

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting

Report of Dearne Area Council Manager

The Dearne Area Council Housing Enforcement

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members regarding the role of the Private Sector Housing Officer and Enforcement and Investigations Officer and the proposal for funding these posts a further year.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members of the Dearne Area Council approve funding both Housing and Enforcement posts for a further year and allocate approximately £72,162 out of their 2017/18 commissioning budget to continue the level of Housing and Enforcement provision that already exists within the Dearne Area.

3.0 Roles and costings

- 3.1 The Enforcement and Investigations Officer's role is to direct a team of Anti-Social Behaviour Enforcement Officers in case managing instances of serious and persistent anti-social behaviour regardless of tenure ensuring appropriate outcomes are determined for each case within acceptable timescales. To timely progress straightforward legal cases including application and advocacy in court particularly in respect of Introductory Tenants and Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions.
- 3.2 A Service Level Agreement was developed by the Dearne Area Council and BMBC Community Safety in November 2014. This agreement was to provide an Enforcement and Investigations Officer for a period of one year within the Dearne Area. This contract was further extended until the end of March 2016. In order to provide this service for a further year it will cost approximately £36,081 (assumes increment & 1% pay award for 2017/18). If approved this contract will run until the end of March 2018.
- 3.3 The Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer role is to support the delivery of regeneration projects in targeted areas by providing a proactive reassuring practical and visible customer focused housing and environmental management service in the private sector. The Officer is responsible for the delivery of a combination of key front line elements of Private Sector Housing Support, Environmental Management, Community and Tenancy Support, Community Safety and Cohesion.

Subsequently BMBC community safety sourced funds from the Barnsley Economic Strategy in order to provide the Dearne with additional resources by way of having Private Sector Housing Officer placed in the Dearne for a one year period, this contract will cease at the end of March 2016. In order for the Dearne area to maintain this provision the cost would be approximately £36,081(Assumes 1% pay award for 2017/18). If approved this contract will run until the end of March 2018.

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