

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Penistone Area Council
5th April 2018**

**Report of the
Penistone Area Council Manager**

Agenda Item:

Penistone Area Council Procurement and Financial update report

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides members with an update on the following commissioning and procurement activity:

- Isolated and Vulnerable Older People Service
- Working Together Fund
- Clean & Tidy Service

1.2 The report outlines the current financial position.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That members receive the update on the procurement activity.

2.2 That members note the update on Working Together Fund and proposals for the 2018/19 grant process at 4.6

2.3 The potential need for a further year of the Community Transport Service is examined, and if required, an application is encouraged to the Working Together Fund to continue to fund this at a cost of approximately £20,000.

2.4 That Members note the Ward Alliance Fund allocation for 2018/19 and consider anticipated demand on this and the Working Together Fund at the next Area Council meeting.

2.5 That a decision be made with reference to traffic calming measures to support the area as detailed at 7.2 of the report.

2.6 That Members note the financial update including budget for 2018/19 financial year at 8.0

3.0 Isolated and Vulnerable Older People Service

3.1 At the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 14th April 2016 Members agreed the draft specification of requirements to procure a service to address the needs of isolated and vulnerable older people in the Penistone East and West area.

- 3.2 Age UK were selected as the preferred provider and a 12 month contract with a value of £70,000 started in January 17. The contract was agreed initially for one year with the option to extend the project for a further year at the discretion of the Penistone Area Council.
- 3.3 Following consideration of a six month performance report and presentation at the Penistone Area Council meeting on the 3rd August 17, Members agreed a one year extension to run from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 subject to funding.
- 3.4 The costs for the contract extension is £70,000 for 12 months. This is funded £17,500 from 2017/2018 budget to cover the period January – March 2018 and £52,500 from 2018/2019 Area Council budget subject to funding.
- 3.5 A forward plan for year two of this contract has been agreed with Age UK, to include working towards a longer term sustainability plan for the work after Area Council funding for this contract finishes in January 2019.
- 3.6 Age UK will be invited to present details of their performance outcomes to date and advise of future service sustainability options, at a Member briefing in May 2018. Findings from this will be presented to Area Council on 7th June 2018 to inform the decision on any future option the Area Council wishes to pursue in relation to meeting it's priority on Social Isolation.

4.0 Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund

- 4.1 At a Penistone Area Council meeting in June 2015 Members agreed £120,000 over an 18-month period to establish a Penistone Working Together Fund. Successful applications meeting BMBC and Penistone Area Council priorities would be awarded between £5,000 and £20,000.
- 4.2 Further to this decision, at the Member Briefing meetings on the 17th and 24th November 16 the Penistone Area Council Members considered their priorities for the 17/18 financial year and following a review of the projects funded to date agreed to support the continuation of the Penistone Working Together Fund. It was recommended that the remaining £32,038 of the Penistone Area Council 2016/17 commissioning budget be allocated to the Penistone Working Together fund and that £50,000 from the 2017/18 commissioning budget be allocated to continue the fund for 2017 /18. This gives a total budget of £202,038
- 4.3 To date the following applications have been approved:
- Penistone roundtable: £11,660
 - Penistone Scout Group: £8,050
 - Trans Pennine Trail conservation volunteers: £6,630

- Penistone FM, young people in radio: £15,627
- Penistone Bumping spaces: £19,836
- Sporting Penistone: £16,230
- Penistone Youth Activities: £8730
- DIAL Barnsley : £4275
- Penistone Wi-Fi Project: £5545 (£2365 Installation, £1800 Wifi costs, £1380 LED lighting)
- Bumping Spaces: £19,836
- South Pennine Community Transport, CIC: £5000
- Penistone FM, Community radio and training project: £19,840
- Cycle Penistone, CIC: £ 5990
- South Pennine Community Transport , CIC extension to Pilot: £6538
- DIAL Barnsley: £4395

4.4 Total applications to date = £158,181

4.5 At the Area Council meeting on the 5th October 2017 it was recommended to transfer £10,000 from the remaining underspend to top up the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance budget. This leaves the total remaining budget for the fund to date at £33,856

4.6 At the Area Council meeting on the 8th February it was agreed that the remaining underspend of £33,856 of the Working Together fund is carried forward to 2018/19 and that funds be promoted widely to attract applications.

4.7 The Area Council at its meeting on 8th February, noted the extension of the Community Bus pilot funded by the Working Together Fund to the end of March 2018.

4.8 The Area Council Manager has requested data from the South Pennine Bus Company, relating to the operation of this service (to be tabled at the Area Council meeting of April 5th), to enable Members to consider the potential of a longer term option of funding this service for a further 12 months at a maximum cost of £20,000, subject to the approval of the Working Together Fund panel.

4.9 Sufficient funds are available within the current Working Together Fund to support this, however, Members are asked to note that should the panel approve this, this will reduce and potentially limit the number of other projects open to apply to the funds within its current allocation.

5.0 **New Clean, Green and Tidy Service**

5.1 At its meetings on the 8th December 16 and 9th February 17, the Penistone Area Council agreed to tender a new Clean, Green and Tidy contract. Under a new procurement policy BMBC (the previous provider) would not

be tendering for the service.

- 5.2 Twiggs Ground Maintenance Ltd were successful in being appointed as the preferred provider and started their contract on the 1st November 2017.
- 5.3 At the Area Council meeting of December 7th 2017, Twiggs Ground Maintenance Ltd presented an outline of the service they would be delivering to meet the contract requirements.
- 5.4 Area Council received a performance report at it's meeting on February 8th showing progress since the start of the contract on November 1st 2017. The Area Manager reported satisfactory progress following a contract review meeting held on 31st January.
- 5.5 Twiggs Ground Maintenance Ltd will be asked to provide a six month performance report and presentation at the Penistone Area Council meeting on 7th June 2018.

6.0 **Ward Alliance funding**

- 6.1 At the Area Council meeting on the 5th October 2017 it was recommended to transfer £10,000 from the remaining Working Together Fund underspend to top up the Penistone East and West Ward Alliance budget, providing a total budget for the Ward Alliance of £40,000 in 2017/18. This has been fully allocated up to the end of March 2018.
- 6.2 A Ward Alliance fund allocation of £20,000 will be made available outside of Area Council Funds for the financial year 2018/2019.
- 6.3 Should demand be identified, there is some scope (Ref 8.4 subject to future resource decisions taken by the Area Council) within the current budget 2018/19 to enhance funding to community groups who can support Area Council priorities either by additional allocation to the Working Together fund or Ward Alliance Funds.

7.0 **Funding to support Traffic Measures**

- 7.1 A number of traffic incidents have been reported and noted by Penistone Area Council Members particularly in the Thurgoland area. Members of Penistone East Ward have pursued the potential within BMBC to provide traffic measures (a Speed Indicator Device) which in the longer term would benefit the whole of the Penistone Area Council, as well as a fixed sign in Thurgoland to slow traffic.
- 7.2 Following a Member briefing (29/01/18) with BMBC Highways and Cllr Sir Steve Houghton, it has been agreed that funding to support any traffic measures would need to be met from Area Council budgets. Members are

advised that the estimated cost for these measures would be; SIDS £3,500 for procurement plus £3,000 per annum for deployment, Thurgoland Boundary Signs with Drive Safely message £8,800. To implement these measures would mean an estimated £15,300 to be allocated from the Area Council budget for 2018/19 (Ref 8.4) Members are advised that funding allocation for this does not meet with current Area Council priorities (agreed 24th November 2016 for 2017/18)

8.0 **Finance Update**

- 8.1 The current financial position illustrated in the table at 8.5 shows that the Penistone Area Council has allocated £194,843 of its total budget of £200,000 for the 2017/ 2018 financial year with previous years budgets fully committed. The remaining budget for 2017 /2018 is £5,157(including £3362 uncommitted but identified for spend) which is carried forward to 2018/2019 budget allocation.
- 8.2 £52,000 for the Age UK Barnsley contract (up to January 2019) has been committed from the 2018/19 budget to date. Should a further need be identified to extend or develop this beyond January 2019 this will need to be allocated from the 2018/19 budget.
- 8.3 Subject to performance, funding availability and need, an extension of the Clean, Green and Tidy contract would be a further £98,007 from the 2018/2019 budget (shown as uncommitted spend).
- 8.4 With current underspend from the 2017/18 budget there is potential for £51,288 available to spend against priorities for 2018/19

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	2014/15 £200,000	2015/16 £200,000	2016/17 £200,000	2017/2018 £200,000	2018/2019 £200,000	
Countryside Skills and Training	£100,000					£100,000
Countryside Skills and Training extension		£54,600				£54,600
Clean and Tidy Team Contract extension		£35,555	£124,445	£15,974		£175,973.44
New Clean and Tidy Team 17/18				£98,007	(£98,007 – Not committed)	£98,007 + £98,007 uncommitted
Working Together Fund		£60,000	£60,000 + £32,038	£40,000 (£10,000 transferred to Ward Alliance		£192, 038 (£33,856 uncommitted)

				funding)		
Allocation to Enhance Ward Alliance Fund		£40,000	£20,000	£10,000 + £10,000 (from PWTF underspend)		£80,000
Vulnerable and Older People Commission			£70,000	£17,500	£52,500 Committed (to January 2019)	£140,000
Community magazine – Penistone Matters			£3362	£3362	£3362 uncommitted	£10,086
Total spend allocation	£100,000	£190,155	£309,845	£194,843	£52,500	£752,500
Remaining allocation	£0	£109,845	£0	£5157	£147,500 (£98,007 uncommitted)	

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