

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 14th May 2018

Report of the Dearne Area Council Manager

Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides an updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend during 2017/18 and 2018/19. The report also outlines the unallocated amount remaining for the 2017/18 financial year
- 1.2 This report also provides an update in relation to projects that were previously agreed at the Dearne Area Council

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Dearne Area Council members note the updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend and the unallocated amounts remaining for 2017/18.
- 2.2 Dearne Area Council members note the progress of previously agreed projects that have been committed out of Area Council finances

3.0 Financial update 2017/18

- 3.1 Including the £18,140.96 carried over from the last financial year the Dearne Area Council had a starting budget of £218,140.96 In total they have spent £217,279 on Dearne commissions. This leaves £861.96 from the original allocation. To date the Area Council have also had an income from April to March of £4205.00 from kingdom enforcement taking the total unspent to £5,066.96

3.2 Financial update 2018/19

The Area Council have a starting budget of £200,000 for the 2018/19 financial year together with unspent monies from 2017/18 they will have a starting budget of £205,066.96 As from April 2018 the Area Council have agreed to continue with the Environmental Enforcement, Private Sector Housing and the Environmental, Education and Volunteering Service, they have also allocated £65,000 to the Development Fund in order to meet area priorities. The allocation to these services from Area Council finances during 2018/19 comes to a total of £205,138. To date the Area Council have overspent by £71.04p

4.0 Progress of projects

4.1 Railway Embankment

- 4.2 The group are awaiting works to start on the access route, this is obviously weather dependant. Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership have contributed 20k to the project. This will pay for an orchard and wildflower, contribution to access route, reed planting, and all the signs throughout the embankment. The height extension to Straight Lane Bridge is also due to start mid-May.

5.0 The Dearne Development Fund

- 5.1 The Area Council had a carry forward from 2016/17 of £11,827 and subsequently allocated £70,000 out of their 2017/18 finances in order to meet Dearne Area Council priorities. The first allocation of the Dearne Development Fund closed on the 14th of August 2017; panel members met and considered the projects on the 4th of September. The twelve submissions received were from Dearne and District, Goldthorpe Development Group. CAB, Dial, Reds in the community, Fused imagination, Dearne Electronic Community Village, TADS, Dearne Playhouse, Dearne Ex-Service Men's Club and Big Local Thurnscoe.
- 5.2 In total there were twelve applications that were applying for a total of £106,468.90. The actual project costs came to £158,102.09 however matched funding has been sourced by the providers to make up the difference. The panel awarded a total of £85,232.90 to the projects with £3,405.90 to come out of 2018/19 allocation
- 5.3 Finally at the last Area Council on the 22nd of January members agreed to earmark £65,000 to the Development Fund in 2018/19 to spend on Dearne priorities. As there was an overspend of £3,405.90 they have an allocation of £61,594.10 remaining

6.0 Commissioning intentions meetings

- 6.1 The area manager, elected members, Paul Castle, and Anna Tummon from Public Health have now met on two occasions in order to discuss commissions after the end of March 2018. On both occasions they have had data provided by Liz Pitt and her team which will be used to inform discussions. The next steps are to quality assure all of the projects funded through Dearne grants and area council finances. Also Anna, Liz and the Area Council Manager have submitted a proposal in order to have a researcher come in and undertake a piece of work in relation to DNA rates for hospitals, GP and screening appointments.

Appendix one- financial update

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