

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 23 October 2015
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, The Hoyland Centre

MINUTES

Present Councillors Stowe (Chair), Coates, Franklin, Frost, Lamb, Markham, Morgan, Saunders, Shepherd and R. Wraith.

19 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests.**

Councillors Franklin, Lamb, and Shepherd declared non-pecuniary interests in minute number 26 in respect of their positions as directors of Forge Community Partnership.

20 **Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 4th September, 2015. (Sac.23.10.2015/2)**

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 4th September, 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 4th September, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

21 **Notes of the following Ward Alliances. (Sac.23.10.2015/3)**

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 8th September, 2015; Wombwell held on 8th September, 2015; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 17th September, 2015.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

22 **Summer Internship Presentation - C+K Careers.**

Katren North and Jill Ellis from C&K Careers were welcomed to give a presentation on the Summer Holiday Internship. It was noted that the two week internship was also commissioned by North and North East Council, which provided 180 placements for year 10 students across the areas.

The meeting noted the objectives of the scheme. These included inspiring young people, providing them with the skills for work, whilst also aiming to reduce NEET figures for young people aged 18-24. Members acknowledged that the work of the scheme was linked to the IKIC competencies.

It was noted that the target for numbers of students engaged in the South area was 60, and 41 were engaged by the end of July, 2015. Of the 41, 38 students started the workshop delivery, with 33 completing all days. 37 students started the placement and 35 completed all days.

For many the work experience represented a significant commitment, with some students travelling up to 90 minutes to their placement.

Testimony given by the students emphasised the value of the scheme, how it had given them skills, highlighted options available to them, and made them aware of the working environment.

Feedback from employers was also extremely positive, as it also was from parents.

A celebration event had been held, where a number of young people spoke positively about the scheme, many of which had previously not had the confidence to do so.

Members discussed the scheme in some depth, and were interested to see the impact it may have in the longer term as students enter year 11 and take their GCSEs. It was noted that many of the students were those suggested by schools who would most benefit from the scheme, rather than those who already had the requisite skills.

Members praised the success of the internship programme and hoped that this could provide the beginnings of an improved relationship with secondary schools in the area.

Given the success of the scheme, it was suggested that dialogue with colleagues in the People directorate should be entered into to discuss the possibility of extending the scheme throughout Barnsley.

RESOLVED that colleagues from C&K Careers be thanked for their presentation.

23 Report on the Use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds. (Sac.23.10.2015/5)

Members received the report which provided details of the latest expenditure from the Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds.

The meeting was reminded that the Ward Alliance Fund was underspent and that project development should be accelerated where possible to utilise finance.

RESOLVED that the report on the use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds be received.

24 South Area Council Performance Management Report. (Sac.23.10.2015/6)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who drew attention to Part A – the overview of performance, before referring to Part B, featuring more in depth information on the performance of each contract.

With regards to the Tidy Team, Members noted the significant number of litter picks completed at 1178, compared to 942 previously reported. Though satisfaction was generally high for the commission, with the majority of indicators on 'green', it was noted that 'Outcome indicator targets met' was 'amber' due to the low number of community groups created and number of schools engaged. It was acknowledged

that some of this could be attributed to under recording, however actions were in place to increase both.

Members noted that the relationship between the Tidy Team and Neighbourhood Services was very positive, with referrals between them. Two major projects with which the Tidy Team were involved were discussed, as was the need to ensure the team works with officers in enforcement to ensure relevant enforcement action is taken against environmental blights.

With reference to the Environmental Enforcement Service, it was noted that all performance indicators were rated as 'green' and that 150 notices had now been issued for parking violations. Members discussed the relationship between Kingdom Security and BMBC Parking Enforcement, noting that a working party was in place to try to ensure services were complementary. It was noted that updated information on income from enforcement activity would be available from November, 2015.

Members noted the increasing numbers of PCN and FPN notices, which was attributed to the ever increasing intelligence received.

The One Stop Shop had seen in excess of 1,000 clients, when compared to 836 previously recorded. Just under £800,000 of additional benefits had been gained to date as a result of advice given, with most of the clients being in work. In addition over £750,000 of unmanageable debt was now being dealt with through financial settlements. The performance for all areas of the project were rated as 'green'.

The meeting discussed the provision of courses for local businesses, noting that despite significant efforts that take up had been low, therefore leading to an 'amber' rating for 'Outcome indicators targets met', though others were rated as 'green'. It was acknowledged that promotion of the courses will continue, including in the Community Magazine, in the hope that take up for subsequent courses will be improved.

RESOLVED that the update on the performance of contracted services be received.

25 Environmental Enforcement contract. (Sac.23.10.2015/7)

Members were reminded of previous discussions, where the Area Council had indicated the desire to extend the Environmental Enforcement contract. It was noted that this would need to be re-tendered in line with relevant EU legislation.

It was acknowledged that, apart from minor changes including an inflationary cost, the service to be provided was largely the same as currently being delivered.

RESOLVED that:-

- i)** the tender specification and associated procurement strategy for the Environmental Enforcement Service be approved, to a contract value of £112,00 per annum, and authority be delegated to the Service Director Stronger, Safer and Healthier Communities to make any necessary minor amendments prior to procurement;
- ii)** that approval be given for a Service Level Agreement with BMBC Safer Communities Business Unit to a value of £13,021 per annum to provide support to the Environmental Enforcement Service.

26 South Area Council future commissions. (Sac.23.10.2015/8)

The Area Council manager introduced the item, which followed on from discussion at the previous meeting.

Members were referred to section 4.4 – 4.6 of the report, which presented the costs for re-commissioning existing projects within the area and potential start dates for the new contracts. The meeting noted variations in costs, largely due to inflationary increases, however it was noted that the suggested number of student places on the Summer Holiday Internship was lower. Councillors were keen to ensure that the Tidy Team commission employees were paid the living wage.

The meeting went on to discuss a number of potential projects which had been further developed following discussions at the previous Area Council meeting, as detailed at 5.2 of the report.

Members discussed the provision of youth services in the area in some depth before agreeing that it would be preferable to undertake some consultation to map current provision and identify gaps before commissioning anything substantial.

The meeting considered how some young people might not be able to access the suggested provision delivered by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, and it was agreed to consider utilising a community bus in order to ensure that all young people could be included.

RESOLVED that:-

- i) approval be given to re-commission the current projects, for a year with the ability to extend for a future year based on availability of finance, satisfactory performance, and the continued need as identified by the Area Council -
 - a) One stop shop at a cost of £73,950 per year;
 - b) Tidy Team at a cost of £165,000 per year plus any increases due to implementing the living wage;
 - c) Summer Internship Programme at a cost of £36,000 for 50 students;
 - d) Tidy Team Apprenticeships at a cost of £24,720 for 4 places;

- ii) the following projects be taken forward for further development and commissioning in 2016/17 –
 - a) Provision of 100 x A3 'This area is maintained by volunteers' signs for clean up sites at a cost of £375;
 - b) A young person led consultation programme, to produce a full asset map of existing provision and a gap analysis to inform future commissioning at a cost of up to £5,000;
 - c) Delivery of a Health Asset Mapping conference at a cost of £1,000;
 - d) Provision of a Fire Cadet scheme for young people at a cost of £12,157.81 per year for 16 cadets meeting 39 times a year;
 - e) Provision of a 1 week Achieving Respect & Confidence (ARC) course for 14 young people at risk of offending at a cost of £5,000;
 - f) Funding a veteran support pack and launch conference at a cost of £2,000, should external grant finance not be forthcoming.

27 South Area Council working effectively with Ward Alliances. (Sac.23.10.2015/9)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, which had been deferred from the previous meeting.

The report made reference to the Ward Alliance reviews which had recently taken place. The reviews had highlighted the need for increased communication between the Ward Alliance and Area Council. The meeting discussed a number of options on how to improve this, taking into consideration that the Area Council meeting was held in public, but that the Ward Alliance was held in private.

RESOLVED:-

i) that each Ward Alliance is invited to give an annual presentation to the Area Council;

ii) that the Area Council chair attends a meeting of each of the Ward Alliances each quarter to provide feedback from the Area Council.

Chair