

NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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1. **Present:** Councillors C. Wraith (Chair), Tracey Cheetham, Ennis, S. Green, Higginbottom, and M. Sheard.

2. **Election of a Chair**

As Cllr Hayward was unfortunately unable to be in attendance, a Chair was sought from the floor. Cllr C. Wraith was proposed, and it was agreed that he act as Chair for this meeting of the North East Area Council.

3. **Declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests**

No member wished to declare any pecuniary or non pecuniary interests.

4. **Minutes from the North East Area Council meeting held on 3rd April, 2014**

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of North East Area Council, held on 3rd April, 2014.

RESOLVED: - that the minutes of North East Area Council, held on 3rd April, 2014, be approved as a true and correct record.

5. **Notes from the Ward Alliances**

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances, held throughout March, April and May of 2014. The following points were noted:-

Cudworth – Following the recent success of the Health Fayre, it was noted that a winter themed Health Fayre had been planned for later in the year. Members heard how there had been progress in arranging youth activities for the summer holidays, with Sure Start now engaged to help organise activities for the very young in Cudworth Park. The arrangements for a number of events such as an initial Proms in the Park and Tea in the Park were also being progressed.

Members noted that the Ward Alliance had also recently agreed to provide funding to hold a parenting course.

The meeting heard about the positive feedback given about the Junior Warden project, with it being both fun, educational, and encouraging active citizenship.

Monk Bretton – Members noted that a Health Fayre was being organised for September, and would be held in the Methodist Church. In addition Carlton Gala

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would have a health theme. The meeting also heard about the potential to hold a healthy meal challenge with primary schools.

Members noted that arrangements for summer holiday activities for young people were also progressing well.

North East – The meeting heard that the Alliance had recently met and decided to arrange an away day session, in order to consider the use of their remaining finance.

Members noted that a subgroup had been established to consider summer holiday activities for young people in each of the 4 villages within the North East Ward.

Members heard how a 'healthy meal challenge' was being launched. Additionally litter and recycling had been proposed as an area on which the Ward Alliance might concentrate. Several local Residents and Agencies were working together with the Area Team to look at the practical ways that this could be addressed.

Royston – The meeting noted how recently health related courses, such as Healthy Eating, and Smoking In Pregnancy, had been completed, and would be evaluated to assess their impact.

Members heard about a restorative justice project being planned with Remedi, and the meeting discussed the benefits to the community and to participants.

Noted were the arrangements being made to hold the annual Proms in the Park event and Royston Gala.

Thanks were given to the Area Team for the support they had given to Members in the establishment and running of the Ward Alliances.

RESOLVED: - that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

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

Members received the report detailing expenditure from April 2013 – March 2014, and April 2014 – May 2014. It noted that approximately 75% of Devolved Ward Budget had been allocated in 2013/14, with remaining funds carried over to the current financial year.

With regards to Ward Alliance Funds, members acknowledged that a number of projects were now coming forward for funding.

Members were encouraged to make the Area Team aware of any potential projects requiring support.

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

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The Area Council Manager introduced the item; making reference to the specification of requirements for a Community Safety and Enforcement Service, approved to a value of £50,000 at the previous meeting. Following evaluation and moderation of tenders, a preferred provider was selected. However the price was slightly increased at £52,141. Members were asked to approve this variance.

Reference was made to the specification of requirements for a Community Enablement Service for the Cudworth and North East Wards, and one for Monk Bretton and Royston Wards, approved at the previous meeting. This had recently been out to tender but no returns had been received. However, following a period where the tender had been re-advertised, returns had been evaluated and moderated, and a preferred contractor selected. It was noted that, rather than £75,000, per service, for a 12 month period, the cost of the preferred provider was £135,000, per service, for an 18 month period. Members were asked to approve this change.

The meeting considered the paper circulated, proposing the establishment of a Youth Development Fund. It was suggested that £60,000 be allocated to a fund to enhance the provision of youth activities across the North East Area. The allocation of which would be assisted by a group of Members consisting of the Chair of the North East Area Council, and a Councillor representative from each ward. An officer from the Youth Service would provide additional support, and the Grant Scheme will be facilitated by the North East Area Team.

Members were supportive of the provision of such a fund. However, in order to bring the proposal within the established legal framework, and ensure decisions were made without delay, it was suggested that the Terms of Reference be amended to reflect that the decision on grants be delegated to the Assistant Director Neighbourhoods Access and Support in consultation with members on the Youth Development Group, rather than the group itself making decisions.

Reference was made to the previous meeting where £10,000 was allocated to a Service Level Agreement to maintain and repair play equipment in parks across the North East Area. Members were asked to approve a repair to a see-saw in the Monk Bretton Ward, to a value of £1,189, which had been damaged due to anti-social behaviour in the area.

Members noted a report giving clarity about Members' involvement in the 4 working groups supporting the work of the North East Area Council. These were The Environment, Young People and Health and Wellbeing.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that £1,189 be approved from the previously allocated £10,000 Service Level Equipment for play equipment maintenance to repair a see-saw in Monk Bretton;

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- (ii) that a value of £52,141 be approved for the Community Safety and Enforcement service for 12 month period;
- (iii) that a value of £135,000 per service, a total value of £270,000, be approved for a Community Enablement Service for Cudworth and North East, and for Monk Bretton and Royston Wards for a period of 18 months;
- (iv) that £60,000 be allocated to a Youth Development Fund, and the Assistant Director Neighbourhoods, Access and Support be authorised to approve awards the fund following consultation with Members on the Youth Development Fund group;
- (v) that, subject to the amendments outlined above, the documentation for the Youth Development Fund be approved;
- (vi) that the membership of the working groups be noted.

8. Appointment of Community Representatives to the Ward Alliances.

Members considered the following individuals for approval as Community Representatives on the following Ward Alliances:-

Cudworth – Janet Robinson; Julie Berry; Ernest Oliver; Gary Midgley; Simon Potter; Joan Jones; Mick White; Lindsey Holmes; and Paul Ineson.

Monk Bretton – Darren Hayes; Ann Moffatt; Pat Hall; Glenis White; Don Booker; and Michael Weldrick.

North East – Sylvia Nixon; Father Ian McCormack; Malcolm Davies; Patrick Ford; Elsie Smith; Chris Sykes; Dorothy Coates; and Martin Fensome.

Royston – Howard Lavender; Mick Birkinshaw; John Openshaw; Steve Croft; Martyn Guilcher; Frederick Harston; Graham Kyte; and Reverend M. Bullimore.

RESOLVED: - that the individuals proposed be approved as community representatives on the respective Ward Alliances for the remainder of the municipal year.

9. Love Where You Live

Members received a presentation from the Area Team, which provided an update on activities held during the launch week of 'Love Where You Live' in the week commencing 2nd June, 2014.

These included the following:-

Love Cudworth Park, held on the 2nd June. 60 volunteers took part, with over 150 hours of people's time spent filling 55 black bags. This equated to a value of social action worth £1,664.

Love Millennium Green, held on the 5th June. 30 volunteers took part, with over 60 hours of people's time spent filling 45 black bags. This equated to a value of social action worth £665.

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Love Monk Bretton Park held on the 5th June. Over 100 volunteers took part, with over 200 hours of people's time spent filling 100 black bags. This equated to a value of social action worth £2,118.

Love Royston Park held on the 2nd June. 60 volunteers took part, with over 90 hours of people's time spent filling 55 black bags. This equated to a value of social action worth £998.

The Junior Wardens' visit to Barnsley Town Hall held on the 4nd June. 23 volunteers took part, with over 56 hours time pledged. This equated to a value of social action worth £510.

It was noted that the Councillors, in their role as Community Champions had acted as Team Leaders at all the Love Where You Live Events in the area.

Feedback had been extremely positive, with many residents and Members praising the efforts of staff in the organisation of the events. It was noted that over half of the volunteers engaged in launch week across the borough were from the North East Area.

Members noted the importance of social media in publicising campaigns such as this, helping to raise awareness and mobilise volunteers.

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Chair