

Planning to support your local area

The Dearne Area



As part of the Council's approach to local area working arrangements, your Dearne Area Council (represented by the Councillors for Dearne North and Dearne South wards) has been considering the information we know about your area and has started to work on what the main priorities are for inclusion in a Dearne Area Plan. The plan, when we are happy that we have gained as wide a view as we can from local people, will be referred to when allocating resources and funding to the area.

This leaflet tells you about the priorities we have identified to date and explains a bit more about why we think these are the ones we need to be concentrating on at the moment. This is the first step in planning for your local area, and gives you the opportunity to be part of what happens where you live.

The priorities we have identified so far are based on what we know about your area. The information is drawn from what you might have told us and consultation by other organisations i.e. Big Local and Turning Point (22 locally trained researchers), as well as statistics such as the 2011 Census and other local information we collect within the Council. Some of this information is provided here for you to consider.

The Priorities identified for the Dearne area

Improving the Economy

Why this is a priority

- **Lack of opportunities for people to work locally**
- **High number of vacant commercial properties in the area**
- **High levels of long term unemployed compared to the rest of the borough of Barnsley**

Young People

Why this is a priority

- **Identified lack of places for young people to go in the area**
- **Local research identified teenage anti-social behaviour and gangs as a problem**
- **Higher than average number of teenage pregnancies**
- **Higher than average number of young people not in education, employment or training**

Debt and Benefit Advice

Why this is a priority

- Approximately one third of working families in the area have said they are struggling financially
- Identified in the local research exercise as a priority
- 7.8% of households contain no adults in employment with dependents, higher than borough 5.3% and national 4.2% averages
- 7.1% of households contain 1 person with a long term health problem or disability, higher than borough 5.4% and national 4.6% averages
- Under 16's Child Poverty across the area is much higher than the borough (24.9%) and the national (21.1%) average, in both Deane North (39.8%) and Deane South (29.4%)

Community Involvement

Why this is a priority

- A number of different pots of funding have been awarded to the area for community groups to make a difference in their area. This funding will be lost if people don't get involved
- BMBC is committed to changing its relationship with the community – giving them more say in shaping their neighbourhood
- Getting involved helps to not only make people feel proud of where they live, but also to feel good about themselves and others who live in their area

Skills and Learning for Work

Why this is a priority

- 39.1% of population aged 16+ have no qualifications, 6.8% higher than the borough average and 16.6% higher than the national average
- 6% unemployed, worst in Deane North (borough average 5.1%, national 4%)
- Identified in local research exercise as one of the top 7 priorities
- Only 10.6% of the population aged 16+ have a Level Four + (degree level) qualification, lower than England (27.4%) and Barnsley (17.4%) averages



Top Seven Priorities Raised by Local People from the recent Consultation Exercise

22 local people trained as community researchers engaged and collected the opinions of 541 adults and 84 young people

- 1. Access to GPs**
- 2. Housing Issues**
- 3. Debt and Benefit Problems**
- 4. Unemployment and Training**
- 5. Teenage Anti-Social Behaviour and Gangs**
- 6. Dog Mess and Nuisance Behaviour**
- 7. Drug Dealing and Usage**

Some useful information about the Dearne area

The Dearne area sits in the east of the borough of Barnsley and is part of the Dearne Valley link, which brings Barnsley together with Doncaster to the north and Rotherham to the south. The area has seen a number of major physical changes over the last 10 years, including the development of both commercial and residential properties and new road schemes. The area covers 16 sq km with a population of 22,387.



Dearne Area Statistics

Population					
	England	Barnsley	Area Avg	Dearne North	Dearne South
Population	53,012,456	231,221	22,387	10,498	11,889
Area Km ²	130,278	329	16	7	9
Population density per Km ²	406	703	2,897	1,543	1,354
BME	14.6%	2.10%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%
Population by Age					
Age 0 to 4	6.3%	6.00%	7.1%	6.8%	7.3%
Age 5 to 24	19.6%	23.30%	25.3%	25.1%	25.5%
Age 60+	23.8%	23.70%	21.2%	23.0%	19.3%
Working Age (16-64)	62.5%	64.10%	64.6%	63.4%	65.8%
Qualifications					
No qualifications	22.5%	32.30%	39.4%	42.9%	35.8%
Highest level of qualification: Level 1 (GCSE D-G)	13.3%	14.30%	16.0%	15.7%	16.2%
Highest level of qualification: Level 2 (GCSE A*-C)	15.2%	17.40%	16.1%	15.3%	16.8%
Highest level of qualification: Apprenticeship	3.6%	4.10%	3.7%	3.5%	3.9%
Highest level of qualification: Level 3 (GCE AS & A Level)	12.4%	11.30%	10.2%	9.3%	11.0%
Highest level of qualification: Level 4 and above (HNC)	27.4%	17.40%	10.5%	9.4%	11.6%
Health & Provision of Unpaid Care					
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	8.3%	12.60%	16.2%	18.0%	14.3%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	9.3%	11.30%	12.5%	13.6%	11.3%
Day-to-day activities limited a lot: Age 16 - 64	3.6%	5.90%	8.5%	9.2%	7.7%
Day-to-day activities limited a little: Age 16 - 64	4.6%	6.00%	7.6%	8.4%	6.7%
Provides 1 -19 hours unpaid care a week	6.5%	6.70%	5.6%	5.2%	5.9%
Provides 20- 49 hours unpaid care a week	1.4%	1.80%	2.1%	2.3%	1.9%
Provides 50+ hours unpaid care a week	2.4%	3.30%	3.9%	4.1%	3.6%
Housing (Households in Ward)					
	10264		5,007		5,257
Owned	63.3%	64.30%	58.80%	52.7%	64.9%
Social Rented	17.7%	20.90%	22.60%	27.9%	17.3%
Private Rented	16.8%	12.80%	16.65%	17.1%	16.2%
Occupancy rating of -1 or less (bedrooms)	4.8%	2.50%	3.00%	3.0%	3.0%
Occupancy rating of -1 or less (rooms)	8.7%	4.30%	4.95%	5.2%	4.7%
Does not have central heating	2.7%	0.90%	0.75%	0.8%	0.7%
Child Poverty					
Children in Poverty	17.0%	22.00%	31.50%	36.0%	27.0%
Transport					
No cars or vans in household	25.8%	26.90%	33.00%	38.2%	27.8%
Total of all cars or vans in households	25,696,833	112,010	9362	4,096	5,266
Economic Activity					
In employment	62.1%	59.10%	53.85%	49.4%	58.3%
Long-term sick or disabled	4.0%	7.00%	10.55%	12.1%	9.0%
Unemployed: Age 16 - 24	1.2%	1.70%	2.40%	2.8%	2.0%
Long-term unemployed	1.7%	2.10%	2.40%	2.7%	2.1%
No adults in employment in household	33.3%	38.40%	42.80%	48.3%	37.3%
No adults in employment in with dep. children	4.2%	5.30%	7.85%	8.9%	6.8%
Lone parent in part-time employment with	33.4%	33.70%	31.95%	29.3%	34.6%

dep. children					
Lone parent in full-time employment with dep. children	26.1%	23.50%	17.45%	15.7%	19.2%
Male lone parent: Not in employment	3.2%	4.50%	4.35%	3.9%	4.8%
Female lone parent: Not in employment	37.4%	38.30%	46.30%	51.1%	41.5%
Business					
Number of Businesses	n/a	6409	358	212	146
New business start-ups in 2012	n/a	1255	96	40	56

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 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 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. We will also be displaying the draft Area Plan and priorities in various locations e.g. libraries, supermarkets etc., so look out for us over the next few months.

Get in touch

You can also contact us at any time on 01226 787559 to talk to us about what is happening in the Dearne 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 01226 787559 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 or as part of a group through your local **neighbourhood network** or your **ward alliance**. To find out about this phone us on 01226 787559, email dearneteam@barnsley.gov.uk or visit our website at www.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 Dearne area we will move onto the next stages in planning, using the following questions to help us:

How can we meet the priorities for your 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 this together to form a plan for the Dearne area, which will be published and updated each time the Dearne Area Council meets. This will give you the chance to see how things are working out in your area. Look out for more details of where the draft plan will be displayed over the next xxx months.



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

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