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MEETING:	Penistone Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 3 September 2015
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Penistone Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

Minutes and notes

- 2 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 18th June, 2015.
(Pac.03.09.2015/2) *(Pages 3 - 8)*
- 3 Notes from the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 2nd July, 2015.
(Pac.03.09.2015/3) *(Pages 9 - 10)*

Performance

- 4 Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds.
(Pac.03.09.2015/4) *(Pages 11 - 12)*
- 5 Penistone Area Council commissioning, procurement and funding update.
(Pac.03.09.2015/5) *(Pages 13 - 16)*

Items for decision

- 6 Penistone Area Council Priorities. (Pac.03.09.2015/6) *(Pages 17 - 18)*

To: Chair and Members of Penistone Area Council:-

Councillors Barnard (Chair), Griffin, Hand-Davis, Millner, Unsworth and Wilson

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BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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1. **Present:** Councillors Barnard (Chair), Griffin, Hand-Davis, Millner, Unsworth.

2. **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.**

No Members declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

3. **Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 16th April, 2015.**

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of Penistone Area Council held on the 16th April, 2015.

With regards to a tenant for Penistone Town Hall offices, it was noted that there is an organisation interested and this is being progressed. If necessary there is still accommodation available in Penistone Library for the Area Team.

Members noted that a meeting had recently been held to discuss the Millhouse Green Traffic Survey, the action notes of which would be circulated to all Members.

RESOLVED that the minutes from the meeting of Penistone Area Council held on 16th April, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

4. **Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 21st May, 2015.**

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting of Penistone Area Council held on 21st May, 2015.

Members heard how the Clean and Green commission was now with NPS and would be progressed as a matter of priority.

RESOLVED that the minutes from the meeting of Penistone Area Council held on 21st May, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

5. **Notes of the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance held on 21st May, 2015.**

The meeting received the notes of the Ward Alliance, held on 21st May, 2015.

Members commented on the note describing Dr. Billings as being dismissive, and it was clarified that this was generally not the case at the meeting, but was true of subsequent correspondence.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliance be received.

6. **Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund.**

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who highlighted the total amount of finance available for allocation in 2015/16 from the Ward Alliance Fund

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and Devolved Ward Budget, noting that very little was carried forward from the 2014/15 financial year.

Members heard how the Ward Alliance had now already allocated over half of its annual budget, with £11,268.49 remaining for 2015/16.

RESOLVED that the report on the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund be noted.

7. Penistone Area Council commissioning, procurement and funding update.

The report was presented by the Penistone Area Council Manager.

With regards to the Countryside Skills Training Commission it was noted that 8 trainees had passed their LANTRA level 1 qualification and many were now making enquiries in to becoming self employed.

Following the Area Council approval to extend the contract, the meeting noted that the necessary waiver documentation had been completed, with only the information relating to outputs and outcomes requiring agreement before contracts would be signed.

Members heard that the Clean and Tidy Commission was progressing well and noted that the Ward Alliance had selected two of its membership to take part in the Tender Evaluation Panel, R. Blythe and A. Pestell.

Members considered the financial position for the Penistone Area Council, noting that there was a proposal later on the agenda to establish a 'Working Together Fund'.

The meeting went to on to consider the option to allocate up to £20,000 per ward to the Ward Alliance Fund. It was noted that should members wish to allocate this finance, it would be on the basis of £10,000 requiring match funding as per the current Ward Alliance Fund and £10,000 not requiring any match funding similar to the current Devolved Ward Budget. It was acknowledged that all finance would need to address the priorities of the Area Council and/or Barnsley Council's Corporate Priorities.

Members supported the proposal, and noted the need to brief Ward Alliance Members appropriately on the finance.

RESOLVED:-

(i) that the report be noted;

(ii) that approval be given for R. Blythe and A. Pestell to take part in the Tender Evaluation Panel for the Clean and Tidy Commission;

(iii) that £40,000 be allocated to the Ward Alliance Fund for allocation in 2015/16 in line with Penistone Area Council and/or Barnsley Council Corporate Priorities of which £20,000 will require match funding.

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8. Proposed Penistone Working Together Fund.

The Area Council Manager presented the report. It was proposed that a grant regime be established, with the ability to grant awards up to £20,000 to deliver against the priorities of the Area Council or of Barnsley Council. The fund would sit between the Ward Alliance Fund and the finance commissioned by the Area Council and performance against grants would be reported alongside that of Area Council commissioned services.

It was proposed that £120,000 be allocated to the scheme over an 18 month period through 2015/16 and 2016/17 with £53,334 in 2015/16 and £66,666 in 2016/17.

Members noted the draft Terms of Reference, General Guidance and Expression of Interest form circulated.

The meeting discussed the proposed Working Together Fund Grants Panel, which would assess the applications and make recommendations to go forward for officer approval.

Members were supportive of the proposal, acknowledging that this could provide a useful progression towards tendering for larger projects for groups in the area.

Similar funding regimes in other Area Councils were discussed, and it was agreed to share the details of the applications that had received approval.

RESOLVED that:-

(i) that £120,000 be allocated to the Working Together Fund for 2015/16 and 2016/17;

(ii) authorisation be given to the Service Director Stronger, Safer and Healthier Communities to approve Working Together Fund grants up to an individual value of £20,000 following consultation with the Working Together Fund grants panel;

(iii) that the Terms of Reference, General Guidance and Expression of Interest forms for the Working Together Fund be approved;

(iv) that Councillors Griffin and Hand-Davis be approved to act as members of Working Together Fund Grants Panel.

9. Review of Penistone area information.

The Research & Business Intelligence Manager was welcomed to the meeting to give a presentation relating to data and information pertaining to the Penistone area, with comparisons over time where possible.

A caution was given as to use of the data, due to the small cohorts and small time periods often involved.

Members received a wide range of information including the following:-

Demographics of the area - it was noted that the percentage of the population who were from ethnic minorities was lower than the Barnsley average and that 0% of residents in the area lived in the 20% most deprived areas in the UK.

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Crime and safety – though crimes had generally reduced in the Borough, rates for theft and handling of stolen goods had increase in Barnsley and in Penistone East, though it was thought that this was due to gangs targeting agricultural machinery in that area.

With regards to cleanliness it was noted that dog fouling incidents had increased slightly between 2014/15 and 2015/16.

Health and Wellbeing - it was noted that smoking prevalence was lower than the in the Borough as a whole and rates of breastfeeding were relatively high when compared to the Barnsley average.

With regards to isolation, it was noted that similar proportions of Penistone residents are aged 65 or over and live in one person households, when compared to the rest of Barnsley. It was agreed to circulate any further information on rural isolation when it becomes available.

Members noted the figures for excess weight in 4-5 year olds and 10-11 year olds, and acknowledged the significant fluctuations between years, however generally incidences in Penistone were below the Barnsley and national averages.

When considering childcare places, Members heard how the numbers of childcare places per 100 children for 0-5 and 5-11 year olds were above the Barnsley average.

The meeting noted the high proportion of owner occupiers in the area and corresponding small proportions of social housing, when compared to Barnsley as a whole.

Education, skills, training and employment - Attainment at Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 was discussed as were NEET figures, all of which were positive when compared to Barnsley and national averages.

The meeting discussed new business starts and acknowledged the rate has slowed somewhat apart from in Penistone West, and it was suggested that this reflected investment from section 106 finance.

Poverty – it was noted that children in Barnsley were less likely to be in families claiming Job Seekers Allowance or Incapacity Benefit than in Barnsley as a whole, and the numbers of children living in lone parent families receiving those benefits fluctuated but broadly remained the same between 2010 and 2012.

It was also acknowledged that the proportion of individuals claiming working age benefits was reducing in the area and in Barnsley as a whole, yet this did not include figures for Universal Credit.

Members discussed the presentation and it was acknowledged that the situation for Penistone remained relatively unchanged, though it was suggested that figures at this scale may hide issues such as fuel poverty only faced in small isolated areas. However, rural isolation and business support were suggested as two areas which would warrant further investigation.

RESOLVED that

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- (i) thanks be given for the presentation;
- (ii) further information on business support and rural isolation be circulated to Members when available.

10. Affordable Housing.

The Housing Growth Development Manager was welcomed to the meeting to discuss affordable housing in the area.

Members were made aware of the definition used for affordable housing which included Social Rented, Affordable Rented, and Intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market.

It was noted that eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices, and that affordable housing should include provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision.

Members heard how the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) from November, 2014 suggested areas of sufficiency and shortfalls. It was noted that the net annual shortfall of affordable housing was 295, with a suggest split tenure of 78.8% social rented and 21.2% intermediate tenure.

The meeting was made aware that an Older Vulnerable People Needs Assessment was nearing completion that would provide further valuable evidence.

Member noted the procedure for consulting on and adopting the Local Plan, which included changes to the Affordable Housing Policy. The changes would seek to increase the proportion of affordable housing in the Penistone area from 25% to 30% for developments above 15 dwellings. However, it was noted that this is often challenged by developers due to concerns about viability.

Members heard of the ways in which affordable housing can be provided by developers, which included on-site provision; the transfer of land to equivalent value to enable the building of affordable units on-site; off site provision which can include the refurbishment of existing stock; and a commuted sum equivalent to the cost of provision on site. The desire to see provision on site or in very close proximity was acknowledged by Members.

Members discussed current sites within the area and the associated affordable housing provision. It was noted that planning permission for many of the current sites was granted before the affordable housing policy was endorsed in 2007 and therefore there was no compulsion to provide any affordable units as part of the development.

The meeting went on to discuss the various ways in which a commuted sum could be utilised, acknowledging that the Council itself currently owned very few suitable sites to build on.

The businesses cases put forward by developers to challenge the amount of affordable provision requested due to viability were discussed, and it was agreed to circulate an appropriate case to Members. when available.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) that thanks be given for the presentation and the level of detail provided.
- (ii) that a business case challenging the amount of affordable provision requested due to viability be circulated to Members when available.

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Chair

Penistone Ward Alliance

Minutes of the Ward Alliance meeting held on July 2nd 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Shrewsbury Road Penistone.

Present: Cllr R. Barnard (Chair), Cllr. J.Unsworth, Cllr. D. Griffin, R. Blyth, J. Cutts, B. Green, R. Leech, David Edmondson, John Kerr, Cllr. Paul Hand - Davis Cllr. J. Wilson, A. James, K. Coulton Secretary J. Openshaw, E. Slater W. Slater Area Support Officers.

1. Introductions, the Chair allowed introductions for this meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Millner, S. Webber A. Pestell and Tom Handley

3. Declarations of pecuniary and non – pecuniary interests

Cllrs. Hand – Davis Unsworth and Cutts in agenda item 6 – the application from Penistone Allotments Societies request for financial assistance and Richard Leech for Silkstone Parish Councils application for financial assistance

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4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on May 23rd 2015 were **agreed** as a true record.

5. Matters arising,

Cllr. Barnard read out a letter from Thurgoland Welfare Association expressing its thanks for the recent financial assistance

6. Requests for financial assistance

The following requests for financial assistance were considered and approved accordingly

- a) Penistone Allotment Society provision of a storage shed £900.00 agreed
- b) Tankersley Parish Council £85.00 – clean up day agreed
- c) The request from Silkstone Parish Council £9,000.00 for the refurbishment of the Community centre was supported in principle, however a decision was deferred until the next meeting to seek further information on the project regarding the cost / pricing for items etc.

7. Ward / Parish/Community Group Priorities,

Elaine Slater commented on the area council survey and confirmed that statistics for this area had not changed. There were no stark statistics regarding deprivation etc.

The Clean and Tidy service had gone out to tender and will be evaluated on August 4th

Cllr. Barnard commented that there was to be changes to the funding system with an additional £10,000.00 being allocated from the Area Council budget per ward

This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Wendy Slater gave a review on the Ward Alliance and highlighted the positives and negatives in the report which was circulated to members

8. Any Other Business

Cllr. Wilson asked for an update on the public toilets and the timescale for completion

The Secretary replied to the satisfaction of members that the work had been delayed due to incompetence from N Power and its contractors and it was envisaged the work will be completed in the near future

9. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting it was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday August 13th 2015 in Penistone Town Hall.

Penistone Area Council (August 2015) UpdateDevolved Ward Budget Overview

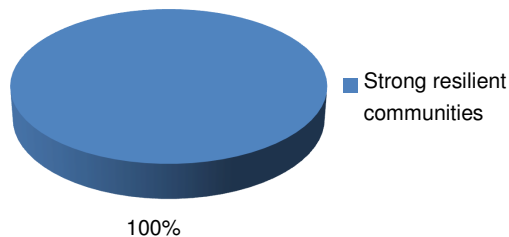
The Penistone Area Council has a Devolved Ward Budget grant allocation of £21,761.11 for the 2015-2016 financial year. This allocation, broken down by Ward below, is made up of a £20,000 allocation for 2015-2016, and a carry forward allocation of £1,761.11 from the 2014-2015 financial year.

2015/2016 DEVOLVED WB	Carry Forward 2014-15	2015-16 allocation	Full 2015-16 Allocation
PENISTONE	£1,761.11	£ 20,000.00	£21,761.11
Penistone East	£1,661.11	£ 10,000.00	£11,661.11
Penistone West	£100.00	£ 10,000.00	£10,100.00

To date, the Penistone Area Council has allocated £8,836 of its £21,761.11 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, with £3000 of this commitment being charged.

2015/2016 DEVOLVED WB	Allocation	Committed spend	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
PENISTONE	£21,761.11	£ 8,836.00		£ 12,925.11
Penistone East	£11,661.11	£ 4,218.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 7,443.11
Penistone West	£10,100.00	£ 4,618.00		£ 5,482.00

A breakdown of how these allocations for both the Penistone East and West wards support the Corporate plan priorities is below:



The Penistone East Ward has allocated £4,218 of its £11,661.11 Devolved Ward Budget allocation. To date £3,000 of this allocation has been charged to the Ward.

Devolved Ward Budget Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
PE Summer Bedding plants (50:50 split with Penistone West)	£ 618.00		£ 11,043.11
Re-wire/new ceiling/roof insulation at Thurgoland Village Hall	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 8,043.11
Touch Down (50:50 split with Penistone West)	£ 150.00		£ 7,893.11
Community cohesion activity	£ 450.00		£ 7,443.11

The Penistone West Ward has allocated £4,618 of its £10,100 Devolved Ward Budget allocation. To date, none of this has been charged to the Ward.

Devolved Ward Budget Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
PE Summer Bedding plants (50:50 split with Penistone East)	£ 618.00		£ 9,482.00
Touch Down (50:50 split with Penistone East)	£ 150.00		£ 9,332.00
Ingbirchworth War Memorial	£ 3,850.00		£ 5,482.00

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview (Includes Public Health Funds)

The Penistone Area Council's Ward Alliance has a Ward Alliance grant allocation of £63,139.14 for the 2015-2016 financial year.

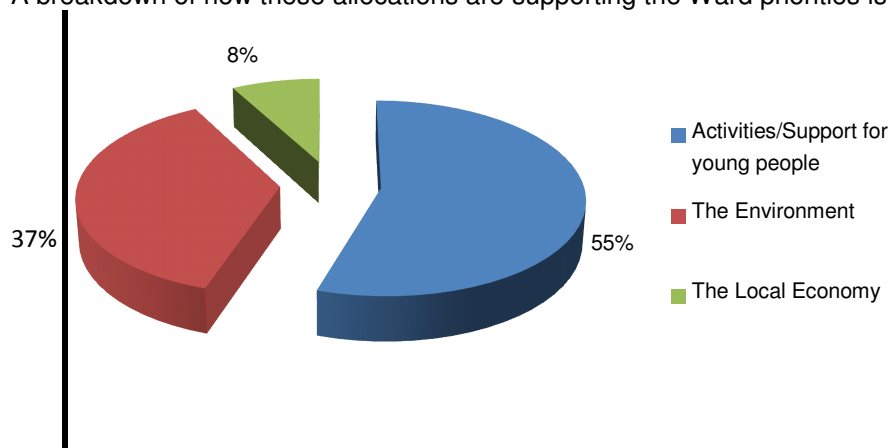
This allocation, broken down by Ward below, is made up of a £20,000 allocation for 2015-2016, a carry forward allocation of £3,139.14 from the 2014-2015 financial year and a £40,000 Area Council contribution.

2015/2016 Ward Alliance	Carry Forward 2014-15	2015-16 allocation	Area Council allocation	Full 2015-16 Allocation
Penistone	£ 3,139.14	£ 20,000.00	£ 40,000.00	£ 63,139.14

The Penistone Ward has allocated £20,374.30 of its £63,139.14 Ward Alliance allocation.

The Penistone Ward has £1,571.06 of Public Health Funds remaining which is included in the total allocation for 2015/16.

A breakdown of how these allocations are supporting the Ward priorities is below:



The Penistone Ward have a total of **£52,764.84** Ward Alliance Funding unallocated.

However, as the Penistone Ward Alliance Secretary has had a bursary of £250 to date, this leaves the actual allocation of Ward Alliance funding to allocate at **£52,514.84**

The projects declared a total number of 2014 volunteer hours, which equates to the equivalent monetary value of £22,335.25.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Penistone Round Table - Sustainable Round Table	£ 2,600.00	£2,600.00	£60,539.14
Silkstone United Cricket Club - Mobile Cricket nets for juniors	£ 987.00	£987.00	£59,552.14
Green Moor Cricket Club - The Gazebo	£ 549.00		£59,003.14
Hoylandswaine Arts Group - Bringing the community to the arts	£ 1,614.50	£1,164.50	£57,388.64
Green Moor Carol Singers - Green Moor Local Carol Book	£ 1,500.00	£1,500.00	£55,888.64
Hunshelf Parish Council - Parish & Community Book & Goods exchange	£ 1,070.15	£1,070.15	£54,818.49
Thurgoland Village Welfare Association - Redecorating/Refurb Village Hall	£ 1,900.00	£1,900.00	£52,918.49
SGRA - Link Path from Saunderson Gardens to TPT	£ 1,400.00	£1,400.00	£51,518.49
Tankersley Parish Council – Community Clear Up Day	£ 85.00	£85.00	£51,433.49
Penistone & District Allotments – Storage shed	£ 900.00		£50,533.49
Silkstone Community Centre	£ 5,374.65		£45,158.84
Penistone Library – Messy Monkeys	£ 1,944.00		£43,214.84
Penistone Young People – Adopt a Bench pilot	£ 450.00		£42,764.84

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Penistone Area Council Meeting

**Report of the
Penistone Area Council Manager**

Date 3 September 2015

Agenda Item:

Penistone Area Council Commissioning Procurement and Funding Update

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members of the current commissioning and procurement position of Penistone Area Council.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That members note the progress of the Countryside Skills Training Commission.

2.2 That members note the progress of the Clean and Tidy Commission.

2.3 That members note the current financial position of the Area Council Commissioning Budget.

3.0 Countryside Skills Training Commission

3.1 At the Penistone Area Council Meeting held on 16 April 2015 members agreed to extend this commission to 31 March 2016. A waiver report was subsequently submitted to the Executive Director of Communities by the Penistone Area Council Manager for his approval to extend the project without going back out to the open market. This recommendation was approved by the Executive Director of Communities on 8 June 2015.

3.2 The third quarterly monitoring meeting was held between the Penistone Area Council Manager and Tom Handley of Growforest on 23 July 2015.

3.3 General overview of the project and achievements: -

- It was reported that a total of thirteen new learners joined the current cohort, eight have stayed with the programme to date and are currently preparing for the level 1 qualification in drystone walling.
- 8 Learners from the last cohort achieved Lantra Level 1 in drystone walling and 1 of these is preparing for Level 2.
- One of the above learners from the last cohort also won the Yorkshire Drystone Walling Guild Competition with another, coming 2nd.

3.4 Actual Achievements against Targets

Outputs/Outcomes	Target	Actual	Comments/Action
3 rd Cohort Recruited	8	8	
Learners Achieving Level 1 in Drystone Walling	8	8	
Linear Metres of Hedgerow resorted/laid.	120	0	Trainees have undertaken 'coppicing' instead because of nesting bird season. Have cleared 1 acre of woodland at Cawthorne Wood and have started a small enterprise selling logs as well as undertaking other woodworking skill training.
Linear Metres of Drystone Wall restored	160	138	Slightly lower but not a major concern.
No of learning hours delivered	200	200	
No of learners achieving 85% attendance	8	8	
Learners perceiving traditional Countryside Skills as a viable enterprise.	8	Possibly 6	Most trainees feel it is too soon to look at self-employment although one has tried it. As a stepping stone the trainees will shortly be opening a shop on site at Cawthorne where woodworking items can be bought by the public.
People feeling happier and healthier by being connected to the natural environment.	8	8 (current trainees)	

- 3.5** A Total of 6 new case studies were provided by Growforest prior to the monitoring meeting as was an overview report. The case studies included a new female trainee, a young man who was in the army for a number of years before becoming alcohol dependent and said that the course was helping his rehabilitation and another young man from Penistone who has already displayed a real aptitude for walling seen by everyone but himself. The full case studies are available at the Area Office for members to read should they wish to.
- 3.6** Growforest are planning a number of 'Stonewalling Roadshows' to take place in the autumn, with current and previous trainees in attendance.
- 3.7** An 'end of first year lessons learned' monitoring meeting has been arranged for 24 September 2015 and Tom Handley is attending the Penistone Ward Alliance on the evening of 24 September, 2015 to give an update to Ward Alliance Members.

4.0 Clean and Tidy Commission

- 4.1** The specification and total spend allocation of £160,000 over an 18 month period was agreed at the Special Penistone Area Council Meeting held on 21 May 2015.
- 4.2** In response to the ensuing open tender process, overseen by NPS Barnsley Procurement Officers, which closed on 21 July 2015 four organisations returned their submissions:
- Barnsley MBC (Environment and Transportation)
 - Barnsley Community Build ~Trading Ltd
 - Groundwork Sheffield Ltd
 - John Twigg t/a Twiggs Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping Contractors

- 4.3** All four organisations passed the Stage One Pre-Qualification. A quality evaluation was subsequently undertaken on their responses to the tender questionnaire.

- 4.4** The Quality Evaluation Panel consisted of:

Elaine Slater, Penistone Area Council Manager
Bob Blythe, Chair of Thurgoland Parish Council (Penistone East Ward)
Allen Pestell, Chair of Dunford Parish Council (Penistone West Ward)

The process was also supported by Jenny Grant from NPS Barnsley.

- 4.5** A clear decision was made at the meeting and the organisations have been informed. BMBC (Environment and Transportation) achieved the highest score available. The score differential was so great that the interview process would have no effect on the winning quality score. Therefore it was decided not to proceed with an interview stage. There is now a 'standstill' period which ends

on 28 August before the contract (Service Level Agreement) is official.

5.0 Working Together Fund

5.1 Following members decision at the Penistone Area Council Meeting held on 16 April 2015 to establish a Working Together Fund at a total cost of £120,000 to the Area Council commissioning Budget over an 18 month period, the fund was consequently launched during July 2015 with publicity going out through the Penistone Neighbourhood Network and Ward Alliance membership as well as a live interview on Penistone FM with the Area Council Manager outlining the process. Applications are invited for grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 which meet the area council's priorities and will be the subject of a two stage process 'Expression of Interest' and 'Full Application'. The scheme has had a slow start with the Area Team receiving several enquiries and one expression of interest to date.

6.0 Progress Update - Allocation of £40,000 to Penistone East and West Ward Alliance

6.1 Following members decision at the Penistone Area Council Meeting held on 18 June 2015 to allocate £20,000 per ward from the Area Council Commissioning Budget to Penistone East and West Ward Alliance it can be reported that out of a total of £60,000, £19, 639 has been allocated to date. Members should note that had the £40,000 not been moved across it shows that Penistone East and West Ward Alliance would have just £361 left to allocate across the two wards for the rest of the current financial year.

6.2 A full breakdown of the allocation to date of the Ward Alliance and Devolved Ward Budget allocations is given as item 4.

7.0 Current Commissioning and Procurement Budget Position

<u>Project</u>	<u>2015/16 (£300,000)</u>	<u>2016/17 (200,000)</u>
Countryside Skills Training	£56,400	-
Clean and Tidy Service	£71,111	£88,888
Working Together Fund	£53,334	£66,666
Ward Alliance £40,000	£40,000	-
Totals	£219,045	£155,554
Remaining Allocation	£80,956	£125,401

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Penistone Area Council Meeting

Report of the
Penistone Area Council Manager

Date: 3 September 2015

Agenda Item: 6

Penistone Area Council Review of Area Priorities

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide members with a summary of previous discussion relating to area priorities in order for them to review any proposed changes.

2.0 Recommendation

- That in light of receiving the additional information requested by members at the Penistone Area Council Meeting held on 18 June 2015 and considering a suggestion put forward by Penistone East and West Ward Alliance and referred to in item 3.5 of this report, they discuss and agree any proposed changes to the current Penistone Area Council priorities.

3.0 Background.

3.1 During 2013 Penistone Area Council received statistical information in relation to the known demographics of the Penistone Area from BMBC Research and Intelligence Team and used this information as well as local intelligence from the Town and Parish Councils to determine the following priorities against which to target funding during the financial year 204/15.

- The environment
- The local economy (including the visitor economy)
- Roads and Transport (including road safety)
- Access to healthcare services
- Activities and Support for Young People

3.2 Penistone Area Council has allocated funding accordingly against the above priorities from its commissioning budget as follows:

- Commissioned the current Countryside Skills Training Project (£100,000) – against the **Environment, Economy and Activities for Young People** priorities. The Area Council also agreed to extend this project from the planned end date of 9 September 2015 to 31 March

2016 at a further cost of £56,400.

- Agreed to commission a subsidised rural bus service which related to the **Transport and Local Economy** priorities. Unfortunately no tenders were received following two YORtender advertisements so the project was shelved.
- Allocated £160,000 for a Clean and Tidy Team, an 18 month Commission which relates to the **Environment** priority. The procurement process recently completed and the new service is due to start mid-September 2015 following the successful appointment of BMBC, Environment and Transportation as the provider.

3.3 In addition, the Penistone Ward Alliance has also funded a variety of projects relating to the above priorities with the Environment, and Activities and Support for Young People making up the majority of successful applications. During the financial year 2014/15 the Ward Alliance awarded 58% of their funding allocation to the Environment priority, 32% to Activities/Support for young people, 5% towards the Local Economy and 5% to Neighbourhood Network Activity with 0% of Ward Alliance funding going towards Access to Health Care or Roads and Transport.

3.4 Members will also recall that at the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 18 June 2015, following a presentation from the Research and Business Intelligence Team, that although they acknowledged that the information remained relatively unchanged for the Penistone Area they would like to receive more information on rural isolation and business support. The available information was subsequently provided by the Research and Business Intelligence Team and circulated to members in advance of this meeting.

3.5 A general discussion on the current priorities also took place at the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance Meeting held on 13 August 2015. As members are aware the Ward Alliance priorities currently mirror the Area Council Priorities. The suggestion was put forward for members to consider changing the '**Access to Healthcare**' priority to '**Improve/maintain Health and Well Being**' which they agreed would attract a wider variety of projects but to maintain the other priorities as they stand i.e.

- The Environment
- The Local Economy (including the visitor economy)
- Roads and Transport (including road safety)
- Activities and Support for Young People

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