

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North East Area Council Meeting:
13th February 2014**

Agenda Item: 5

**Report of North East Area Council
Manager**

Commissioning against the North East Area Council Priorities

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update the North East Area Council on the potential areas for investment which are suitable for Area Council commissioning. These projects are based on the priorities previously agreed, and feedback from the North East Area Council workshop sessions.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North East Area Council approves the project suggestions, enabling the procurement process to commence.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 At earlier meetings of the North East Area Council, and subsequent workshops, the North East Area Council identified the following priorities and potential areas for investment.

Area Priorities

The Environment

The Local Economy and Regeneration

Young People

Health and Wellbeing

Potential Areas for Investment

Community Enablement
Environmental Enforcement

High Street Focus
Business Enterprise
Employment Skills and Access to
Employment
Business Start Up Grants

Increased Youth Provision locally
School Holiday activities provision

Healthy Eating and Healthy Lifestyles
Financial Management

4. Key Considerations

4.1 It is important to note that the spend of the North East Area Council Budget is intended to commission services which will also address the Corporate priorities:

- Growing the economy
- Changing the relationship between the council and the community
- Improving people's potential and achievement

4.2 In order to achieve these priorities 18 outcomes have been identified which should help to inform Councillors' decision making at Area Council level. (Appendix 1)

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Appendix 1**Barnsley, a Borough that works to.....**

In order to achieve these priorities we have set out 18 outcome statements. These statements help to explain most of what we do and provide focus on how we will progress and achieve.

Priority	We will work to.....
	1. Create the conditions for economic growth and greater prosperity
	2. Create more jobs and businesses through appropriate provision of business, enterprise and employment programmes
	3. Reduce worklessness amongst those currently unemployed and increase skills levels of our current and future workforce
	4. Develop a vibrant Town Centre
	5. Prioritise the economic renewal of Goldthorpe and the wider Dearne area
	6. Significantly strengthen our visitor economy by further developing our key cultural assets and events
	7. Improve the quality of learning and leadership in schools to support better educational attainment levels
	8. Ensure high quality partners are engaged in our new relationship with schools
	9. Target young people, families and communities who may need extra help in gaining the skills and experience they need to succeed
	10. Prioritise the safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults, and ensure that the risk of them getting harmed is kept to an absolute minimum
	11. Make the improvement of people's health and wellbeing everybody's business, with an emphasis on prevention and the contribution that all services can make
	12. Prioritise the reduction of health inequalities between different parts of the Borough and the Borough and the rest of the country
	13. Ensure that the Council plays a strong part in keeping the Borough safe and work with others to improve community safety
	14. Ensure people of all ages have a much greater involvement in designing services and actively participating in improving their lives and Barnsley
	15. Support the many benefits of volunteering and foster our many and diverse opportunities for residents to gain new skills and experiences through volunteering
	16. Ensure customer services and the citizen experience of access is improved – we are a successful customer service organisation and our plans facilitate greater self-help
17. Engage local communities in helping them shape the decisions and services in their neighbourhood	
18. Ensure the Council operates fairly and demonstrates total commitment to equalities in policy and practice	

