

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Penistone Area Council
June 7th 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 consider the options for discussion to continue to address the needs of isolated and vulnerable older people in Penistone and that a preferred option is presented for decision at the Penistone Area Council on July 19th 2018.

2.3 That members note the update on Working Together Fund and proposals for 2018/19 grant process at 4.8

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 Members note the update on the Twiggs Clean and Tidy contract from within this report and at the presentation under item 7 on the agenda of this meeting, to enable a future decision required at Area Council on July 19th 2018 regarding extension to the contract.

2.6 That Members note the financial update on the budget for 2018/19

3.0 Isolated and Vulnerable Older People Service

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.

- 3.1 Age UK were selected as the preferred provider and a 12 month contract with a value of £70,000 started in January 17 for one year with the option to extend the project for a further year at the discretion of the Penistone Area Council.
- 3.2 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 at a cost of £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.
- 3.3 Age UK presented details of their performance outcomes to date and advised of future service sustainability options, at a Member briefing on 17th May 2018 (see appendix 1). From this, Members concluded that whilst outcomes from the existing contract were being addressed satisfactorily, there is a need for further work beyond the lifespan of the contract to ensure a more sustained approach can be made to addressing the needs of isolated and vulnerable older people in the Penistone East and West area.
- 3.4 Appendix 2 (to follow) provides further detail through an options appraisal to allow Area Council to consider it's approach to how it might address this need and any associated funding implications. Any decision regarding a preferred option will be required at the Area Council meeting on July 19th 2018.

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 £5000 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: £8050

- Trans Pennine Trail conservation volunteers: £6630
- 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 2018 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 At the Area Council meeting on 5th April, Members considered an option to use an allocation of remaining Working Together Funds to support the continuation of running the Community Transport bus pilot operated by South Pennine Bus Company for a further 12 months at a cost of £20,000. It was agreed that an application would be welcomed for consideration by the Working Together Panel which will be considered at its meeting on May 30th 2018. In light of this, Working Together Funds have not been widely publicised until the outcome is known.

4.8 Should the outcome be positive for the funding of the South Pennine Community bus Service, Members may need to consider if they wish to continue to promote the Working Together funds remaining, add to these from Area Council budget reserves or reallocate the funds.

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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. Subsequent performance reports have been received by Area Council at meetings on February 8th and April 5th 2018 showing satisfactory progress against contract outcomes.

5.4

Twiggs Ground Maintenance Ltd will be providing further evidence of performance through presentation to Area Council at item 7 on the agenda for the meeting on June 7th 2018. Members are asked to note this to inform the future decision required at Area Council on July 19th 2018 regarding extension to the contract.

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 has now been made available outside of Area Council Funds for the financial year 2018/2019.

6.3

Current demand is within budget, however should this increase there is sufficient resource (Ref: finance update table at 7.5) 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

Finance Update

7.1

At the end of the financial year 2017/18, Penistone Area Council had 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 of £5157 (including £3362 uncommitted but identified for spend) has been carried forward to the 2018/2019 budget allocation.

7.2

The 2018/19 budget shows an allocation of £52,000 for the Age UK Barnsley contract (up to January 2019). There is currently scope within the 2018/19 budget to fund any of the options open for discussion, referred to in 3.4 (appendix two) to continue to support working Isolated and Vulnerable Older people.

7.3

Subject to performance and identified need for an extension of the Clean, Green and Tidy contract, £98,007 would be required from the 2018/2019 budget.

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7.5 With current underspend from the 2017/18 budget there is potential for £51,288 available to spend against priorities for 2018/19

Contract Name	Delivery Body	Start Date	Length of Contract	Total Cost of Contract	Commissioning Budget 2014/15	Commissioning Budget 2015/16	Commissioning Budget 2016/17	Commissioning Budget 2017/18	Commissioning Budget 2018/19
Base Expenditure					200,000	200,000 300,000	200,000 309,845	200,000 200,000	200,000 205,157
Countryside Skills Training	Growfore	01-Oct-14	1 yr	£ 100,000.00	100,000				
Countryside Skills Training Extension	Growfore	08-Sep-15	6 months	£ 54,600.00		54,600			
Clean & Green	BMBC	01-Nov-15	18 months	£ 160,000.00		35,555	124,445		
Clean & Green extension								15,974	
Working Together Fund	Various			£ 202,038.00		60,000	92,038	50,000	
Allocation to Ward Alliances/DWB 15-16	N/A	Aug-15		£ 40,000.00		40,000			
Allocation to Ward Alliances 16-17	N/A	Apr-16		£ 20,000.00			20,000		
Reducing Isolation in older people	Age UK	TBC		£ 138,346.00			70,000	17,500	52,000
Community Magazine distribution costs	Various			£ 6,724.00			3,362	3,362	
Allocation to Ward Alliances 17-18	N/A			£ 10,000.00				10,000	
Clean & Green 2017/18	Twiggs	TBA		£ 98,007.00				98,007	
Expenditure Incurred in Year					100,000	190,155	309,845	194,843	52,000
In Year Balance					100,000	9,845	-109,845	5,157	148,000
Allocation remaining from C/F						109,845	0	5,157	153,157
Earmarkings (to include C/F & unspent allocation)									
Actual spend for year									
Balance Including Any Base Expenditure Not utilised in Previous Financial Year									

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