

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Area Council Meeting:
19th September 2016**

**Report of Central Area Council
Manager**

Central Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the progress made to date in relation to the following revised broad priority areas agreed at the last meeting of Central Area Council:
- Children and Young People (including emotional resilience and wellbeing)
 - Loneliness and isolation in vulnerable adults and older people
 - Family Support
 - Environment
- 1.2 The report also provides an outline business case and recommendations for the procurement of a new Central Area Council service “to build the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people aged 8-14 years living in the Central Council area”.
- 1.3 The report updates members about a change to the contractual arrangements for the management of the Central Area Council’s Youth Programme Immortals Engagement Project (currently managed by Addaction) from 1st October 2016 to 31st March 2017.
- 1.4 Finally, the report outlines the current financial position for 2015/16 and the projected position for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the updates on the progress made to date in relation to the revised broad priority areas agreed at the last meeting of Central Area Council and agrees that an additional Central Council meeting is held on Monday 17th October 2016 to take forward the work outlined in this report.**
- 2.2 Members agree the way forward as outlined in Section 4.3 of this report to progress the Family Support priority.**
- 2.3 Members consider, amend as necessary, and approve the business case and associated recommendations, as outlined in Section 4 of this report, for the procurement of a new Central Area Council service “to build the**

emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people aged 8-14 years living in the Central Council area”.

2.4 Members note the change, as outlined in Section 5 of this report, to the contractual arrangements for the management of the Youth Programme Immortals Engagement project from 1st October 2016-31st March 2017.

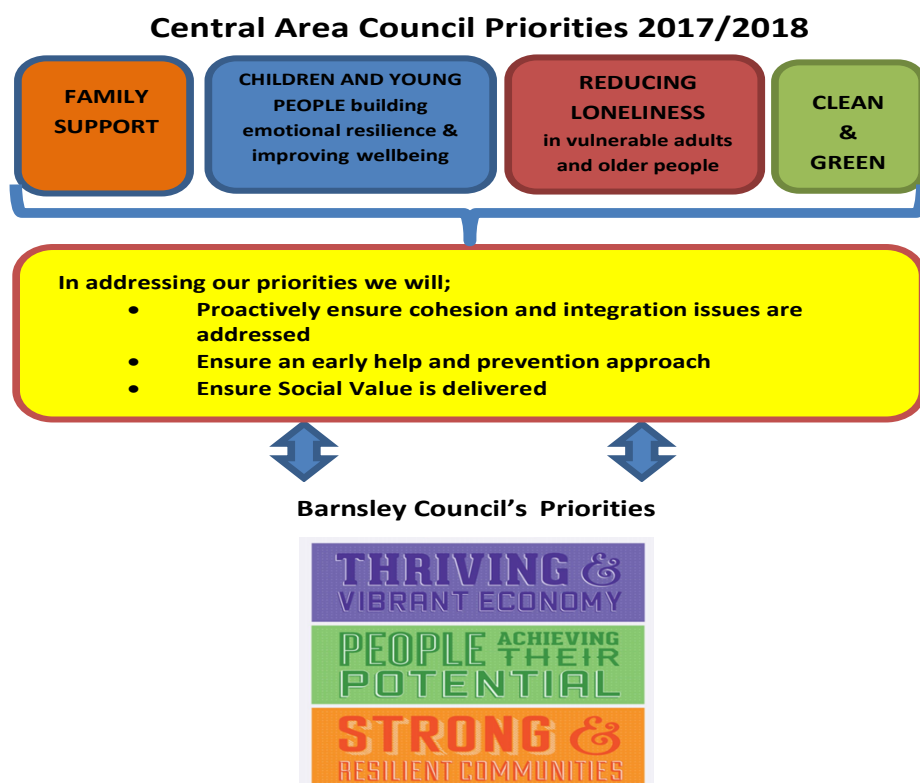
2.5 Members note the actual financial position for 2015/16 and the projected expenditure for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

3.0 Background

3.1 At the last meeting of Central Area Council on 7th July 2016 members noted that the following contracts/services will come to an end on 31st March 2017:

- Reducing loneliness and isolation in older people- contract with RVS
- Improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 8-12 years-contract with YMCA
- Improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 13-19 years-Youth Programme funding agreements with YMCA, Exodus Project and Addaction
- Private Rented sector housing management and enforcement – SLA with BMBC’s Stronger Communities Service.
- Home Visiting Service for families with young children living in private rented accommodation – contract with Homestart South Yorkshire.

3.2 Following consideration of the existing priorities and the contracts/services outlined above, at the same meeting on 7th July 2016, members agreed the following revised Central Area Council priority areas and underpinning principles.



3.3 In order to progress the work required to address the revised priorities it was agreed that Task groups, supported and facilitated by the Central Area Council Manager, would be established for each broad priority area to carry out the following steps:

- **Review and Learn** – Information to be gathered from existing Providers about service delivery in Central Area Council area to date. As part of this exercise, information will also be gathered about gaps in existing provision, barriers to engagement with the service, and consideration of any emerging issues that may need to be considered as part of any future procurement for services.
- **Define the service need**- Information, data and intelligence to be gathered about current needs of people in Barnsley and the services that are currently available. This would include gathering demographic data as well as any available data about the specific needs of each priority area. Information about the Market would also be gathered at this stage and benchmarking would be undertaken.
- **Develop business case**- A business case should be developed for each priority area. This should include information about the proposed service including arrangements for finance, management, marketing, procurement and monitoring and evaluation.
- **Define procurement approach and tender**- This would include production of a Procurement Strategy and associated specification for each of the priority areas to be addressed.

3.4 An update about each of the broad priority areas outlined in the diagram at 3.2 above can be found in the following section of this report.

4.0 Priority Area- Updates

4.1 **Clean and Green/Environmental**-The following 2 contracts have recently been re-let:

1. Twiggs –Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people- current contract commenced on 21st April 2016 for 1 year + 1year
2. Kingdom Security Ltd-Environmental Enforcement-current contract commenced on 1st April 2016 for 1 year + 1 year

The Service Level agreement with the Stronger Communities Service to deliver a **private sector housing management and enforcement service** will come to an end on 31st March 2017.

At the last meeting of Central Area Council it was agreed that the business case for a new private rented housing management service from 1st April 2017 would be presented and considered at an additional meeting of Central Area Council

in October 2016.

Initial work to inform the business case for this service is currently underway.

4.2 Reducing loneliness and isolation in vulnerable adults and older people-

Although some initial work has been undertaken to gather the information and data required to ensure readiness for the first meeting of the Task Group, it has been difficult to make the necessary contacts over the summer months to develop a comprehensive picture of what is currently being delivered.

This work will continue with a view to the Task Group having its first meeting towards the end of September 2016.

A business case for this service will be brought to the additional Central Area Council meeting to be held in October 2016, for consideration and approval.

4.3 Family Support- Initial meetings have taken place with personnel in the new Family Centre and Family Support service to consider current family support provision in the Central Area Council area, and identify any gaps and/or challenges that Central Council may be able to help address.

The new Family Centre and Family Support Service commenced delivery on 1st April 2016.

The Family Centre and Family Support service provides joined-up early help services for children from pre-birth up to 19 years (or 25 years if the young person has a disability). They bring together practitioners from a range of universal, targeted and specialist services in each local area, including schools, police, social care, private and voluntary sector and some adult services. The services they offer vary in each area of the borough, depending on the needs of families and the wider community. Services include:

- preparing children for school and helping them to thrive in school
- helping parents and carers to develop their parenting skills
- helping parents and carers to develop personal skills, access training and education, and enhance their ability to get employment
- helping parents and carers to keep children safe
- helping children to achieve their full potential and reduce inequalities in their health and development
- supporting the development of healthy lifestyles for children
- helping families to become more resilient

Services for adults play an essential role in this early help approach as these can impact on adults' parenting capacity and family life. Some adults have additional needs, which can impact negatively on family life if not supported.

Services that predominantly work with either children and young people or adults need to adopt a 'think family' approach, coordinating the support they

provide, to secure better outcomes for children, young people and families with additional needs.

Given that this service has only been operational since 1st April 2016 it is difficult to identify any gaps in provision and/or challenges at this stage.

It is therefore recommended that a Check and Challenge exercise of the Family Centre and Family Support Service delivery in the Central Council area be carried out towards the end of the financial year.

Once this exercise is complete the Task Group will be established to consider how Central Area Council can help to address any gaps or challenges identified.

4.4 Building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people-

A task group made up of Cllrs Bruff, Williams, Riggs and Gill Carr met on Thursday 18th August 2016 to consider this priority area.

A paper covering the “review and learn” and “defining the service need” steps (referred to in section 3.3 of this report) for this priority area, was considered by the group.

A video outlining some of the key elements for building emotional resilience in children and young people was also shown as part of the workshop session, and the associated Resilience Framework was discussed.

Based on the information and intelligence provided, Workshop members were asked to consider any gaps in current provision and how and where Central Area Council could most effectively use its resources to complement existing services to build emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people across the Central Council Area.

Workshop members were also asked to consider delivery options for the proposed Central Area Council service.

An outline draft Business Case reflecting the considerations and discussions of the Working Group, has been developed and is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration and approval at today’s meeting.

Once the Business Case has been approved, a service specification and procurement strategy will be developed for approval at the additional meeting of Central Area Council in October 2016.

5.0 Additional Central Area Council meeting

- 5.1 In order to progress the work outlined above and seek approval for future procurement activity within the necessary timescales, it is proposed that an additional meeting of Central Area Council takes place on Monday 17th October 2016, 2.00-3.00pm. This additional meeting will be subject to approval by the Cabinet Spokesperson without portfolio.

6.0 Changes to Contractual Arrangements for the Management of the Youth Programme Immortals Engagement Project

Addaction are currently responsible, through a formal funding agreement with the Council, for the management and delivery of the Immortals Engagement project, which is part of Central Area Council's Youth Programme delivery.

Currently the line management, clinical governance and financial / budgeting responsibility for the Immortals Engagement project is undertaken by the Addaction Young Person's substance Misuse service manager. However, from 1st October 2016 Addaction will no longer be delivering the Young Person's Substance Misuse Service in Barnsley and all staff delivering this project will transfer to Lifeline-the organisation who won the new Substance Misuse contract in Barnsley.

Further to discussions with the Council's Legal service and Addaction and Lifeline Managers regarding the above, and to ensure continuity in the management and delivery of the Immortals Engagement project in Central Council area for the remainder of the current Funding Agreement (to 31st March 2017), Addaction have been served one month's notice to terminate the existing funding agreement on 30th September 2016.

A new funding agreement with the same delivery model, staff, outputs, targets, monitoring processes, finance etc. will be issued to Lifeline for the delivery of the Immortals Project for the remainder of the term ie. from 1st October 2016 to 31st March 2017.

7.0 Current financial position

7.1 Based on updated information relating to existing Central Area Council contracts, SLA's and funding agreements, Appendix 4 attached provides a revised position statement on Central Council funding.

It shows actual expenditure for 2015/16, and projected expenditure for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The 2016/17 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing contract management processes.

An amount of £2,022 income received from Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) for car parking up to 31st March 2016 is included.

The 2017/18 figures include only those contracts that have been formally agreed, and do not include any of the proposed Central Area Council procurement/commissioning activity contained in this report.

7.2 Based on the financial statement attached at Appendix 4, an amount of approximately **£104,704** remains unallocated for the current financial year (2016/2017).

7.3 Subject to the Council's formal process to set its budget, and including approval of a carry forward amount of **£104,704** into the next financial year, an unallocated balance of **£467,204** is currently available for 2017/18.

Appendices

Appendix 1- Building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people – Draft Business Case

Appendix 2- Resilience Framework (Children & Young People) Oct 2012 – adapted from Hart & Blincow with Thomas 2007

Appendix 3- Local Transformation Plan –“Plan on a Page”

Appendix 4- Central Area Council Commissioning -Budget Financial Analysis 2015/16 -2017/18

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