

CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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24. **Present:** Councillors D. Green (Chair), Barlow, D. Birkinshaw, P. Birkinshaw, G. Carr, J. Carr, Clarke, Johnson, Mathers, Mitchell, Perrin and T. Sheard.

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

No Members declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

26. **Minutes of the previous meeting of Central Area Council, held 9th September, 2013.**

The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

27. **Notes of the Ward Alliances and report back on Ward Alliance Priorities and Progress.**

The meeting received the notes of the Ward Alliances, held in September and October, 2013.

Each Ward Alliance was invited to provide feedback on its priorities. The following priorities were noted from the respective wards:-

Central - People at Risk; Reaching our Community; Quality of Life; Promoting Positive Lifestyle Changes; and Young People.

Kingstone - Isolation of Older People; Opportunities for Volunteering, Business Development; Facilities for Younger People; and Communication to the wider public.
Worsbrough - Community Pride; Health and Wellbeing; Creating Opportunities; and Young People.

Dodworth - Community Pride, Strengthening the Community, Quality of Life; and Information and Support.

Stairfoot - Community Pride; Strengthening the Community; Quality of Life; Information and Support; and Youth Provision.

RESOLVED: -

- (i) that the notes of the Ward Alliances be received;
- (ii) that the priorities of the Ward Alliances be noted.

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28. Presentation on the Economic Strategy - M. Lynam.

Mark Lynam introduced the item, referring to various approvals by Cabinet, including the that of the 6 economic priorities and the funding for the economic plan. Also referred to was the recent establishment of the Barnsley Economic Partnership. It was noted that there was now a need to develop a final published strategy with robust project and programme management and appropriate governance. As part of this process it was felt appropriate to consider the alignment between the Economic Strategy and Area Councils.

Members were reminded of the 6 economic priorities and made aware of the review process over the next 4-5 months. This included an updated economic review, based upon the Local Economic Assessment previously undertaken. It also included a review of less developed areas of work and the re-profile of the allocated budget. Members noted the production of an accessible final strategy document, which could be used as a promotional tool for potential investors.

The meeting discussed the Barnsley Economic Partnership, noting that Cllr Houghton and Cllr Miller were the representatives of the Council and that other members had been recruited for their expertise in the field.

Members heard how Barnsley had a deficit of approximately 40,000 jobs, when compared to a similar sized town. It was suggested that the 3 or 4 planned large business parks would go some way towards meeting this figure. However, members suggested that the jobs created needed to provide a living wage, give job security and be matched to the skills of Barnsley people, where possible. It was suggested that public transport to sites also needed to be a consideration at an early stage.

The meeting discussed current business parks. It was noted that Capital Park within the Central Area had been under occupied for a number of years. Members heard of the difficulties faced in expanding this site, however, it was noted that the Council continued to work with site owners to expand current provision.

It was suggested that links with Area Councils needed to be maintained. Central Area Council Commissioning will in and of itself contribute to the economy by creating jobs through the provision of new services. It was also recognised that Central Area Council underpinning themes of work experience, apprenticeships and volunteering will assist.

RESOLVED:- that Members are kept informed of the progress of the review of the Economic Strategy, and are engaged where appropriate.

29. Presentation on Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group - M. Hoyle.

Marie Hoyle introduced the item, referring to her role as Practice Manager and the role of NHS Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Members heard how the CCG represents 38 GP practices and 233,000 patients, and has the responsibility for commissioning healthcare for Barnsley's population. The meeting noted the strategy to move towards prevention and encouraging people to stay healthy.

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Members heard about the clinical priority areas for the CCG:- Cancer; Cardiovascular Disease, Long term conditions; Mental health; Unplanned care; Planned care; and Maternity and children. The programme structure was also mentioned, including a number of programme boards, which reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the CCG Governing Body

The membership of the CCG Governing Body was discussed and Marie's role of Practice Manager as part of this. Mentioned was the critical role ensuring the link between primary and secondary care.

The meeting noted a number of areas in which Practice Managers are involved, including service development, ensuring value for money and more recently the employment of apprentices.

Members mentioned feedback from residents within the area about the waiting times to see GPs which could be subject to over 2 weeks delay. It was noted that plans were in place for a minor ailments scheme, which would mean pressure on GPs would be relieved. It was noted that the borough is adequately served by GPs, though there is a variation in GP to patient ratios across the area.

The meeting discussed issues with out of hours care, both with regards to the telephone service and the walk-in centre. The complexities around the closure of the walk-in centre were discussed, noting the low additional value it delivered for a relatively high cost.

Marie thanked the Area Council for their comments and encouraged their continued feedback.

30. Central Area Council Priorities.

The Central Area Council manager introduced the item, referring to the proposed priorities for the Central Area: Children and young people; Older people; and Clean and green. Their contribution to the priorities within the Corporate Plan was noted.

It was acknowledged that these were the first initial priorities and subsequent research, data and information will mean that there will be further priorities in the future. Members were supportive of the priorities, recognising the process in arriving at these.

The meeting went on to discuss the Area Plan Leaflet and how to communicate and consult on the priorities. A number of mechanisms were suggested, such as through emails, on the internet, on Facebook, via Ward Alliances and Neighbourhood Networks or through the local press.

There were a number of views on the format of the leaflet as presented. Therefore it was suggested that the Chair and Area Manager, supported by at least one member from each ward, meet to discuss this issue in more detail and agree how best to disseminate and consult on the Area Priorities and take this course of action forward.

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RESOLVED:-

(i) that the Central Area Council approves Children and young people; Older people; and Clean and green as the three initial priorities to develop the Area Plan and commission activity;

(ii) that final arrangements for the dissemination of and consultation on Central Area Council Priorities, through the Area Plan Leaflet and/or other means, be finalised by the Area Chair, in consultation with at least one member from each ward within the Area Council.

31. **Appointment of Ward Alliance Members.**

The Central Area Council manager introduced the item, referring to the individuals proposed to be community representatives on the Central and Dodworth Ward Alliance members.

RESOLVED:- that the individuals proposed be approved as community representatives on the respective Ward Alliances for a 12 month period.

32. **Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds.**

Members received the report. It was noted that finance could be taken forward to 2014/15, however it was noted that a number of projects were still being progressed.

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

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Chair