

<b>MEETING:</b>	South Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Friday, 23 February 2018
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, The Hoyland Centre

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Andrews BEM, Coates, Franklin, Daniel Griffin, Lamb, Saunders, Shepherd, Sumner and R. Wraith.

### 36 Election of a Chair

As Councillor Stowe was unavailable, a chair for the meeting was elected from the floor.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Lamb act as chair for the meeting.

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

Councillors Franklin, Lamb and Shepherd each declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute numbers 41 and 42 in relation to their positions as directors of Forge Community Partnership.

### 38 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 15th December, 2017 (Sac.23.02.2018/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of South Area Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 39 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.23.02.2018/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances: - Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 16<sup>th</sup> January; Wombwell held on 25<sup>th</sup> January; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

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

### 40 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.23.02.2018/4)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager.

For the Darfield Ward Alliance, it was noted that £3,718.97 remained from an opening balance of £16,259.46. A number of applications were pending and a suggestion had been made to ring fence £1,200 towards events, therefore it was likely that around £1,000 would be carried forward.

With regards to the Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance, Member heard how £1,899.69 remained from an allocation of £20,193.10, with one application pending.

Wombwell Ward Alliance had an opening balance of £10,193.04, of which £1,558.04 remained for allocation, with discussion taking place around a project which could utilise an amount of this.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **41 Performance Report (Sac.23.02.2018/5)**

The report, previously circulated, was introduced by the Area Council Manager.

Members were made aware of recent discussions regarding the contract with Kingdom Security. Members were reminded of their previous decision to reduce the number of Kingdom officers from four to two from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2018.

Since the date of the decision patrolling hours had been much reduced, and considerably lower than that agreed in the contract, yet invoices had been received for the full amount. It was suggested that the Area Council Manager liaises with relevant officers within procurement and with Kingdom Security, as Members felt that the service should be delivered to contracted hours or if this was not possible the cost to the Area Council should be reduced correspondingly.

Members noted that Kingdom Security had recently been targeting the locations of the High Street and Park Street in Wombwell, as these had been raised as areas of concern.

Those present heard of the recent workshop where the Advice Services contract was discussed. It was noted that the increased number of clients accessing the service continued and that this was significantly in excess of the targets set. A survey had been completed, and it was suggested that options for managing demand could be considered in more detail at the next meeting of the Area Council.

With regards to the Tidy Team contract, it was acknowledged that all outcomes had been met, with the exception of the number of businesses engaged, and the number of new community groups established. Following discussion with Forge Community Partnership, it was noted that a small restructure would soon be implemented which would lead to an increased resource to undertake targeted work with businesses. This would also include a small pot of finance which could be used to engage businesses and groups in environmental improvement.

Members discussed the issue of litter from fast food outlets and it was suggested that a dual approach from both Kingdom Security and the Tidy Team would be useful to help tackle this.

The need for all contracted services to highlight their sources of funding was acknowledged and contract managers would be reminded of this.

**RESOLVED:-**

(i) That the report be received;

- (ii) That the Area Council Manager, with advice from relevant officers within procurement, discusses with Kingdom Security the under performance of the contract for environmental enforcement;
- (iii) That options for managing demand within the Advice Services contract be discussed at the next meeting of the Area Council;
- (iv) That contract managers be reminded of the need to acknowledge South Area Council as a source of funding in their promotional material.

#### **42 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.23.02.2018/6)**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. Members were made aware of the £42,000 to be carried forward to the forthcoming financial year. In addition there was income for the period April-December from Fixed Penalty Notices of approximately £17,000.

Members were reminded of previous discussions on the production of a Community Magazine. All were in agreement that two further editions be produced and distributed.

It was noted that a workshop had been held which considered, amongst other things, the performance of the Private Sector Housing Officer. Here Members heard how all targets had been met in the pilot scheme. Members discussed the extension of the Service Level Agreement and all were in support. Within the workshop a suggestion had also been made to erect a number of signs to enable prosecutions to take place for offences such as off road motorcycling.

The Area Council Manager reminded members of the ongoing work with Public Health to consider how social inclusion may be addressed in the area. It was suggested that a report be brought to a future meeting of the Area Council, taking into account the service to be launched by Age UK.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the financial overview of contracts be noted;
- (ii) That two further editions of the #Love Barnsley community magazines be produced and distributed at a cost of £3,675;
- (iii) That the Private Sector Housing service level agreement be continued for an additional year at a cost of £32,580;
- (iv) That off road biking signs be purchased at a cost of £1,290.60;
- (v) That a future meeting of the Area Council receives a report to consider a number of options to address social isolation.

#### **43 Live Well Barnsley (Sac.23.02.2018/7)**

Keith Dodd, Project Manager – Universal Information and Advice, was welcomed to the meeting.

Members heard how Live Well Barnsley was an online resource with information from over 1,000 organisations providing wellbeing, care and support services.

The website was primarily aimed at users to help themselves, supporting the early help ethos, but could also be used by council, voluntary and community sector, and NHS staff.

It was noted that 1,000 organisations were registered, but content would be continually added to. It was noted this would include more leisure based activities. Entries were searchable by postcode and searches could be further refined.

The site was supported so information would be kept up to date, with every record checked twice a year. The site was free to use and included a facility for leaving feedback.

A formal launch was currently being planned, and Members were asked to use, promote and give feedback on the service. It was agreed that if posters and leaflets were forwarded, these would be circulated by Members, and this would be put on the agenda of Ward Alliance meetings in the area.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given for the update on Live Well Barnsley.

#### **44 Presentation from Age UK Barnsley (Sac.23.02.2018/8)**

Jane Holliday from Age UK Barnsley was welcomed to the meeting. The presentation was entitled 'Together in Wombwell' though it was noted that this was a working title.

Members were made aware that although brand partners of Age UK nationally, Age UK Barnsley was a local charity and all funds raised in the area were used in the area.

Members heard about the services already being delivered in the area, such as the Men In Sheds project, targeting those who would not normally engage in traditional community based activities.

The presentation provided statistics to highlight the severity of the problem of isolation and loneliness with 17% of older people in contact with family, friends or neighbours less than once a week, with 11% having contact less than once a month.

Members heard of a proposal to provide a worker for 12 months to develop a pilot service to address isolation and loneliness in Cudworth and Wombwell. These had been chosen as both already had an Age UK Barnsley shop base and had Area Teams considering the issue. The pilot was designed to show what could be achieved working together.

Best practice would be used as a starting point, with a commissioned service in Penistone having proving successful.

The project was to start on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2018, with the worker appointed for 30 hours per week. 15 of these would be in Cudworth, with 15 in Wombwell, focusing on the centres, rather than the whole of the ward.

Members suggested that the project could work well with Live Well Barnsley, engaging residents in local activities, and there were a number of links to be made with existing South Area Council commissions.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (i) Thanks be given for the presentation;
- (ii) The aims of the project be supported.

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Chair