

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting

24 November 2014

Report of the Dearne Area Council Manager

Dearne Area Council Procurement and Commissioning Update

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report updates members on the progress of current procurement and contracting commissions:

Dearne Training for Employment – Skills for Work Priority

Dearne Additional Enforcement Officers – Improved Environment Priority

- 1.2 In addition the report asks members to confirm proposals for future commissions to be funded from the remaining 2014/15 Area Council Budget and the 2015/16 budget allocation.

2.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 **Members note the progress to date of the current commissions being delivered in the Dearne area.**
- 2.2 **Members note the funding available to the Dearne Area Council and prioritise which project commission ideas they wish the Area Manager to progress with immediate effect for funding from the remaining 2014/15 and forthcoming 2015/16 budget allocation.**

3.0 Update on Current Dearne Area Council Commissions

3.1 Dearne Training for Employment

The contract, awarded to Voluntary Action Barnsley working, with Dearne Electronic Community Village, at a cost of £74,619 started on 1 October 2014. Venues for delivery have been identified in Dearne North and Dearne South and a leaflet advertising the support available distributed throughout the area.

Monday, 10.30 am until 12.30 pm Salvation Army Straight Lane, Goldthorpe

Tuesday, 10.30 am until 3.30 pm at the Dearne Renaissance Centre, Priory Road, Goldthorpe.

Wednesday 9 am until 5pm at Dearne Electronic Community Village, Shepherd Lane, Thurnscoe.

Thursday, at Dearne Electronic Community Village, Shepherd Lane, Thurnscoe

Friday, 1pm until 3 pm at the Salvation Army, Straight Lane, Goldthorpe.

- 3.2 The training is tailored to the needs of the individual and offers one to one advice/support as well as CV writing, online job searches, universal job match, computer training, support with volunteering and confidence building.
- 3.3 The first quarter monitoring meeting with the provider will take place in early January 2015 and a detailed report on performance of the contract reported to the Dearne Area Council on 2nd February 2015.

3.4 Additional Enforcement Commission

- 3.5 The Dearne Tasking Officer will attend the meeting to give a verbal update to members on recent activities of the additional enforcement officers.
- 3.6 The first quarter monitoring of the contract meeting between the provider of the Generic Enforcement Officers Kingdom Securities, and the Dearne and Central Area Managers will take place before the end of November 2014. The results of that monitoring meeting will be reported to the Dearne Area Council at the next Dearne Area Council Meeting on 2nd February 2015.

4.0 Area Council Financial Update/Proposed Future Commissions

- 4.1 Members are informed that after taking into consideration the existing commissions referred to in section 3 and underspend from the current financial year, they will have a total of £263,439 available for future project commissions against priorities to the end of the 2015/16 financial year. **A full financial breakdown is given in Appendix 1.**
- 4.2 A meeting took place between the Area Manager and Cllrs Noble, Gardiner, Brook, and Sim on 11 November 2014 to discuss ideas for future commissions. The following project proposals were broadly supported by elected members at the meeting. The costs in the table below are indicative and actual specifications will reflect the most immediate priorities of the Dearne area and the funding available to the Dearne Area Council

Project Proposal/Aim	Priority	Indicative Cost
Clean and Tidy Team. Improve the physical appearance in centres of Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Bolton upon Dearne. To include litter picking, tidying vegetation, reporting and monitoring fly tipping, damage and vandalism, tree maintenance.	Environment	£100,000
Young Peoples Work Experience. Two week summer internship to be provided during the 2015 6 week holidays for year 10 students and working with local employers.	Skills and Training for Work	£40,000

Additional activities for young people aged 13-19 years. Provision of an innovative young people centred service which compliments existing provision. Out of School activities which have evidence based rationale for improving health and wellbeing of children and young people including raising confidence, self-esteem and aspiration.	Activities for young people	£100,000
Working together fund. Grants for projects which further the aims and objectives of the Area Council and meet its priorities.	All	Will depend on underspend projections going forward.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Dearne Area Council Funding Position

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