

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Area Council Meeting:
7th September 2015**

Agenda Item: 5

**Report of Central Area Council
Manager**

Central Council Priorities, Current Financial Position for 2015/2016 and Proposals for 2016/2017

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on progressing delivery against the re-affirmed Central Area Council priorities for 2015/16, including an outline proposal for improving the health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 It also outlines the current and projected financial position for 2015/16 and 2016/2017 and sets the financial context for the Young People's 13-19 service proposal referred to above.
- 1.3 The report outlines the timescales/end dates for the current Central Area Council contracts and SLAs, and proposes a way forward for each of these services to ensure delivery up to 31st March 2017.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 **Members note the update on progressing delivery against the re-affirmed Central Area Council priorities for 2015/16**
- 2.2 **Members agree the proposed way forward, as outlined in Appendix 1 attached, for improving the health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years, and provide a steer on Central Council membership/representation in any selection process.**
- 2.3 **Members note the current and projected financial position for 2015/16 and 2016/17 and the financial context and allocation for the Young People's 13- 19 proposal.**
- 2.4 **Members agree in principle the proposed way forward for each of the current Central Area Contracts and Service Level Agreements to ensure continuity in delivery up to 31st March 2017.**

3. Background

3.1 Following a series of discussions at meetings of Central Area Council and work undertaken at a Central Area Council workshop, Central Area Council re-affirmed/agreed its priorities for 2015/2016 at a meeting on 18th May 2015 as follows:

Central Area Council Priorities:

1. Reducing loneliness and isolation in older people
2. Improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people
3. Creating a cleaner and greener environment

Underpinning Social Value Objectives:

1. Growing the economy
2. Building resilient communities

Underpinning principle:

1. Promoting and encouraging community cohesion and integration in all that the Central Area Council does.

4. Priorities-Actions and progress

4.1 In order to deliver effectively against each of these priorities Central Area Council agreed a series of actions. Table 1 below outlines each of the actions agreed and provides an update on the progress to date:

TABLE 1: Progress Update

PRIORITY	ACTIONS AGREED	PROGRESS
Reducing Loneliness and Isolation in Older People	<p>RVS contract to continue into Year 2, subject to satisfactory performance.</p> <p>As part of the RVS service, identify any other issues/barriers being faced by older people that may require attention.</p>	<p>RVS Contract Review has been concluded and RVS contract has now proceeded to Yr 2 with outcome indicators and targets agreed.</p> <p>Barriers and any other issues faced by older people are to be considered by RVS as part of the ongoing quarterly monitoring and reporting processes.</p>
Improving the Health and Wellbeing of children and Young People	<p>YMCA and Core Assets contracts to continue into Year 2, subject to satisfactory performance and satisfactory outcomes from each of the Annual Review meetings.</p> <p>Ensure that addressing the health and wellbeing needs of</p>	<p>The YMCA Year 1 Contract Review has been concluded and the contract has now proceeded to Yr 2.</p> <p>YMCA will ensure that mechanisms are in place for addressing the health and wellbeing needs of children and young people as part of the Y2 programme. Associated Y2 outcome indicators and</p>

	<p>children & young people is embedded in the Year 2 delivery of each of these contracts.</p> <p>Request information from Anti-Poverty Board re. Child Poverty Strategy & any specific needs identified in Central Council area. Subject to the findings from this request, identify any additional issues/barriers that may require attention, specifically relating to the needs of children aged 0-5 years.</p>	<p>targets have been agreed. The Core Assets contract was terminated on 27th July 2015.</p> <p>As agreed at the Central Area Council meeting on 7th July, a working group was established to consider alternative delivery models to ensure the health and wellbeing needs of young people aged 13-19 years are being met, following the termination of the Core Assets contract.</p> <p>A paper outlining the proposal developed by the workshop group is attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p>Central area health related data and information is currently being considered. Discussions are to take place with officers in Public Health and the People's Directorate/Anti-Poverty Board to discuss this data and what is currently being provided.</p> <p>Once this information is available it may be appropriate to invite Carl Hickman (Health and wellbeing Manager) to the next Central Area Council meeting to discuss and agree where any potential Central Area Council resources could be most effectively used to address health related issues.</p>
<p>Creating a Cleaner and Greener Environment</p>	<p>As approved at Central Council meeting on 18th May, extension to the Kingdom Security Ltd contract to 31st March 2016 to be progressed.</p> <p>Within the Boroughwide context and in liaison with BMBC's Community Safety Enforcement Service, develop holistic solutions to address the issues of flytipping across the Central Council area.</p>	<p>The Kingdom contract has been formally extended to 31st March 2016.</p> <p>Initial meeting to be set up with Paul Brannan & Paul Castle and feedback from Overview & Scrutiny Task and Finish Group</p>

	As part of the Private Sector Housing Management and Enforcement intervention, identify any additional needs of private tenants that may require attention.	This will be picked up as part of the quarterly monitoring of the Private Rented Housing Management & Enforcement SLA.
Promoting and encouraging social cohesion and integration in all that Central Area Council does	Ensure that social cohesion and integration principles are embedded in each of the Central Council contracts, SLA's and Working Together Fund Projects.	Discussions with providers have been undertaken to ensure that cohesion and integration issues are considered as part of the development and delivery of services.

5.0 Current financial position

- 5.1 Based on updated information relating to Central Council's current contracts, Service Level Agreements, 6 Central Working together Fund projects and income from the payment of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's), Appendix 2 attached provides a revised position statement on Central Council funding. The table shows actual expenditure for 2014/2015 and allocations and projected expenditure for 2015/16 and 2016/17.
- 5.2 Due to the underperformance of Core Assets and the termination of their contract at the end of Year 1, members should note that an amount of approximately £65,000 only was spent.
- 5.3 The remaining balance of approximately £132,000 from the Core Assets contract has been earmarked against the same priority (improving health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years) going forward. Out of this amount, and as agreed at the Central Area Council meeting on 7th July 2015, £5,900 was allocated for the provision of a 2015 Summer Programme for 13-19 year olds. This service was provided by BMBC's Targeted Youth Support Service. The outcome of this will be discussed at the meeting today.
- 5.4 As a result, the remaining allocation for improving the health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years is approximately £126,000. As outlined in the Young People's 13-19 proposal paper at Appendix 2, it is proposed that this amount is allocated to deliver the proposal.
- 5.5 As noted in previous meetings, members should be aware that some of the figures provided at Appendix 1 remain indicative projections and may be subject to change depending on the payment schedules submitted and agreed as part of the ongoing contract management processes.
- 5.6 Based on the financial statement attached at Appendix 1 and the additional information outlined above, an amount of approximately **£104,473** remains

unallocated for 2015/2016, and approximately **£ 354,683** unallocated for 2016/2017.

5.6 Income from FPN's issued in 2015/2016 will be credited at the end of 31st March 2016.

6.0 Proposed Way Forward- 2016/17

6.1 Given the timescales/end dates for existing Central Area Council contracts, the realignment of contract monitoring and reporting processes as outlined in the report at Agenda item 4 of today's meeting, the need for continuity in service provision, and the uncertain budget position beyond 2016/17, a series of proposed actions for how each of the existing contracts/SLA's should be taken forward is outlined in Table 2 below.

6.2 Initial discussions have taken place with contract and procurement specialists in NPS to ensure that the proposed way forward outlined in Table 2 meets all relevant contract and procurement policies and regulations as follows:

- The RVS and YMCA contracts can be extended by way of waiver as due to their nature they are considered below threshold contracts under EU Directives.
- The Clean and Green cannot be extended as due to its nature any extension would take it above the threshold under which contracts need to be advertised in the OJEU.

Table 2:

Priority	Service and Current Provider	Contract duration, cost and end date	Proposed way forward	Approx. cost of proposed action- 2016/17
Older people	RVS – Service to reduce loneliness and isolation in older people	2 years –to end of June 2016 £200,000	Variation to contract to extend to 31 st March 2017	£80,000
Young People	YMCA-Service to improve the health and wellbeing of children & young people aged 8-12 years	2 years-to end on 31 st July 2016 £199,781	Variation to contract to extend to 31 st March 2017	£75,000
Environment	Twiggs-Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people	18 months –to end on 31 st March 2016 £150,000	Re-let contract for 1 year + 1 year	£85,000

Environment	Kingdom and BMBC SLA - Environmental Enforcement	12 months with 8 month extension to contract-to end on 31 st March 2016 £54,771	Re-let contract as part of a wider European procurement exercise with other Areas Council's - 1 year + 1 year contract	£ 43,000 + £ 12,000
Environment	BMBC SLA -Private sector rented Housing Management and Enforcement	22 months –to end on 30 th January 2017 £140,000	Extend to 31 st March 2017	£13,000

- 6.3 It is proposed that Central Area Council agrees in principle the way forward for each of the current contracts/SLA's outlined in Table 2 above. Such an "in principle" agreement will allow discussions to take place with current Providers about the intended way forward and will enable them to plan ahead accordingly.
- 6.4 Formal approval will be sought from Central Area Council at a later date in order to waive the relevant contract procedure rules to allow each contract (as outlined in Table 2 below) to be extended. Accurate financial information would be provided at this time. Any contract extension would be subject to satisfactory performance of the existing contract and would be subject to confirmation that funding is available for 2016/17.
- 6.5 Formal approval would also be sought from Area Council at a later date for each of the procurement processes to be undertaken to appoint Providers for the services to be re-let as outlined in Table 2 below. No procurement processes would be undertaken unless confirmation has been received that funding is available for 2016/17.

Appendices

Appendix 1- Proposal for improving the health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years.

Appendix 2- Central Area Council Commissioning -Budget Financial Analysis 2014/15-2016/17

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