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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 20 November 2017
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 18th September, 2017 (Dac.20.11.2017/2) (*Pages 3 - 6*)

Items for Discussion

- 3 Developing Initiatives Supporting Communities (DISC) (Dac.20.11.2017/3)
- 4 South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (Dac.20.11.2017/4)

Performance

- 5 Community Safety In The Dearne (Dac.20.11.2017/5)
- 6 Performance Report (Dac.20.11.2017/6) (*Pages 7 - 34*)

Items for Decision

- 7 Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects (Dac.20.11.2017/7) (*Pages 35 - 38*)
- 8 Dearne Area Council Commissioning (Dac.20.11.2017/8)

Dearne Approach

- 9 Notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group held on 18th September, 2017 (Dac.20.11.2017/9) (*Pages 39 - 42*)

Ward Alliances

- 10 Notes from the Ward Alliance (Dac.20.11.2017/10) (*Pages 43 - 48*)
- 11 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.20.11.2017/11) (*Pages 49 - 52*)

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Noble (Chair), Gardiner, Gollick, C. Johnson, Phillips and Sixsmith MBE

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Friday, 10 November 2017



MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 18 September 2017
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

MINUTES

Present Councillors Noble (Chair), Gollick and C. Johnson.

8 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

9 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 24th July, 2017 (Dac.18.09.2017/2)**

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 24th July, 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

10 **Community Safety in the Dearne (Dac.18.09.2017/3)**

Fiona Tennyson, Community Safety Team Leader, and Rachel Dickinson, Victim and Witness Support Officer, were welcomed to the meeting. Members were made aware that the major issue in the area of late was the use of off- road bikes, with one being seized the previous week. It was noted that this was also an issue in other areas outside of the Dearne.

Members also discussed issues around Low Grange Road, which had been subject to a Community Trigger. Members noted that the number of reports related to St. Andrews Square had reduced, however anecdotally issues still remained, but these were largely low level. The importance of reporting issues was stressed, noting that this could be via 101, Councillors, PACT meetings, through email, or a variety of other means.

Members discussed the siting of the CCTV camera on Straight Lane, and whether this had been moved and it was agreed to seek clarification on this matter.

The work landlords had undertaken around Victoria Street and Coop Street was commended, and the difference seen in the area was noted.

The meeting discussed issues around Frederick Street, and it was noted that these would be investigated further.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

11 **Sport England Submission (Dac.18.09.2017/4)**

Julie Tolhurst, Public Health Principal – Place, Culture, Housing and Regulation was welcomed to the meeting.

Members were made aware of a new funding stream available from Sport England, which aimed to increase physical activity. It was suggested that a bid may be developed with Doncaster and Rotherham to cover the whole of the Dearne Valley.

The deadline of 2nd November, 2017 for submission was noted, as was the need to consult and engage with partners and the community in order to shape the bid.

Initial ideas focused on assisting and motivating those in work, who did less than 30 minutes of exercise per week, to become more active. Members discussed a number of options that could engage individuals with the support of their workplaces, including before and after work, and at lunchtimes. It was noted that healthier and happier employees are often more productive.

Members were supportive of proposals, and it was agreed that they be kept engaged throughout the development of a bid.

RESOLVED that the development of a bid to Sport England be supported.

12 Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects (Dac.18.09.2017/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item. Members noted that around £16,000 had been carried forward from 2016/17 to 2017/18, resulting in an opening balance of just over £216,000.

Taking into account finance already committed, the amount of remaining finance still unallocated stood at £2,553. It was noted that this amount would increase slightly with the income from Fixed Penalty Notices.

An update was provided on the Railway Embankment project, and Members noted that applications to the Tesco bags scheme and Barnsley Bonds had been successful for a total of £2,500. In addition Dearne Valley Landscape had agreed £500 towards flowers, and would also consider contributing to other areas of expenditure such as signage. Members also noted that drawings for access had been progressed.

Members noted the outcome of a recent meeting to discuss Dearne Development Fund applications. Though 9 had been recommended for approval, the actual amounts were still to be confirmed as discussions were still ongoing with the groups in question.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13 Commissioning Intentions (Dac.18.09.2017/6)

Members attention was drawn to the report, which had been compiled following a workshop, where the current contracts had been discussed.

The recommendations from the workshop were considered. With regards to the service to provide Environmental Enforcement, a benchmarking exercise had been

undertaken. This had shown the service in a favourable light in the Dearne area, and it was agreed to extend the contract.

The service provided by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance was then discussed in some depth, noting a number of concerns. It was suggested that the Area Council Manager discusses these concerns at the next contract management meeting, and that a date for improvements to be made be agreed. It was suggested that decisions on the extension of the contract be deferred to a future meeting pending the outcome of discussions and the delivery of the requested improvements.

Members noted that schedules had been requested from Neighbourhood Services in order to ensure services were complementary.

With regards to the Private Sector Housing Officer, Members were happy with the service and agreed that this be extended.

Delivery of services after March 2019 was discussed, noting the significant lead in times required for procurement. It was therefore suggested to hold a workshop in January, 2018 to discuss this in more detail.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the Service Level Agreement to provide a Private Sector Housing Officer be extended to 31st March, 2019 at a cost of £36,081 per annum;
- (ii) That the Environmental Enforcement contract be extended to 31st March, 2019 at a cost of £33,398 per annum;
- (iii) That decisions regarding the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance be deferred to a future meeting;
- (iv) That a workshop be convened in January, 2018 to discuss future Area Council commissions in more detail.

14 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.18.09.2017/7)

The item was introduced by The Area Council Manager. For Dearne North it was noted that, of the £11,050.53 of available Ward Alliance funding, £1,379.80 had been allocated, and for Dearne South £1,697.40 of the £11,729.90 fund had been allocated.

It was acknowledged that a number of organisations that had previously expressed an interest in the Funds, but had yet to apply. It was suggested there could be a number of reasons why this may be the case, including the capacity of organisations to complete the relevant forms. It was suggested that support could be provided by the Area Team, and it was agreed for Members to forward the details of prospective appellants to the Team.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 20th November 2017

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council Performance of Commissioned Services

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides members with an update on the delivery of the Dearne Area Councils commissions and services paid for through the Dearne Development Fund.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Dearne members note the progress of the two Dearne Area Council commissions and service level agreement with BMBC as set out in appendix one.

2.2 That Dearne members note the progress of the Dearne Development Fund applicants as set out in part c of appendix one

3.0 Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)

3.1 **Part A** of the Dearne Council Performance report provides Dearne Area Council members with an overview of how all the Dearne Area Council commissions, Service Level Agreement (SLA) and services funded through the Dearne development fund are assisting in meeting future council priorities. Part A also details how the Dearne Area Council commissions are performing against the set indicators.

Contracted service providers:

- Kingdom Security – Environmental Enforcement
- Twiggs- Clean and Tidy

Service Level agreement:

- BMBC-Safer Communities Service –Providing a Private Sector Housing Officer

Dearne Development Fund 2016/17

- Dial
- CAB
- Reds in the community
- Alzheimer's society
- Goldthorpe Development Group
- Goldthorpe development group bounce into summer

- Goldthorpe Town Centre
- Allotment
- Dearne Electronic Community Village
- Tads
- Hickleton Bowling club

The development fund panel met on the 4th of September and considered a further nine projects that will commence delivering at the end of November 2017.

3.2 **Part B** provides Dearne Area Council members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services and SLA. The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from commissioned services following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings. In addition to the information provided in the summary reports, more detailed information is available on request, including case studies with photographs for each contracted service, and some performance data on a ward basis.

3.3 **Part C** provides the Dearne Area Council with a progress update of the services/groups awarded finances through the Dearne Development Fund. Out of the eleven projects funded, eight projects are still operational and being monitored with seven of those providing information for the last quarter.

4.0 **Performance Report –Issues**

4.1 The Service Level Agreement with BMBC’s Safer Communities Service and Kingdom service continues to perform satisfactorily with no significant issues identified.

4.2 The private sector housing scheme received an amber in their rag rating in relation to volunteers taking part in their community clean ups. This will be discussed at the next contract monitoring meeting. Recruitment will also have to commence in order to get a person in place as the current worker will go back to their substantive post at the end of March 2018.

4.3 The environmental, education and volunteer service continue to exceed their targets. These will be looked at during their next contract meeting in order to increase their targets. There have been some operational issues that have been discussed at length and to some extent resolved. In the performance report they received an amber rag rating for their “residents maintaining area” target. This was also discussed and clarity was given during their contract meeting.

4.4 The Dearne development fund projects continue to do well. RAG ratings have not been provided for these services and not all of the services will have provided monitoring information at this point. Some providers submit their

information quarterly and the report returns are not in sync with the deadline for area council papers.

Appendices

4.0

Appendix One: Performance report

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DEARNE AREA COUNCIL

Performance Report

**Beginning August - end of
September 2017**



INTRODUCTION

Dearne Area Council Priorities



Table 1 below shows the Providers that have been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Dearne Area Council.

Service	Provider	Contract Value/length	Contract end date
Environmental enforcement	Kingdom security	£31,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2019
Private Sector Housing Enforcement	BMBC	£38,061 per annum	Funded until end of March 2019
Environmental, volunteering and education service	Twiggs	£75,000 per annum	Funded until March 2018, with the option to extend a further year

PART A - OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

The Dearne Area Council commissions also contribute to the Councils overall priorities of thriving vibrant economy, stronger resilient communities and citizens achieving their potential. The achievement of the outcomes which includes the figures from the Dearne Development Fund are listed in table's below:

*the targets below also include the statistics from the Dearne Development Fund

Thriving and Vibrant Economy

Outcome Indicators	Yr Target	Quarter	Cumulative
No. of FTE jobs created and recruited to	3	7	10
No. of PT/sessional jobs created and recruited to	9	1	10
No. of apprentice and placement created and recruited to	7	3	10
No. of group/service match funded	6	-	6
Local spend (average across all contracts)	90%	90%	

Stronger resilient communities

Outcome Indicators	Yr Target	Quarter	Cumulative
No. of people engaged in volunteering	790	219	377
No. of new volunteers	100	73	162
No of community groups supported (Twiggs)	60	29	60
No. of volunteer opportunities through commissions	284	48	123
No. of local business involvement	25	11	16

Citizens achieving their potential

Outcome Indicators	Yr Target	Quarter	Cumulative
No. residents achieving qualification	60	15	35
No. education in schools	8	2	4
No. of residents receiving benefit/debt advice services	600	80	168
No. of young people pre mental health service	40	12	27

PART B - SUMMARY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

REPORT FOR EACH SERVICE

The below commissioned services, projects and groups paid for from Dearne Area Council's finances are based on the Dearne area priorities but also contribute towards meeting Communities Public Health Outcomes and to Barnsley Council's 2020 vision of :

- Create more and better jobs and good business growth
- Increase skills to get more people working
- Create more and better housing
- Every child attends school and is successful in learning and work
- Reducing demand through improving access to early help
- Children are safe from harm
- People are healthier, happier, independent and active

At present, two contracts and one Service Level Agreement (SLA) with BMBC have formally completed their contract monitoring/contract management reporting. The following tables therefore reflect the overview of performance of **three contracts**.

(1)KINGDOM

Kingdom environmental enforcement service quarter 2 report submitted on 11 th of October 2017		
Dearne Area Council Priority		RAG rating
Improving the economy	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	
	Milestones achieved	
Environment	Outcome indicator targets met	
	Social value targets met	
Improving Health	Satisfactory spend and financial information	
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	
Young people		

Environment: Enforcement- Kingdom

Performance Indicator	Yr Target	Q2	Cumulative
Patrol Hours completed	1476	480	888
No of litter and dog fouling operations	8	2	3
No of litter and dog fouling FPNs issued	-	35	69
No of parking PCNs issued	-	120	220
Income this quarter		£975	£2,250
Local spend	85%	100%	

During quarter two 35 fixed penalty notices (FPN's) have been issued in the area. 32 of these have been for littering offences and 3 for dog fouling offences. The officers have also issued 120 PCN, s in the area. Dog fouling operations have been conducted on the brick ponds. Officers also attended the big feast gala and worked with the community in undertaking a litter pick in the area.

The Officers concentrate their patrols around intelligence led information from the tasking process and also from complaints on the street from the community at large. The service has also been met with an increase in specific witness information regarding offenders. The service offers on the first instance, an FPN armed with a statement from the witness and allow the individual to discharge their liability rather than requiring officers to compile a file for prosecution at court. The children that opt to engage in the restorative justice scheme attended a joint event with the enforcement workers and BODVAG. They organised a litter pick on the reservoir in Thurnscoe.

	Littering	Dog Fouling	Parking	Total
Quarter 1	27	7	100	134
Quarter 2	32	3	120	155

To date offenders have paid prior to attending, Pleaded guilty prior to court or have been found guilty at court. There has been a 99% success rate for those that take it to court. The FPN income from Kingdom to the Dearne Area Council for quarter two is £1,275 taking the total this year to £2,250.

Bin it to win it initiative!

Throughout the Month of September Kingdom Officers have handed out numerous 'BIN it to WIN it Post Cards to those individuals whom are seen by the Officers whilst on patrol disposing of their litter or dog foul responsibly. The post card is completed by the individual and entered into the draw. The winner of the draw is provided with £50 worth vouchers for

numerous retail outlets. The first draw is due to commence early October with all the fanfare. Winners will be announced soon. 'The BIN it to WIN it' campaign continues.



Previous year's figures

	Littering	Dog Fouling	Parking	Total
Year 1 Aug 2014 -Mar 2015	248	16	47	311
Year 2 Apr 2015- Mar 2016	326	51	95	472
Year 3 Apr 2016- Mar 2017	238	24	84	346

***Kingdom contribution to Public Health Outcomes**

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.04	First time entrants to the youth justice system
1.16	Utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons

(2)PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING

Private sector housing service quarter 2 report submitted on the 5 th of October 2017		
Dearne Area Council Priority		RAG rating
Improving the economy	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	Green
	Milestones achieved	
Environment	Outcome indicator targets met	Amber
	Social value targets met	
Improving Health	Satisfactory spend and financial information	Green
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	

Environment: Housing Enforcement -BMBC

Performance Indicator	Yr Target	Q2	Cumulative
Request for service	600	182	421
Vulnerable households identified	40	7	41
Property inspections	48	29	78
People sign posted to other services	32	7	41
Households supported with waste/recycling	80	38	115
Community clean ups	4	0	0
Campaigns	4	2	2
Local spend	90%	90%	

Of the 28 targets that are set for this contract the community clean ups undertaken with residents and volunteer indicators have not been met. Therefore an amber rating has been given to their report. This was discussed during the contract monitoring meeting on the 2nd of November with the service understanding that this indicator still needed to be achieved during the remainder of the year.

During the months July to September 2017 the officer dealt with 182 complaints, queries requests for service, advice and referrals. These include advice given to other agencies including South Yorkshire Police. Some of these were dealt on an informal basis, either speaking to the tenant/occupier or just sending out a general advice letter, others went to more formal action. All cases closed within quarter 2 are recorded as having a successful outcome.

Housing Disrepair.

The officer dealt with 29 housing issues within Quarter 2, 16 of these were for general disrepair. Some of the issues ranged from uneven floorboards right the way to defective guttering. The officer was also called out to 1 property that had electrical issues, 4 with damp and mould issues and 8 vandalised properties which were open to access.

4 of these reports and request for service have come from support workers and health visitors who are supporting and helping the families. The Landlords/Letting Agents were contacted in relation to each one of these requests, without the need for Formal Notices to be served. The officer referred another 3 of these to relevant support agencies, for example the Salvation Army.

Following the officers intervention the tenants living conditions improved in all 21 properties. One of these tenants was rehoused by his letting agents due to the condition of the property as it was attracting rats inside.

Waste on Premises.

I received and dealt with 61 Waste on Premises within Quarter 2. Tenants were spoken to or an informal waste letter was sent asking them to remove the waste within 14 days. Of these 59 complied 2 had a CPN Written Warning, and 2 Community Protection Notices were served. 1 complied with the other is to go to a FPN.



Dog fouling in gardens.

The officer received and dealt with 6 dog fouling in gardens in Quarter 2. Occupiers/tenants were spoken to or informal letter was sent asking them to remove the dog faeces. All these were resolved informally.

Bins.

21 contaminated bins were found during routine proactive visits within Quarter 2. 21 referrals made to Waste Management requesting removal.

Fly tipping.

In total 41 fly tipping cases were found during routine proactive visits within Quarter 2. Where items of waste have been fly tipped and no evidence has been found, emails were sent to Neighbourhood Services along with photographic evidence requesting the waste to be removed.

Case Study 1.

“During a proactive visit I was approached by a couple who were in the Co-operative Street backings. They asked me if I was from the Council and asked if I could help them. They explained to me that there was an injured cat in a garden of a property on Co-operative Street and it had appeared to have been mauled by a dog. They said that there was also a cat with new born kittens in a green Asda shopping basket in the garden and had been there for a few days. They had tried to entice both the injured and mother cat by making a makeshift shelter containing food but could not get near. I had a look in the garden and saw a badly injured cat which ran off. The cat with the kittens was near the back door and was exposed to the cold damp weather at the time. The kittens did not have their eyes open. I was careful not to approach in case I scared the mother cat off. I went round to the front of the property and noted that all the curtains were closed and that there was a black cat in the front window. I banged on the door but there was no reply. I was concerned regarding the welfare of the cats and the kittens and I then rang the RSPCA. I explained the situation and said that I had been round but could get no reply from the tenants though there was a cat in the house. I asked that as a matter of urgency they visit. The lady I spoke to took both my contact details and the contact details of the couple who had approached me.

I visited the next day and observed that though there was no sign of the injured cat the mother cat and kittens were still there. I rang the RSPCA and the lady informed me that an Officer had visited the evening before at 5.30 p.m. and could see no sign of the injured cat, the mother cat and her kittens. I explained that I was there on site and that the cat and kittens were in the same place as the day before but there was no sign of the injured cat. I said that I was very concerned for the welfare of the cat and kittens she said that someone would definitely visit that day. I carried out another visit later that week and noted that the cat and kittens had been taken away.”

***Housing contribution to Public Health Outcomes**

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.01	Children in low income families
1.15	Statutory homelessness
1.17	Fuel poverty
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.08	Emotional wellbeing of looked after children

(3) TWIGGS

Twiggs environmental, education and volunteer service quarter 2 report submitted on the 5 th of October 2017		
Dearne Area Council Priority		RAG rating
Improving the economy	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting	Green
Skills and learning for work		
Environment	Milestones achieved	Green
	Outcome indicator targets met	Amber
Improving Health	Social value targets met	Green
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	Green
Young People	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	Green

Environment: Clean and Tidy -Twiggs

Performance Indicator	Yr Target	Q2	Cumulative
Twiggs social action events	10	42	63
Community groups supported	60	29	60
Areas adopted by residents	8	0	0
Volunteers recruited to Twiggs events	48	128	235
Areas of blight targeted	1200	300	600
Local business engagement	25	11	16
Restorative justice sessions	4	1	5
Local spend	90%	90%	

All 18 outcome indicators were met and some exceeded aside from the “individuals taking ownership for areas” indicator, hence why it appears as an amber on their rag rating table. This was discussed on the 23rd of September during the contract monitoring meeting. The Area Manager provided clarity regarding what the indicator was and how this could be met.

Over the last quarter the service have employed another staff member at a cost to their service in order to ensure continuity of service whilst the senior management team were so busy. The team have worked with 29 established groups and 11 local businesses. These include the COOP, post office and other local cafes and eateries.

The team have organised 42 social action events in St Andrew’s Square, the Salvation Army, Thurnscoe Reservoir, Heather Court and Mansion Fields to name a few. They have targeted 300 areas of blight and report in 2 fly tipping cases.

Case study

On the 20th September 2017 the team started the Old Cemetery Restoration Project They had been contacted by a local man who tendered to the cemetery but needed help in bringing it back to its former self. The team are continuing with activities in the area clearing the way for volunteers into the Old Cemetery. Activities included strimming, cutting back the brambles, clearing the shrubs, lifting the trees and litter picking. This is the beginning of a new volunteer group being formed in Bolton Upon Dearne.



This quarter landed awkwardly with regards to arranging and delivering educational/ environmental sessions with local schools. The only availability to deliver sessions with local schools this quarter was the first half of July and the second half of September due to school summer holidays. The team focused their efforts into communicating with the schools, building relationships and arranging activities to take place from the 1st October 2017 onwards. The team have sessions pre-arranged and confirmed for next quarter with the following schools:

Dearne Valley College – 4th October, 11th October, 18th October, 25th October 2017

Gooseacre Primary School – 6th October 2017

Carrfield Primary School – 8th November 2017

***TWIGGS contribution to Public Health Outcomes**

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.04	First time entrants to the youth justice system
1.16	Utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons
Health Improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.13	Proportion of physically active and inactive adults
2.23	Self-reported well being

PART C- Dearne Development Fund

The Dearne Area Council committed £80K in the last financial year to the Development Fund and spent £68,172 on the 11 project below, leaving £11,827 unallocated in 2016/17.

***Monitoring information for some of these projects is not available in line with the quarterly returns and for some of the projects that have already ended.**

SERVICE	PRIORITY	PROJECT TITLE	COST	START	END	Reports
CAB	Improving Health	Dearne area financial inclusion outreach project	£9,974	Oct 2016	Oct 2017	Report included
Dial Drop in	Improving Health improving the economy	Dearne drop in advice	£6,175	Jan 2017	Dec 2017	Report included
Goldthorpe Development Group	Young people	Bounce into summer	£2,000	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	One off event August 2017
Alzheimer's	Improving health	Carers information support programme	£1,022	Oct 2017	Dec 2017	Report included
Goldthorpe Development Group	Improving health	In your prime get together	£4,000	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Report included
Allotment	Improving health, skills and learning for work, young people	Sessional worker	£8,000	Jan 2017	Nov 2017	Report submitted 18.09.2017
Goldthorpe town centre group	Improving the economy	Open for business	£5,524	Nov 2016	Oct 2017	Final report submitted 15.05.2017
Reds in the community	Young people	Kicks programme	£5,752	Jan 2017	July 2017	Final report submitted 18.09.2017
Dearne Electronic community village	Skills and learning for work	Employability project	£14.800	Jan 2017	Oct 2017	Report included

TADS	Young people improving health	Therapies for young people	£8,425.50	April 2017	March 2018	Report included
Hickleton bowling club	Young people improving health	Wheel chair access	£2,500	April 2017	July 2017	Final report submitted 20.11.2017

Citizen's Advice

This project continues to be delivered from two rooms at Goldthorpe Library by two qualified advisers – one generalist and one debt specialist. Throughout the project the service has been very well used by the residents of Dearne North and Dearne South. During this quarter, CAB have made a total of 62 client contacts which brings the total number of client contacts up to 202 since the service began.

Clients continue to access the service for support with a variety of different issues, but the most common issues that clients came to the outreach to seek help with are debt and benefits. Further analysis of the advice and information codes (AIC) from our PETRA case recording system shows that the clients that attended in this quarter were assisted with a total of 205 different enquiry issues.

Based on the AIC code information, the most common issues that clients came to the outreach to seek help with were: Benefits and Tax Credits (39%), Debt (34%) and Benefits Universal Credit (7%)

Across the lifetime of the project the advisers have assisted clients to deal with £152,728 of problem debt. As a result, these clients are experiencing improved financial outcomes as their debt repayments are negotiated to manageable levels leading to greater disposable income.

This quarter the generalist adviser gave advice resulting in an estimated £13,207 of additional benefits available for the client to claim. This brings the total amount of benefit claimed for the whole project to £107,081

Completion of the feedback survey by clients has been low. However, of the clients that have completed the survey, 67% said seeing the adviser reduced their feelings of stress and 67% reported that they feel less worried about the future.

Case Study 1

Client is single and suffers from Anxiety/Depression. Client is unemployed and in receipt of Universal Credit, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support. Client came to the outreach after receiving a warrant for eviction from their Berneslai Homes property. Client had a significant amount of rent arrears. The majority of the arrears had accumulated due to having to pay the under occupancy charge for 2 bedrooms, which client was unable to afford.

We assisted client in applying to suspend the warrant, and this was successful when they went to court. However, client was still in a position where they couldn't afford to pay the under occupancy charge as well as the arrears.

Berneslai Homes had applied to have the arrears deducted from the client's Universal credit and were allowed to take 20% of the benefit, which was leaving the client in hardship.

We therefore assisted the client in applying for Discretionary Housing payment to pay the under occupancy charge, which was successful. We also asked Berneslai Homes if they would contact Universal Credit to have the arrears payment reduced to 10% (10% is the minimum deduction), which they agreed to.

The outcome is that the client can now budget more successfully, and no longer has to rely on family to provide them with food.

Case Study 2

Client is disabled and has problems with mobility. Client is also unable to read or write. Client has been diagnosed with autism which they have had since they were a child.

Client was claiming Personal Independence Payment but after scoring 0 points in a medical assessment this was stopped. Client was helped by the DWP to put in a Mandatory Reconsideration notice. This came back stating the DWP had not changed their original decision.

Client attended outreach already out of time to put in an appeal as she had not sought help and responded within one month. Client explained that the person that usually reads their letters had been on holiday.

We explained to the client that they could put in a late appeal.

We printed a SSCS1 form and assisted the client to complete it, along with evidence why the appeal was late. Once client has received further paperwork (either requesting further evidence or information about a tribunal) client will return to outreach for further support.

DIAL

During the last quarter the project delivered twelve sessions at Goldthorpe Library to 80 residents. The projected benefit income for residents is £215,000 with the actual benefit gain at the end of quarter two amounting to £120,880

The project is massively oversubscribed; therefore the Dearne area manager is having discussions with welfare rights and CAB to see if any undue stress can be elevated.

Breakdown of issues that have been dealt with.

Issue	Specific Issue	No of Enquiries
Benefit Appeals	Appeal Preparation ESA	1
	Appeal Preparation PIP	1

	Case Review	1
	Mandatory Reconsideration ESA	2
	Mandatory Reconsideration PIP	6
	SSCS1 ESA	3
	SSCS1 PIP	5
Sub total		19

Issue	Specific Issue	No of Enquiries
Benefits	Attendance Allowance	3
	Benefit check	5
	Carers Allowance	2
	Council Tax Support	1
	Disability Living Allowance	2
	Disability Living Allowance (Child)	1
	Employment and Support Allowance	24
	Housing Benefit	1
	Pension Credit	1
	Personal Independence Payment	16
	Universal Credit	1
Sub total		57

Issue	Specific Issue	No of Enquiries
Disability Information	Bus/Rail Pass	1
Finance	Pension Options	1
Housing	Landlord disputes	1
HMRC	Tax refunds	1
Sub total		4

Case study

Before DIAL

Ms J attended outreach for help with her Personal Independence Payment. We helped her to apply for Personal Independence Payment earlier in the year but when invited for her medical, she went to the wrong venue. Her Personal Independence Payment stopped and her partners Carers Allowance stopped due to this.

Advice provided by DIAL

DIAL helped her request a Mandatory Reconsideration requesting the medical be rearranged or a decision be made with the information they already hold. The Mandatory Reconsideration was rejected so DIAL appealed the decision and successfully had her benefits reinstated.

After DIAL

She has received Personal Independence Payment (enhanced daily living) of £82.30 and her partners Carers Allowance was reinstated. She now has her benefits back in place and can receive the level of care she needs.

“Thanks Nigel, I have got my benefits back and can’t thank you enough. We were really struggling and I didn’t know what to do”.

***DIAL and CAB contribution to Public Health Outcomes**

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.09	Sickness absence rate
1.15	Statutory homelessness
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.23	Self-reported well being
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
4.13	Health related quality of life for older people

Goldthorpe Development Group

The Dearne Development Fund panel has supported this project for the past couple of years. This is a fantastic project that assists in reducing loneliness and isolation as well as getting the people that attend help and advice. From discussions at the last area council the area manager spoke to the group regarding engaging with others that may not know about the event. The group do promote the event but the room is nearly full to capacity so they could not take on an influx of new people.

	Goldthorpe Development Group									
	January	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct
People employed through contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
People attending event	78	98	90	98	110	88	85	88	89	88
Number of events	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Providers attending events	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1
Volunteers	9	12	14	14	12	10	13	11	11	10
New volunteers	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0
Referrals on to other services	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Case studies	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0

Over the last quarter 265 people have attended the events. They had on average ten volunteers help out at each event. Providers have attended dementia action alliance, NPS and the local police officers.

Case Studies

“An update on Margaret the lady we did a case study for in 2016. Margaret still attends all the OAP get-togethers she looks forward to the monthly events and she has made new friends and has got some of her own friends to attend the events. As with a lot of other attendees we have built up a relationship with her and each month she comes to speak with us and still praises the events. She is unsteady on her legs and appreciates the transport

that the group provides for her. This week local police officers attended the event and Margaret along with others put questions to them. It was nice for the guests to see a police presence and get to know local officers. These events bring so much to a lot of pensioners who would otherwise not see any visitors from one week to the next”

“Grace is an 86 year old widow and lives opposite to the venue. Grace attends almost all our events and looks forward to them. She meets up with old friends at each and the events give her something to look forward to. Grace is a very kind lady who loves to bake she has taken it upon herself to bake her beautiful mince pies to give out at the events. We had a word with Grace and she loves the difference the events make to her life she has decided to join the Goldthorpe Development Group committee. We believe these events have made such a difference to this lady she is a lovely person who now has something to look forward too. Grace also came to the Bounce Into Summer event where she helped serve in the kitchens We are so happy to have this lady on board she certainly is a success story resulting from our get-togethers “

***Goldthorpe development groups contribution to Public Health Outcomes.**

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.18	Social isolation
Health protection	
Objective 3: The populations health is protected from major incidents and other threats, whilst reducing health inequalities	
3.03	Population vaccination coverage
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
4.13	Health related quality of life for older people

Alzheimer’s society cRisp programme

Beneficiaries of the Society’s *Carer Information and Support Programme* are the carer’s and families of people living with dementia and those that they care for. The programme aims to build resilience in carers so they are more likely to seek further support before the point of crisis and helps the carer to form local support connections. Carers completing the programme will:

- Have an increased understanding of dementia; including the physical, psychological and emotional implications that dementia may have on the person they care for.
- Gain understanding of legal and money matters such as welfare benefits, entitlements and lasting power of attorney that may be relevant for carers of people with dementia.
- Carers will receive information on providing support and care, including signposting towards local services and preparing for the future.

- Carers will receive increased information and support on coping day to day such as the physical, psychological and emotional implications that dementia may have on the carer.
- Carers will feel empowered to access key support services and financial benefits /entitlements.
- Carers will receive increased personalised carer support through forming robust support networks with other carers enabling them to stay physically and mentally well and continue family and community life.

Previous evaluation of the *Carer Information and Support Programme* course shows that carers have:

- Increased their knowledge and understanding about dementia following the completion of the programme.
- Increased their knowledge specifically about legal and financial matters following completion of the programme.
- Increased the number of practical strategies for supporting someone with dementia following completion of the programme.
- Indicated that they feel that they are more frequently coping in their role support someone living with following completion of the programme

Added value as result of project

- Alzheimer’s Society dementia roadshow delivered information & dementia support during dementia awareness week (15-19 May 2017) Also worked in collaboration with Goldthorpe library
- Alzheimer’s Society provided information & dementia support at Goldthorpe Medical Centre during Flu clinic
- PCSO from Goldthorpe police station attended CrISP programme to promote Herbert protocol and increase community engagement
- Alzheimer’s Society supported Goldthorpe DAA “Day of Action” visiting local business and community group to encourage sign up to Dementia Action Alliance
- Member of Goldthorpe DAA
- Information & resources provided to support local OAP lunch club
- Information & resources provided to local dementia café & Snap Tin café

***Alzheimer’s society contribution to public health outcomes**

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities	
1.18	Social isolation

Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.23	Self-reported well being
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
4.13	Health related quality of life for older people

Dearne Electronic Community Village

Employability / ICT Project

Since July 2017 Rory has enrolled another 14 learners taking the total so far to 52. All learners attend a minimum of 3 hours per week for 25+ weeks. All learners are enrolled onto the OCR ICT (Entry 3) Award qualification and also the Learn My Way online course (UK Online) and the Life & Living Skills Qualification, again, accredited by OCR. Another batch of 15 portfolios is marked and ready to send to OCR for external verification with the others well on their way with the qualification.

The partnership with the jobcentre is still working very well for referrals (Over 80% of referrals are from the local job Centre) although a slight drop in referrals this quarter, due to staff training for Universal Credit. Others are from Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Salvation Army and the Library. Rory is still partnership working with Richard Jones from CRT and Sarah Hart from the DWP who both use DECV's classroom 1 or 2 days per week so we are working closely. I have also had a meeting with Andy Denham from BMBC and will refer learners for further training.

8 Learners have gained employment since Feb (6 Fulltime, 1 Temporary, 1 Partime)

1x Warehouse Worker – Fulltime – ASOS

1x Valeter (Quality Assured Valeting) – Full time

1x Mechanical Fitter – Fulltime – Dutton International

1x Coach Driver (Stagecoach) – Fulltime

1x Warehouse Sorter (Next International PLC) – Fulltime (Temp Position)

1x Careworker (Currently awaiting details of hours but should be FT)

1x Retail Worker (Fulltime) – Poundland at Cortonwood

1x Cleaner (Part time) – Wilko - Cortonwood

Case study

“Barry began attending the course after being referred by the Job Centre. Approaching 60, Barry had never used computers in his life and after a long career in parts manufacturing really wanted a change in his working life. He had some mental health issues, mainly stemming from treatment of previous employers, with whom he had worked for a long period of time. He had also suffered from a period of ill health but now felt he was back on track and ready for a new challenge. Barry was nervous when he first attended and couldn't

hold the mouse properly due to his hands shaking. He was focused on what he wanted, but didn't know how to get there.

Although nervous, I soon learnt Barry was an outgoing, talkative individual who had the right approach and attitude from the start. His personality shone through. He expressed an interest in working with people, customer service, and retail. Alongside the ICT course we began registering with all the jobsites, Updated his CV and cover letter, UJM account etc and spent half our sessions searching and applying for various jobs, generally retail. Barry's confidence also began to rise and I realised if we could secure an interview, Barry would have a great chance, particularly in retail or supermarket work.

The hard work and persistence paid off and within just 5 sessions Barry had secured an interview with Poundland. He has just started a fulltime post and bought a car to get him to work. The difference between his first appointment and last one was amazing! I've never seen a guy so happy!"

***DECV contribution to Public Health Outcomes.**

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.08	Employment for those with long term health conditions including adults with learning disabilities

TADS

During quarter two TADS staff have been working with 5 young people from Dearne ALC and 7 young people from the local primary schools. We provide 5 therapy sessions over 5 weeks to young people in The Dearne ALC, also 6 therapy sessions over 6 weeks to the Dearne Primaries.

The young people in both The Dearne ALC and Primaries are finding the therapy sessions very beneficial, learning about the coping strategies they need to help them cope with their issues on a daily basis.

Case studies

"14 year old female, the girl is very emotional and on occasions struggles to deal with day to day issues. Her dad is currently very ill and she's finding this difficult to deal with. She's very quietly spoken, nervous and totally lacking in confidence. The sessions were explained to her and she is quite happy to continue attending them. The girl explained how she is finding it very hard to cope with her father's illness, as she is told he's doing ok but she feels it's not the case; she has also had other bereavements in her family to deal with. We suggested that had a journal to write her thoughts and feelings down daily...also to dedicate some pages to her belated family member with pictures etc. The girl has declined any therapy as she preferred just to talk. We utilised the breathing exercise and she felt quite relaxed, and is using this regular.

At first the girl was nervous about doing visualisation she tried it and found this a great help, even at home.

On her 4th session came into the room Hair off her face and smiling...Sat more forward on the chair and spoke with a more clear voice, said she had started to move forward and was Feeling very good about herself and more confident. She was speaking more in class so we spoke about a few more issues and how she will manage them in the future.

On the 5th session the girl came into the room she was still smiling and was more confident with herself and said feels amazing.... we are so proud of her”

***TADS contribution to Public Health Outcomes.**

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities	
1.03	Pupil absence
1.09	Sickness absence rate
1.18	Social isolation
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.23	Self-reported well being

Hickleton Bowling Club

The panel agreed funds to enable Hickleton Bowling club to make their site DDA compliant. This has enabled members & spectators in wheelchairs & mobility scooters, parents with prams to be able to watch and fully appreciate the games of bowls, ensuring that interation between generations take place. In the summer they had over 100 families come and watch the games each weekend & weeknight.



Dearne Development Fund 2017/18

The Area Council had a starting budget of £11, 827 carried over into the 2017/18 financial year. Further at the Area Council on 15th May members agreed to allocate a further £70k to spend on Dearne projects, bringing the total to £81,827.50. Members of the panel met on the 4th of September 2017 and approved nine applications to the total of £66,602 leaving £15,225 to allocate at the next panel meeting in January 2018.

*Reports are not available for any of these projects

SERVICE	PRIORITY	PROJECT TITLE	COST	START	END	Reports
CAB	Improving Health	Dearne area financial inclusion outreach project	£9,974	Oct 2017	Oct 2018	
Dial Drop in	Improving Health improving the economy	Dearne drop in advice	£6,175	Jan 2018	Dec 2019	
Dearne and District football club	Young people improving health	Seating and stands	£5,400	Nov 2017	April 2018	
Big Local	Young people	Houghton Road community gardens	£3,085	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	
Goldthorpe Development Group	Improving health	In your prime get together	£4,000	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	
Fused imagination	Young people	Goldthorpe centre for learning and creating arts	£14,586	Oct 2017	April 2018	
TADS	Improving health	Dearne well-being intervention	£2,690	Oct 2017	April 2018	
Reds in the community	Young people	Premier league Kicks programme	£7,672	November 2017	April 2018	
Dearne Electronic community village	Skills and learning for work	Employability project	£14,800	Nov 2017	June 2018	

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 20th November 2017

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides an updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend, and outlines the unallocated amount remaining for the 2017/18 financial year
- 1.2 This report also provides an update in relation to projects that were previously agreed at the Dearne Area Council

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Dearne Area Council members note the updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend and the unallocated amounts remaining for 2017/18.
- 2.2 Dearne Area Council members note the progress of previously agreed projects that have been committed out of Area Council finances

3.0 Financial update 2017/18

- 3.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 21st November 2016 Members agreed the procurement of the volunteer, education and environmental service at a cost of £75,000 per annum. Further Members also agreed to allocate £36,081 out of 2017/18 finances to fund the private sector housing role for the Dearne. At the Dearne Area Council on the 20th March, 2017 Members also approved the continuation of the Kingdom enforcement service; this will cost the Dearne Area Council £32,898 from their 2017/18 allocation. This amount also includes the BMBC community safety contribution. Finally on the 15th May, 2017 the Dearne Area Council members allocated £70,000 to the Dearne Development Fund.
- 3.2 Including the £16,057 carried over from the last financial year the Dearne Area Council had a starting budget of £216,057. Taking the above spend into considered the total amount earmarked in order to meet Dearne priorities in 2017/18 is £214,479. This leaves £1,578 unallocated out of the original budget. Further in the first two quarters the Area Council have received £2,250 from the Kingdom FPN leaving a total of £3,828 unallocated. This amount does not include any previously earmarked or committed funds from the 2016/17 financial year.

4.0 **Progress of projects**

4.1 **Railway Embankment**

The group are now just waiting for costings and approval from Network Rail so that the works can be started. Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership has agreed to match fund the flower beds.

The Dearne Development Fund

- 4.2 The Area Council had a carry forward from 2016/17 of £11,827 and subsequently allocated £70,000 out of their 2017/18 finances in order to meet Dearne Area Council priorities. The first allocation of the Dearne Development Fund closed on the 14th of August 2017; panel members met and considered the projects on the 4th of September. The submissions received were from Dearne and District, Goldthorpe Development Group, CAB, Dial, Reds in the community, Fused imagination, Dearne Electronic Community Village, TADS and Big Local Thurnscoe.

In total there were nine applications that were applying for a total of £87,638, all of these were approved. The actual project costs came to £134,381 however matched funding has been sourced by the providers to make up the difference. The panel awarded a total of £66,602 leaving £15,225 to allocate in the next round.

Appendices

Appendix one- financial update

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Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/18
	£ 200,000	£ 200,000	£200,000	£200,000
		+£ 55,438	+£20,664	+£16,057
		£ 255,438	£220,664	£216,057
Environmental Enforcement	-£ 27,181	-£ 18,465	-£ 27,898	-£27,898
Environmental Enforcement - BMBC contribution	-£ 8,000	-£ 5,000	-£5,500	-£5,500
Community Newsletter		-£1,846.00	-£1,846 -£1,800	
Training for Employment	-£ 74,381	-£ 37,000		
Private Sector Rented Housing Management / Enforcement	-£ 35,000	-£62,300	- £12,000	-£36,081
Dearne Clean & Tidy		-£ 75,000	- £43,736	-£75,000
Dearne Development Fund		-£ 62,646	-£15,000	-£70,000
Dearne Development Fund - Phase 2			-£80,000	
Ward Alliance's			-£20,000	
Contribution towards Railway Embankment			-£10,000	
Total spend (actual)	£ 144,562	£262,257	£217,780	£214,479
Allocation remaining	+£ 55,438	-£6,819	+£2,884	+£1,578
FPN income received		+£27,483	+£13,173	+975.00 +1,275
Final Allocation remaining	+£ 55,438	+£ 20,664	+£16,057	£3,828

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Dearne Approach Steering Group 11th September 2017

Welcome , introductions and Apologies

Derek Bramham (Chair), Cllr Pauline Phillips, Cllr May Noble, Helen Jagger, Mandy Lowe, Jackie Kenning, Alison Sykes

Presentations from

Amber Goddard (Social Prescribing), Sarah Mchale (Barnsley Bonds)

Apologies

Cllr Charlotte Johnson, Sarah Cartwright, Cllr Alan Gardiner, Richard Jones and Cllr Annette Gollick, Claire Dawson.

Matters arising

Pg.4 BODVAG Jayne Mchugh deferred as she's been off sick and is now on annual leave.

Discussion items

Sarah McHale explained the Social benefit to the wider area of Barnsley and why Barnsley Bonds was developed. The town Centre regeneration started with Henry Boot been awarded the Construction's contract with Barnsley Council; as part of the winning tender they have created a funding pot to support initiatives wider than just construction jobs and apprenticeships within their sector. *This funding pot is called the Better Barnsley Bond.*

The purpose of the Better Barnsley Bond is to support training, employment and local community initiatives in the Barnsley area. All partners working under the Better Barnsley Bond have a shared vision to implement a Looked after Children/Skills and Jobs Programme, support disabled people into the workforce, mentor ex-offenders to gain employment, support Area Councils and the Love Where You Live community initiatives and the creation of community and social enterprises.

Local businesses attended the launch to find out more about the bond and how they could support it. To date Henry Boot Construction has been joined by NPS Barnsley, Kier, Berneslai Homes Construction Services and Turner & Townsend; all have provided funding for the bond.

The bond has successfully supported a number of projects in Barnsley including the provision of funding towards the Oaks Colliery Disaster Memorial, the schools TEKK challenge and the Coordinated Community Response - Violence against Women and Girls. The funding is vvery flexible and linked to Barnsley objectives, bids to date between £700-£6000, balance of 60k at the moment.

Sarah stated that anyone working with charities, community groups or public sector organisations that might be interested in applying for funding support please email betterbarnsley@henryboot.co.uk for more information and to request an application form.

Social prescribing (AG)- work in community, referrals from GPs, they highlight social needs rather than medical. Once they been referred they are either signposted or worked with to build confidence, skills, social needs. April 600 (4 month referrals) 650 68 members from the Dearne 18 plus 40-60 ages in Dearne) bridge the gap about befriending service unity older persons event would be an ideal opportunity

Updates:

Berneslai Homes (HJ) - Next dates for Your Community, Your Say meetings are 10th October at Lansdown TARA office in Thurnscoe then 19th December Willow croft TARA Bolton on Dearne these meetings are organised by your Housing Management Team and help shape Berneslai Homes where you can comment on their performance and discuss current issues around your area such as litter, dog fouling, anti-social behaviour and grass cutting problems. The meeting is made up of tenants, residents and leaseholders. Some meetings are attended by local Councillors, the police and other agencies.

Estate walkabouts next one is Thursday 14th September at low grange in Thurnscoe – walk around the estate speaking to the residents and resolving any issues where necessary.

Jobs, education & employment – (Andy) John Healy has now confirmed that after the Job Centre Closes in Goldthorpe there will be no Mandatory provision for this, it is down to the current services in the borough to keep the job searches going, short discussion on security issues would have to be safety and nothing resolved. No date for the actual closure, it has been confirmed 2 work coaches 2 days (opposite) to everyone else (libraries Goldthorpe and Thurnscoe) - Job fare this Thursday please encourage everyone to come along and sign up for volunteering & local job opportunities.

Mini consultation to customers at Job Centre, how, where and when etc not a lot of feedback come back. Claire to organise a meeting re jobs once job centre gives dates of closure- mapping sent out to Claire

Dearne Valley College (ML) Merger is full in place still working with Job centres. Rotherham and Dearne College acquired large pot of funding, community learning in the dearne. Off skills, crafts, photography, money management, befriending service. What do you want i.e. Universal credit training, soft skills, feedback to Mandy – deferred to next meeting for open discussion on topics.

Community organisations groups

Salvation army- Summer programmes went really well with lots of families coming to the churches summer fun on Houghton Road, Thurnscoe the crazy golf had over 100 people, the sessions included which included free food, crafts & traditional family fun. Alison is planning to open these up more regularly is planning and availability of the venue can be sourced.

Rose- Volunteer schemes for family's with food poverty is the next initiative, Alison will feedback at the meeting.

Bike shop- talent match every Friday, young people fixing bikes then sell them on Christmas market.

Prom initiative 'Cinderella & Prince Charming' themed at everyone should go to the ball, donations have been requested via social media and Barnsley Chronicle with lots of lovely gowns coming into the library, the first meeting is Thursday 21st September.

Thurnscoe Park- Barnsley in Bloom tomorrow, Barnsley bond application has been submitted for a recycle/shredder and some other bits of equipment to assist in the upkeep of the park. Regular volunteers and schools are coming every week including Gooseacre every Friday pm- bringing children to develop their own piece of garden to maintain. Robert Ogden School still help every week, need plans to enable their orientation.

GDG- Excellent summer projects with 55 residents attending the day out to Bridlington they all had a lovely day socialising and in the fresh air. Bounce into summer really successful 2000 people £2 per child. 1st Wednesday older persons event (90-100) socially active. Christmas party and pensioners/ young Christmas market 24/11/2017

BLT- Housing project all systems go, houses all clear, roofing and brickwork has been worked 12/14 weeks for completion. Defibrillator installed from big local deployed a few times but not used on a person.

Station tunnel- mosaic is on its way, workshop 25/9 loan incorporates wheel of mines, phoenix , church everything that children asked for has been put together. Timeline of what's happened in Thurnscoe.

Fishing competition a great success – winter wonderland Saturday the 18th live entertainment, stalls, donkey rides 5pm fireworks display. Pitch and put , 3 raised beds, all taken care of . Alison will take them up if no one else does. Dearne development fund has funded to repaint the crazy gold area

New management at Phoenix Park are hoping to work with BLT in the future – springshow (dinosaur event) . coal tubs too heavy for placing at the original sites, one now can go on Phoenix Park and the other other at Thurnscoe Library once a dangerous tree has been removed.

DAT-Railway update- Engineers have finished their drawings they are now with network rail. The group have got 1000 from Tesco and 1500 from Barnsley bonds. Next clear up is on the 3rd October

Update- all area council commissions continue to do well with no issues. The Dearne development fund panel have just met and approved 9 projects.

A.O.B- Camera has gone from the bridge, Alison to email April fisher.

Date and Time of the next meeting

13th Novemeber 4pm

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting:

**Report of Dearne Area
Council Manager**

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes and Performance

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and review of the priorities.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

3.0 Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meeting

4.1 At the Ward Alliance on the 19th October 2017 the Dearne Ward Alliance considered a total of 8 applications. The principal towns officer also attended in order to update the group with regards the progress of her consultations. It was noted that more work had to be done in order get the proposals to the panel in January.

5.0 Appendix

Appendix One: 19th October 2017 Dearne Ward Alliance meeting notes

The reporting into the Dearne Area Council, of the Ward Alliance notes is in line with the approved Council protocols. The notes are for information only.

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Dearne Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	19 th October 2017 12:30
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Pauline Phillips (Chair), Alan George (Treasurer), Vicky Cuming (note taker), Cllr May Noble, Cllr Annette Gollick, Cllr Charlotte Johnson, Derek Bramham, Tina Brook, Donna Gregory, Marie Sinclair (Dearne Area Team), Terry Walton, Graham Jarvis, David Perry, Charlotte Williams, & Sian Stanhope (BMBC Principle Towns Officer),	Cllr Alan Gardiner and Cllr Ralph Sixsmith, Alison Sykes & Suzanne Storey

	Action/ Decision	Action lead
<p>1. Welcomes & introductions took place.</p> <p>2. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising</p> <p>None as previous meeting was on Action planning prior to meeting in April.</p> <p>3. Principle Towns update</p> <p>Sian from principal towns gave a brief talk on what Principle Towns means to the area and where the project from the Dearne is so far. Information sheets were given out which highlighted the actions so far, graphs detailing what the priorities were from the consultations that were done in the summer. She will be visiting local businesses within the next month with questionnaires again to get some more ideas.</p> <p>Sian has had several meetings and discussions with local businesses and community groups with registration of interest been submitted, for anyone wanting further information Sian asked the Alliance to get in touch via the area team.</p> <p>4. Ward alliance celebration even</p> <p>Marie reminded the members regarding the Ward Alliance celebration event, everyone has had tickets, please RSVP wither to the area team or direct to LWYL. The event is on the 15th November at Barnsley Metrodome - 6pm-8pm formal/smart dress code. A list of names was given to Marie for acceptance to pass onto Jess at Beevor Court.</p> <p>5. Finance & funding update</p> <p>Balances - Dearne North - £9,670.03 / Dearne South - £10,027.50</p>		

Funding applications

Bulky Rubbish to start end November 2017 - **£2000 split 50/50**

All agreed to fund.

Salvation army winter warm programme - to purchase flasks, foil blankets, Hats, Scarfs for the families & individuals using the Salvation Army & foodbanks - **£2000 split 50/50 both wards All agreed to fund.**

Sloppy slippers **£1500** – slipper exchange for the elderly and members of the public with mobility issues, this initiative is to combat falls prevention in the elderly in their own homes. *Split 50/50 both wards All agreed to fund.*

New bins in Dearne Road & Highgate Lane **£800.00**

The Dearne South Alliance members agreed to fund but stated that no more bins would be paid through their funds. *(Dearne South only)*

Comments were made, discussed and agreed to fund

Gooseacre Primary Academy **£1527.30** to pay for extra curriculum sessions of growing, cooking & eating in their community space within the school grounds. *(Dearne North only)*

All agreed to fund

Bodvag - **£900.05** Christmas event & spruce up St Andrews square. – After a lengthy conversation this application was declined due to lack of conversations with local businesses & residents about whether they wanted to keep the raised beds on site. Cllr Johnson stated that at the consultation event a few months ago the results were unanimous that the raised beds were to be removed; this would now be reviewed alongside the Principle Towns plans.

The Alliance also had concerns over the location of the Christmas tree in the middle of the square where shop keepers had previously complained at the anti-social behavior this brought in previous years, a solution offered if Bodvag would locate it in St Andrews Community centre grounds instead. This will be relayed back to Carol.

All declined due to issues above

Royal British Legion (Thurnscoe) - £150.00 to ensure the local sea cadets are present at the remembrance service which will encourage new volunteering in the community.

The majority says yes to this funding application. *(Dearne North only)*

All agreed to fund

6. Group updates

Thurnscoe park

Thurnscoe park received a gold award for Barnsley in Bloom. Thurnscoe park have received £4,500 external funding for a lawnmower, blower and some other bits of equipment. They have some flowers ready to plant for the autumn time.

Big local Thurnscoe

Winter wonderland will be held on the 18th of November plans are all in place.

The mosaic making to be installed under the 'tracks' the tunnel between Station Road has been assisted by Gooseacre, the Hill and Station house. The Northern railway team has painted the underpass but not to quality of what it should be, Derek will be looking into this.

The planters on the main road have been refurbished; there is winter bedding in Houghton road. Twiggs are assisting with the pitch & put to ensure the area has been upgraded and fit for purpose.

Station house

Station house is very busy as usual; there have been 6 young people helping out wanting work experience which station house are very grateful for. The young hOurbank team has been working at station house doing a gardening project which they then go to the snap tin.

Bodvag

Halloween party on Sunday the 29th of October to do some fundraising for events in 2018

Dates for your dairy

Winter Wonderland- 18th of November from 12pm

Green space meeting- Monday 23rd October from 2.45pm

Bodvag- Halloween party 29th October 5-7pm

Ward alliance celebration event- 15th November 2017 6pm – 8pm

A.O.B

The ward alliance Christmas lunch is on Wednesday the 20th of December 12:30pm

Date and time of the next meeting

30th November 12:30

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**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 20th November 2017**

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Update on Ward Alliance Fund spend

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks to inform Members about spend to date from Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne Area.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.

3.0 Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

3.2 In considering projects for the use of the Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4.0 Spend to date

4.1 As of April 2017 the North Ward Alliance Fund had a total allocation of £1,050.53 to carry over into the 2017/18 financial year. The starting balance for the 2017/18 financial year is £10,000 bringing the allocation to spend on Dearne North projects to £11,050.53.

So far in the 2017/18 financial year the Dearne North budget as paid for seven projects, costing £6,157.10. This brings the total allocation remaining to £4,893.43 Five of these projects were matched funded.

4.2 As of April 2017 the South Ward Alliance Fund had a total allocation of £1,724.90 to carry over into the 2017/18 financial year. The starting balance for the 2017/18 financial year is £10,000 bringing the allocation remaining to £11,724.90.

So far in the 2017/18 financial year the Dearne South budget as paid for six projects, costing £5,847.40. This brings the total allocation remaining to be spent on Dearne priorities to £5,877.50. Three of these applications were matched funded.

5.0 Appendices

Appendix One : Breakdown of Ward Alliance Spend

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Claire Dawson
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Date:

31st October, 2017

2017/18 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2017/18 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

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

DEARNE NORTH WARD ALLIANCE FUND

For the 2017/18 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£1,050.53 carried forward from 2016/17

£11,050.53 total available funding

Match funded allocations

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
Probation painting project, Thurnscoe	£759.80	£10,290.73
Dearne memorial group	£120.00	£10,170.73
Thurnscoe East angling Club	£500	£9,670.73
Bulky rubbish	£1,000	£8,670.73
Gooseacre	£1,527.30	£7,143.43
Winter warmer	£750	£6,393.43
Sloppy slippers	£1,500	£4,893.43

Total spend = £ 6,157.10

Match funded 5 applications = £ 3,657.10

DEARNE SOUTH WARD ALLIANCE FUND

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation
£1,724.90 carried forward from 2016/17
£11,724.90 total available funding

Match funded allocations

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
Panda youth activities	£760.00	£10,964.90
BODVAG	£937.40	£10,027.50
Bulky Rubbish	£1,000	£9,027.50
Winter warner	£750	£8,277.50
Sloppy slippers	£1,500	£6,777.50
Bins	£900	£5,877.50

Total spend= £ 5,847.40

Match funded 3 application = £ 2,447.40