

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council:  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Agenda Item: 7**

**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 financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2017/18 period.

### **2. Recommendation**

**That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2017/18, 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 2017/18.

- 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. This requires half of the fund to be allocate to projects where there is match funding.

- 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 (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
- it represents value for money.

### **4.0 2017/18 Financial Position**

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2016/17 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2017/18 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

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

- 4.3 Budget allocations for 2018/19

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2016/17	Devolved from Area Council	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£2,785	£10,000	£22,785
Darton West	£10,000	£4,060	£10,000	£24,060
Old Town	£10,000	£7,000	-	£17,000
St Helen's	£10,000	£1,904.37	£10,000	£21,904.37

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

## **5.0 Challenges and Opportunities**

- 5.1 Due to the current budget position Old Town Ward is not eligible for devolved funding from the Area Council during 2018/19.
- 5.2 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2018/19 (during the first quarter is recommended). This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities.
- 5.3 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.
- 5.4 Proactive promotion of the Ward Alliance Fund to local not for profit groups and organisations is highly recommended to ensure efficient expenditure over the financial year.

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## **Appendix 1:**

### **DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE**

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£2,785	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
<b>£22,785</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</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining  £22,785</b>
			<b>£11,392</b>	
DEWA - Working budget	£600.00	£0	£10,792	£22,185.00
DEWA - x 31 Hanging Baskets	£2,000.00	£0	£8,792	£20,185.00
M&SGRG - bedding plants for Mapplewell War Memorial	£220.00	£220	£8,792	<b>£19,965.00</b>

### DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000      base allocation  
£4,060      carried forward from 2017/18  
£10,000      devolved from Area Council  
**£24,060      total available funding**

To date, nothing has been committed against the 2018/19 budget.

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £12,030	Allocation Remaining £24,060
DWA - TDY Working budget	£2,000.00	£0	£10,030.00	<b>£22,060.00</b>
DWA - Hanging baskets	£3,500.00	£0	£6,530.00	<b>£18,560.00</b>
Darton Voice - Darton Park Graffiti project	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	£6,530.00	<b>£16,810.00</b>
St Thomas Church - improvements to Community Centre	£940.00	£940.00	£6,530.00	<b>£15,870.00</b>

### OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000      base allocation  
£7,000      carried forward from 2017/18  
£0      devolved from Area Council  
**£17,000      total available funding**

To date, nothing has been committed against the 2018/19 budget.

### ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000      base allocation  
£1,904.37      carried forward from 2017/18  
£10,000      devolved from Area Council  
**£21,904.37      total available funding**

To date, nothing has been committed against the 2018/19 budget.