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MEETING:	MEETING: North East Area Council	
DATE:	Thursday, 9 June 2016	
TIME:	<b>TIME:</b> 2.00 pm	
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall	

### AGENDA

1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

#### Minutes

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on Thursday, 14th April, 2016 (*Pages 3 - 8*)

#### Ward Alliances

 Notes of the following Ward Alliances, with feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair: (Pages 9 - 30)
 Cudworth – held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.
 Monk Bretton – held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016.
 North East – held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
 Royston – held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

#### Performance

- 4 North East Area Council Project Performance Report update on the delivery of commissioned projects. *(Pages 31 36)*
- 5 North East Area Council Financial Position and Procurement Update (*Pages 37 38*)
- 6 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds (*Pages 39 42*)

#### **Items for Decision**

- 7 Graduate Apprentice Report (Pages 43 44)
- 8 Biodiversity and Habitat Improvements across the North East Area Council (*Pages 45 46*)

#### Items for Information

- 9 Community Magazine
- 10 Volunteering Celebration Event
- To: Chair and Members of North East Area Council:-

Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Higginbottom, Houghton CBE, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

Area Council Support Officers:

Paul Brannan, North East Area Council Senior Management Link Officer Caroline Donovan, North East Area Council Manager Elizabeth Barnard, Council Governance Officer Phil Hollingsworth, Lead Locality Officer

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Wednesday, 1 June 2016



## Item 2

MEETING:	North East Area Council	
DATE:	Thursday, 14 April 2016	
TIME:	IE: 2.00 pm	
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall	

#### **MINUTES**

Present

Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Higginbottom, Makinson, Richardson and Sheard

#### 50 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

#### 51 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on Thursday 11th February 2016

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

## 52 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances held throughout February and March 2016. The following updates were noted:-

*Cudworth* – The Spring Fair took place on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The event was well attended and free healthy food packs were given out at the event. The 'Clean for the Queen' event took place on 5<sup>th</sup> March. The Academic Achievement Awards are coming up and summer holiday activities are being planned.

*Monk Bretton* – Funding for Hogwarts Hedgehog Hospital in Monk Bretton, hanging baskets and bedding plants for the parks has been agreed. Organisation of the summer gala is underway. The Achievement Awards Event, involving three primary schools, took place three weeks ago and was very well attended. Thanks were expressed to all concerned. Sixty-five volunteers collected seventy-two bags of rubbish for the 'Clean for the Queen' initiative and the changing rooms at Smithies were redecorated.

*North East* – A celebration event for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is planned for 10<sup>th</sup> June at Grimethorpe park. A birthday card competition, involving all five local schools is being organised. A 'Healthy Takeaway' initiative, working with local businesses, is to be piloted in the North East WA area to encourage healthy eating. The DIAL outreach project runs for 3 hours per week at Great Houghton Welfare Hall

for 6 months. A defibrillator has been purchased and will be erected at Great Houghton Welfare Hall very shortly. 'Clean for the Queen' took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Grimethorpe and over 20 bags of rubbish were collected. The noticeboard which was originally erected at Shafton WMC has now been relocated to Sainsbury's' supermarket. The DIAL/Fit Me project has started in Great Houghton and has been well attended.

*Royston* – The CAB/DIAL project has been relocated to the Lifelong Learning Centre to accommodate the increased footfall. This is now running on a weekly basis for a 3 month trial period. Funding for the Healthy Bones keep fit sessions for older people has been agreed for the next 12 months. 'Clean for the Queen' took place on 5<sup>th</sup> March and more than 30 bags of rubbish were collected. Cross boundary clean-up work took place in Notton on 20<sup>th</sup> March. The Summer Gala, Proms and summer activities are being planned. S106 funding has been agreed for new fishing and landing stages at Royston Canal and green boundaries at Rabbit Ings. Work at the allotments is underway.

Flytipping is still taking place at Cronkhill Lane. The CCTV on Royston Lane has provided some very useful information and a positive result is expected at court. It was reported that the recent Cronkhill Lane case has been adjourned. The defendant is a prolific offender and has also committed offences in Rotherham.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

#### 53 Changes to the Community Representation on the Royston Ward Alliance (verbal report from the Chair of the Royston Ward Alliance)

It was reported that Gemma Conley (Carlton TARA) has been appointed to the Royston Ward Alliance. Florence Whittlestone and Vicky Nicholson have been appointed to the Cudworth Ward Alliance.

#### 54 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided an update on the delivery of commissioned projects across the North East Area Council's agreed priorities. It was highlighted that an apprentice who had been involved with the Barnsley Community Build/North East Environment Team had been successful in obtaining full time employment.

The C & K Careers Summer Holiday Internship project has now moved into the 'Staying in touch' period as students are now in Year 11 and are focussed on end of year exams. Members commented that some schools seem reluctant to engage with the project. It seems that this may be a timing/resource issue. Outwood Academy (Shafton) has reported that all the 2015 interns have applied for post 16, which is unusual and demonstrates the value of the project. This project may be jointly commissioned with the North and South Area Councils in the future to take advantage of economies of scale.

**RESOLVED** that the report on the performance of commissioned projects be noted.

#### 55 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update

The Area Council Manager provided Members with a financial analysis of the budget for 2014/15 and 2016/17, detailing contracts held, delivery bodies, contract start dates together with length and total cost of the contracts. All but £60,998 of spend has been committed and projects are being worked up.

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and highlighted the spend to date.

**RESOLVED** that the financial analysis be received and noted.

## 56 Report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and highlighted the spend to date. Only £553.74 of the Devolved Ward Budget for 2015/16 remains unallocated and Member were thanked for their involvement. It was reported that volunteer engagement across all wards has been excellent. There is still work to be done in reeducating people not to drop litter/fly tipping in the first place.

**RESOLVED** that the report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds be received and noted.

#### 57 North East Area Council Workshop Recommendations

The Area Council Manager gave an update in respect of the workshop held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to discuss the future direction of the North East Area Council. It was felt that the four identified priorities of the Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Youth Provision and Economy and Regeneration, should be retained but should be rebadged in plain English and that £10,000 should be devolved to each of the Ward Alliances.

#### **RESOLVED** that

- (i) the report, including the review of projects and associated outputs and outcomes be received and noted;
- the Environment priority be renamed 'Love Where You Live, Health and Wellbeing renamed 'Healthy Lifestyles', Youth Provision be renamed as 'Young People' and that Members give consideration to a new name for the Economy and Regeneration priority
- (iv) £10,000 be devolved to each Ward Alliance and that
- (v) the 2015-16 Area Review should be printed and distributed as appropriate.

#### 58 North East Area Council Youth Development Fund

The Area Council Manager reported that a meeting of the Ward Councillor representatives for the Youth Development Panel was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March to discuss the Youth Development Fund position statement and to consider new applications for funding for *additional* youth provision across the North East Area Council communities. Members felt that additional funding should be given to the Youth Development Fund, given the excellent outcomes and outputs achieved by this initiative

#### **RESOLVED** that

- (i) the position statement as at February 2016 for Year One funding be noted;
- (ii) £30,317 be transferred to the Youth Development Fund as follows: The Exodus Project £5,086; The Youth Association £7,778; New Options Young Wardens £7,000; Grimethorpe Activity Zone £5,320 and Royston Holiday Project £5,133 (this is in addition to summer activity funding) and
- (iii) the Youth Development Fund flyer be distributed to promote this funding opportunity in the local communities of the North East Area Council.

#### 59 Parks Maintenance

The Area Council Manager reminded Members that the North East Area Council had agreed funding of £10,00 per annum to replace parks equipment across the four wards of Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston which has been damaged through anti-social behaviour.

In line with that agreement, three requests for funding have been received. Two litter bins have been burn out in Cudworth Park and will cost £560 to replace, four swings have been stolen from the East End Crescent play area in Royston and will cost £400 to replace and flame flower logos have been damaged and are now missing from the bandstand at Royston Park. The replacement cost of the logos is £312.

RESOLVED that the damaged and missing items be replaced at a total cost of £1272

#### 60 Volunteering Celebration Event (verbal report)

It was reported that the Volunteering Celebration Event will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> September at Priory Campus. Guests will be asked to arrive at 6.00 p.m. for a 6.30 p.m. start. The Mayor has been invited to present awards and a professional photographer has been arranged. Final numbers are needed as soon as possible. It is anticipated that around 100 people will be invited along with a guest each, equating to around 200 people. There will be a full buffet and bar.

#### 61 Private Sector Housing and Enforcement Officer (verbal update)

The Head of Community Safety and Enforcement introduced this item. It was reported that the post of Private Sector Housing and Enforcement Officer was advertised this week. The postholder will in effect provide a private sector housing management service across the North East Area using local intelligence on a 'worst first' basis. Members were informed that the officer will have the same enforcement powers as local authority housing management officers and will deal with environmental issues, behaviour, absentee landlords, housing associations and community relationships. It was stated that the officer will carry out a 'soft' intelligence trawl, building networks in the community and bringing back information. This model has worked successfully in both Central and Dearne Area Councils although it must be remembered that this is just one officer with a heavy workload.

#### **RESOLVED** that

- (i) Members report any housing management problems they are aware of in their wards to build up local intelligence and
- (ii) Members will be regularly updated regarding progress made.

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## Item 3

# Cudworth Ward Alliance Meeting Notes

Meeting Title:	Cudworth Ward Alliance
Date and time:	Monday 29th February 2016 at 10.30am
Location:	Bow Street Offices. Cudworth

Attendees:	Apologies:
Councillor Joe Hayward. (Chair)	Councillor S. Houghton
Councillor Charlie Wraith	
Janet Robinson	
Joan Jones	
Ernest Oliver.	
John Hayhoe.	
Mick White.	
Kevan Riggett.	
In attendance:	
David Gill - Local Support Officer.	

		Action/Decision	Action Lead
1.	Declaration of interest:		
	There were no declarations of interest.		
2.	Notes of the previous meeting: Monday 18th January 2016.		
	Kevan has invited the Co-op manager to the Ward Alliance meeting as requested by members.		
3.	Review Ward Plan Priorities:		
	Kevan asked if members would like a template of what B.P.L. do. Members agreed to a template. A number of NHS initiatives are held at the Dorothy Hyman and are from the Dorothy Hyman. Community nurses are based at the Dorothy Hyman Stadium.		
	Janet suggested an initiative for a young gardener competition with the Robert Street Allotment Association.		
	Action Plan;		
4.	<b>Health Fayre:</b> David gave an update about the Spring Health Fayre which is to be held on Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Cudworth Methodist church 10.30am to 12 noon. The quartet band has been booked. The daffodils have been ordered. The fruit taster packs have yet to be ordered. Invitations have been sent out to different organisations.		

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	Academic Achievement Awards:	
	The date of Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 has been booked with the Mayor's office. Which will be 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Janet is to send e-mails to the head teachers of the three primary schools.	
	Summer Holiday Activities:	
	Councillor Hayward asked for volunteers for a steering group for the summer holiday activities.	
5.	Potential Projects:	
	<b>The Environment:</b> David Gill circulated publicity leaflets for the clean-up "Clean for the Queen" which will be Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 10.30am to 12.30pm. The Brownies and Exodus will be taking part. David is to send information to Kevan for him to pass on to the Lundwood scouts.	
	Increased opportunities for achievement for local residents:	
	David and Janet to get more information about Qdos.	
	<b>Health and wellbeing:</b> The Spring Health Fayre. Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2016.	
	<b>Youth Provision:</b> Street Games. David informed members Barnsley FC Trust will be in Cudworth park every week and will also be part of the summer holiday activities.	
6.	Steering Groups:	
	Summer holiday activities.	
	Academic Achievement Awards.	
	Qdos.	
	Chair aerobics.	
7.	Communication- Neighbourhood Network:	
	The What's on Guide booklet. David informed members all the booklets have now been delivered in the area.	
8	Finance:	
	North East Area Council - David gave an update on the funding available in 2016/17, and explained that a further £10,000 will be devolved to the Ward Alliance from the North East Area Council. 50 % of this funding will require volunteer match and 50% does not require match funding, however volunteer match should be	

	encouraged wherever possible. The Ward Alliance considered, and agreed in principle, the following projects:	
	<ul> <li>30 x Summer Hanging Baskets @ £55 each = £1,650</li> <li>Summer Bedding Plants in Cudworth Park @ £340</li> <li>22 x Christmas Motifs @ £3,600</li> <li>Working Fund @ £2,000.00</li> </ul>	
	Members approved the allocation of these funds from the 2016/17 budget. It was noted that all money must be spent each year. There will be no carry forward.	
	Funding Applications:	
9.	Chewin "t" Cud. Members agreed in principle to the £500	
	Cudworth Ward Alliance Health Fayre. Members agreed to the £730	
	Cudworth local history group. Members agreed to the £423.90	
	Carlton Marsh Wildlife Group. Members agreed to the £395	
	Churchfield School PTA application was deferred for clarification.	
	46 <sup>th</sup> Barnsley (St. Johns) Brownies was deferred for clarification.	
10.		
-	Correspondence:	
11.	None.	
	Compliments / Complaints.	
	None.	
12.		
	Any other business:	
	Councillor Wraith informed members £10,500 of funding has been obtained for the Remembrance Garden in the park. No money was awarded in the funding for maintenance. The community payback team have been working in the park.	
	A wooden sculpture is being made in North Yorkshire for the Remembrance Garden. A stainless steel plaque will also be erected.	
	John Hayhoe has done some excellent research and has found the names of 41 men from Cudworth who died at the Battle of the Somme	
	It is hoped the Remembrance Garden will be ready by the 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016.	
	Kevan stated there has been a lot of anti-social behaviour in the Snydale Road area and at the Dorothy Hyman skate park and	

	bowling green. Fast growing hawthorn bushes have been planted but have already been broken down. The perimeter fencing has been repaired, including the bowling green area. A new CCTV camera has been installed with the help of B.M.B.C. for the car park, skate park and bowling green area.	
	It is a high spec camera and is vandal proof.	
	Mick White asked about the applications for new Ward Alliance members. Councillor Hayward said to applications have been received. Councillors will look at the applications and bring their decision to the next meeting.	
	Councillor Hayward thanked members for the £500 contribution towards the Battle of the Somme event on the 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016 in Barnsley town centre. And will be writing a letter of thanks to other Ward Alliances for their contribution.	
	Chair (Councillor Hayward) thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting.	
	Date and time of the next Meeting:	
13.	Please note the new start time of 10.30am	
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 10.30am at Bow Street Offices. Cudworth.	
	At this meeting members agreed to fund:	
	Chewin "t" Cud -£500	
	Cudworth Ward Alliance Health Fayre - £730	
	Cudworth local history group - £423.90	
	Carlton Marsh Wildlife group £395	
	Total amount of funding agreed: £2048.90	
	Future meeting dates:	
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016.	
	If members have any ideas for future projects, please bring them to the next meeting.	

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# Cudworth Ward Alliance Meeting Notes

Meeting Title:	Cudworth Ward Alliance
Date and time:	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 10.30am
Location:	Dorothy Hyman Stadium. Cudworth

Attendees:	Apologies:
Councillor Joe Hayward. (Chair)	Councillor S. Houghton.
Janet Robinson	Councillor C. Wraith.
Joan Jones	
Ernest Oliver.	
John Hayhoe.	
Mick White.	
Kevan Riggett.	
In attendance:	
David Gill - Local Support Officer.	

		Action/Decision	Action Lead
1.	Chair welcomed Florence Whittlestone and Vicky Dawson to the meeting as observers.		
	Declarations of interest:		
	John Hayhoe declared an interest in the Probus Club funding application.		
	Mick White declared an interest in the Robert Street Allotment Plot 30 funding application.		
2.			
	Notes of the previous meeting: Monday 29th February 2016.		
	There were no matters arising.		
3.	Review Ward Plan Priorities:		
	Kevan has sent the plan to David Gill of what BPL do.		
4.	Action Plan;		
	<b>Health Fayre:</b> David gave an update about the Spring Health Fayre held on Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Cudworth Methodist Church. There were 15 stalls with different organisations attending. David received 2 complementary e-mails of how much they had enjoyed the Health Fayre and how much they had been made to feel welcome. 1 e-mail received was from Citizens Advice and 1 e-mail from Dementure Action Alliance. They thought the healthy eating with the fruit taster packs was a good idea.		
	Health Fayre in November 2016. Members agreed in principle to		

	fund £750 for the Health Fayre in November 2016	
	Academic Achievement Awards:	
	Janet gave an update to members. E-mails have been sent to all three primary schools in Cudworth inviting them to take part in the Academic Achievement Awards again this year. To be held on Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the Town Hall with the same format as last year 5 main categories and 1 category for Courage and Determination. Refreshments will be provided. Only Birkwood Primary School has replied to the invitation so far.	
	Councillor Hayward informed members he has confirmed the date with the Town Hall and the Mayor will be there.	
	Summer Holiday Activities:	
	Councillor Hayward asked if any members would like to volunteer to be part of the steering group for the summer holiday activities. David is to send an e-mail to members with the dates for these steering group meetings for members to consider if they will be available to volunteer.	
	Members agreed £1,000 to fund the summer holiday activities.	
5.		
	Potential Projects:	
	Health and wellbeing: Winter Health Fayre.	
6.		
	Finance:	
	David gave an update. There is $\pounds 2,859$ carry forward. New allocation from B.M.B.C.of $\pounds 10,000$ and $\pounds 10,000$ in principle from the Area Council. This $\pounds 10,000$ in principle has yet to be approved by the Area Council.	
	The £10,000 if approved by the Area Council must all be spent there will be no carry forward.	
	Councillor Hayward asked members if they would consider a 50% contribution towards bedding plants for the park.	
7.	Members agreed £170 contribution for bedding plants.	
	Funding Applications:	
	Cudworth Probus Club. Members agreed to fund £500	
	Robert Street Allotment. Plot 30. Members agreed to fund £495	
	46 <sup>th</sup> Barnsley (St. Johns) Brownies was deferred.	
3.	Correspondence:	

Compliments / Complaints.	
Complaints about litter in the car park area near Robert Street allotments.	
Compliments received about the Spring Health Fayre.	
Any other business:	
Kevan asked if any members could distribute the free Spring magazine – Involved - BPL booklet.	
Mick White gave an update about the Pocket Parks funding for the Remembrance Garden in Cudworth Park. The work is going well and on schedule. But are experiencing difficulty in getting debris removed. Which needs moving A.S.A.P	
David is to contact the government about the funding because it has been frozen.	
Mick also gave an update about the re-vamp work at Robert Street allotment. Community Payback have done some good work and 2 of the Community Payback team donated £100 each. They were so impressed by the work being done at the allotment with the community, school children and the disabled.	
Janet circulated future dates for Ward Alliance meetings up to March 2017.	
Chair thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting.	
Date and time of the next Meeting:	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016 10.30am at Bow Street Offices. Cudworth.	
At this meeting members agreed to fund:	
Cudworth Probus Club funding application £500	
Robert Street Allotment plot 30 funding application £495	
Funding applications Total £995	
Summer holiday activities - £1,000	
Bedding plants for the park - £170	
Winter Health Fayre -£750 – in principle.	
Total £1,920 + £995 = £2915	
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Future meeting dates:	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017.	
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	
If members have any ideas for future projects, please bring them to the next meeting.	

#### **Monk Bretton Ward Alliance**

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. April @ Burton Grange Community Centre

#### In attendance:

Cllr Steve Green. Cllr Ken Richardson, Cllr Margaret Sheard, Sue Fox, Charlie Goulding, Caroline Donovan, Paul Jolly, Ann Moffett, John Marshall, Don Booker.

1	Apologies: G Doxey, P Jolly	Actions
2	Declarations of Interest: None	
3	Presentations: None	
4	Notes of the previous meeting: It was noted that flowers had been sent to G White, thanking her for her service to the WA. It also noted that the new Vicar was Father Bell – not Brown	
5	Ward Alliance Fund – applications received: None received	
6	Funding & Finance: Current spreadsheet presented: concern was expressed about complexity of the sheet and old data on the sheet, also lack of detail on the projects. Need to find out what other WA's use. Working party set up to improve the working sheet.	KR, TS, PJ
7	Additional Items: Feedback on Celebration Event MS & JM gave presentation, thanks to all involved including Dominic in the office. It was a good night, well received by the schools and parents. Categories chosen well received. Good idea holding the event in the Council chamber, thanks to be sent to Nicola and staff of the Town Hall. Child Poverty SG gave verbal report on recent paper by Dan Jarvis MP, concerning child poverty in Barnsley Central, 700 children in our ward. The CCG & Health & Wellbeing board have expressed concern about this and are working on the problem. Questions raised: what is happening already in our ward? (After school/ breakfast clubs etc.) not known The problem grew with every contribution, agreed all gather information and discuss further at next meeting with a view to put ideas forward to Area council. Summer Gala TS presented paper with update on attractions, stalls agreed, budget £1500 agreed Lundwood Solar Light Paper discussed, agreed to meet group with view to support group. Carlton School Presentation This had been arranged for 11 <sup>th</sup> . May @ 1pm – all invited.	SG £1500
8	AOB: Logo Designs presented, decision next meeting.	
9	Date of Future meetings	
	Next meeting will be held at Silverdale community Centre 9:30 Friday June 17 <sup>th</sup> .	

Meeting closed by SG at 11:30

## NORTH EAST WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES						
Meeting Title:	Meeting Title: North East Ward Alliance					
Date & Time:	Date & Time: 16th March 2016 4:30pm					
Location:	Great Houghton Welfare hall					

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr J Ennis, ( Chairman)) Cllr D Higginbottom	C Sykes D P Coates M Handley
Cllr A Hampson M Fensome D Gill	
S Nixon Fr I McCormack D Dyson P Mackinson	

	Action/Decision	Action lead
1. Notes of Previous Meeting	Agreed	
2. Matters Arising		
Cllr JE outlined the following proposals to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday in partnership with the local Church Council's activities (particularly Grimethorpe Church) The cost of providing Pie & Pea's for 200 to be covered by the Ward Alliance. The promotion of a Birthday Card Competition for Primary/Junior Schools with £10 gift vouchers provided by members for the winners A display to promote the Ward Alliance provided by D Gill / C Donovan. Parish Councils may wish to provide their own. The services of a singer for a sing along. Bunting to be provide through various sources	Noted and agreed to support as proposed and discussed. Grimethorpe Church to submit an application for funding towards the event which is due to be held on Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June at 4:30pm	Father I McCormack
3. Ward Alliance Review Priorities as previously agreed	Noted	

4 Ward Alliance Funding	
DG informed members that any unspent funds as shown below can now be carried over into the next financial year	
Great Houghton £990	
Brierley £1,457	
Shafton £300	Noted
DG informed members that the funding for the financial year 2016/17 was potentially £20k and that it was split 50/50 between projects that required volunteer match funding and others that didn't.	
A working fund of £2k per ward allocated from the £10k non volunteer budget was to be used for minor projects where volunteer hours are not necessarily needed or required	
5. Ward Alliance Funding Applications	
There was one funding application for consideration	
<ol> <li>Great Houghton Village Hall Committee had applied for £990 towards a Defibrillator</li> </ol>	DH & MF declared an interest Agreed
6 Any Other Business	
Cllr JE made members aware that Grimethorpe Young Wardens were going to carry out a Clean –Up around the Millennium Green on 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2016.	Noted.
DD raised the issue of litter picking in Shafton Cllr JE informed him that the North East Area Council was considering implementing the following rota. Two litter pickers working half a day per week in each of the Alliance's four wards	Noted
7 Date of Next Meeting	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May at <b>4.30pm</b> Great Houghton Welfare Hall	
8. Future Meetings	

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#### **ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE**

#### Notes

#### Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 6pm the Grove, Royston

**Present:** Cllr Caroline Makinson (Chair), Cllr Malcolm Clements, Cllr Tim Cheetham Fred Harston, John Craig, John Clare, Graham Kyte, Mick Birkinshaw, Stephen Croft, Gemma Conway and John Openshaw.

In Attendance: Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer.

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

None received.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None Declared.

3. Healthy Teeth Project, the chair introduced Sandy McNicol, the Oral Health Improvement Coordinator who went on to give a presentation on the Healthy Teeth Programme currently being delivered in the North East Ward. The presentation outlined the local picture in Barnsley Rotherham and Doncaster, the Dental Epidemiology Programme, the number of Children admitted to hospital for extraction of decayed teeth in 2012-13, how tooth decay affects a child and its prevention, Oral health improvement, the healthy teeth programme and education in nurseries & Schools. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

The chair thanked Sandy for her presentation.

**4. Introductions,** the chair welcomed Gemma Conway, as a member of the Ward Alliance representing Carlton TARA.

#### 5. Correspondence & Communications,

The secretary reported the receipt of an e mail from the Salvation army asking for the removal of the name and telephone number of the contact for the Mother & Toddler group from the next reprint of the Information Booklet.

#### 6. Notes of the previous meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Members agreed that the notes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were a true record.

#### 7. Matters Arising

**Royston Prom's** the community Development Officer confirmed the dates as 31<sup>st</sup> July and the 28<sup>th</sup> August, the August date is a bank holiday and sought member's views. It was agreed to retain the agreed dates.

**Community Orchard,** discussions have been held on phase 2 of the project, the planting of herbs, soft fruits and additional trees.

Notton Litter Pick, the chair reported on a successful joint litter pick with Notton Parish Council.

**Summer Bedding Plants**, John Craig and the Community Development Officer to discuss plans.

**Fly tipping**, members were updated on the incidents of fly tipping on Cronk Hill Lane and the culprits identified on the CCTV camera. Ward members were thanked for pursuing issues of fly-tipping.

**Environmental Maintenance**, Issues with railings at The Wells, Midland Road and Royston Lane, members were updated on the issues at each site.

**Notice Boards**, members were informed that the notice board at Royston Park would be installed and a second for installation was not progressed due to costs.

#### 8. Area Council Update

The chair gave a verbal update to the meeting; £2,000 has been secured to install new play equipment at Lynwood drive. The swings at the play area at East End Crescent will be replaced.

**Celebration event**, a celebration event is being planned for the 15<sup>th</sup> September. **Royston Holiday Project**, members were updated on proposals for summer activities.

#### 9. Project Updates

**Allotments**, **Robin Hood**, a number of quotes have been received with Highways presenting the lowest quote of £1893.52. An update on the installation of the tap requested some time ago, officers agreed to seek and update.

**Sycamore Drive**, it has been agreed that the current grazing tenants would be issued with a 3 months' notice to quit. A cost to install 40 new allotment plots has been received £10,550.00 together with an agreement that Park Services would provide 50% of the costs.

**DIAL, CA Barnsley**, reports from both organisations were distributed showing attendance statistics. The current 3 months project terminates on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. Members agreed to meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May to discuss the project and possible extension.

**Royston in Bloom**, an inspection of proposed sites would take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, The Canal at 1pm, and the planters at 2:30pm. It was proposed that a clean-up and litter pick takes place before the inspection, possibly in June to coincide with the 'Love Where You Live' initiative.

#### 10. Royston Family Centre, No Update

#### 11. WW1 Commemorations

Albert Shepherd Memorial Gate, members were informed that the gates have deteriorated to such an extent that they have been removed. It was agreed that quotes for their replacement should be sought.

**Tree Planting**, the meeting were informed that Carlton TARA had secured 105 trees to be planted to commemorate local individuals lost in the conflict.

#### 12. Royston & Carlton Community Partnership, No Update

#### 13. Funding Opportunities

The meeting were informed of an offer from B & Q, to community groups to reuse end of line items.

#### 14. Ward Alliance Funding Update and to consider applications received

Members were updated on the funding allocated to date and the available budget.

Copies of funding application received were distributed:

- a) Healthy Teeth Project, members discussed the project at length, and agreed to defer for 6 months seeking information on the projects impact in other areas.
- **b) Robin Hood Allotments Path**, members recommended an allocation of £1893.52.
- c) Sycamore Drive Allotments, members recommended support of the project and budget of £10,550.00 with a proposal to accept the offer of 50% of the project costs from Park Services and seek support for the project from other sources.

#### 15. Any Other Business

**National Citizens of Service**, members were updated on the project and were encouraged to put forward project proposals that the young people could be involved in. **Rabbit Ings,** members were updated on the allocation of £10,000 of section 106 funding for green spaces improvement to install natural barriers to the sports pitches. **Royston Canal**, members were updated on the allocation of £5,000 of section 106 funding for green spaces improvement to install 32 fishing pegs along the canal. **Galas/Proms**, It was agreed that a funding application would be prepared.

#### 16. Ward Alliance Members Actions

- a) Community Orchard, Secretary to progress.
- **b)** Summer Bedding Plants, J Craig and Community Development Officer to progress.
- c) Environmental Maintenance, S Croft to investigate issues with Royston Lane Fence.
- d) Albert Memorial Gate, Secretary to seek estimate for replacement.
- e) B&Q, secretary to distribute information.
- f) National Citizens of Service, Members to consider possible projects.
- g) Galas/Proms application, secretary to prepare application.

#### 17. Decisions Agreed.

- a) Royston Prom's, retain dates agreed
- **b) Dial Barnsley & CA Barnsley**, members to hold a finance meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May to discuss future of projects.
- **c) Royston in Bloom**, clean up and litter pick to be arrange prior to inspection on the 15<sup>th</sup> July.

- d) Healthy Teeth Project, defer for 6 months seeking information on the projects impact in other areas.
- e) Robin Hood Allotment Path, an allocation of £1893.52.
- **f)** Sycamore Drive Allotments, to support the project and a budget of £10,550.00 with a proposal to accept the offer of 50% of the project costs from Park Services and seek support for the project from other sources.

#### 18. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 6pm at The Grove

#### The Chair closed the meeting at 8:45pm

### **ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE**

#### AGENDA

#### Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 at 6pm The Grove, Royston

**Present**, Cllr Caroline Makinson, John Craig, Mick Birkinshaw, Graham Kyte, and John Openshaw.

In Attendance, Paul Jolley, Community Development Officer.

1. Apologies for Absence, Gemma Conway and Fred Harston.

2. Declaration of Interest, None Received.

**3. Ward Alliance Finance**, The community Development Officer, updated the meeting on the Ward Alliance finances, the budget for the year, funds allocated to date, projects supported in previous years and balance remaining.

4. CAB/Dial review/update, The secretary distributed reports prepared by both organisations on number of clients attending each session, issues addressed, their age, disability etc. The community Development officer distributed information on the cost of delivering the bi weekly sessions delivered alternately by Dial and CAB. Following discussions on the statistics provided members proposed that Dial should be supported to deliver a weekly session at the Lifelong Learning Centre, and this should be supplemented with CAB supported deliver one session per month.

**5. Any Other Business,** Members views on the delivery of summer activities in Royston were sought, members supported the delivery of a programme of summer activities.

#### 6. Decisions Agreed,

**Dial and CAB advice sessions**, members recommended the allocation of £2,537.50 to Dial to deliver a weekly advice service at the Lifelong Learning Centre in Royston, to also allocate £1,033.28 to Cab for the delivery of a monthly advice session at the Lifelong Learning Centre in Royston. The sessions would run from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 **Summer Activities Programme**, Agreed that planning of the activities should go ahead and a funding application be prepared for the next Ward Alliance Meeting.

#### 7. Dates of next meeting, Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> June 6pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 6:50pm

**Note** Dial, Cab Sessions 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, 9 monthly sessions (Thursday's) 39 week, 30 weeks for Dial and 9 for CAB, less  $22^{nd}$  and  $29^{th}$  December 2016. **Costs** Dial £87.50 x 29 =£2,537.50, CAB, £129.16 x 8 =£1,033.28.

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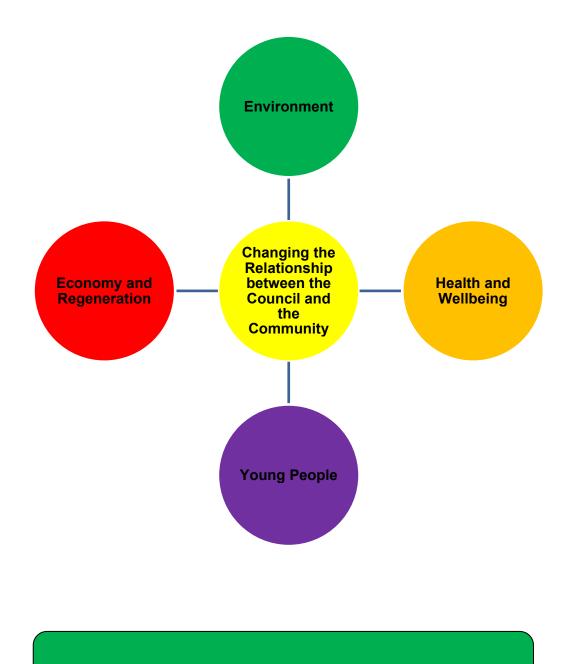
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# NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL

## **Project Performance Report**

## June 2016

#### **The North East Area Council Priorities**



#### **Community Cohesion and Integration**

#### **Commissioning Update**

#### 1. The North East Area Council delegated contract award decision, for the Apprenticeship and Employability Study Programme focusing on the local Environment

That the North East Area Council note that Barnsley Community Build have won the tender for the Apprenticeship and Employability Study Programme focusing on the local Environment.

#### **Contract Value**

The Budget for the contract was identified at  $\pounds$ 245,000 per annum, and includes a  $\pounds$ 20,000 contingency sum for potential additional activities to be funded through the contract. The contingency sum will be identified separately on the pricing schedule.

#### **Contract Start Date and Duration**

The Contract Start date is the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016

The contract price for the 10 months from June 2016 to the end of March 2017 is  $\pounds$ 196,920.00

The contract will be for 10 months, plus 1 year, plus 1 year, plus 1 year, subject to satisfactory contract performance and funding being available.

The first extension to the contract, if granted, will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017.

#### 2. Fit Me initiative

Feedback from participants;

Most of the referrals for the course were as a result from self-referrals, women found out about Fit Me through the following:

- 3 Word of Mouth
- 2 GP or Primary Care referred
- 10 Poster or Leaflet

The approach we have used for instructors has been adapted recently as during the first two courses we used instructors from the private sector that had more experience in gym and studio settings. I thought that this would encourage a link to those setting after the Fit Me courses had finished. The problem was that after several meetings I couldn't get the instructors to 'tone it down' as they were used to higher levels of teaching.

So we decided to hire local instructors that work and live in the local community. Julie Swallow was involved in the Shafton, Susie Mcnamee was involved with the Cudworth Fit Me and Ann Bates who was involved with Grimethorpe and Great Houghton sessions. These qualified instructors all lived in the North East area and ran community based sessions outside of Fit Me. This was a much more appealing transition for the participants attending to go to a local community group, at a lower cost than joining a main stream gym.

This is something we will be continuing with for the remainder of the courses as it brings some business to the local community groups and the local instructors working in the community, as well as increasing links between them all.

#### Outcomes

Per Course	Number of people who could achieve this	Number of people who achieved it	%
% of participants increasing levels of physical activity	18	18	100
% increase in average number of portions of fruit and veg per day	18	18	100
% of participants reducing their weight in Kg	18	8	44
% of participants reducing waist circumference, cm	18	8	44
% of participants reducing blood pressure	18	10	55
% of participants completing (increasing) 30mins of moderate activity a week	18	18	100
7) % of participants completing (increasing) 30mins of vigorous activity a week	18	18	100
8) On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate your knowledge on keeping your heart healthy	18		
9) % increase in self confidence	18	18	100
10) reduction in high levels of alcohol consumption to safe level	2	2	100
11) reduction in smoking	0	0	0

#### Case Study Shafton ALC

All participants attended 8 sessions, which consisted of a 30 minute workshop on the following topics; getting the balance right, food and mood, food labelling and portions, eat well plate. They also completed a practical session where they made a healthy breakfast in a jar.

The workshops are then followed by a 60 minute exercise class covering a range of different session's e.g. boxercise, legs burns and turns, Zumba.

They had pre and post measurements and the option to have weekly weigh ins.

#### Results

Attendance was really positive for this group with a good retention rate of 61% and all of the women completing the course achieving the goal they set out to. We recorded the highest level of attendance to date. The facilities may have contributed to this as they supported us to deliver in an environment where the women felt comfortable and it was easy to access.

We are building up the Fit Me name across the North East area and it's starting to show as we are getting more interest at every course we run. The various methods of publicity are having the desired outcome in raising the profile of Fit Me. For the women attending the course we have secured some free passes for them to keep up being active through a local gym, they also have access to Be Well Barnsley community gym run at Netherwood ALC.



#### 3. QDOS dance and theatre Healthy Life Styles Performances Update

Some of the QDOS dance and theatre Healthy Life Styles Performances in the Primary Schools have been scheduled, and Councillors are encouraged to attend one of the sessions. The list of dates of the Performances had been e mailed out, and Councillors can contact the School and book in for one of the Performances, or contact the Area Team to facilitate.

#### 4. Employability for Under 16's Update

There has been a lot of initial interest in the ALC's with regard to this initiative. To date the recruitment is as follows:

#### Carlton Community College

An introductory assembly has taken place. 20 application forms have been given out, and 9 completed applications have been received. The School is very keen to be involved in the programme this year.

#### Shafton ALC

An introductory assembly has taken place. 20 application forms have been given out, and 15 completed applications have been received, and 5 more are being completed. The School is very keen to be involved in the programme this year and has actively recruited to the initiative.

#### Holy Trinity Catholic and Church of England School

An introductory assembly has taken place. 20 application forms have been given out, and 20 completed applications have been received. The School has been keen to be involved in the programme this year and has actively recruited to the initiative. Dominic, our work experience student, has helped to promote this initiative to his year group.

#### 5. Housing Enforcement Officer Update

The Housing Enforcement Officer post recruitment has been completed, and Jeanette Milward, a Housing Officer from Berneslai Homes, has been seconded to the post. Jeanette will be starting in her new role in the next few weeks. The Councillors are encouraged to send in hot spot areas for Private Landlord Enforcements to the Area Council Manager, as soon as possible. The Area Council Manager will arrange for Jeanette to meet the Councillors as soon as she has started in her new role.

#### Caroline Donovan North East Area Council Manager April 2016

Contract Name	Delivery Body	Start Date	Length of Contract	Total Cost of Contract	Commis Budget 2	-	Commiss Budget 2	-	Commis Budget 2	-
Base Expenditure						400,000		400,000		400,00
Parks Maintenance	ВМВС	1st April 2014	1 Year	30,000			5,388		24,612	
Environmental Enforcement Project	Kingdom	4th August 2014	21 months	91,990	34,761	34,761	57,229			
	BMBC - Enforcement &	0		,		,	,			
	Community Safety		21 months	18,883	9,876	9,876	9,007			
NE Environment Team Cudworth & NE	ВСВ	1st September 2014		135,000	66,479	66,479	68,521			
NE Environment Team Cudworth & NE Appre		1st August 2015	8 months	12,000		, -	12,000			
NE Environment Team Monk Bretton & Royst		1st September 2014		135,000	66,479	66,479	68,521			
NE Environment Team Monk Bretton & Royst		1st August 2015	8 months	12,000			12,000			
Youth Development Grant	Various	03-Oct-14	Ongoing	130,000	8,016	8,016	60,000		61,984	
Older People's Project	Royston & Carlton CP	01-Dec-14	9 months	20,646	4,114	4,114	13,532	13,532	3,000	
Partnership with North- full contract £90,000 Fit Reds & Fit Me Programme Shobability Let's Grow Dance & Performance - Primary Schools Celebration Event Community Magazine Environmental Enforcement Project April 201	BFC & PSS Barnsley Community Fou TBC QDOS Various Various Kingdom		20 Months	45,000 31,255 7,824 10,000 9,000 3,000 6,000 55,796			30,000 12,502 7,824 2,452	2,452	15,000 18,753 10,000 9,000 3,000 3,548 55,796	
	BMBC - Enforcement & Co	ommunity Safety		10,800					10,800	
Summer Internship Programme 2015/16 In Pa	C&K Careers			31,550					31,550	
Neat & Tidy Apprenticeship Initiative - Pendi	_									
Private Enforcement	BMBC - Enforcement & Co	ommunity Safety		35,000					35,000	
NEET Team Phase 2				245,000					245,000	
Devolved Grant to Ward Alliances				40,000					40,000	
Expenditure approved up to March 2015						189,725	_			
Expenditure approved up to March 2016								358,976		
Expenditure approved up to March 2017										567,04
In Year Balance						210,275		41,024		-167,04
Balance Including Any Base Expenditure Not	l utilised in Previous Financ	i Sial Year						251,299		84,25
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Agenda Item 6

Report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets

and Ward Alliance Funds.

#### 2016 / 17 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2016 / 17 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to their Ward Alliance. This is discretionary to each Area Council, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2015/16 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2016/17 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

#### CUDWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

- £10,000 base allocation
- £2,859 carried forward from 2015/16
- £10,000 devolved from Area Council
- £22,859 total available funding

#### CUDWORTH WARD ALLIANCE (cont'd)

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £11,429.95	Allocation Remaining £22859.00
Cudworth Probus Club – Presentation Equipment	£500.00	£500.00	£11,429.95	£22,359.00
Cudworth Achievement Awards 2016	£1053.00	£1053.00	£11,429.95	£21,306.00
In Principle allocation	ons			
30 x Summer Hanging Baskets	£1,650.00		£9,779.95	£19,656.00
Summer Bedding Plants in Cudworth Park	£340.00		£9,439.95	£19,316.00
22 x Christmas Motifs	£3,600.00		£5,839.95	£15,716.00
Working Fund	£2,000.00		£3,839.95	£13,716.00

#### MONK BRETTON WARD ALLIANCE

- £10,000 base allocation
- £2,560 carried forward from 2015/16
- £10,000 base allocation
- £22,560 total available funding

#### MONK BRETTON WARD ALLIANCE (cont'd)

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £11,280.00	Allocation Remaining £22,560.00
In Principle Allocat	tions			
Hanging baskets	£2,200.00		£9,080.00	£20,360.00
Bedding plants	£200.00		£8,880.00	£20,160.00
Working Fund	£2,000.00		£6,880.00	£18,160.00

#### NORTH EAST WARD ALLIANCE

- £10,000 base allocation
- £1,883 carried forward from 2015/16
- £10,000 devolved from Area Council
- £21,883.00 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,941.50	Allocation Remaining £21,883.00			
Queen's Birthday Celebrations	£725.00	£725.00	£10,941.50	£21,158.00			
Robert Street Allotments – Community Garden Plot 30	£495.00	£495.00	£10,941.50	£20,663.00			
In Principle Allocations							
Working Fund	£2,000.00		£8,941.50	£18,663.00			

#### **ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE**

- £10,000 base allocation
- £6,583 carried forward from 2015/16
- £10,000 devolved from Area Council
- £26,583 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £13,291.50	Allocation Remaining £26,583.00
Royston Gala & Prom Concerts	£1,440.00	£1,440.00	£13,291.50	£25,143.00
In Principle Allocat	ions			
Summer Hanging Baskets	£1,320.00		£11,971.50	£23,823.00
Summer Bedding, Royston Park, £245.00 and Royston Lane £490.00	£735.00		£11,236.50	£23,088.00
Christmas Motifs	£1,600.00		£9,636.50	£21,488.00
Royston Working Fund	£2,000.00		£7,636.50	£19,488.00

## Item 7

#### BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North East Area Council Meeting: 9th June 2016

Agenda Item: 7

Report of North East Area Council Manager

#### **Undergraduate Apprenticeship Placement**

#### 1. Background

In order to support the North East Area Council's priorities for Economy and Regeneration, and supporting Young People, the North East Area Council Team would like to support an Undergraduate Apprenticeship Placement from Sheffield Hallam University for a fixed term period of 12 months, commencing in August / September 2016.

The purpose of the post will be to provide assistance and support in the planning and development, delivery, and evaluation, of key projects as identified by the North East Area Council.

The cost of the proposal would be £14,000, with a £500 contingency figure for any associated on costs.

#### 2. Recommendation.

That the North East Area Council approves £14,500 to support an Undergraduate Apprenticeship Placement from Sheffield Hallam University, working with the North East Area Council Team.

Officer Contact:	<u>Tel. No:</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Caroline Donovan	01226 773013	June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2016

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## Item 8

#### BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North East Area Council Meeting: 9th June 2016

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Report of North East Area Council Manager

## Biodiversity and local Habitat improvements across the North East Area Council

#### 1. Background

The North East Area Council recognises that animals and plants are important in their own right, but as part of the broader natural environment, and where they are part of a healthy biodiversity, they contribute to our mental health and physical health, education and development of community spirit, in addition to the more tangible benefits of enhanced prospects for regeneration, and tourism.

Consequently protecting and enhancing biodiversity will helped to ensure that current and future residents have opportunities to maintain and improve their physical and mental wellbeing, and that the economic development and regeneration are truly sustainable.

The North East Area Council has highlighted the Environment as one of its key priorities and as part of its contribution to supporting local biodiversity has adopted the Hedgehog as its mascot.

#### 2. National Status

Hedgehog numbers appear to have been falling since the 1990's with consistent declines in numbers recorded since 2001. The decline seems to be most evident in the eastern parts of mainland Britain.

#### 3. Local Status

Although present throughout most of the Borough little is known about the current population status of this species.

#### 4. Legal Status

Hedgehogs are partially protected under Schedule 6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981). This Act was updated by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

#### 5. Proposed Local Action

To support, and link in, with the Barnsley Biodiversity Action Plan as follows:

- Encourage the provision of Hedgehog friendly environments in suburban gardens and Schools.
- Promote the provision of Hedgehog boxes at suitable sites
- Carry out a survey to determine the Hedgehog population and distribution across the North East Area Council.
- Provide leaflets and posters to promote publicity to increase public awareness of Hedgehog conservation.
- Encourage people who live and work in the area, to volunteer to help local biodiversity improvements by becoming Hedgehog Champions.

#### 6. BMBC Land Ownership and Management Actions

To support, and link in, with the Barnsley Biodiversity Action Plan as follows:

- The majority of silvicultural works, consisting of logs and brash at Barnsley MBC countryside sites, to be left on the site of origin as habitat piles
- Encourage the provision of Hedgehog friendly environments in Schools, allotments, local parks, amenity grasslands and other public open spaces.
- Encourage the provision of culverts to provide safe crossing points for Hedgehogs, particularly on busy roads.

#### 7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That the North East Area Council supports the proposed linkages with the Barnsley Biodiversity Action Plan with regard to both Local Action, and BMBC Land Ownership and Management.
- 7.2 That £2,000 is agreed to support local biodiversity improvements, with particular reference to supporting Hedgehogs, across the North East Area Council



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