

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 30 November 2017
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

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

30 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

31 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 28th September 2017

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 28th September 2017.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 28th September 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

32 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 September and October 2017. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – It was reported that the Ward Alliance celebration at the Metrodome on 15th November was a great success and thanks were expressed to the Cudworth Team for organising it. The ceremony for the Christmas lights will take place on Tuesday.

Monk Bretton – It was reported that Christmas lights will be switched on Friday at Monk Bretton Church and on 4th December at Carlton. The Christmas Fayre at Burton Grange will take place on 8th December. The Pantomime at Priory Campus is on 2nd December.

North East – It was reported that the Christmas tree lights were switched on in Grimethorpe yesterday (29th November). The Christmas lights ceremony will take place tonight in Shafton and next Tuesday in Brierley.

Royston – It was reported that Autumn planting has been carried out with local schools. Carol singing and the Christmas lights switch on went very well. The S106 group is pulling together plans for the pavilion in Royston Park. It was felt that the central S106 pot was underutilised and that more information is needed around the

criteria for spend, involving other interested parties. The Albert Shepherd event went well, family members were involved and thanks were expressed to both the Mayor's Office and the Royal British Legion. Figures from the DIAL project indicate that the service is performing extremely well and is well attended, with a huge social return on investment. There were reports of problems in Carlton Cemetery. The gates have been temporarily welded shut to address the problem.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

33 Safer Neighbourhood Services

Paul Brannan, Head of Service (Safer Communities) and Neighbourhoods Inspector Andrew Norton updated the North East Area Council with regard to the Safer Neighbourhood Service, giving an outline of the locality 'offer' and the best way to access services.

It was highlighted that the new structure comprises 4 area based teams delivering a 7 day service. Each locality team will have a Team Leader, 2 Community Safety Officers, a sergeant, 4 Police inspectors and a maximum of 16 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). It was highlighted that there are fewer police officers in the new structure but that the approach will be more targeted than previously, with results closely monitored.

The new approach will reduce the risk to vulnerable people, increase safeguarding and reduce demand on area team. Members were provided with full contact details. It was explained that close work with Berneslai Homes is crucial to the success of the project as this will help to address homelessness and other housing issues in the localities.

Members expressed concerns around the effectiveness of the current 101 service. It was felt that the online reporting service was difficult to use and should be simplified and made more 'user friendly' to encourage uptake. These comments will be fed back to the appropriate bodies. Members also queried whether there had been an increase in central hub planning enforcement activity, as there is a high level of demand for this service, with 145 live cases at the last count. It was explained that there may be additional capacity for this service from April 2018.

RESOLVED: that Paul Brannan and Inspector Andrew Norton be thanked for their attendance and contribution and that thanks also be expressed to Police Sergeant Brad Wynne who has now moved to a new post in Kendray.

34 The North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects

The North East Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided Members with a detailed report regarding performance of the North East Area Council's commissioned projects together with a summary performance management report and individual case studies for each service.

Key points to note include:

The Environmental Enforcement service provided by Kingdom Security is working very well. Members felt that it would be useful to have a breakdown of figures by Ward, as there is a perception that Kingdom do not work equally across all wards. The Revenue raised from Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for Quarter One, April to June 2017 was £8,748. Members felt that the figure in respect of FPNs for parking offences would be useful.

The Private Sector Housing and Enforcement Officer has been working closely with residents and managing agents to address housing issues in the area. A number of case studies were provided for Members' information.

The final report for the Summer Holiday Internship project (2016) was provided. It was reported that all 83 interns had gone on to positive destinations such as Further Education or Apprenticeships which were relevant to their career aims. Out of 83 interns, 7 had gone on to an Apprenticeship (8.4%), an increase from the previous year when 3 out of 108 interns (2.7%) chose to progress to an Apprenticeship.

The first draft of the Village Life community magazine has been sent to print and will be distributed prior to Christmas. It was felt that the community magazine was a useful vehicle for self-promotion and should be printed in both the summer and winter of each year. As the bin emptying schedule is no longer printed and sent out to residents, this could also be included in the magazine.

The job description for a Stop Smoking Specialist is currently being prepared and will be advertised in the New Year once a meeting has taken place with SWYFT. It is likely that the postholder will be based in the Lift Centre.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Members note the performance update, and
- (ii) Agreed that two editions of the Community Magazine should be printed and distributed each year (Summer and Winter) at a cost of approximately £6000.

35 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The North East Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members regarding the North East Area Council budget and progress in each Ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund in line with priorities.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair