

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL

10th April, 2014

54. **Present:** Councillors Noble (Chair), Brook, Gardiner, Sixsmith, and Worton.

55. **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

56. **Minutes of the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 31st March, 2014**

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

RESOLVED:- that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 31st March, 2014 be approved as a true and correct record.

57. **Dearne Area Council update on priorities and commissioning**

The meeting considered the report circulated, which contained the following information:-

- A specification of requirements for an environmental enforcement officer at £25,000;
- A service level agreement with the Community Safety and Enforcement Service to provide equipment, training and other required sundry items to support the above post at £10,000 and;
- A service level agreement with the Community Safety and Enforcement Service for the provision of a Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer, with support costs, at £35,000;

It was noted that due to the deadlines to circulate the documents, there were some typographical errors that would be corrected prior to going out to tender.

Members discussed the proposals and were keen to see that the service level agreements include bi-monthly reporting of performance by the tasking officer to the Area Councils. It was noted that if reports were circulated for discussion at the Area Council then information would be publically available, however this could usefully be used to promote the positive impact being made to improve the environment in the Dearne.

It was noted that the finance from fixed penalty notices would be received by the Area Council and it was agreed that clarity should be provided as to how this could be used.

RESOLVED:-

- (i)** that approval be given for the specification of requirements for 'Environmental Enforcement' to a value of £25,000 for a year with a break clause after 6 months;
- (ii)** that approval be given to enter into a service level agreement with Barnsley Community Safety and Enforcement Service to the value of £10,000 to provide equipment and other such required items to support the delivery of the 'Environmental Enforcement' project;
- (iii)** that approval be given to enter into a service level agreement with Barnsley Community Safety and Enforcement Service to provide a 'Private Sector Housing and Environment Enforcement Officer' and associated support costs to a value of £35,000 for a year;
- (iv)** that the Head of Community Safety and Enforcement be asked to provide details on restrictions on the use of finance received due to the issuing of fixed penalty notices.

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Chair