

<b>MEETING:</b>	South Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Friday, 20 October 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, Wombwell Library

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes and Notes

- 2 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 1st September, and 19th September, 2017 (Sac.20.10.2017/2) (*Pages 3 - 8*)
- 3 Notes from the Ward Alliances (Sac.20.10.2017/3) (*Pages 9 - 16*)  
Hoyland Milton and Rockingham – held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017  
Darfield – held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017  
Wombwell – held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

### Performance

- 4 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.20.10.2017/4) (*Pages 17 - 22*)
- 5 Performance Report (Sac.20.10.2017/5) (*To Follow*)

### Items for Discussion

- 6 Grantfinder Open 4 Community - Presentation by Idox (Sac.20.10.2017/6)
- 7 Reducing the strength (Sac.20.10.2017/7)

### Items for Decision

- 8 Social Isolation (Sac.20.10.2017/8) (*Pages 23 - 28*)
- 9 Procurement and finance update (Sac.20.10.2017/9) (*Pages 29 - 30*)

To: Chair and Members of South Area Council:-

Councillors Stowe (Chair), Andrews BEM, Coates, Dures, Franklin, Frost, Daniel Griffin, Lamb, Markham, Saunders, Shepherd and R. Wraith

Area Council Support Officers:

Diane Lee, South Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
Lisa Lyon, South Area Council Manager  
Kate Faulkes, Head of Service, Stronger Communities  
Peter Mirfin, Council Governance Officer

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<b>MEETING:</b>	South Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Friday, 1 September 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, The Hoyland Centre

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Stowe (Chair), Dures, Franklin, Lamb, Markham, Saunders and R. Wraith.

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

No Member wished to declare an interest in any item on the agenda.

### 10 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 16th June, 2017 (Sac.01.09.2017/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 11 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.01.09.2017/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2017; Wombwell held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

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

### 12 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.01.09.2017/4)

The Area Council Manager remarked that in previous years there had been lower numbers of applications than had been desirable, however in the current financial year the opposite was true. A significant number of high quality applications had been received by each fund, and that was reflected in the expenditure contained within the report.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### 13 Performance Report (Sac.01.09.2017/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item. The Tidy Team continued to do well, and the number of new volunteers was sizable; with 52 new young volunteers and 45 new adult volunteers within the previous quarter.

The meeting noted that the Team would be focusing on the engagement of businesses in the next quarter, which would include working with a number of establishments that they had previously worked with.

The performance of Kingdom Security continued to be rated as 'Green'. However, most of the Fixed Penalty Notices related to littering, whereas the majority of complaints related to dog fouling. It was noted that, anecdotally, some dog owners would only pick up after their dog when being watched, but would leave it when not under surveillance, and therefore were difficult to prosecute.

The meeting went on to discuss the service level agreement which provided a Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer. It was noted that the previous officer had now secured a permanent position centrally within the Council. However, the position had been filled until the end of the contract through temporary internal moves. The performance against the contract was exemplary, with every target being met or exceeded. It was agreed for the Chair to send a letter to the outgoing officer, thanking them for their service to the Area Council.

The contract to provide advice services continued to be delivered effectively. Since the service commenced over £2million of additional benefit had been gained, and over £2million of previously unmanaged debt was now managed.

The Area Council Manager referred to the high numbers of clients being referred to other sources of support with money management, and the corresponding low numbers of repeat clients. Also noted was the high proportion of very vulnerable clients, who were unable to access help without face to face support.

Questions were raised regarding performance against the 'Improving the Local Economy' priority, given that the courses to support local businesses had finished some time ago. The Area Council Manager responded by saying some work could be done to more accurately record the contribution of the existing contract to the local economy. In addition it was noted that the Area Team had also previously supported this priority through encouraging local recruitment by businesses opening in the area.

Members noted the significant investment around Junction 36, and in Cortonwood, and it was suggested that it may be useful to further consider this priority, and how the local residents could benefit from the investment in the local economy. It was suggested that a workshop be held to map the investment and programmes related to improving the economy, in order to more accurately understand how the Area Council could support. It was suggested that this may take place after the Area Council Meeting in December.

Members discussed and welcomed the recent expansion of Cortonwood and the benefits to the local area, however the pressure on infrastructure was noted and it was suggested that these concerns be brought to the attention of relevant officers in Rotherham Council.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the report be noted;
- (ii) that the Chair writes to the outgoing Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer, thanking them for their hard work and contribution to the area;
- (iii) that a workshop be organised to consider the 'Improving the Local Economy' priority and to map the interventions taking place locally.

## 14 Appreciation

The Chair gave thanks to Kate Faulkes, the Area Council Manager, for her hard work and support in establishing the Area Council and the significant progress seen over the past four years. The Chair remarked on the fantastic journey undertaken and the fundamental changes made over the course of her employment in the area.

The sentiments were echoed by all Councillors in attendance, and best wishes were expressed for her future career.

The Area Council Manager responded that the first part of her new role would be to recruit a new Area Council Manager for the South Area, and gave assurances that someone of appropriate skills and experience would be recruited.

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<b>MEETING:</b>	South Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Tuesday, 19 September 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	3.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, Wombwell Library

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Lamb (Chair), Andrews BEM, Dures, Daniel Griffin, Markham, Saunders, Shepherd and R. Wraith.

### 15 Election of a Chair

As Councillor Stowe was unable to attend, a Chair was elected from the floor.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Lamb be elected as chair for the meeting.

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

No Member wished to declare an interest in any item on the agenda.

### 17 Review of Area Council Commissioned Services - recommendations from the workshop held on 1st September, 2017 (Sac.19.09.2017/2)

The Area Council considered a report of the South Area Council Manager which sought approval for recommendations made at an Area Council Workshop which had been held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, regarding alterations to contracts for Area Council commissioned services. The report provided full details of the discussions which had taken place at the Area Council Workshop, which had suggested a reduction in the Environmental Enforcement contract, from four officers down to two. This would reduce the contract value from £142,512 to £71,076 per year. The reasoning for this recommendation was set out within the report.

**RESOLVED** That the Area Council approves the recommendations made by the Area Council workshop held on 1<sup>st</sup> September regarding Area Council commissioned services, namely that:

- the Tidy Team contract be retained in full at a cost of £179,410 per year;
- the Advice Services contract be retained in full at a cost of £73,950 per year;
- the Environmental Enforcement contract be reduced by 50% from four officers down to two, reducing the contract value from £142,512 per year to £71,076 per year; and
- the Private Sector Housing contract, which currently ran as a pilot scheme to 31<sup>st</sup> October, be extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, at a cost of £13,575 to the Area Council.

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**Hoyland Milton & Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance**

**Notes of meeting held Monday 4 September 2017**

**The Hoyland Centre**

**Present**

Councillor Chris Lamb	Rockingham Ward
Councillor Jim Andrews	Rockingham Ward
Councillor Tim Shepherd	Hoyland Milton Ward
Councillor Robin Franklin	Hoyland Milton Ward
Councillor Mick Stowe	Hoyland Milton Ward
Alison Earl	Holy Trinity C of E church Elsecar
Ian Warhurst	Hemingfield Action Group
Robert Hargreaves	Berneslai Home
John Lang	Hoyland Job Club
Pat Gregory	Walderslade Surgery
Janet Cartwright	Friends of Elsecar Park
Neil Spencer	Forge Community Partnership
Joan Whittaker	Federation of tenants

**Apologies**

Councillor Emma Dures	Rockingham Ward
Anne Sanderson	Neighbourhood Watch
Danielle Gill	Tesco

**Councillor Chris Lamb chaired the meeting**

**1 Welcomes and introductions.**

**2 Notes from the Ward Alliance meeting held on 11 July 2017.**

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

**3 Tidy Team Update.**

The team are very busy supporting groups; engaging with groups and volunteers. There is evidence that the Tidy Team are moving away from a 'doing with model' and much more 'to a doing for' model.

**4. Promotion of Ward Alliance spending.**

2016/2017 started with a much higher working budget due to carry forward from previous years. In 2017/2018 this was reduced to the standard allocation of £10,000 per ward. When Ward Alliance applications are submitted we may have to apply a limit to the amount of grant awarded, most

funding bodies limit the amount of money awarded to a group. Sustainability of the group needs to be considered and any other sources of funding available.

The Ward Alliance has a responsibility to help community groups become more sustainable. The Alliance need to look at matches funding.

- The Chair, Secretary and Dawn Garyton will meet to look at the governance and consider:
- Limiting the size of the award
- Limiting the number of applications per year each community group can make
- Look at sustainability and other forms of help available.

It was decided to ask a SYFAB representative from to attend the next Ward Alliance meeting and to look into whether funding workshops can be held.

A Syfab representative can attend the next meeting and a workshop will be held in January 2018 at Hoyland Library.

#### **5 Ongoing Project.**

The 'What's on in Hoyland Milton and Rockingham have now been distributed. Further to the social isolation project – a new dementia café is opening at the beginning of October in St Andrew's Community Centre.

#### **6 New Projects**

- **Hoyland Community Choir** – no decision made, further information required and will be considered at the next meeting.
- **Owd Marthas Community Garden** – asked to amend their application
- **Forge Community Partnership (Autumn Planting)** – Agreed
- **Stars of Hoyland** - Agreed

#### **7. Any other business.**

Christmas Event at Hoyland Library Monday 4 December

**8. Date of the next meeting Tuesday 31 October 2017, the Hoyland Centre at 5pm.**

**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 @ 4.00pm**  
**At Darfield Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllr Pauline Markham, Margaret Barlow, Brian Moore, Cllr Caroline Saunders, David Hildred, Michael Fenna, Geoff Hutchinson, Tanya Dickinson (Community Development Officer), Colin Ward, Barbara Tindle (Secretary).

**1. Introductions and Apologies** – Pauline welcomed Jonah Miulonda. Jonah introduced himself, he is studying at Oxford University and contacted the Area Team with the view to volunteering. He is keen to work and support the Ward Alliance. Apologies from Cllr Dorothy Coates.

**2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes were agreed. Virgin Media have not been in contact regarding the community event that was discussed at the July meeting. Action: Tanya to contact with an update.

David asked if there was any news regarding Principle Towns funding. Pauline said no updates as yet but the application has been submitted.

Caroline raised concerns over how limited funded we have available and maybe consider limiting it. Tanya informed the alliance that overall the Alliance is on target.

Pauline reminded members that if any member who declares an interest in an application they must leave the room enabling others to discuss the application in full. The members agreed.

**3. WA Fund – Balance Sheet and Applications received**

The Balance sheet was circulated - £8,502

Applications:

Barnsley Leaders Junior Basket Ball Club £200

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to fund the project in full.

Darfield Wesley Almost New Group £840.00

After discussion, concerns were raised regarding funding this application, as the building is owned by the church and is not a community building. A suggestion that other funding bodies may be able to help. The work this group does is very beneficial to the needs of families in the area. It was suggested and agreed that Tanya would visit the group to find alternate ways of supporting them.

Darfield Bowling Club £408.57

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to fund the project in full on proviso the tap is switched on and off from inside and adequate insulation in winter for around the tap.

Billingley Village History Group £400

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to fund the project in full.

#### Billingley Ladies Group £720

After discussion members felt £60 for speakers seemed expensive as some speakers either don't charge at all or ask for a donation which is normally around £40. It was agreed to fund only £400.

#### **4. Ward Alliance Projects**

- Darfield Cenotaph - Tanya gave a brief update and circulated some photographs taken from the event in June. A proposed date for the next event is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October in preparation for Armistice Day. Tanya to invite local school children and the History Group who could give a talk. Volunteers welcome on the day.
- Healthy Lifestyles Project – Caroline informed the members that the ‘Try Me’ days have now been organised – the Craft days are Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November and the Games Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October and 28<sup>th</sup> November, 1 pm – 3 pm. Pauline thanked Caroline, Tanya and Barbara for all their hard work.
- Community Notice Boards – Tanya and Barbara in the process of putting together a contacts list for each notice board so that any group who would like to advertise in them know who to contact, making it a better use of all notice boards.
- The Ring – Colin and the Tidy Team have this week weeded and dug over the area in preparation for Groundwork to follow up on the next stage. Date to be arranged. Pauline thanked Dorothy, Colin and the Tidy Team as well as Paul and anyone else that had volunteered to keep the Ring tidy.

- 5. Crowdfund Barnsley** - Tanya reminded the alliance of the forthcoming event on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Oakwell Football Ground 2 pm- 4 pm to launch Crowdfund Barnsley. This is a new way of raising funding for community projects by asking for donations from the wider community. All Alliance members welcome.

#### **6. Any other business**

Dementia Friends –Tanya asked members if they would like to become Dementia Friends. It was agreed and Tanya to arrange training for all members.

SYFAB Barnsley Funding Development Worker – Karen Walke has been appointed and a funding event to be organised for January 2018.

Tanya and Geoff have met for a monitoring meeting and there is an under spend of £225.67. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this money can be allocated towards the Darfield Christmas Tree and event. Geoff informed the members that a preliminary date of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

David wanted to clarify that the ‘Love where you Live’ banner erected at the Darfield Cricket Club was put up by the Cricket Club as a thank you for funding it had received. The members confirmed that this was the case.

Caroline asked if everyone could promote the up and coming 'Try Me' days and any volunteers would be welcome.

**Proposed 2018 Dates:**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March,

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May,

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July,

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September,

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**9. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 @ 4pm at Darfield Community Centre

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## Wombwell Community Alliance

Held in Library at 6pm on 20/09/17

### Present

Cllr Dick Wraith	Vice Chair
Brian Whitaker	Treasurer
Amanda Bradshaw	BMBC
Sara Potter	Secretary
Brenda Eastwood	
Graham Wright	
Joan Whitaker	We Love Wombwell
Margret Morgan	
Sabeena Chavan	
Alan Taylor	
Fiona O'Brian	Principle Towns

#### **1. Apologies**

Cllr Rob Frost, Jola Walker and Peter Jones

#### **2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising**

Due to the meeting not having enough elected members to make it quart the minutes could not be confirmed as a true record.

#### **3. Principle towns update.**

There is only Capital Money available and they would prefer fixed stalls for the market rather than the pop up stalls.

They have met with Huddersfield University, they are hoping to do some work in the area. Members from the University will be doing consultation work within the area and look at working in Wombwell.

The Alliance would like to try and get a meeting with the University.

#### **4. Update RE Pop-Up Market stalls.**

Cllr Wraith doesn't think the markets will work with Pop-up stalls due to increase costs for buying the stalls and needing them erecting, Also the idea of Pop-up stalls would rely on other people to put the stalls up.

There is also limited space to be able to store the stalls safely.

Maria will be attending the next meeting,

The Alliance would like to know why the stall hire for Hoyland is a lot cheaper than Wombwell.

#### **5. Funding applications.**

Barnsley Leaders Junior Basketball Club- The bid was approved in principle for £200. The application needs to be approved by Cllr Griffin.

Wombwell Ward Alliance/ Events Sub Group- The bid was approved in principle for £870 with an additional £150 that can be used for the tree at Amanda's discretion with approval from the Chair. The application needs to be approved by Cllr Griffin.

## **6. Treasures Report.**

There is around £2400 in the account with £125.10 for High Street and £1577.65 for slippers ring-fenced. Brian offered his resignation from the Treasures post, the Alliance accepted. The Alliance would like to thank Brian for all his hard work over the years.

Joan offered to take on the position. Graham approved and Sabeena seconded the motion.

## **7. Luncheon Club.**

Alan conduct an investigation into the Luncheon club. He concluded that there is a will for the Luncheon Club to succeed, but he thinks the Alliance should take a step back and leave it to run itself. If members of the Alliance want to be part of the Luncheon club committee they can but they do it as an individual rather than as part of the Alliance.

The club requires 35 people to attend to be able to break even when the rent is being charged, it costs around £80 to run, at the moment they have on average 18/19 people attending. There is currently around £600 in reserves with a further £780 in reserve for rent, however the club does still owe volunteers some funds that they have put in.

The Alliance request that the club must produce there monitoring paperwork in October.

## **A.O.B.**

There is a Crowdfunding event on Friday at Barnsley Football Club.

The Ward Alliance are invited to a celebration event on 15<sup>th</sup> November at the Metradome 6-8pm.

Alan requested that the minutes be sent out to everyone at the same time as they were sent to the chair for approval. Sara said that the minutes needed to be sent just to the chair in first instance for approval and if he would like to see the minutes before a week before the next meeting it would require a change to the Alliance guidelines. **ACTION**- to be discussed at the next meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November



## 2017/18 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2017/18 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 each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council. The South Area Council has decided NOT to devolve additional monies to its Ward Alliances for 2017/18 because its budgets are already fully committed.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2016/17 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2017/18 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.

## DARFIELD WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£6,259.46	carried forward from 2016/17
£0	devolved from Area Council
<b>£16,259.46</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			<b>£8,129.73</b>	<b>£16259.46</b>
Friends of Darfield Churchyard - handrail	£2,500.00	£500.00	£7,629.73	£13,759.46
Greenspace Volunteers - Middlecliff Planters	£1,461.50	£776.30	£7,629.73	£12,297.96

Little Houghton PC - Effective Communication & Supporting Volunteering	£500.00	£500.00	£7,629.73	£11,797.96
Darfield Library Children's Out of School activities	£400.00	£400.00	£7,629.73	£11,397.96
Children's Lego Club - Darfield Library lego club	£300.00	£300.00	£7,629.73	£11,097.96
K Frame Barrier at Broomhill Old Site	£930.00	£930.00	£7,629.73	£10,167.96
Darfield Ward Alliance Qtr 1 expenses	£125.00	£125.00	£7,629.73	£10,042.96
DWA - Darfield Summer Gala	£800.00	£800.00	£7,629.73	£9,242.96
Qtr2 Secretary expenses	£125.00	£125.00	£7,629.73	£9,117.96
Billingley VCA - Food Hygiene Course L2	£522.00	£522.00	£7,629.73	£8,595.96
Darfield Ring	£2,459.00	£2,459.00	£7,629.73	£6,136.96
Darfield Bowling Club - DBC Fix it	£408.57	£408.57	£7,629.73	5,728.39
Billingley Village History Group - Billingley History archives	£400.00	£400.00	£7,629.73	5,328.39

Barnsley Leaders Junior Basketball Club - Basketball opportunities	£200.00	£200.00	£7,629.73	5,128.39
Billingley Ladies Group - Billingley Speakers	£400.00	£400.00	£7,629.73	<b>4,728.39</b>

### HOYLAND MILTON/ROCKINGHAM WARD ALLIANCE

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

£20,000	base allocation
£193.10	carried forward from 2016/17
£0	devolved from Area Council
<b>£20,193.10</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining <b>£10,096.55</b>	Allocation Remaining <b>£20,193.10</b>
Elsecar Community Nursey - Growing Together	£770.00	£770.00	£10,096.55	£19,423.10
Friends of Hoyland Library - Social group for over 55s	£148.54	£148.54	£10,096.55	£19,274.56
FCP - Work Club Provision 2017/18	£1,800.00	£1,800.00	£10,096.55	£17,474.56
Youth Partnership - Youth Action 17/18	£3,880.00	£3,880.00	£10,096.55	£13,594.56

Hoyland Common Action Gp - Young people learn key skills	£2,221.00	£2,221.00	£10,096.55	£11,373.56
Elsecar Heritage Railway Ltd - HER trackworks 17	£2475.08	£2475.08	£10,096.55	£8,898.48
St Helen's PFA - Healthy Active Lifestyles	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£10,096.55	£7,398.48
Worsbrough Bridge Athletic Bridge FC	£1,630.00	£1,630.00	£10,096.55	£5,768.48
Stars of Hoyland Celebration Event	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£10,096.55	£3,768.48
Forge CP - Autumn planting - Hoyland Cenotaph	£750.00	£750.00	£10,096.55	£3,018.48
Rockingham Band - Training Band	£200.00	£200.00	£10,096.55	<b>£2,818.48</b>

## WOMBWELL WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£193.04	carried forward from 2016/17
£0	devolved from Area Council
<b>£10,193.04</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			<b>£5,096.52</b>	<b>£10,193.04</b>
Wombwell & District Well Being & Social Group - Health & well being	£540.00	£540.00	£5,096.52	£9,653.04
Qtr 1 Secretary expenses	£125.00	£125.00	<b>£5,096.52</b>	<b>£9,528.04</b>

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## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**South Area Council Meeting:**

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Report of South Area Council  
Manager.**

### Tackling social isolation – an options appraisal

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 For members to consider options for the development of a social isolation project in the South Area.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members agree to further consider one of the options outlined in Section 4 in the context of the wider contract review and subsequent financial pressures. .

#### **3. Background & progress to date**

3.1 Over the past 12 months, the South Area Council and its three Ward Alliances have been discussing the problem of social isolation. This has arisen from both available data around the issue, and from real examples of isolated individuals coming into contact with local projects, ranging from Sloppy Slippers to Luncheon Clubs.

3.2 A workshop was held with members of the South Area Council on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 where it was agreed that a list of options available to reduce the number of socially isolated people living in the South Area should be produced. The options paper was presented to the South Area Council on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

3.3 Members agreed to further consider the development of a social isolation project and requested further information on options for either a part time or full time programme worker.

3.4 It was agreed that a final decision would not be made until the South Area contract review workshop had taken place in September 2017.

3.5 Evaluations have found “that for every £1 invested in social isolation interventions, there was a social return on investment of £1.20; cost-savings for the NHS also come through early intervention that avoids later stage, more expensive treatments (Public Health England, 2015).

#### **4. Options available to the South Area Council to tackle social isolation through funding of a programme worker:**

4.1 Area Council to commission a partner organisation to employ either:

- a) A part time worker (0.6 FTE ) to co-ordinate a Good Neighbours Scheme;
- b) A part time worker (0.6 FTE) to ensure exiting community groups proactively address social isolation; or
- c) A full time worker (1.0 FTE) to co-ordinate a Good Neighbours Scheme and co-ordinate existing community groups.

#### **4.2 Option A:**

To employ a part time worker (0.6 FTE) to co-ordinate a Good Neighbours Scheme  
The Good Neighbours Scheme would help by improving the quality of life of the residents such as those found in the case studies in appendix one. The part time worker would co-ordinate a Good Neighbours Scheme which would consist of:

- The coordination of a volunteer befriending (to act as or become a friend to someone, especially when they are in need of help or support) programme. The befriending programme would offer older people company and practical support which would make a positive contribution to their health, wellbeing, independence and happiness.
- Examples of practical support offered by the Good Neighbours Scheme would include help with shopping, changing a light bulb, collecting a prescription, gardening, transport and support with technology.
- The Good Neighbours Scheme would incorporate national and international best practice.
- The part time worker would conduct research to identify who in the South Area is isolated, where isolated residents are located and the best method of identifying them.
- The Good Neighbours Scheme would not provide personal care, cooking or cleaning activities.
- Approximately £14,250 per annum including on-costs.

#### **4.3 Option B:**

To employ a part time worker (0.6 FTE) to co-ordinate exiting community groups.



- The worker's expertise would be used within an advisory role to support current community groups working in the South Area. The worker could provide specialist skills and knowledge to grow and strengthen existing provision and/or deliver training to community groups.
- The part time worker could work with groups such as the Pop-Up Club in Jump, luncheon clubs and Loxley Community Garden, to help them extend their welcome and ensure that activities are inclusive of older and/or socially isolated residents.
- The part time worker would conduct research to identify who in the South Area is isolated, where isolated residents are located and the best method of identifying them.
- The part time worker could help groups to draw down external funding.
- Approximately £14,250 per annum including on-costs.

#### **4.4 Option C:**

To employ a full time worker to manage a Good Neighbours Scheme and co-ordinate existing community groups.

- The full time post would have capacity to deliver the Good Neighbours Scheme and support existing community groups, as explained in option A and option B.
- Approximately £23,750 per annum including on-costs.

#### **5. Next Steps:**

5.1 For members to consider options for a social isolation project in relation to the forthcoming review of South Area Council contracts.

5.2 Member to agree their preferred option for delivering a social isolation project.

#### **Appendix A: Social Isolation Case Studies**

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## Appendix One Social Isolation Case Studies

### **Case Study One: Older female experience of social isolation**

When Jean's husband of 50 years died of cancer, she fell into a downward spiral of depression. Jean and Thomas had little family and had always done everything together. Jean had relied on Thomas as her personal taxi driver as she had never learnt to drive. With no local friends, Jean was left with an empty void she could not fill. Jean herself is unsteady on her feet and has a fear of falling. She is nervous to go out on her own, and as a result has become isolated in her home. Jean is able to get to her local shop and GP with the use of her walking stick but is unable to go much further. She misses the independence that Thomas provided her and is worried people will forget about her.

### **Case Study One: Older female improved quality of life after the Good Neighbours Intervention**

On Jean's last trip to the GP she picked up a flyer for a local Good Neighbours scheme. After looking at the flyer pinned on her fridge for a couple of weeks, she picked up the courage to call. Jean was greeted with a warm and friendly welcome and given more information. There were different options available to her but she chose the befriending scheme. Since joining the programme, Jean is visited twice a week by Jane (who is only ten years younger than her, and works as part time nurse at Barnsley hospital just as Jean had once done). Once a week Jane takes Jean out in her car. Over the past few months they enjoyed cake and coffee at the Potting Shed in Silkstone, shopped at Corton Wood and visited an exhibition at Cannon Hall. The other day, Jane stopped by on her way home from work to have a cuppa with Jean, often picking up milk and bread.

Jean is feeling much happier and really values her friendship with Jane. She no longer feels alone and has learnt it's OK to ask for help when needed. Jean has really noticed an improvement in her mood and is enjoying getting out and about again. Her confidence in her ability to walk to places has also improved and she is now walking further on her own. Although none of this will bring Thomas back, Jean is at peace knowing he would be proud that she is still enjoying life.

### **Case Study Two: Middle-aged male experience of social isolation**

Michael has always lived alone and coped well with his chronic arthritis. However, due to the worsening pain of his arthritis, Michael has become inactive, which led to weight gain and unfortunately a diagnosis of type two Diabetes. He has regular check-ups at Hoyland Medical Practice to monitor and control both illnesses, but as the Diabetes was diagnosed late, the condition has already affected his feet. Shoes that were once comfortable now cause him problems and he is finding it painful to walk. Also, the progressive nature of Michael's arthritis means he can no longer handle the steering wheel of his car. Losing the ability to drive and the development of Diabetes has led Michael to become dejected, as he feels he's lost the ability to look after himself. Michael feels cut off from the community. He no longer is able to attend the local history group which he loved.

## **Case Study Two: Middle-aged male improved quality of life after social intervention**

Although Michael is no longer attending his local history group, the group chair, Neil calls to see Michael once a month, bringing him reading materials, photos of current projects and uses the time to listen to Michael's ideas and feeds them back to the group. That way, Michael still feels involved, which helps him feel useful and more positive.

Last time Neil visited Michael, he mentioned that his neighbour had just hired a mobility scooter from a shop in Barnsley town centre. Now Michael is no longer able to drive, he's made the decision to sell his car and use some of the money to buy a scooter. To Michael's surprise the scooter can be taken on the bus, so now he is out about all of the time, using public transport daily. He even enjoys waiting for the bus as it's a nice opportunity to talk to neighbours. With Michael's independence back, he is planning on returning to the history group.

## **Case Study Three: Female Carer's experience of social isolation**

Claire has lived happily in Darfield since marrying Tim. Claire and Tim have been married for 25 years, but sadly last year Tim developed early on set Dementia. Claire gave up her job as a nursery teacher to provide full time care for her husband. Claire takes the role of carer very seriously and wants to support Tim the best way she can. Claire's friends and family are trying to persuade her to seek help from the professionals but she is afraid she won't qualify for support and she is unable to afford private care.

As she provides 24 hour care, Claire is becoming tired and in need of a break. She can't remember the last time she caught up with friends. Although they offer to visit her at home, she doesn't want them to see that she is struggling to keep on top of the housework. She know she would be benefit from respite but feels guilty leaving Tim. Claire regularly chats to family on the phone but always turns down invites to family gatherings.

## **Case Study Three: Female Carer's Respite and Social Involvement**

Due to Claire's change in circumstances, Claire is no longer able to engage with the Darfield community, friends and family. One afternoon Claire decided to google carer's support Barnsley and ended up on a webpage for a national charity, Carers UK. The website provides online forums, help and advice which Claire is finding very useful. They have also signposted her to a local monthly support group, provided by the Royal Voluntary Service in the Rockingham area.

Claire has finally accepted help from her sister and attends the support group, while her sister Sue cares for Tim. She is only out of the house for a few hours but she finds the opportunity to speak with other cares invaluable. The group is a real support and she feels comfortable sharing her experiences with others in a similar position. Claire has been attending the group for a year now and along with a couple of the others, is using her organisational skills arrange a 5 day trip to the coast for the group members.

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## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**South Area Council Meeting:**

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Report of South Area Council  
Manager.**

### **South Area Council Procurement and Finance update**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To note the recommendations made at the special Area Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 regarding alterations to contracts for Area Council commissioned services
- 1.2 To note the current financial position

#### **2. Recommendations**

##### **2.1 That members note the alterations to the contracts for Area Council Commissioned services and the updated financial position**

#### **3. Background & progress to date**

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 the South Area Council made the following recommendations following a review of its three largest contacts:
  - That the **Tidy Team** contract was offering performance and impact well in excess of that originally anticipated by the South Area Council and is retained in full
  - That the **Environmental Enforcement** contract be reduced by 50% from four officers down to two, and that the contract value is reduced from £142,512 per year to £71,076 per year.
  - That the **Private Sector Housing contract**, which currently runs as a pilot scheme to 31<sup>st</sup> October be extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at a cost of £13,575
- 3.2 In addition a number of smaller projects already agreed and totalling **£14,550** are being funded in 2017/18 as below:
  - End of Summer Internship follow up (April – November) £3,050
  - Distribution of Community Magazine (2 editions) £3,500
  - Young People's Pop up Sessions in Parks £2,000
  - Young People's Social Media Project £2,000
  - Wombwell Traffic Regulation Order (carried forward from 16/17) £4,000

#### **4. South Area Council Finance Overview**

4.1 Following the contract recommendations at 3.1 the table below outlines the current financial position:

Description	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
South Area Council annual allocation	£ 400,000.00	£ 400,000.00	£ 400,000.00
Carry forward from previous year (including income from Environmental Enforcement contract)	£ 93,615.00		
Total available spend	£ 493,615.00	£ 400,000.00	£ 400,000.00
<b>Contracts/other agreed spend</b>			
Advice services	£ 74,375.00	£ 75,000.00	£ 18,750.00
Environmental services	£ 120,000.00	£ <b>60,320.00</b>	
BMBC Safer Communities Environmental Services	£ 26,488.00	£ <b>13,244.00</b>	
Tidy Team	£ 195,720.00	£ 195,720.00	
Private sector housing officer	£ 14,636.00	£ <b>13,575.00</b>	
Summer Internship Programme	£ 3,050.00		
Community Magazine	£ 3,500.00		
Young People's Pop Up Sessions	£ 2,000.00		
Young People's Social Media Project	£ 2,500.00		
Wombwell TRO	£ 4,000.00		
<b>Anticipated contract spend</b>	£ <b>446,269.00</b>	£ <b>357,859.00</b>	£ <b>18,750.00</b>
<b>In Year balance remaining</b>	£ <b>47,346.00</b>	£ <b>42,141.00</b>	£ <b>381,250.00</b>

4.2 The reduction by 50% of the Environmental Enforcement contract total and extension of the Private Sector Housing contract results in a balance of £42,141 remaining for the 2018/19 budget.

4.3 As a result of the current budget position there are a number of other contracts which the South Area Council has expressed interest in funding:

- Extend the Private Sector Housing contract at a cost of £32,580 a year from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018
- Social Isolation Project at a cost of £14,250 (3 days per week worker) or £23,750 (full time worker). A full time worker would enable the development of a full Good Neighbours scheme as well as working alongside Ward Alliances and community groups to support them to deliver social isolation projects. A part time worker could do one of these roles, but not both.
- Joint funding with Ward Alliances for the cost of CSCS cards to work in the construction trades at a cost of approximately £2,000
- Funding Grantfinder Open 4 Community software to help community groups to source funds at a minimum cost of £10,000 (this cost could be shared with other Area Councils if there is any interest in other Areas)

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