

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North East Area Council Meeting:
3rd April 2014**

Agenda Item: 5

**Report of North East Area Council
Manager**

Commissioning against the North East Area Council Environmental Priority

1. Background

- 1.1 Following on from discussions at several Elected Member Briefings and Workshops the Councillors from the North East Area Council decided to initially focus on the Environment priority for their area.
- 1.2 It was agreed that a Zero Tolerance approach to litter, dog fouling and inconsiderate parking would be adopted.
- 1.3 The four Wards identified Councillor Representatives who worked, together with Officers, to draw up specifications for Environmental Enforcement and a Community Enablement Service.
- 1.4 The specifications were subsequently circulated to all the Councillors and amendments and any suggestions received have been made.
- 1.5 It can be noted that these specifications are in line with the Corporate priorities:
 - Growing the economy
 - Changing the relationship between the council and the community
 - Improving people's potential and achievement

2. Key Considerations

- 2.1 Following recommendations from BMBC's Legal Department and Norfolk Property Procurement Services it is proposed that the specification for the Environmental Enforcement Officers should go out to public tender, and a Service Level Agreement with Barnsley Community Safety and Enforcement Service be submitted for the equipment, transport, administrative assistance and training required for this initiative.
- 2.2 With regard to the Community Enablement Service, in line with the Social Value Act, one of the Area Council's key social value objectives is to develop local capacity and support businesses within this particular geographical area. It is therefore proposed that this specification goes out as two separate contracts for the Cudworth and North East Wards and the Monk Bretton and Royston Wards respectively.
- 2.3 Following recommendations from BMBC's Legal Department and Operational Services and Norfolk Property Procurement Services an updated specification for the Community Enablement Service for the Wards of Cudworth and the North

East, and Monk Bretton and Royston, at an estimated cost of £75,000 for each of the two areas has been prepared and submitted to the Councillors for their consideration.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the North East Area Council approves the specification for two Environmental Enforcement Officers, at an estimated cost of £50,000, and a Service Level Agreement with Barnsley Community Safety and Enforcement Service be submitted for equipment, transport, administrative assistance and training for the initiative at an indicative cost of £14,000.**
- 3.2 That the North East Area Council approves the revised specification for a Community Enablement service for the Wards of Cudworth and the North East, and Monk Bretton and Royston respectively, at an estimated cost of £75,000 for each of the two areas, and with a price quality ratio of 35:65 being adopted in favour of quality, as recommended by Norfolk Property Services.**

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Background Papers

The following Background Papers are available on request

Environmental Enforcement:

- The North East Area Council Area Plan
- Calls Processing Flow Chart
- Community Enablement and Enforcement Service Enforcement Policy
- Community Enablement and Enforcement Service Environmental Crime Policy Statement

Community Enablement Service:

- The North East Area Council Area Plan
- Maps with a High Street Focus
- Street Cleansing Areas
- Shrub Bed Areas
- Standard Work Specifications
- General Conditions of Service