

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council:  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**

**Agenda Item: 8**

**Report of the  
North Area Council Manager**

## **Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds**

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

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on progress in each Ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund.

### **2. Recommendation**

**That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the remaining Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds in line with the guidance on spend.**

### **3.0 Introduction**

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition the Area Council has devolved £10,000 for the financial year 2016/17.

- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Finding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. Please refer to appendix 2 for further information.

- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:

- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
- it is in the wider public interest (whole community can potentially benefit),
- it represents value for money.

### **4.0 Position Statement**

- 4.1 The full grant allocation for the North Area's Ward Alliances for the year 2016/17 is £94,149.

- 4.2 By ward:

Ward	Allocation	Allocation Remaining
Darton East	£20,748	£9,131.02
Darton West	£20,085	£5,909.54
Old Town	£27,177	£15,383.54
St Helens	£26,139	£14,182.20
Area Total	£94,149	£44,606.30

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

## **5.0 Challenges and Opportunities**

- 5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan during 2016/17. This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans and reaffirm their ward priorities.
- 5.2 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.
- 5.3 The breakdown by ward in 4.2 clearly shows that some of the wards are carrying a significant budget for this point in the financial year. All wards prioritise which projects they aim to complete before the end of the financial year.

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## **Appendix 1: 2016/17 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

### **DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE**

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£748	carried forward from 2015/16
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
<b>£20,748</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Match funding element of allocation</b>	<b>Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,374.00</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining £20,748.00</b>
Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall - Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations	£2636.58	£1,318.29	£9,055.71	£18,111.42
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group - Bedding plants for Mapplewell war memorial	£200.00	£200.00	£9,055.71	£17,911.42
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group - Dog bin provision	£1,765.00	£1,765.00	£9,055.71	£16,146.42
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group - Queens birthday celebration planting	£530.30	£530.30	£9,055.71	£15,616.12
Hope Street Allotment work	£629.60	£0.00	£8,426.11	£14,986.52
Bulbs for local area	£150.00	£150.00	£8,426.11	£14,836.52
‘We are 30mph’ sticker scheme	£1,650.00	£1,650.00	£8,426.11	£13,186.52
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace group - bulbs	£520.00	£520.00	£8,426.11	£12,666.52
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace group - bulbs for War Memorial	£200.00	£200.00	£8,426.11	£12,466.52
Village Hall Toddler Group - Toddler Group Christmas Party	£360.00	£360.00	£8,426.11	£12,106.52
DE Working Budget	£500.00	£0.00	£7,926.11	£11,606.52

Over 55's, Luncheon Club & DISC Combined - Winter Warmer Outing	£1069.50	£1069.50	£7,926.11	£10,537.02
DE Christmas Switch On	£700.00	£0.00	£7226.11	£9,837.02
Staincross & District Community Venture - Community Pantomime	£706.00	£706.00	<b>£7226.11</b>	<b>£9,131.02</b>

## DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£85	carried forward from 2015/16
£10,000	base allocation
<b>£20,085</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining <b>£10,042.50</b>	Allocation Remaining <b>£20,085.00</b>
Gawber History Group – Gawber Glass House Blue Plaque	£400.00	£400.00	£10,042.50	£19,685.00
Wilthorpe & Redbrook Afternoon Club	£301.96	£301.96	£10,042.50	£19,383.04
Hanging Baskets installation & maintenance	£2500.00	£0.00	£7,542.50	£16,883.04
The Yorkshire Military Band - Music in the Community	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£7,542.50	£15,383.04
Re-site litter bin at Day House Estate, Redbrook	£60.00	£0.00	£7,482.50	£15,323.04
Purchase & installation of community notice board at Redbrook & Wilthorpe Community centre	£1,155.00	£0.00	£6,327.50	£14,168.04
3 Interactive learning boards - Barugh Green	£1500.00	£0.00	£4,827.50	£12,668.04
Voice for Darton - Darton Village Fete	£700.00	£700.00	£4,827.50	£11,968.04
Gawber History Group - Room hire & materials for open evening	£775.00	£775.00	£4,827.50	£11,193.04
Bulbs for local area	£350.00	£350.00	£4,827.50	£10,843.04
Darton Primary School & College Environmental Group - Green & Clean project	£200.00	£200.00	£4,827.50	£10,643.04
Kexbrough Social Club - Community Events	£450.00	£450.00	£4,827.50	£10,193.04

Planting on Redbrook Roundabout	£2878.00	£0.00	£1,949.50	£7,290.04
Darton Voice - Winter Fair for Lincs2Nepal	£700.00	£700.00	£1,949.50	£6,590.04
Ward Alliance Celebration	£35.50	£0.00	£1,914.00	£6,554.54
Christmas Tree for Barugh Green	£645.00	£0.00	£1,269.00	£5,909.54

## OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£7,177.00	carried forward from 2015/16
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
<b>£27,177.00</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining  <b>£13,588.50</b>	Allocation Remaining  <b>£27,177.00</b>
Willowbank Special Interest Group – Willowbank Walk	£618.24	£618.24	£13,588.50	£26,558.76
Willowbank Community Partnership - Old Town News; newsletter	£1167.85	£1167.85	£13,588.50	£25,390.91
Bin replacement at Hollingsworth Park (Sugden's Rec)	£300.00	£0.00	£13,288.50	£25,090.91
Bulb planting	£170.00	£170.00	£13,288.50	£24,920.91
Christmas Tree/Lights	£3344.37	£0.00	£9,944.13	£21,576.54
BNWLG - Skip it, Don't tip it	£180.00	£180.00	£9,944.13	£21,396.54
x3 replacement bins for Wilthorpe Park & replacement gate at Sugdons Rec	£2,200.00	£0.00	£7,744.13	£19,196.54
Summer Lane Primary School - Young Voices Choir	£300.00	£300.00	£9,944.13	£18,896.54
Willowbank CP - Event insurance	£783.00	£783.00	£9,944.13	£18,113.54
Newtown Allotment & Garden Association	£2,750.00	£2,750.00	<b>£9,944.13</b>	<b>£15,363.54</b>

## ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£6,139	carried forward from 2015/16
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
<b>£26,139</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining  <b>£13,069.50</b>	Allocation Remaining  <b>£26,139.00</b>
Clean & Green Team – Laxton Road Allotments clear up	£190.00	£0.00	£12,879.50	£25,949.00
Dog bin for Smithies Rec	£1,628.00	£0.00	£11,251.50	£24,321.00
Athersley TARA - Cook & Eat	£1,350.00	£1,350.00	£11,251.50	£22,971.00
Twilight Group - Reducing Isolation	£390.00	£390.00	£11,251.50	£22,581.00
Spring bulbs	£110.00	£0.00	£11,141.50	£22,471.00
Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch - CCTV Security Equipment	£344.00	£344.00	£11,141.50	£22,127.00
Athersley CAFC - Athersley Bonfire	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£11,141.50	£21,127.00
St Helens Christmas trees	£1,494.80	£0.00	£9,646.70	£19,632.20
Working budget for Information Open Day 26.11.16	£2,500.00	£0.00	£7,146.70	£17,132.20
New Hope Kids Club	£400.00	£0.00	£6,746.70	£16,732.20
Caterpillar Club - Preschool	£500.00	£0.00	£3,246.70	£16,232.20
St Helens Christmas Event Budget	£300.00	£0.00	£5,946.70	£15,932.20
New Hope Music Project	£750.00	£750.00	£5,946.70	£15,182.20
National Citizen Service	£350.00	£350.00	<b>£5,946.70</b>	<b>£14,832.20</b>



## **Appendix 2:**

# **Ward Alliance Funding 2016/17 - Briefing Note**

## **2016/17 Allocation**

For 2016/17 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

## **Carry-forward Ward Alliance Fund**

Any carry-forward of remaining balances of existing Ward Alliance Fund at year-end will be combined and added to the 2016/17 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

## **Area Council Devolved Funding Allocation**

Discretionary Area Council payments will not be made to any Ward Alliance with more than £10k of remaining in-year budget.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000/ward from the Area Council budget to their Ward Alliance. This is discretionary to each Area Council and the amount to be allocated is flexible up to the maximum of £20,000/ward.

## **Match funding**

Overarching principle for all of the resources described above :

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment).

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture however we would always strongly encourage as much matching as possible in here in the spirit of the key principles behind the Area arrangements of encouraging greater contributions from other sources ( businesses and community)

Note we will keep this under review during 2016.

## Ward Alliance Funding 2016/17

**Basic Allocation £10k**

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**Carry-forward Ward Alliance Fund £x**

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**Discretionary Area Council Allocation  
£x**

(maximum £20k – not available where Ward  
Alliances have more than £10k in year balance )

