

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:

22nd April 2016

Agenda Item: 10

**Report of South Area Council
Manager.**

South Area Council update on future commissions for 2015/16 and 2016/17 and possible use of existing Area Council underspend

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present an update on the development of a range of South Area Council projects agreed in principle on 23rd October 2015.
- 1.2 To present possible options for the allocation of existing South Area Council underspend.
- 1.3 To present an update on the amount of unallocated Area Council funding remaining and the situation regarding the potential development of 'in year' projects during 2016/17

2. Recommendations

2.1 That members note the progress of projects under development as outlined in Section 3.2-3.4 of this report

2.2 That members approve the costs for further Social Return on Investment analysis and training outlined in Section 3.2 of this report

2.3 That members approve the costs of running 2 ARC (Achieving Respect & Confidence) courses for local young people as outlined in Sections 3.3 & 3.4 of this report

2.4 That members note the amount of South Area Council funding unallocated to date and the guidance received for 'in year' project development as outlined in Sections 4.1 & 4.2 of this report

2.5 That members consider the options for future Area Council spend outlined in Section 4.5 of this report

2.6 That members consider the proposal for funding a Private Sector Housing Management & Enforcement outlined in Section 4.5 & Appendices 1 - 5 of this report and the presentation by BMBC Community Safety at the meeting on 22nd April, and approve the outlined costs if it is felt to meet local needs and priorities

2.7 That members consider the proposal for match funding of a Lifeskills Programme for young people outlined in Section 4.5 of this report and approve the outline costs if it is felt to meet local needs and priorities

3. Background & progress to date

3.1 The South Area Council is currently funding a number of projects, all of which it wishes to recommission. The list below shows the current status of these projects:

- One Stop Shop Advice Sessions – currently funded through to March 2017; will need to go out to tender for new contract if future Area Council funding approved from April 2017
- Tidy Team & Tidy Team Apprentices – current contract finishes early August 2016; currently out to tender for second contract to start August 2016
- Summer Internship Programme – second contract started March 2016 & will run to November 2017
- Environmental Enforcement – second contract started 1st April 2016
- Devolution of £10,000 per ward to each Ward Alliance

All contracts will run to March 31st 2017 but will be extended beyond this date if future Area Council funding is made available.

3.2 In addition, the South Area Council has agreed the development of a number of new projects. The progress of each project is outlined in the table below:

Project	Confirmed costs and progress to date
Provision of 100 x A3 signs 'This area is maintained by volunteers' for clean-up sites	£375 from Taylor Made signs. These signs have now been delivered to Tidy Team for erection at local hotspots, which will be decided at the Tidy Team Steering Group on 14 th April
Youth Asset Mapping Events to be delivered by the Forge Community Partnership's existing Youth Partnership & Digital Media Club	£5,000 to provide 4 Asset Mapping events (1 in each ward) to be led by local young people supported by Forge workers Full digital survey of young people not attending the four events to be conducted by Digital Media Club with support from staff Analysis of results to be presented as report to South Area Council in June 2016. Most of the survey work has now been completed and events are planned for April and May
Delivery of Health Asset Mapping Conference to be organised by South Area Team in conjunction with Be Well Barnsley Team from Public Health	£1,000 to include full buffet lunch & venue costs. South Area Council Manager planning event with Be Well Barnsley staff – provisional date of Tuesday 14 th June for event

Provision of Fire Cadet scheme for young people by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service	<p>£12,157.81 per year for 16 Cadets meeting 39 times per year</p> <p>Advice from SYFR and Integrated Youth Support Service staff is that there is insufficient time to set up a Cadet Scheme before the funding finishes, as it would take 2 years to establish properly.</p> <p>They propose that the Area Council look to fund a further ARC course in October 2016 instead, and to provide transport for local young people to access the existing successful Cadet Scheme running from Cudworth Fire Station</p>
Provision of 1 week Achieving Respect & Confidence (ARC) course for 14 x young people at risk of offending delivered by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service	<p>£5,000 per 1 week course</p> <p>Course planned for week commencing 13th June to run at Central Fire Station</p> <p>Young people currently being identified by Integrated Youth Support Service staff through schools, based on those at greatest risk of offending/involvement in anti-social behaviour.</p>
Possible funding of veteran support pack & launch conference if not funded by Armed Forces Community Covenant Fund	Funding is not likely to be needed at this stage.
Social Return On Investment Analysis for remaining South Area Council projects & delivery of SROI analysis training for members of South Area Council & South Area Team	<p>South Area Council Manager has received a quote from Rocket Science [who conducted original analyses]</p> <p>Cost of full training + analyses of other South Area Council Projects = £2,975</p>
Total costs	<p>£19,350.00</p> <p>This assumes delivery of: 2 x ARC courses</p> <p>The Fire Cadet Scheme does not run</p> <p>This does not include the costs of ongoing delivery of any youth work commissioned as a result of the Youth Asset Mapping work</p>

3.3 During discussions with South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue and the Integrated Youth Support Service, both organisations strongly felt that the amount of time allowed by current Area Council funding allocations would not leave enough time to set up a quality Fire Cadet Scheme, and that there would a real danger of setting young people up to fail. Their proposal was for the South Area Council to fund a further one week ARC course in October 2016, with any young person wishing to continue onto a Fire Cadet Scheme joining the existing scheme at Cudworth, which could easily be expanded. Transport to the scheme could also be funded if it was felt that this might be a barrier to some young people taking part.

3.4 The cost of running a further one week ARC course would be £5,000. Transport costs to the existing Fire Cadet scheme in Cudworth can be explored if the Area Council chooses to approve this in principle.

4. South Area Council unallocated funds – options for future spend during 2015/16 and 2016/17 & update on carry forward into 2017/18

4.1 If all projects outlined in Section 3 of this report go ahead, the South Area Council currently has **£54,962 of its budget for 2016/17 unallocated**, which includes the amounts carried forward from previous years.

4.2 Area Council Managers have received guidance from BMBC Finance that any projects developed this year and their associated spend **can be carried forward into the 2017/18 financial year**. For example, if the South Area Council developed a one year project which started in June 2016, the spend for the period from April – June 2017 would be permitted, so long as the budget was decided and committed before 31st March 2017.

4.3 The Area Council Managers have been advised that this will still be the case regardless of whether Area Council funding is continued beyond April 2017, since it will come from an earlier budget. However, **the same assurances have not been given for unallocated funding**.

4.4 It was agreed at the meeting of the South Area Council on 19th February 2016 that a workshop would be held after the Area Council meeting on 22nd April to consider project ideas which would allocate the remaining funding outlined in Section 4.1.

4.5 In addition, the South Area Council Manager has been approached about two further possible proposals, which are outlined below. Members are asked to consider these proposals and approve them if it is felt that they meet local needs and priorities:

Project	Outline costings
<p>Lifeskills Programme for Young People</p> <p>This short programme to take place during the summer holidays in 2016 is being developed by Charlotte Agnew of the Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) & Jola Walker of Berneslai Homes.</p> <p>The proposal will run 'twilight' sessions to combat times of highest anti social behaviour & will offer workshop on a range of skills requested by young people, including basic DIY, paying bills & managing money etc.</p>	<p>Berneslai Homes are already contributing £2,000 to the cost of the course and it may be sufficient to complete one course.</p> <p>Match funding to the tune of £5,000 by the South Area Council would enable more young people to be worked with across the South Area, and for a wider programme to be offered.</p> <p>The South Area Council Manager is meeting with BMBC IYSS & Berneslai Homes on 14th April to pull together a more detailed course programme which can be made available to the South Area Council if required.</p>

Project	Outline costings
<p>Private Sector Housing Management & Enforcement</p> <p>This programme provides a full time worker at Grade 7 to be employed within the BMBC Community Safety & Enforcement Team to tackle issues surrounding private landlords & their tenants in identified hotspot areas across the South Area.</p> <p>This programme has already been funded by Central and Dearne Area Councils, where the impact has been substantial.</p> <p>Please see Appendices 1 – 5 of this report for further details of the proposal & the associated costings.</p> <p>There will also be a presentation by BMBC Community Safety about this proposal at the South Area Council meeting on 22nd April</p>	<p>£32,000 per year to fund 1FTE worker plus their oncosts. There is no management fee.</p> <p>It should be noted that although the worker would be employed by BMBC, this is not 'buy back' activity, as it is work which has never been undertaken by the Council and is additional.</p> <p>There is a possibility that this post could eventually become mainstreamed if BMBC choose to introduce selective licensing schemes for private landlords.</p>

4.6 If the South Area Council decides to fund both initiatives, this will leave an unallocated balance of **£17,962** for further discussion in the workshop immediately following the South Area Council meeting on 22nd April.

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Appendices 1 – 5: Further details of the Private Sector Housing Management & Enforcement proposal