

## **BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**North Area Council Meeting:  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

**Agenda Item: 7**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

### **Financial Position and Forecast**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have already been agreed.
- 1.2 This report seeks to determine which of the existing financial commitments the North Area Council wish to continue to fund.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments.**
- 2.2. **The North Area Council note the reduction in North Area Council Budget from April 2017 to £360,000. This is equivalent to £10,000 per ward.**
- 2.3. **Members should determine if they wish to continue the Environmental Enforcement contract from April 2017.**
- 2.4. **Members should determine if they wish to devolve funding to the Ward Alliances based on the proviso that the total Ward Alliance budget is less than £10,000 on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.**
- 2.5. **Members should consider which priorities they wish to concentrate for design and procurement of further commissioned projects which will address the Area priorities.**

#### **3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitments**

- 3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. This is a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 per annum. Due to run until September 2017. If this project is to continue it is recommended that the contract dates are brought in line with financial year and the corresponding reporting schedules.
- 3.1 The Clean and Green Service commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. This is a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £150,000 per annum. Due to

run until September 2017. If this project is to continue it is recommended that the contract start dates are brought in line with the fiscal year and corresponding reporting schedules.

- 3.2 Environmental Enforcement contract commenced in April 2016. This is a one year (+ one year + one year) contract. This has financial implications of up to £146,000 per annum. If all the options to extend are taken this contract will run until 31st March 2019.
- 3.3 On the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 members committed to the Positive Progressions – Stronger Futures pilot. The project is due to commence in April 2017. It is intended that the contract will be let for a year initially with the option to extend to accommodate two further cohorts (18months, +1yr, +1yr). It is predicted that up to £60,000 will be required for the first year's cohort. If the project runs for a maximum of three years ending in November 2020 the total contract value is estimated at £180,000.
- 3.4 At the Area Council Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> December the Area Council agreed to the Stronger Communities Grant Opportunity in 2017/18. The total value of this commitment is £100,000. Projects would need to be delivered between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

#### **4. Procurement Progress Update**

- 4.1. Positive Progressions – Stronger Futures tender opportunity is live at the time of writing. Written submissions have been scored by the panel and the interviews will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017. This contract would not go live until approximately April/May 2017.

#### **5. Financial Position**

- 5.1. The appendix below shows a breakdown of the North Area Council's expenditure. Based on the current profiled spend agree with the providers the North Area Council has £213,202 uncommitted from the period 2014/15 – 2016/17 budgets.
- 5.2. If the Environmental Enforcement contract extension for 2017/18 goes ahead and the Young People's Positive Progressions project is successfully procured the Area Council will already have a committed budget of £292,336 for the financial year 2017/18. This is profiled in the appendix.

#### **6. Future Commissioning**

- 6.1. Members are asked to consider if they wish the following projects to be re-tendered in time for service continuation in September 2017, a decision would be needed in March 2017 to allow for procurement to take place:
  - Anti-Poverty Outreach Service
  - Clean and Green (a workshop to be held regarding the Environmental priority)

- 6.2. Please note: that the Area Council budget from April 2016 has been reduced by £40,000. In light of this information members are asked to consider if the Area Council intends to devolve funding to the Ward Alliances during the 2017/18 (it is recommended that funding is only devolved to those ward that have a budget balance of less than £10,000 at the end of March 2017).
- 6.3. A workshop is also planned to discuss if a Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer would be an appropriate investment for the North Area.

## **7. Item for Decision**

- 7.1. Members are asked to consider if they wish the following contract to be extended:
- Environmental Enforcement (April 2017 would be the start of year 2 of a 3 year contract).
- 7.2. Members are asked to decide if they wish to devolve funding to the Ward Alliances in 2017/18, based upon recommendation 2.4.

## **8. Risks**

- 8.1. Members please note that if all the projects that are currently being considered reach fruition then the North Area Council will be 100% financially committed for 2017/18 prior to the receipt of additional FPN monies.

## **9. Next Steps**

- 9.1. Private Sector Housing Enforcement workshop to be held.
- 9.2. Andrea Hoyland and Liz Pitt to be invited to the March Area Council meeting to provide information on poverty within the North Area, including information specifically children facing poverty within the locality. This will help inform the decision regarding the continuation of the Outreach Sessions or if an alternative provision would have greater impact.
- 9.3. Workshop to discuss the North Area's response to the Environment priority to be arranged. This relates directly to the continuation of a Clean and Green service in the North Area.

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Project / Service	Provider	Contract Start Date	Length of Contract	Total contract value		Commissioning Budget 2015/16		Commissioning Budget 2016/17		Projections 2017/18	
						Profile	Actual	Profile	Actual	Profile	PROJECTED
Base Expenditure							£ 400,000		£ 400,000		£ 360,000
Summer Internship (2014)	C&K Careers	Apr-14	6 months	£ 39,410							
Environmental Enforcement (2014-15)	Kingdom Security Services	4th August 2014	1 year	£ 107,093		£ 35,697					
	BMBC Community Safety	4th August 2014	1	£ 19,752							
Healthy Eating, Healthy Lifestyles	SWYP(NHS)FT	16th October 2014	18 months	£ 99,385		£ 70,160					
Summer Internship (2015)		9th March 2014	20 months	£ 42,065		£ 37,495		£ 3,240			
Stronger Communities Grant (2015)	Various x6	Apr-15	1 year	£ 100,000		£ 100,000					
Creating a Cleaner and Greener Environment in partnership with local people	Anvil CIC	14th Sept 2015	1yr + 1yr	£ 150,192		£ 44,316		£ 74,803		£ 31,073	
Anti-Poverty - Financial Inclusion (Contract value	CAB & DIAL	14th Sept 2015	1yr + 1yr	£ 148,120		£ 42,263		£ 75,000		£ 30,857	

amended Jan16)											
Environmental Enforcement (Aug15-Mar16)	Kingdom Security Services	4th August 2015	9 months	£ 81,844		£ 81,844					
	BMBC Community Safety	4th August 2015	9 months	£ 21,922		£ 21,922					
Fixed Penalty Notice Income				-£ 65,844		-£ 46,779					
Parking Penalty Notice Income				-£ 4,307				-£ 4,307			
Community Magazine Distribution Costs (Edition 1 - Dec 2015)			1 year	£ 2,282		£ 2,282					
Celebration Event Nov 15				£ 3,000		£ 3,000					
Environmental Enforcement (2016/17)	Kingdom Security Services			£ 120,640				£ 120,640			
	BMBC Community Safety			£ 25,000				£ 25,000			
Summer Internship (2016) (£94,651 - N, NE & S)	C&K Careers	1st March 2016		£ 31,550				£ 31,550			

Stronger Communities Grants (2016/17) £100,000				£ 100,000				£ 70,234		£ 29,766	
Community Magazine Distribution Cost July 2016 Edition 2	Royal Mail	Jul-16		£ 2,793						£ 2,793	
Parks Contingency fund (play areas)	Parks Services			£ 10,000				£ 10,000			
Funding devolved to Ward Alliance (2016/17)				£ 40,000				£ 40,000			
Small Business Survey	BBIC	Aug-16	1 months	£ 2,250				£ 2,250			
Community Magazine Distribution Cost Jan2017 - Edition 3	SMART Distribution	Dec-16	2 months	£ 1,640				£ 1,640			
Small Business Development - Marketing and Promotion	Partnership with BBIC	Agreed Nov 2016	6 months	£ 5,000				£ 2,500		£ 2,500	
Positive Progressions - Stronger Futures (20months+1yr+1yr = £180,000)		April/May 2017		£ 55,000						£ 55,000	
Stronger Communities Grants (2017/18) £100,000		1st April 2017	1 year	£ 100,000						£ 100,000	

Funding devolved to Ward Alliance (2016/17) where March 16 balance is less than £10,000		Apr-17		£ 40,000						£ 40,000	
Environmental Enforcement (2017/18) & <b>(2018/19)</b> - £120,640 + BMBC £25,000	Kingdom Security Services	1st April 2017	1 year	£ 120,640						£ 120,640	
	BMBC Community Safety	1st April 2017	1 year	£ 25,000						£ 25,000	

Expenditure Incurred in year	£ 392,200	£ 452,550	£ 437,629
In year balance	£ 7,800	-£ 52,550	-£ 77,629
Balance Including any base expenditure not used in the previous financial year	£ 265,753	£ 213,202	£ 135,573

Total Commitment	£ 1,424,428
Allocation Remaining	£ 135,572

