

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 28 October 2016
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, The Hoyland Centre

NOTES OF AN INQUORATE MEETING

Present Councillors Stowe (Chair), Coates, Franklin, Daniel Griffin, Markham, Saunders, Shepherd and R. Wraith

20 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Franklin and Shepherd declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5 insofar as this item referred to the Forge Community Partnership, of which they are both members.

21 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 2nd September, 2016 (Sac.28.10.2016/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council meeting held on 2nd September, 2016.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the South Area Council meeting held on 2nd September, 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

22 Notes of the following Ward Alliances (Sac.28.10.2016/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following meetings:-

- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 5th September, 2016;
- Darfield held on 29th September, 2016; and
- Wombwell held on 20th September, 2016.

RECOMMENDED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

23 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.28.10.2016/4)

Members received a report which provided details of the latest expenditure from the Ward Alliance Funds. It was expected that the allocations would be spent up within the year, with the exception of Wombwell, where a carry forward of up to £13,500 was anticipated.

RECOMMENDED that the report on the use of the Ward Alliance Funds be received.

24 Performance Report (Sac.28.10.2016/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced a report giving an overview of the performance of activity commissioned by the Area Council. The meeting noted that the performance information for the Kingdom and the Clean and Tidy projects was not up to date as contract meetings were not due until November.

The meeting noted some variations to the Clean and Tidy project, to provide for activity during evenings and weekends. The report also incorporated case study information in respect of the Kingdom contract and detailed information on the summer internship programme, which was complete except of the celebration event. Communication with Kirk Balk Academy continued in relation to their engagement with the project and Members noted the need to secure better use of the community space at the Academy.

The meeting noted that the reduced throughput for the one stop advice sessions was mainly due to fewer sessions being held over the summer months. Feedback forms from advice sessions had indicated that word of mouth was the best way to spread information about the sessions and this was being considered, together with a range of other issues in relation to taking forward the project. The meeting noted the difficulties that residents of Middlecliffe had in accessing the advice sessions held in Darfield and discussed the need for further consideration of ways that accessibility could be improved.

The meeting noted the delay in taking forward the Private Housing Enforcement project, but that an officer would now be in post from 31st October on a 12 month secondment. The Area Manager already had information on areas of concern previously raised by Members, but any further areas for attention should be referred through to her by Members. It was hoped that arrangements could be made for the officer to attend Ward briefings as part of her induction.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) that the report be received and the progress for commissions be noted;
- (ii) that contact information for the Private Housing Enforcement Officer be circulated to Elected Members;
- (iii) that arrangements be made for C&K Careers to attend the next meeting of the Area Council to give the final report on the summer internship programme; and
- (iv) that the Area Manager investigate with Darfield Ward Members how a welfare advice session might be provided at Middlecliffe within the overall programme of drop-in sessions.

25 Update on new commissions (Sac.28.10.2016/6)

The Area Manager introduced a report giving an update on the development of a range of South Area Council projects agreed in October 2015, outlining the current financial position for 2016/17 and 2017/18, and seeking Members' consideration of the future of the Welfare Rights and Advice provision across the South Area Council from April 2017.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) that the progress of the projects under development as outlined in Section 3 of the report now submitted be noted;

- (ii) that the current financial position of the South Area Council's commissioning budget for 2016/17 and 2017/18 be noted; and
- (iii) that, in respect of the Welfare Rights and Advice project, the Area Manager develop a draft specification, timescales and costings for the continuation of this project from April 2017 for further consideration at the Area Council's meeting in December 2016.

Chair