

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
11th November, 2013**

Agenda Item: 6

**Report of Central Council
Manager.**

Central Council Priorities

1. Purpose of Report

1 This report outlines the proposed, initial, Central Council Priorities. .

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Central Council approves ‘Children and Young People’, ‘Older People’ and ‘Clean and Green’ as the three initial Priorities to develop the Area Plan and Commission Projects.

2.2 That the Central Council approves the Central Area Council Priorities Leaflet to inform and seek views from the Community.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Central Council has received data from various sources including the 2011 Census, Council Services and Partners and ‘Community Intelligence’ which has helped to inform the debate about what the Priorities should be for the Central Council Area. Ward Alliances have been discussing their Ward Priorities over the last three months or so which has positively added to the priority setting by the Area Council.

4.0 Central Council: Year One Draft Priorities: Discussion Document

4.1 This document illustrates some of the background evidence that has been utilised in arriving at these proposed priorities including presentations at workshops, concerns/issues and statistical information. This document forms Appendix One of this report.

4.2 The Central Council Area proposed Priorities and subsequent commissioned projects/initiatives will incorporate the three Council’s corporate priorities (and the 18 outcome statements) into their outcomes. The three corporate priorities are: - ‘Growing the Economy’; ‘Changing the relationship between the Council and the community’; and ‘Improving people’s potential and achievement’

5.0 Central Area Council Priorities Leaflet

5.1 The leaflet is meant to explain, in part, the new Area Planning Arrangements and initial Central Council Priorities and seek views. It is intended that the Leaflet will be circulated to Ward Alliance members, placed on the Council’s website and Central Area Facebook pages as well as sending to Partner organisations etc.

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APPENDIX ONE

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Council: Year One Draft Priorities: Discussion Document

Version : 21/10/2013

1 Purpose of Report

This report seeks to progress the approval for Year One (financial year 2014/15) thematic commissioning priorities for the Central Council. This builds on the initial Central Council Workshops on 8th July and 9th September, 2013 where Members identified potential thematic areas. This is a live working document and as such it will be updated as Members progress further along the priority setting process. The discussion document seeks further feedback from Members on priorities identified to date and input from Ward Alliances will also be sought as part of the priority setting process. The intention of the report is to communicate on-going progress and to enable meaningful discussions.

2 Introduction

- 2.1 The Central Council meeting on 8th July 2013 commenced its priority setting discussion by running a workshop (Workshop1) where members received a presentation and statistical information on the challenges facing the Borough and the Central Council area. The workshop then considered in further detail two thematic areas, namely 'Green and Clean' and 'Older People'. A further workshop (Workshop 2) was held on 9th September, 2013 which considered changes to the 'Integrated Youth Support Service' and 'Neighbourhood Services' provision.
- 2.2 This report identifies the key findings from these exercises and includes areas to be considered for scrutiny by the Central Council.
- 2.3 The discussion also identified the other areas of concern for a number of Wards and these are also referred to in the report.

3 Workshop 1 (8th July, 2013): Outcomes: Findings from the Priority Setting Exercises 'Older People'

- 3.1 A discussion took place around older people as the Central Area Council has the largest population of people aged 60 plus. (Central 12,640 next to 10,920 second most).
- 3.2 Dodworth Ward has a high percentage of 60 plus age group residents, namely 31.1% as opposed to 23.7% for Barnsley and 23.8% for England. It is perceived that Gilroyd is the area of greatest need within the Dodworth Ward.
- 3.3 Elected members considered the available data and their local knowledge of their wards to identify the key areas of concerns and the strengths within their communities

3.4 Key areas of concern identified during the discussion on this theme were:

- Poverty is an area of concern for older people, particularly in parts of the Dodworth and Central Wards although all wards in the Central Area Council will be affected.
- Presently unaware of the services provided by BMBC
- Removal of warden service is a concern in some wards
- Health of older people is a concern
- Travel for older people is a concern in some wards
- Isolation and vulnerable people at risk
- Time spent by care companies in caring duties for older people

3.5 A perceived strength is that the Voluntary and Faith sectors are currently strongly represented in this thematic area including sporting, friendship, lunch clubs and recreational activities.

3.6 In summary a number of key areas of concern were identified and a consensus reached (9th September, 2013) that this should be one of the priority areas for commissioning (2014/15). This is to be formally agreed on 11th November

4 Workshop 1 (8th July): Outcomes: Findings from the Priority Setting Exercises 'Clean and Green'

4.1 The Central Area Council is a diverse area. It includes high density urban areas, small parks and a borough park, conservation areas, distinct villages, town centres and countryside parks. The Trans Pennine trail runs through some parts. The proximity of some wards to the town centre has a distinct impact on the green and clean agenda that are more extreme than in other parts of the Central Area Council, for example litter and parking issues which impact on green and clean.

4.2 Key areas of concern identified during the discussion on this theme included:

- The areas around town centre doughnut, particularly Kingstone are not able to be cleaned due to problems with parking, services are difficult to deliver in their present configuration
- Dodworth is perceived as the most rural and grassy area in the Central Area Council
- Worsbrough has problems with crumbling boundary walls, with gaps where some of the better stone has been taken.
- Stairfoot has problems with length of grass on busy roads
- Fly tipping, litter and dog fouling and over grown / untidy grassed areas are high visibility impacts. All wards in the central area council suffer to some extent on these matters but those areas with high numbers of private rents and transient communities suffer most, for example parts of the Central & Kingstone Wards
- Winter plan
- Street cleaning services not delivered in such a way that meets needs of particular areas (due to parked cars)
- Enforcement of litter and dog fouling need proactive action and enforcement
- Volunteers hard to engage in some wards particularly where there are older residents and those that have work / family commitments
- Flooding in Dodworth, Worsbrough and Stairfoot ward

- Highways and footpaths need improvement, particularly in the Dodworth and Kingstone Wards.

4.3 Key strengths identified during the discussion on this theme included:

- Some areas in wards have good voluntary organisations delivering on the green and clean agenda while others do not have this
- There are examples of communities doing it for themselves in Central, Worsbrough, Stairfoot and Kingstone Ward but not all communities can due to work / age / family
- There are opportunities for wildflower meadows
- There are opportunities for volunteers
- There are opportunities for remedy / community payback projects.

4.4 In summary this is a very broad area with a number of key issues. On the 9th September members received a presentation from Neighbourhood Services on the current provision in the Central Area Council. It is understood that there will no longer be any reactive work by Neighbourhood Services, only scheduled work, which itself has been reduced over the past year.

- It was agreed that the winter plan will be dealt with at Ward level.

4.5 Existing evidence would suggest that Clean and Green should be recommended as one of three thematic priorities for the first year of commissioning (2014/15). This will be formally agreed on 11th November, 2013.

5 Central Council: Scrutiny Programme.

There were a number of additional items identified as part of the Central Councils Scrutiny Programme as follows:

- Empty buildings which are eyesores
- Parking Enforcement
- Older Peoples care
- Berneslai Homes
- Public Health
- Flooding
- Street lights
- Bus Routes
- Child Poverty

6 Workshop 2 (9th September, 2013): Outcomes: Findings from the Priority Setting Exercise: Children and Young People

6.1 Members received a presentation from the Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS) on 9th September, 2013 which confirmed that the Central Council area has different levels of needs and youth provision currently from IYSS. IYSS provides, at present, approximately a third of youth provision with the voluntary and community sectors providing the balance of the activities.

6.2 IYSS will work differently in future, using a hub and spoke model.

6.3 Members felt that currently there were gaps in provision and that there was the opportunity to meet needs differently.

6.4 Existing evidence would suggest that it should be recommended as one of three thematic priorities for the first year of commissioning (2014/15). This will be formally agreed 11th November, 2013.

7 Workshop 2 (9th September, 2013): Outcomes: Findings from the Priority Setting Exercises - Green and Clean

7.1 On the 9th September, 2013 Members received a presentation from Neighbourhood Services on the existing service provision in the Central Council area. It is understood that the future service will be based on scheduled work with very little or no reactive work. The extent of the scheduled work itself has been reduced over the past year.

8 Conclusions

8.1 Based on the discussions and evidence presented to date there are three indicative Area Council priorities identified for the first year of commissioning (2014/15) namely, Children & Young People, Older People and 'Clean & Green' . These will be presented to the next Central Council meeting on 11/11/2013 for formal agreement and that these be used to start developing the first year's Central Council Plan in the intervening period.

8.2 The discussions also identify a Draft Central Council Scrutiny Programme for the next year which potentially includes:- Clinical Commissioning Group; Public Health; Schools performance / achievement / aspirations of young people; Changes in Waste Management Service; Enforcement Service; Flooding; Empty Buildings; Parking Enforcement; Older People's Care; Berneslai Homes; Public Health; Street Lights; Bus Routes; and Child Poverty. This Draft Scrutiny Programme to be presented to the next Central Council meeting on 11/11/2013 for discussion and formal agreement.

8.3 Members are encouraged to submit any further items for consideration using the workshop templates, prior to the next Central Council meeting on the 11th November.

Appendix A - Central Council Prioritising Workshop, Older People

Theme	Aged 60 plus						
Deadline data supporting the theme area							
<p>In the Central Area Council area the Dodworth area has the highest number of older people aged 60+ (31.3%), followed by Worsbrough (26.2%) Stairfoot (24.6%), Central (20.5%) and Kingstone (18.1%). Barnsley as a whole is 23.7%.</p> <p>While we are unable to understand unpaid care duties by age of person receiving we do know that in the central area council there is unpaid care as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Between 1-19 hours:</p> <p>7.9% in Dodworth 7.1% in Worsbrough 6.1% in Central 5.9% in Kingstone 5.8% in Stairfoot (Barnsley 6.7%)</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Between 20-49 hours:</p> <p>2% Stairfoot 1.9% Worsbrough 1.7% Dodworth 1.6 Kingstone 1.5% Central (Barnsley 1.8%)</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Over 50 hours:</p> <p>Stairfoot and Worsbrough 3.6% Central and Dodworth 2.9% Kingstone 2.4% (Barnsley 3.3%)</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>It may be safe to assume that the majority of unpaid caring duties are for older people.</p> <p>While we are unable to understand health issues by age of person we do know that in the central area council day to day activities are limited :</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>A lot</p> <p>15.3% Worsbrough 14.3% Stairfoot (Barnsley 12.6%) 11.9% Dodworth 11.5% Kingstone 11.1% Central</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>A little</p> <p>12.8% Stairfoot 12.5% Worsbrough 11.8% Dodworth (Barnsley 11.3%) 10.6% Kingstone 10.1% Central</p> </td> </tr> </table>			<p>Between 1-19 hours:</p> <p>7.9% in Dodworth 7.1% in Worsbrough 6.1% in Central 5.9% in Kingstone 5.8% in Stairfoot (Barnsley 6.7%)</p>	<p>Between 20-49 hours:</p> <p>2% Stairfoot 1.9% Worsbrough 1.7% Dodworth 1.6 Kingstone 1.5% Central (Barnsley 1.8%)</p>	<p>Over 50 hours:</p> <p>Stairfoot and Worsbrough 3.6% Central and Dodworth 2.9% Kingstone 2.4% (Barnsley 3.3%)</p>	<p>A lot</p> <p>15.3% Worsbrough 14.3% Stairfoot (Barnsley 12.6%) 11.9% Dodworth 11.5% Kingstone 11.1% Central</p>	<p>A little</p> <p>12.8% Stairfoot 12.5% Worsbrough 11.8% Dodworth (Barnsley 11.3%) 10.6% Kingstone 10.1% Central</p>
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Level of current service provision							
<p>Council delivered (what is the agreed current delivery)</p> <p>Council delivered Services Borough wide:- Assessment and Care Management Teams (Social Workers) Home Assessment & Reablement Service Telecare</p>	<p>Other providers</p> <p>There is a voluntary sector organisations that deliver to older people and their carers. By wards is as follows:</p> <p><i>To be populated today by elected members in workshop / input from officers at later date.</i></p> <p>Current funding arrangements (where known)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding source BMBC/other • Contract value xxxxx • Contract end date XXX 						
<p>BMBC Service related KLOE implications?</p> <p>Older Peoples Daycare (Service Remodelling) £200k Assessment & Care Management £ £519k Care Packages £ £408k (achieved through better use of telecare & reablement)</p>							
Market Information							
<p>An assessment of the market that provide services that meets the needs of older people and their carers suggests there are a range of church, voluntary and private sector businesses available to deliver. There are also national charities, including those with local presence currently that can deliver too.</p>							
Questions to be Considered							

1. What does the evidence tell you?

- Is this a good picture?
- What do you see as the main issues?
- Does it reflect what you thought?

2. What can you add to the evidence presented from your own knowledge?

- About the services the council already provides?
- About what is offered through the voluntary and community sector?
- About what else is available locally to meet the needs identified?

3. Where are the gaps in the evidence/ knowledge, how do you think these could be filled?

- Who can provide this - residents/ service users?
- How do we get this -commission research, consultation locally?
- Other ideas?

4. Based on what we know now what do you think are the likely headline priorities for the area council and are there particular ward area hotspots of these?

Your Thoughts

Councillor: _____

Central

- Market Information – Food banks and debt advice through CAP
- What does the evidence tell you – No surprises
- Main issues – Child poverty/adult poverty, food banks cannot meet demands
- A complete breakdown of all services that should be provided by BMBC from the min budget. My concerns around this centre around commissioning being that if we, as the Area Council commission services, we don't want to be spending money on something that the appropriate directorates should already have the finance for.
- Central Ward has a very high level of private rented properties with a very transient population, not staying long in one place so the stats are always changing and soon become outdated.
- Central Ward has a very diverse population ranging from the affluent (Monk Bretton conservation area) to the very poverty stricken (Doncaster Road/Sheffield Road).

Dodworth

- A large number of the aged population are concerned with the removal of the warden service, where some do not see anyone for days.
- The local community and particularly the churches do a lot of voluntary work in the ward, particularly in Dodworth.
- Gilroyd is probably a part of the Dodworth ward which is the most deprived area with a large OAP population and does not receive the attention it deserves because they are part of the "affluent" Dodworth ward.
- The voluntary sector provides many activities for young and old particularly the five churches within our ward and the Miners Welfare ie; sporting and recreational activities.
- As a ward we have been unable to access outside funding to improve our ward.
- Evidence – looks a good picture.
- Main Issues – Highways
- Offered through the voluntary & community sector – A fair amount of issues in all areas. Good voluntary sector.
- Dodworth ward has a wider old age population than most.
- Gilroyd part of our community is classed in the lower 15% on natural deprivation and has been for the last 10 years.
- Highways area in a poorer state than most of the borough.
- A good amount of voluntary organisations
- Poor response from Berneslai Homes, due to the amount of council houses in our ward ie; 20%.
- Capital Park – loss of business
- Dodworth ward has the highest age population in the central area and indeed the borough.
- Main issues for aged persons are: travel and poor highways.
- There is a good community spirit: Berneslai Homes, SNT. There is a small strategic centre in aged areas but no large community centre.
- Gilroyd have an above average of senior citizens and it is one of the poorest and deprived areas which does not reflect the whole area. Highways need to address the neglect of the highways and pavements.

Kingstone

- Does the information on the sheet include residential homes; Emporium, Ashby Court and Highstone?
- Other providers – BOB lunch club and delivery, St Edward Lunch club and delivery, Dean Street Day centre. All of which are self sustaining delivery services with voluntary contributions and private fees.
- BMBC Service KLOE implications – things unknown.
- Evidence – A good picture? Can't really say as 4% of the Kingstone area are BME and may not be able to respond.
- Main issues – Understanding what is delivered
- Reflect your thoughts – Yes
- Evidence presented from your knowledge: Don't know what the services the council already

provides.

- Voluntary and community sector provides – Lunch clubs
- We need to know the needs to enable us to identify what else is available locally to meet these needs
- Gaps in evidence- Officers need to let us know who will provide this.
- How do we get this – Consultation locally

Stairfoot

- Evidence – Is this a good picture? - very much, no change
- Main issues – Health and transport
- Same as the past years, slight improvements in health and transport.
- The data on the information sheet is 5 years old, from 2008.
- Other providers: Young at Heart - Kendray

Worsbrough

- Other Providers – Lunch club, community church lunches delivered
- BMBC KLOE Implications – Wardens replaced by housing managers to a few hours per week. Isolation increases.
- Evidence main issues – vulnerable without support are at risk.
- Evidence of services which Council already provides – Could be better. Carers give 10 minutes on average.
- Offered through voluntary & community sector – Not known
- Available locally to meet the needs identified – Not known
- Gaps in evidence/knowledge, how could these be filled? – Some resident would perhaps with encouragement

Appendix B - Central Council Prioritising Workshop, Clean and Green

Theme	Green and Clean										
<p>Headline Information supporting the theme area</p> <p>Street Cleaning – Consistently upper quartile performance nationally on BV1 99 and NI195. Since 2002 Barnsley has performed better than the national benchmark improving from 22% in 2003 to 5.20% in 2012-13 (lower is better).</p> <p>Waste recycling is continuing to improve with a household waste recycling rate of 48.5%. (2012/2013).</p> <p>Number of bins missed as a % of bins collected 0.04% (2012/2013).</p> <p>Enforcement:- the following number of fines have been issued and actions taken since the establishment of the new Generic Enforcement Officer Role in April 2013 for the first quarter.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 651 1281 739"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Dog Fouling</i></th> <th><i>Litter</i></th> <th><i>Fly Tipping</i></th> <th><i>Ongoing Environmental Enquiries / Investigations</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">63</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Flooding - A local Flood Risk Strategy will be developed and approved in accordance with the requirements of the Flood Risk Regulations, 2009.</p> <p>Winter Plan – includes gritting of primary and secondary routes, local gritting and grit (information circulated) and opportunities for Good Neighbour Scheme.</p> <p>Sustainable Transport Action- Better Bus Fund and Local Sustainable Transport Fund. Sustrans funding for LC walking and cycling routes. DFT funding for Cycle Safety Fund.</p> <p>Street Cleansing schedules which give a base line position have been previously circulated but are currently subject to re-verification by Neighbourhood Services. The information has been split into the following categories; Daily Streets, Weekly Streets, Twice Weekly Streets, Three x Weekly Streets, Eight Weekly Litter Picks, Daily Litter Bins, Weekly Litter Bins, Twice Weekly Litter Bins, Weekly Dog Bins, Twice Weekly Dog Bins, Daily Toilet, Grass Cutting, Bed Maintenance, Hedges. In addition their is question of Parks Maintenance.</p>				<i>Dog Fouling</i>	<i>Litter</i>	<i>Fly Tipping</i>	<i>Ongoing Environmental Enquiries / Investigations</i>	1	10	1	63
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<p>Council delivered (what is the agreed current delivery) These Services are predominatley dleivered by in house services eg Neighbourhood Services, Waste Management etc. It is worth noting that ‘,Environmnetal Services delvered significant budget efficiencies during 2012/13.....reduction in front line areas could not be entirely be avoided and consequently the impact on service provision will be monitored throug hout the 13/14 service planning period’ (2013/14 DEC Directorate Business Plan).</p>		<p>Other providers There are a number of voluntary groups, social enterprises and also community payback that deliver on the green and clean agenda. By wards is as follows: <i>To be populated today by elected members in workshop / input from officers at later date.</i></p> <p>Current funding arrangements (where known)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding source BMBC/other • Contract value xxxxx • Contract end date XXX 									

BMBC Service related KLOE implications?

Reducing services in Neighbourhood Pride, Waste Management and Highways (DEV/ENV/17) - £750,000.

The introduction of a more generic role of Enforcement Officer, following the establishment of the function in Development, Environment and Culture will lead to efficiency savings (AC/CS/4) - £100,000 + Post removal in Regulatory Services- £21,000.

Efficiency savings within Environment which includes;- reduction in senior managers, a redesign of the recycling / refuse service, fewer maintenance operatives, improved waste disposal contracts and improved trading surpluses.
DEV/ENV/16 – £1,300,000.

Market Information

An assessment of the market that provide services that meets green and clean agenda needs completing.

Questions to be Considered

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Your Thoughts

Councillor: _____

Central

- What is offered through the voluntary and community sector – Limited
- Where are the gaps, how do we get this?- Local Alliance members knowledge
- Street Cleaning – Again most of the needs ie; street cleaning and enforcement seem to focus on the areas with high levels of private rented properties.
- Other Providers – Some parts of the Ward have some very good voluntary organisations providing different services whilst other areas have none.
- Look at reducing pressure on grass cutting and park maintenance by Wild Meadowin g some areas that are not used.

Dodworth

- Street Cleansing - The enforcement of dog fouling and litter leaves a lot to be desired. Although proactive rather than reactive actions would help.
- Flooding – We have two or three areas in Dodworth which are subject to flooding with little done to address the issues
 - a) Michelson Avenue, Barnsley Road junction with several swellings & St John's school having been flooded on several occasions.
 - b) St Jhon's Close and church area floods
 - c) At the bottom of Keresforth Hill
- With an ageing population it is difficult to get them to engage in litter picking ans snow clearing.
- The future KLOE implications will have a significant impact on our Ward and will be very difficult to address these issues by the voluntary sector.
- There are a lot of the younger generation who work out of the Ward and even the Barnsley area because of the time taken to commute there is no time available to volunteer.
- Main Issues - Dodworth has more grass space than others, therefore needs more finance measures for grass cutting.
- Dodworth has 3 industrial sites, Capital Park a big site and a prime area which is empty. This has been highlighted continually without any response.
- Voluntary sector - will have to work hard to bring themselves in line with other communities as it does not seem to happen.
- Flooding – Flood problems in Dodworth. Still waiting for the agreed work on the former colliery stack. The culverts need replacing from the top of Dodworth to the bottom.
- Winter plan – Dodworth does not get its share of the winter plan. Difficult to find the volunteers for snow clearing with an older population and a younger population in work.
- Sustainable Transport – We have met with SYT on several occasions, gaining some improvements but some more services could be improved.
- Enforcement – This needs to be improved on litter dropping and dog fouling.

Kingstone

- About the services the council already provides – Don't get any as parking
- Headline priorities – Do-nut around town centre. Parking problems for services to deliver
- Winter Plan – Not done and actioned last year. Put names forward, not addressed. A count needs to be took into gradiants.
- Sustainable transport – Buses changed to eliminate competition
- Current service provision (Other providers) – Allatt Close, Friends of Locke Park. We pay for a Caretaker, Berneslai Homes do most of our grassier areas.
- Reducing Services in NP/WM and Highways – Light don't get maintained, streets cannot be cleared as they can't get down street.
- Dustbins don't get collected as there are parking issues.
- Generic role of Enforcement Officer – Have been asking for this for years, should be income generator at the beginning efficiency savings – Ours should be delivered earlier or later.

Stairfoot

- Evidence – Reasonable picture
- Issues – Environment, transport and health
- What can you add to the evidence presented about the services the council already provides – When was this evidence collated?
- Where are the gaps, who can provide this? – Door to door as in the census
- Waste recycling – This is near the dumpit site, which does help, treatment of emptied bins

- Flooding – Aldham Bridge – River Don
- Winter Plan – Grit bin coverage good. Difficult terrain in all parts of the ward.
- Sustainable Transport – ITA not very forthcoming on suggested improvements
- Reducing services in NP/WM & Highways – Roadside – central reservation being left up to a dangerous level
- Generic role of Enforcement Officer – seen no deterioration
- Market information – Wheelie bin introduction has provided a remarkable improvement
- Street Cleaning – Increase signage re penalties for dog fouling
- Increase awareness of reduction in service provision, to public
- Reduction in schedules circulated to members in clear form

Worsbrough

- Evidence – Some good, some bad
- Issues – That litter is something that is the duty of others to pick up
- Voluntary & community sector – Volunteers are difficult to engage
- How do we get this – Been done before, what will be different?
- Priorities – Dog fouling
 - Litter
 - Fly Tipping
 - Overgrown green spaces are what the community sees
- Flooding – Worsbrough Sports at risk, low priority because no housing involved
- Winter Plan – Known Snow Warden
- Street Cleaning etc – Small group of church members litter pick Lobwood area
- Walls in poor conditions motor eroded. Quality stone disappearing identified in my ward.
- Remedy providing good gardening at W/D Bowling Club.
- Sustainable transport – Buses?
- Street cleaning etc – Voluntary dog fouling and litter clearing.
- Trans Pennine trail – old walls and trees

APPENDIX TWO

DRAFT

CENTRAL

area council

Planning to support your local area



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Planning for the Central Area

As part of the Council's approach to local area working arrangements, your Central Area Council (represented by the Councillors for each of the five wards Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough) has started the process of planning to support your local area. To help us build a local approach, the first step in our planning is to work out what the main priorities are for the central area.

This leaflet tells you about the priorities we have identified and explains a bit more about why we think these are the ones we need to be concentrating on, and gives you the opportunity to find out how you can be part of what happens where you live.

The Central Council priorities recognise the need for growing the local economy and improving people's potential/achievements having to be common threads through all its actions.

Clean and Green

Why this is a priority

- The proximity of some wards in the central area to the town centre has a distinct impact on their environment. We know that litter, parking and dog fouling are most notable in these areas.
- Our recycling rate is 48.5% (2012/2013), to improve our environment we need to increase this across all our area.
- Our area has been subject to flooding in Dodworth, Worsbrough and Stairfoot wards, we need to ensure we are adequately prepared for this in the future.
- Highways and footpaths in our area are heavily used and need improvement, particularly in the Dodworth and Kingstone Wards.

Older People

Why this is a priority

- The Central Area Council area has some of the highest numbers of older people aged 60+, the Dodworth area has the highest number of older people (31.3%), followed by Worsbrough (26.2%) Stairfoot (24.6%), Central (20.5%) and Kingstone (18.1%). Barnsley as a whole is 23.7%.
- Having a higher than average number of older residents means that our area also shows a higher than average percentage of people who state that their day to day activities are limited. This is 12.8% for the whole Central area (compared to the Borough average of 12.6%) and it rises to between 14-15% in two of our five wards.
- Caring duties especially up to 19 hours per week are also higher than the Borough average in our area especially in Dodworth and Worsbrough.

Children and Young People

Why this is a priority

- Under 16's Child Poverty across the area is higher than borough average, in three of the five wards.
- Four of the five wards have a higher than average number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) Central 6.7%, Kingstone 7.3%, Worsborough 6.9% and Stairfoot 7.3% compared to the borough wide average of 5.5%

Some useful information about the central area

The central area sits in the centre of the borough of Barnsley and includes the town centre as well as a number of neighbouring residential areas surrounding the town. The area covers 35 Km², and has a population of 52,764 (22.8% of borough total) As well as being home to the main retail centre for Barnsley, the area also hosts a number of business and commercial areas as well as renowned green spaces and places of cultural interest.



What we need to do next

To help us with the next stage in planning for the area, we now need to know more about what you as a resident think.

You can do this in a number of ways:

Have your say

Over the next few months you may be asked to give your views via surveys we conduct, via the internet or in person in your local area, so please look out for these opportunities to have your say and influence planning for your local area.

Get in touch

You can also contact us at any time on 775707 to talk to us about what is happening in your area, or why not come along to listen to what happens in your area council meeting.

Details of all the meetings are published on our web site at www.barnsley.gov.uk or ring us on 775707 to find out more.

Get involved

Decisions made at Area Council level rely heavily not just on what people say about their area but what they can do to make a difference.

Achieving the priorities is about everyone who lives, works or cares about an area having the opportunity to be part of the solutions.

You can be part of this yourself as an individual volunteer or as part of a group through your local neighbourhood network or your ward alliance.

To find out about this please contact us at Centralteam@barnsley.gov.uk

Bringing it all together

Once we have all the information we need to make sure the priorities are the right ones for the central area we will move onto the next stages in planning using the following questions to help us:

How can we meet the priorities for the central area?

Who might be best to do this?

How much will it cost?

How do we know what we have done has made a difference?

We will then draw all this together to form a plan for the central area, which will be published and updated each time the Central Area Council meets. This will give you, as a resident, the chance to see how things are working out in the central area.

Look out for more details of when the plan will be published over the next few months.

If you have any questions about the central area council, the priorities shown in this leaflet or the next stages in planning for the area please contact us:

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Together we can make the Central area a great place to live, work and play

