

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
9th September, 2013**

Agenda Item: 8

**Report of Central
Council Manager.**

Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report updates the Central Council on progress in each Ward in expending the Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Fund budgets.

2. Recommendation

That each Ward in the Central Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the remaining Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds.

3.0 Introduction

3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council (Cab.21.11.2012/6; Cab.16.1.2013/10.3; Cab13.2.2013/9 and Cab.8.5.2013/7.1) each Ward was given a Devolved Ward Budget of £20,000 and each Ward Alliance a fund of £10,000 for financial year 2013/14. The Devolved Ward budget has been available to commit since the beginning of the financial year while the Ward Alliance Fund becomes available once the Ward Alliance Priorities have been finalised after a community consultation exercise.

4.0 Position Statement and Challenges

4.1 Appendix One breaks down the approvals etc to the end of October, 2013 for the Devolved Ward Budget. The accumulated commitment for the five Wards, as set out in the Appendix One, is £47,259.20 out of the £100,000 allocated. In addition, the Ward Alliance Fund monies have not become available and the total uncommitted budget remains £50,000.

4.2 In addition, there is the £7,000, per Ward, Public Health allocation which remains uncommitted (of which £2,000 was previously allocated to support the development of Neighbourhood Networks). The Appendix includes examples of possible projects for expending this allocation.

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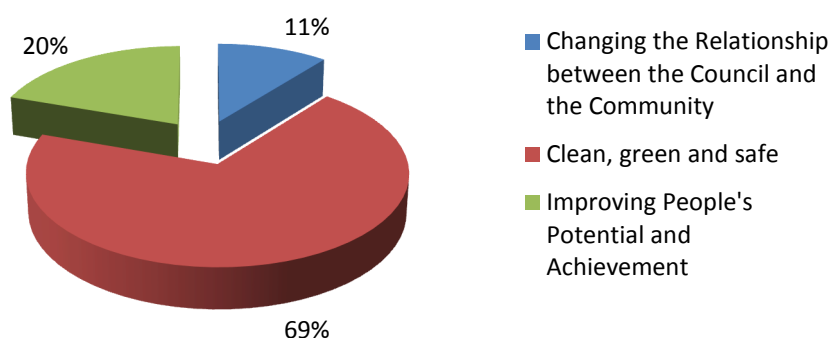
APPENDIX ONE

Central Area Council (April 2013 – October 2013) Update

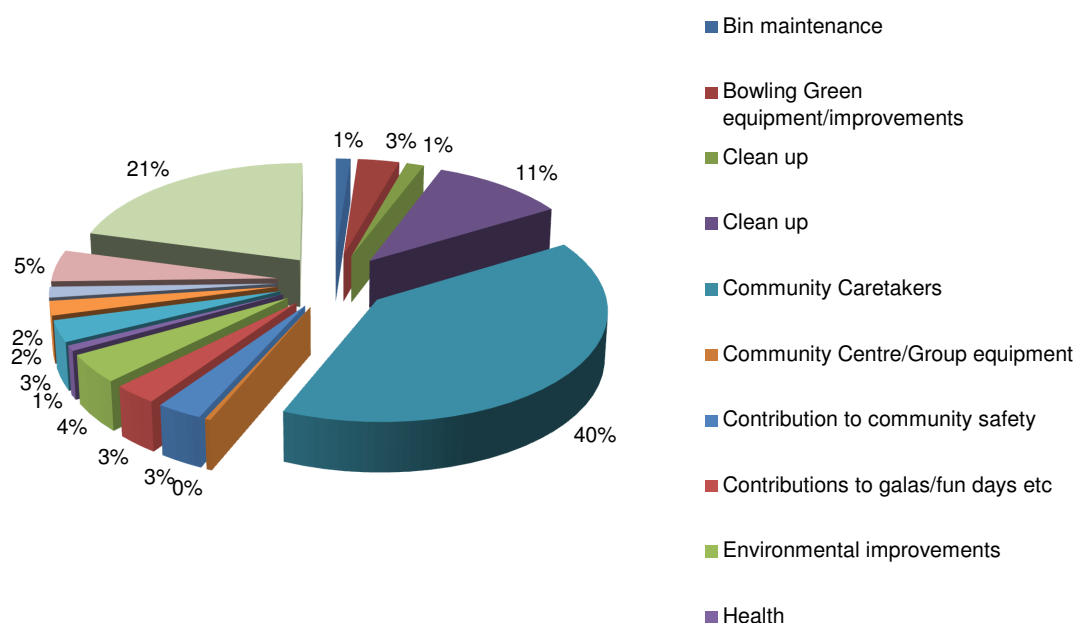
To date, the Central Area Council has committed £47,259.20 of its £100,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, as yet, nothing has been committed from the £50,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

	Committed	Allocation Remaining	To be charged
CENTRAL	£ 47,259.20	£ 52,740.80	£ 74,623.15
Central	£ 2,331.20	£ 17,668.80	£ 19,448.80
Dodworth	£ 5,530.00	£ 14,470.00	£ 20,000.00
Kingstone	£ 18,902.00	£ 1,098.00	£ 1,098.00
Stairfoot	£ 7,750.00	£ 12,250.00	£ 19,610.00
Worsbrough	£ 12,746.00	£ 7,254.00	£ 14,466.35

A breakdown of how this commitment supports the corporate plan priorities is below:



These commitments are split into the following project themes:



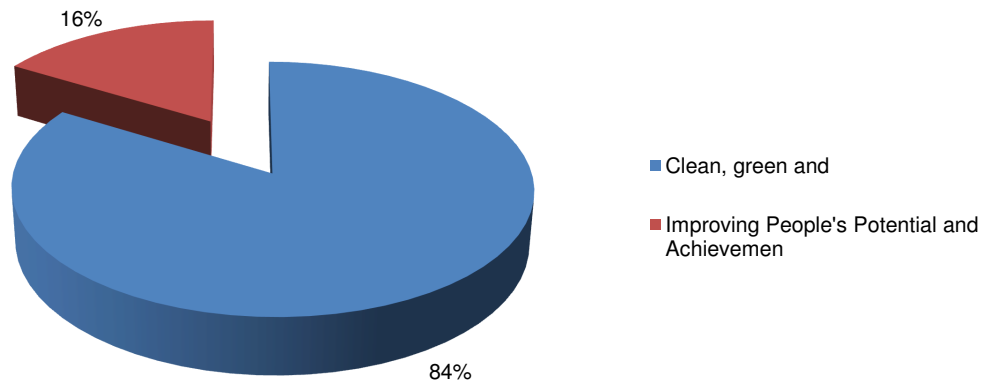
The following shows a breakdown of commitment by Ward, and also details the actual spend to date.

Central has committed £2,331.20 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £551.20 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

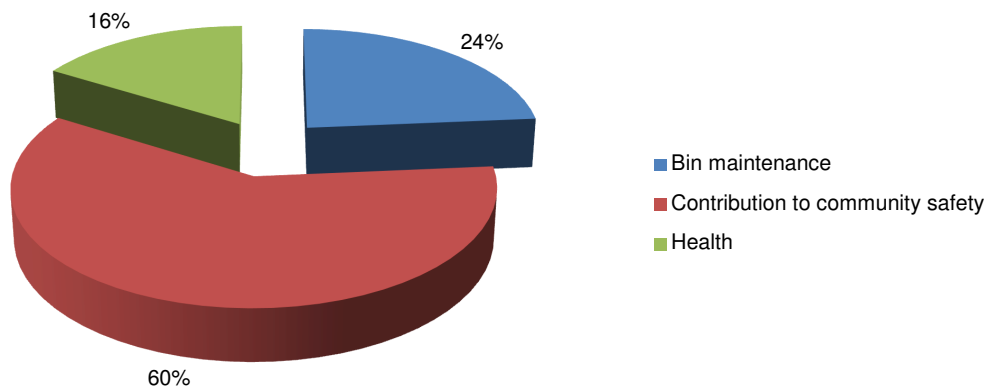
To maximise the 2013/14 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, Central need to allocate £17,668.80, and ensure that £19,448.80 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

Scheme	Allocation
Emptying cost for litter and dog bins (Burton Road)	£ 551.20
Just Paint it Project	£ 1,400.00
Burton Rd Primary School Flu Awareness Campaign 2013	£ 380.00

The pie chart below shows the split of how the commitment supports the corporate plan priorities.



The pie chart below shows the committed spend in the Central Ward split into themes

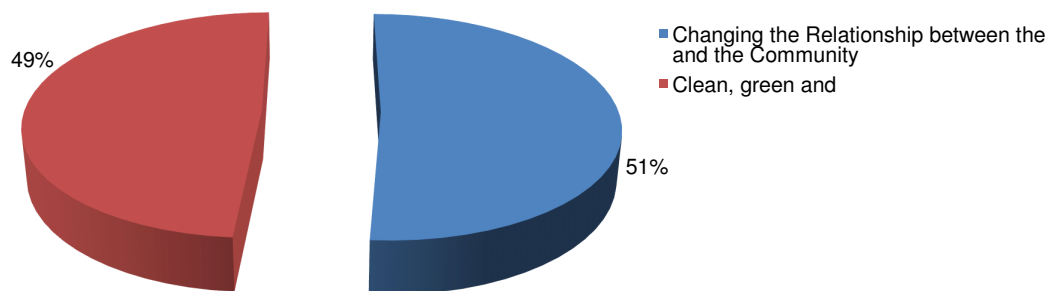


Dodworth has committed £5,530 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £4,157.68 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

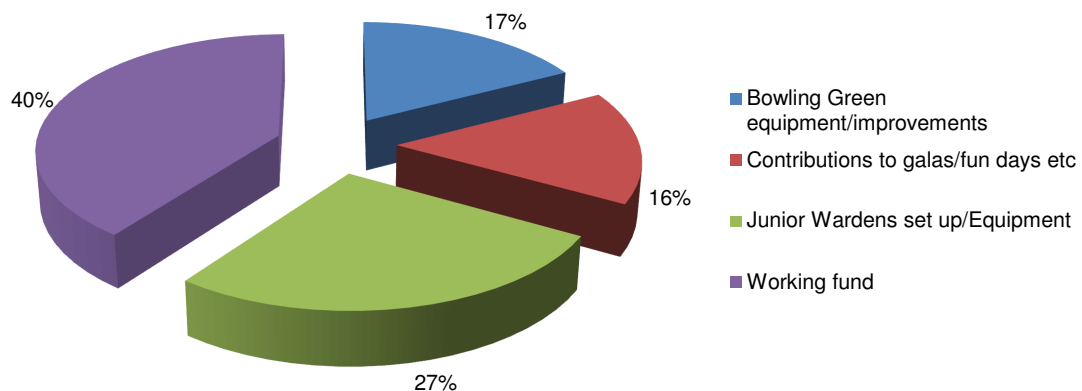
To maximise the 2013/14 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, Dodworth need to allocate £14,470, and ensure that £15,842.12 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

Scheme	Allocation
Portaloo for engagement event - 22.6.13	£ 120.00
Dodworth Village gala	£ 750.00
Dodworth Gala Working Fund	£ 1,000.00
Environmental Projects Fund	£ 1,200.00
Dodworth Miners Welfare BC - Floodlights	£ 960.00
Dodworth Junior Warden Scheme	£ 1,500.00

The pie chart below shows the split of how the commitment supports the corporate plan priorities.



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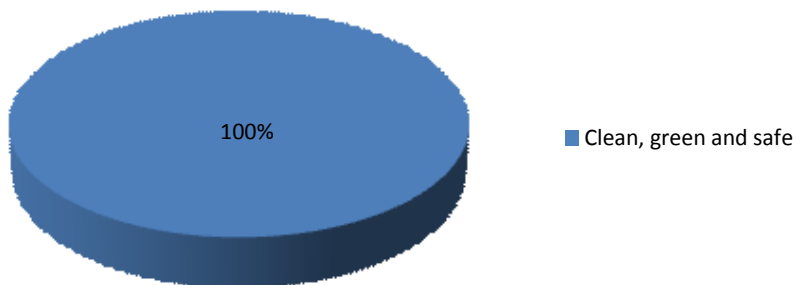


Kingstone has committed £18,902 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £18,902 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

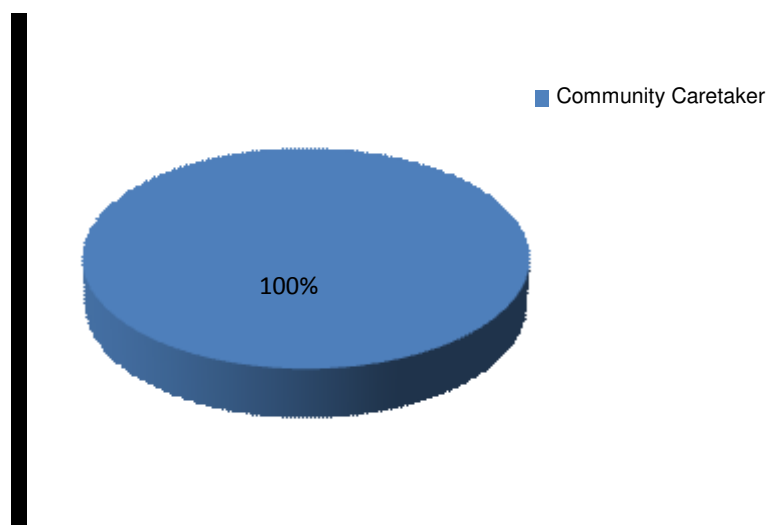
To maximise the 2013/14 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, Kingstone need to allocate £1,098, and ensure that £1,098 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

Scheme	Allocation
Community Caretaker	£ 18,902

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The pie chart below shows the committed spend in the Kingstone Ward split into themes

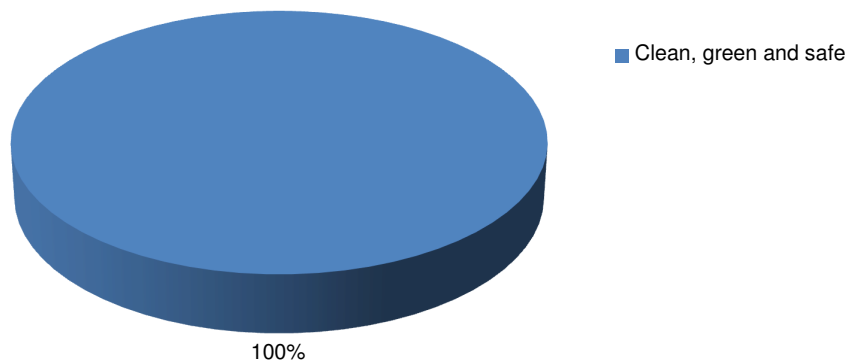


Stairfoot has committed £7750 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £390 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

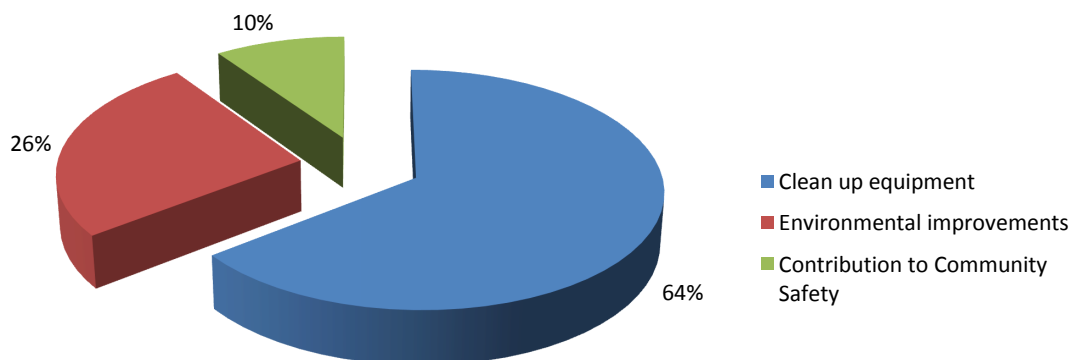
To maximise the 2013/14 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, Stairfoot need to allocate £12,250, and ensure that £19,610 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

Scheme	Allocation
Community Safety and Crime prevention Initiatives	£ 750.00
Environmental Projects Fund	£ 2,000.00
Aldham House Community Clean Up Initiative	£ 5,000.00

The pie chart below shows the split of how the commitment supports the corporate plan priorities.



The pie chart below shows the committed spend in the Stairfoot Ward split into themes

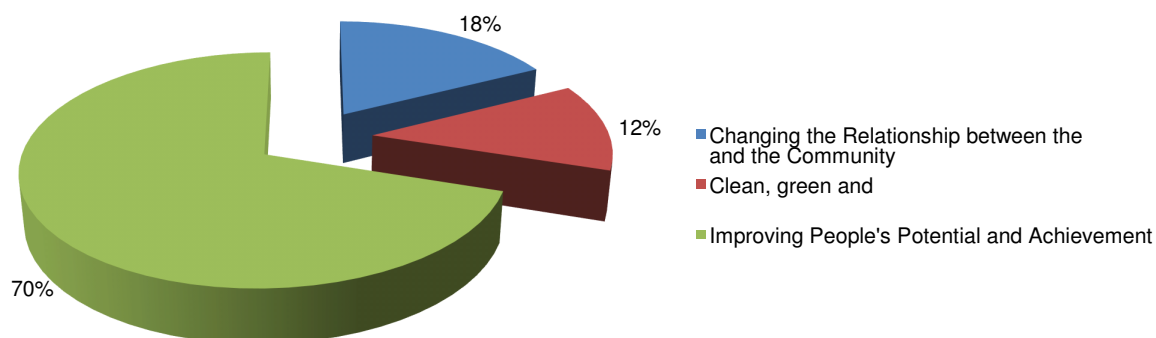


Worsbrough has committed £12,746 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £5,533.65 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

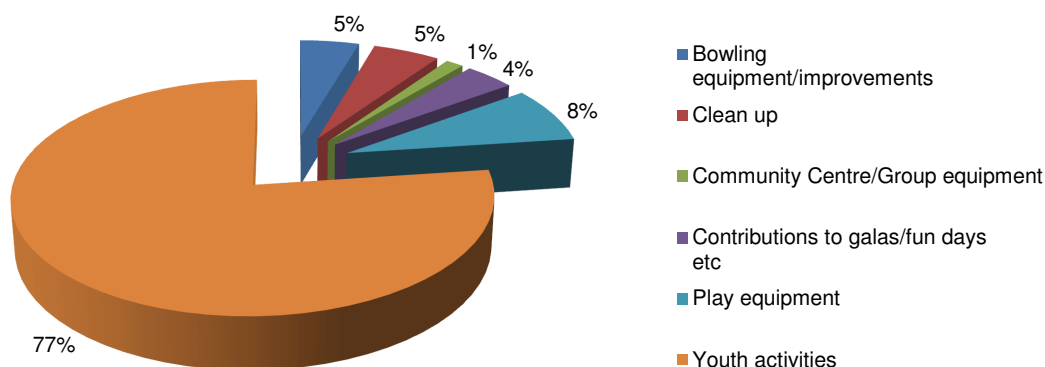
To maximise the 2013/14 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, Worsbrough need to allocate £7,254, and ensure that £14,466.35 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

Scheme	Allocation
New Play area at Worsbrough Mill	£ 1,000.00
Worsbrough young people's learning provision	£ 8,930.00
Maintenance of Worsbrough Dale Bowling Green	£ 584.00
Summer Children/Youth Scheme	£ 895.00
Bank End Community Group - Crafting Skills	£ 177.00
WSDA - Community & Spectator safety project	£ 660.00
Dealing with Isolation through Integration	£ 500.00

The pie chart below shows the split of how the commitment supports the corporate plan priorities.



The pie chart below shows the committed spend in the Worsbrough Ward split into themes



Examples of projects suitable for the £7,000 Public Health element of the Ward Alliance Fund.

	Children's Services	Adults and Communities	Planning and Transport	Housing	Environmental	Work and the Economy
Connect	Intergenerational activities - facilitating contact between younger & older residents	Local area co-ordination - work with individuals, families & communities to support people with disabilities	Designing traffic free spaces into developments - to encourage social connections	The Big Lunch - events to encourage neighbours to get to know each other	An area based growing competition - to improve local environments through collaboration between residents	Encouraging business to take advantage of support - to make them more competitive
Be Active	Support buddies for disabled young people - to help them take part in sport & physical activities	Health walks scheme - to encourage physical activity & use of the natural environment	Town centre cycle paths - to encourage physical activity & low carbon travel	Enable tenants to grow their own food - through community owned allotments	Green Gym - to promote health & fitness and support conservation activities	Encourage the unemployed to engage with volunteering - to increase skills, keep active and improve wellbeing
Take Notice	Public art project devised with young people - to encourage appreciation of public spaces	Festival for social inclusion - e.g. the Barnsley Pride events	Auditing green space provision - to ensure access to the natural environment	Gardening support for vulnerable residents - to maintain outdoor spaces	Resident involvement in wildlife protection - to encourage appreciation of local biodiversity	Citizens taking note of what job opportunities there are - and concentrate on transferable skills & with business, look for markets to expand into & new skills development
Keep Learning	Online directory of learning activities for young people - to encourage participation & enjoyment of learning	Adult learning - as an alternative to prescribing anti-depressants for mild mental health problems	Identifying sites for self-builders - to encourage people to learn the innovative & entrepreneurial skills needed to build homes	Provide training - as part of resident involvement in decision making for tenants, to encourage learning through participation	Community planting day events - to teach basic skills and improve public spaces	Focussing on skills attainment - maximising the digital agenda as a conduit for learning and a subject in its own right
Give	Peer support awards for young people - to recognise their efforts in helping others	Time banking - to encourage skills swapping and reciprocal volunteering as a route to build social networks	Supporting volunteer led 'walking bus' schemes - to encourage volunteering, physical activity & safe travel to school	Use peer support models - to enable independent living and residential support to promote mutual support	Encouraging volunteers to 'adopt' their local area - to help maintain the quality of their public space	Local business support networks - of volunteers giving time and expertise to provide business support to local enterprise