

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 30th July 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 for 2018/19.
- 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 2018/19.
- 2.2 Dearne Area Council members note the progress of previously agreed projects that have been committed out of Area Council finances
- 2.3 Dearne Area Council members approve 2k each year for the next two years out of the Dearne Area allocation for 2018/19

3.0 Financial update 2017/18

- 3.1 Including the £+£19,665.96 carried over from the last financial year the Dearne Area Council had a starting budget of £219,665.96 In total they have spent £217,279 on Dearne commissions. This leaves £2,386.96 from the original allocation. During the 2017/18 financial year the Area Council had an income of £ 6,081 from Kingdom enforcement taking the total unspent to £ 8,467.96

3.2 Financial update 2018/19

The Area Council have a starting budget of £200k for the 2018/19 financial year together with unspent monies from 2017/18 they will have a starting budget of £208,467.96 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 £65k 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. The allocation remaining from the original budget is £3,329.96. Further the income from Kingdom during April- June £2,610 , leaving a total of £5,939.96 to spend on Dearne Area Council priorities

- 3.3 At the Dearne Area Council on the 14th of May 2018 members were asked to consider a match fund of 2k per year for the next two years out of the Dearne Development Fund. With the FPN income there is sufficient monies left in the Dearne Area Council budget to align the total amount of 4k out of that budget. The Area Manager proposes that the full amount be taken out of this year's budget.

4.0 **Progress of projects**

4.1 **Railway Embankment**

The work on heightening the bridge and the access route commenced in the middle of June and July. It is anticipated that the works will take a total of six weeks to complete. The team have started advertising for local volunteers in order to develop and maintain the area and have done a media campaign to get the community talking. Developing the site will take place within the embankment group

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

Finally at the last Area Council on the 22nd of January members agreed to earmark £65k to the Development fund in 2018/19 to spend on Dearne priorities. As there was an overspend of £3,405.90 and have allocated £14,800 to Dearne Electric Community Village they have an allocation of £46,794.10 remaining to

spend on area priorities.

6.0 **Commissioning intentions meetings**

- 6.1 The group have met in order to look at the priorities and subsequent meetings have been set up with the Head of Service Waste, Recycling & Neighbourhoods. The outcome of these conversations will be fed into the commissioning intentions meetings. Further the Area Manager has consulted with the environmental steering group in order to understand their views on the services that the Area Council commissions.

7.0 **Social isolation**

The specification was put on your tender and an invite went out to three providers in order to bid for the project. AgeUK, RVS and Befriend were the providers and the closing date it set for the 13th of July.

Appendix one- financial update

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