from the Panel and that the Area Manager would report details of such approved grants to the Area Council for information. An amendment to the terms of reference was proposed to accurately reflect this.

It was confirmed that the Panel would consist of four Elected Members, one from each Ward. Such Members would be agreed at the next meeting of the Area Council for an initial term of twelve months.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Assistant Director Neighbourhood, Access and Support be authorised to approve Stronger Communities Grants up to an individual grant value of £20,000 and cumulative value of £100,000, following consultation with the Stronger Communities Grant Panel; and
- (ii) that, subject to the minor amendments now proposed, Members agree the Terms of Reference and General Guidance information, as set out in Appendix 1 and 2 respectively, which detail the establishment of the Stronger Communities Grant Panel and the full grant process.

(Note: It was noted that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Chapter 70, Part VA, Section 100B, Paragraph (3) (a), this special meeting had been called at short notice to enable the Grant funding opportunity to be promoted as soon as possible and therefore maximise the time available for local organisations to access the Grants scheme.)

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Chair