

<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 25 July 2016
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

### Present

Councillors Leech (Chair), Burgess (Mayor), Cave, Charlesworth, Cherryholme, Grundy, Lofts, Platts and Spence

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

Councillor Burgess (The Mayor) declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4 on the agenda as she is a Trustee of the Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB).

### 14 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 6th June 2016

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016. It was noted that the enforcement income highlighted on page 5 was not included in the financial report. Tom Smith, the new Link Officer, was welcomed to the meeting as a replacement for Ian Rooth whose time in the role had now expired.

#### **RESOLVED** that :

- (i) Ian Rooth should be thanked for the work he has done for the North Area Council as Link Officer.
- (ii) The minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 15 Opportunities for Young People Project Development

The North Area Council Manager provided an update on the progress that has been made by the working group to develop a project to meet the 'Opportunities for Young People' project. Members were reminded of the scope of the service, which is to carry out targeted work with twenty Y10 pupils at risk of becoming NEETs during the summer break and then into the following Y11 academic year, with a view to improving their confidence and ensuring better learning and retention outcomes post 16. This is in line with corporate priorities to reduce the number of NEETs. Schools are very interested as it will help them to increase attainment and achievement. Members will be involved in initial meetings with schools but not when individual cases are discussed.

Specific aims and objectives together with the outcomes and outputs which the service provider will be expected to deliver were young people at a cost of between

£50 - £60k. Specific activities will be identified through the tender evaluation process.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) The service outline be noted
- (ii) That the North Area Council plan to sign off the detailed specification at the September meeting to enable procurement to take place in the Autumn.

## **16 Commissioned Project Update**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who provided members with an update in respect of commissioned projects.

*Summer Holiday Internship Project* – A meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, after which up to date information will be available for Members. Ninety placements will be made available across the two Area Councils (North and North East). A local business has now taken on an apprentice as a result of last year's project. There appears to be a good mix of supportive businesses taking part, some of which supported the project last year. NPS are taking two people every week.

*Anti-Poverty Project (CAB/DIAL)* – Four outreaches are now running, with fantastic results. Every £1 spent equates to £15 of income coming back in to the North Area. This will be in the region of £20 once Personal Independence Payments are taken into account. The 'softer' outcomes were also highlighted – i.e. 90% of people now feel more able to 'manage'. The level of demand for the service is high, particularly in the St. Helens and Mapplewell wards. This will need to be monitored to ensure that needs continue to be met. It was pointed out that those residents able to travel can attend any of the sessions provided across the area. The CAB in Barnsley Town Centre may be more convenient for some.

*The Forge – Anvil CIC (Clean and Green)* – A summary of outputs was provided together with examples of projects and case studies across each ward. The number of new volunteers was queried as it was felt that some may already be known in the wards. The

*Kingdom Security - Environmental Enforcement Service* – To date 252 FPNs have been issued for the April – June 2016 quarter, 236 for littering and 16 for dog fouling offences, with revenue of £7,788.50 raised. Members felt that it would be useful if a breakdown of patrol hours per ward could be provided.

It was highlighted that the North Area Council's commissioned projects contribute to Corporate KPIs.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that Members note the performance updates and reports with respect to the Summer Holiday Internship Project, the Anti-Poverty Project, the Clean and

## **17 Financial Update**

The Area Council Manager provided Members with a report detailing the North Area Council's financial position and forecast for expenditure. Based on the current profiled spend agreed with providers, the North Area Council has £56,068 uncommitted from the period 2014/15 – 2016/17 budgets. The recycled income from Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) is still awaited.

It was highlighted that there is a need for the North Area Council to give consideration to how the remaining funding is utilised to meet the needs of the North Area and also to consider which priorities they wish to concentrate on for design and procurement of further commissioned projects which will address the Area priorities.

A discussion took place around the problems caused by absentee private landlords and the impact that a Housing Enforcement Officer can make. It was suggested that Paul Brannan and possibly Cath Fairweather could be invited to a future meeting to discuss issues such as rubbish and vermin across wards in private rented housing.– remaining funding, future projects

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The North Area Council will give consideration to how the remaining funding is utilised to meet the needs of the North area and which projects they wish to concentrate on for the design and procurement of further commissioned projects.

## **18 Economic Regeneration - Project Development Update**

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council regarding the development of the Economic Regeneration Project – Small Business Survey Proposal. The aim of the project is to collate information to determine if there is an appetite for small business development in the North Area prior to commissioning a service to deliver a more substantial piece of work.

The Barnsley Business and Innovation Centre (BBIC) proposes to ask local business owners and managers in the North Area for their input regarding the challenges businesses are facing and what type of support would be helpful. BMBC data suggests that 232 businesses started up in the North Area in 2012. It is unclear how many of these are still operational. The project will require 7 to 8 days to complete at a cost of £2,250, with information available by the end of the summer. It was pointed out that the project to support businesses will go out to tender after the Government inspection information is received in October.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The Area Council agrees to a business development survey to support the development of small business support within the North Area.

## **19 Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds**

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager, and attention drawn to the levels of finance carried forward, and current levels of expenditure. It was noted that most wards had a number of projects pending.

Members felt that the cost of road signs, hanging baskets and Christmas lights did not represent value for money and that it was impossible for the Ward Alliances to fund these year on year. The possibility of business sponsorship for the Christmas lights was discussed, although it was noted that there may be a health and safety issue here.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That each Ward prioritises the efficient expenditure of the remaining Ward Alliance Funds in line with the guidance on spend.

## **20 Notes from the following Ward Alliances**

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 12<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

*Darton East* – Comments were made about the success of the schemes in which the Ward Alliance had been involved. Thanks were expressed to all involved, particularly the volunteers. A problem was identified with the benches, which are smaller than envisaged. Greenworks have been working in the ward and the benches have been painted blue. Plaques have been donated as part of the project. 120 elderly people attended the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday tea on 12<sup>th</sup> June, which was a great success.

*Darton West* – The Barnsley based Yorkshire Military Band has applied for funding, some of which will be granted on the proviso that the band support local community events such as Christmas lights/galas etc. The Mayors Parade was a great success. Problems have been experienced with litter being thrown from cars on to the verges despite visible signs that this is an offence.

*Old Town* – Nothing to add to the notes provided from the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

*St. Helens* – Clean and Green have been doing some excellent work in the Ward. The Gala will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the Memorial Field. The Mayor is attending for the opening. More active games are now provided at the Twilight Club. Cook and Eat sessions are held twice a week at Athersley

TARA, at which fruit kebabs proved particularly popular. It was reported that John Hallows has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for his work with the Neighbourhood Watch.

It was reported that copies of the area magazine will be distributed later in the week through Royal Mail. Members were asked to report back if they didn't receive a copy. There may be duplication across some areas. Thanks were expressed to the Area Team for the preparation and production of the magazine. The Autumn/Winter edition will go out around Christmas time and Members were asked to think about what could be included so that as much local information as possible is captured and included.

**RESOLVED** that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

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