

## **BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

#### **Report of the Dearne Area Council Manager**

#### **Dearne Area Council Performance Update including financial position**

##### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides an updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend, and outlines the unallocated amount remaining for 2015/16 and 2016/17
- 1.2 This report provides members with an update on the delivery of the Dearne Area Councils current commissions.

##### **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 2015/2016. Details are contained in Appendix One.
- 2.2 That members note the continued progress of the three Dearne Area Council commissions

##### **3.0 Financial update**

- 3.1 With agreement from the Dearne Area Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 £80,000 was allocated to the Dearne Development Fund in order to meet the Dearne Area priorities. Taking this allocation into consideration means that the Dearne Area council have spent £213,720.00 of this year's budget bringing the total amount unallocated to £ 41,718.00. This remaining amount does not include the **£15,720.00** income from fixed penalty notices. Therefore with income included a total amount of **£57,438.00** remains in the Dearne Area Councils 2015/16 budget.
- 3.2 No clear indication has been given regarding the future budget allocations for Area Councils post 2016-17. Central Government's Summer Budget was announced on the 8th July 2015. This will inform BMBC's budget planning and further information will be available in the autumn. However within the financial breakdown for 2016/17 the cost of the enforcement service that was agreed at the Area Council is shown.

##### **4.0 Current Commissions**

##### **4.1 Training for employment**

During quarter four, which is the period June 2015-September 2015 a total of

14 people had entered local employment which brings the total that have entered employment to 40 during the 11 months this contract has been operational. Based on the theory that each person going into employment was previously claiming job seekers allowance £73.10, the wider social return on each participant gaining employment would be an economic saving of £292 per month. In the 12 months since this contract started 40 people have secured employment. £292 (JSA per month) x 40 (participants) = **£11'680**. If all of the individuals stayed in employment for 12 months the social return on investment for those 40 individuals would be **£140'160**

**See appendix two for full report.**

#### 4.2 **Enforcement**

During this period 51 FPN's and (25 PCN's for parking) have been issued in the area. 47 of these have been for littering offences and 4 for dog fouling offences. Research on CIVICA indicates that to date, 74% of the revenue has been raised from the notices issued in the Dearne Area. The Revenue raised thus far from FPN's (Fouling and Littering) this quarter of the contract beginning Aug 2015 until end of Sept 2015 is **£1,610.00** bringing the total revenue raised from this contract to **£15,720**.

**See appendix three for the full report**

#### 4.3 **Twiggs**

Twiggs commenced delivery on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2015. They have been provided with an interim work plan until the Dearne North and South Ward Alliances have had chance to discuss other areas of work. To date Twiggs have engaged with 8 Businesses in relation to events. They have also worked alongside 3 Established groups and on one of the events enlisted the help of 17 volunteers.

Twiggs have targeted approximately 137 areas within the Dearne and have picked 177 bags of litter over the 2 wards. In total they have worked 33 days within the area which comes to approximately 800 man hours to date tackling various jobs

Finally they have had over 50 positive comments through engagement with the public and received 12 handwritten feedback forms by members of the public who wished to share their views.

**See appendix four for report and appendix Five for completed work schedule**

#### 4.4 **Housing enforcement**

In the Dearne Area there is an investigations and enforcement officer that has been in employment since November 2014 and private sector housing officer

that has been in the area since April 2014. Monitoring meetings have been arranged between the Area Manager and the senior enforcement officer. This is the first report to the Area council.

During the months July to September 2015 the service dealt with **182** complaints and requests for service. All cases that closed within quarter 2 are recorded as having a successful outcome.

In a recent breach of community protection notice the individual received a £400.00 fine, £120.00 Court Cost, £40.00 Victim surcharge and £150.00 Criminal Court Charge

**See appendix six for full report**

#### 4.5 **Dearne Development Fund**

At the Dearne Area Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2015, £80,000 was allocated to the Dearne Development Fund in order to meet the Dearne Area priorities. There have been 7 applications so far and the deadline for applications is the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. The panel consisting of two residents, Cllr Worton and Nobel, The Area manager and CDO will meet to discuss allocations on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2015.

#### 5.0 **Appendices**

Appendix One: Financial Update  
Appendix Two: Training for Employment  
Appendix Three: Environmental Enforcement  
Appendix Four: Twiggs interim report  
Appendix Five : Twiggs completed work schedule  
Appendix Six : Housing Enforcement

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