

NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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- 1. Present:** Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Higginbottom, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE.

- 2. Declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non pecuniary interests

- 3. Minutes from the North East Area Council meeting held on 9th April 2015**

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council, held on 9th April 2015. It was reported that the play equipment damaged by anti-social behaviour in Cudworth Park has not yet been replaced. The Area Council Manager has chased this up with the relevant department.

RESOLVED: - that the minutes of North East Area Council, held on 9th April 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

- 4. Notes from the Ward Alliances**

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances, held throughout March, April and May 2015. The following updates were noted:

Cudworth – The Health Fayre in March was very successful. Numerous summer activities are being planned, including ‘Tea in the Park’ which is scheduled for 18th July. A leaflet giving general information about the work of the Ward Alliance and how to get involved is being prepared for distribution around the area.

Monk Bretton – It was reported that grants have been given out for the One Stop Shop, Carlton Bowling Club, Friends of Carlton Park Gardening Club and also Arthritis Care. Bulb planting at the war memorial is taking place with children from St. Helen’s School on 23rd June. A basic IT training session has been planned to start on 23rd June, all are welcome.

North East – A Ward Alliance information booklet is being prepared. There is a vacancy on the Grimethorpe Ward Alliance. The work of the Ward Alliances needs to be promoted and voluntary activities encouraged.

Royston – The Summer Gala is being organised and work has started on the allotments. Both the DIAL and Citizens Advice projects are doing well. A contact directory is being compiled. The Canal Club had complained about minor vandalism but when several fishermen were spoken to, they were quite happy although fly-tipping remains an issue. Cllr Ennis reported that fly-tipping is an issue across the

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Borough and is one of the topics which the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be investigating.

RESOLVED: that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

5. Changes to Community representation on the Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

The Area Council Manager introduced this item. It was proposed that Sue Fox, Gavin Doxley and John Marshall become Ward Alliance members for Monk Bretton ward.

RESOLVED: -

(i) that Sue Fox, Gavin Doxley and John Marshall be appointed Ward Alliance members for Monk Bretton ward.

6. Report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and highlighted the spend to date. The North East Area Council has a Devolved Ward Budget grant allocation of £81,939.54 for the 2015-2016 financial year. This allocation is made up of a £40,000 allocation for 2015-2016, and a carry forward allocation of £41,939.54 from the 2014-2015 financial year. The North East Area Council's Ward Alliances allocated £52,186 of their 2014-15 £104,232 Budget. Members were asked to note the amounts not yet allocated for projects.

RESOLVED:-

(i) that the report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds be received and noted.

7. North East Area Council update on the delivery of commissioned projects

The Area Council Manager updated Members on the delivery of commissioned projects, specifically around Environmental Enforcement, the North East Environment Team and Employability for under 16's.

Environmental Enforcement

During the months of February, March and April 189 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued, 38 for littering, 116 for dog fouling and 35 for illegal parking. It was felt that this should be publicised. The Enforcement Wardens have completed 825 hours patrolling across the North East Area Council. The Revenue raised from Fixed Penalty Notices for Fouling and Littering, from commencement of the contract until end of March equates to £8,965.00. £6,061 in relation to 2014/15 Fixed Penalty Notices remains outstanding.

North East Environment Teams

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The team is moving from strength to strength. Positive feedback has been received with regard to the improvements to the cleanliness of the High Street areas with a quick response to clearing identified hot spot areas. The Teams are building up good relationships with local residents and local businesses on the High Street are delighted with the improvements being made. The Teams have built up a sense of pride in keeping their areas clean and tidy, and have actively engaged with the community.

Employability for under 16's

The North and North East Area Councils have joined forces to deliver 120 placements to young people attending Schools across the two areas. The young people who complete the summer internship will attend a week of workshops and a week at an employment placement. Good relationships have been built up with local schools and employers. A number of places are still available.

It was highlighted that the Celebration Event will now take place in October/November, not September as originally envisaged.

RESOLVED: -

(i) that the update report on the delivery of commissioned projects be received and noted.

8. Review of the North East Area Council Priorities for 2015/2016 and proposals for future commissions

The Area Council Manager introduced this report seeking approval to proposals discussed and considered at workshops with regard to future commissions.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the Environment, Economy and Regeneration, Health and Wellbeing and Young People remain as key priorities and areas of focus for the North East Area Council for 2015/16;

(ii) that Members note the current and projected financial position with regard to spend.

(iii) that projects developed at individual workshops for each priority and detailed within the report at a cost of £320,115 for 2015/16 and £46,000 for 2016/17 be agreed and taken forward as follows:

Economy and Regeneration

North East Environment Team Stage Two - 2 Apprenticeships places @ **£24,000**
£12,000 until March 2016

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Continuation of the Enforcement Wardens initiative for a further 12 months	£54,565
SLA agreement with Community Enforcement	£9,550
Home Grown Apprenticeship initiative - 12 month contract @ approximately £100,000 (£84,000 for 2015/16, £16,000 for 2016/17)	£84,000
Estate Management – Private Landlords 12 month contract @ approximately £35,000 (£29,000 for 2015/16, £6,000 for 2016/17)	£29,000
Anti-social Behaviour damage in Play Areas (£10,000 for 2015/16 and £10,000 for 2016/17)	£10,000

Health and Wellbeing

Fit Reds	£28,000
Let's Grow	£10,000

Youth Provision

Dance and Performance Theatre focussing on Aspirations for young people at the ALC's.	£3,000
Dance and Performance Theatre focussing on Healthy Lifestyles for young people at the Primary Schools.	£15,000
Junior Wardens Citizenship programme with a strong Health and Wellbeing focus, for young people at the Primary Schools Areas (£5,000 for 2015/16 and £5,000 for 2016/17).	£5,000
Celebration Event	£3,000
Community Magazine	£3,000
Luncheon Club	£17,000
Contingency Fund	£25,000

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Chair