

## **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Central Area Council Meeting:**

**DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

**Report of Central Area  
Council Manager**

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

This report seeks to inform Members about agreed spend to date from the Ward Alliance Funds within the Central area for 2017/2018.

### **2. Recommendation**

**That the Central Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes spend to date for the Wards of Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough.**

### **3. Introduction**

- 3.1** This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to the Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

Following the Council's decision to withdraw Devolved Ward Budget funding from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, the use of Ward Alliance Funding and the associated allocation of monies to Ward Alliances across the borough has also been reviewed and amended.

- 3.2** In considering projects for the use of Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

### **4. Commitments to Date**

- 4.1** A breakdown of the approved spend for the 2017/18 financial year, by Ward, is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.2** Ward Alliances are currently reviewing priorities and updating action plans to ensure the timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance funds in 2017/2018.

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**Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview****2017/18 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

For 2017/18 each Ward Alliance has had an allocation of £10,000 from the Council's core budget. In addition to this, Central Area Council agreed to allocate a further £10,000 per Ward from their 2017/18 budget to be devolved to each of the 5 Ward Alliance's. It was agreed that these funds should be committed by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and charged by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

50% of the total amount of Ward Alliance 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). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

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. Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council, and Area Councils may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The remaining balances for each of the 2016/17 Ward Alliance Funds has been combined and added to the 2017/18 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions. However, as agreed at the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Central Area Council meeting, any projects that have not had their funding charged by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 will be returned to Central Area Council.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be recommended for approval through the Ward Alliance.

**WAF SPEND BY WARD**

The **Central Ward** has allocated £1,461.96 of its £20,000 2017/18 Ward Alliance allocation, with £0 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

These projects have not declared any volunteer hours.

<b>Ward Alliance Fund Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Charged spend</b>	<b>Allocation remaining</b>
Small project fund for the Central Ward	£500.00		£19,500.00
Central Conservation Residents association - renewal of bins	£961.96		£18,538.04

The **Dodworth Ward** has allocated £700 of its £20,084 2017/18 Ward Alliance Fund allocation, with £700 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The projects declared a total number of 59 volunteer hours, which equates to the equivalent monetary value of £700

<b>Ward Alliance Fund Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Charged spend</b>	<b>Allocation remaining</b>
Moorland Community Group - Improving the environment	£700.00	£700.00	£19,384.00

The **Kingstone Ward** has allocated £4,500 of its £22,455 2017/18 Ward Alliance Fund allocation, with £1,000 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The projects declared a total number of 459 volunteer hours, which equates to the equivalent monetary value of £5,416.20

<b>Ward Alliance Fund Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Charged spend</b>	<b>Allocation remaining</b>
Payments for the secretary role for the Ward Alliance	£500.00		£21,955.00
Littering/dog fouling poster competition	£500.00		£21,455.00
WCCA - Arts & Crafts project	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£20,455.00
Dodworth Road Gate	£2,500		£17,955.00

The **Stairfoot Ward** has allocated £1,000 of its £20,180 2017/18 Ward Alliance Fund allocation, with £1,000 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The projects declared a total number of 105 volunteer hours, which equates to the equivalent monetary value of £1,239

<b>Ward Alliance Fund Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Charged spend</b>	<b>Allocation remaining</b>
Barnsley Central Bowling Club - New roof for the container	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£19,180.00

The **Worsbrough Ward** has allocated £5,100 of its £22,180.00 2016/17 Ward Alliance Fund allocation, with £2,100 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

The projects have not declared any volunteer hours.

<b>Ward Alliance Fund Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Charged spend</b>	<b>Allocation remaining</b>
Worsbrough Dale Pavilion Management Committee – Engagement & Community Activities	£2,100.00	£2,100.00	£20,080.00
WWA - Engagement Fund	£3,000.00		£17,080.00