

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North East Area Council Meeting:  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**Agenda Item: 5**

**Report of North East Area Council  
Manager**

### **North East Area Council – update on the delivery of commissioned projects**

#### **1. Environment**

1.1 Since September in the Cudworth and North East Wards:

- 450 bags of litter were collected
- 56 Hot Spot areas have been cleared across both Wards
- 27 tonnes of Green Litter were removed
- 18 compliments have been received

1.2 Since September in the Royston and Monk Bretton Wards:

- 665 bags of litter were collected
- 45 Hot Spot areas have been cleared across both Wards
- 2 tonnes of Green Litter were removed
- 6 compliments have been received

1.3 The Teams linked in with Neighbourhood Services to help with snow clearance in both areas, and the regular Operational meetings are proving very effective. Additionally joint training sessions with the Contractor and Neighbourhood Services have been held.

1.4 Positive feedback has been received from local residents with regard to the quick response by both Teams to deal with Hot Spot areas.

#### **2. Enforcement**

2.1 During the month of December 19 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued, 13 for littering and 6 for dog fouling. At present the payment rate is just over 72% which is representative of all notices issued across Barnsley. However, this percentage is rising as prosecution files are completed and final letters are sent out.

2.2 The tasking process is working well in this area with Hot Spot areas and complaints being passed to the Tasking Officer. This leads to the patrols being intelligence led when Officers go to different areas, and also ensures on goings patrols and monitoring of these areas.

2.3 Dog Fouling Operations have taken place at Queens Drive, Shafton, Fish Dam Lane, Monk Bretton, and Park Crescent, Cross Lane and the Doles Estate in

Royston, and a Littering Operations has been organised through ongoing patrols at Long Royd, Grimethorpe.

- 2.4 Officers will continue to carry out operations around hot spot locations as well as including these areas into patrols in each area. Officers provide a full assessment of the complaint recording in their notes the scale of the problem in the area and looking at what action can be taken to remedy this, sometimes this could be by speaking to one person, arranging for area to be cleaned up, placing stickers in the area, ensuring bins are intact and not overflowing, and facilitating leaflet drops for houses in the area.
- 2.5 Officers for this area also attend local Crime Safety Group meetings as well as regular Partners and Communities Together meetings.
- 2.6 Officers state that the feedback from the community is positive with a number of residents stating that the number of people leaving dog mess has reduced as a result of the positive action taken.
- 2.7 The Enforcement Officers can now deal with parking enforcement. Members are asked if they are aware of any, or suspect parking offences are being committed, they should either report them via the contact centre on 01226 772468 or email details to [CudworthSNT@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CudworthSNT@barnsley.gov.uk) or [RoystonSNT@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:RoystonSNT@barnsley.gov.uk) (as appropriate). Please provide as much information as you can including the location, what the problem is and if possible, the days and times when the problem is at its worst. Dog fouling or littering jobs can be reported in the same way.

### 3. Youth Development Fund

- 3.1 The following local organisations for young people have had their policies and procedures checked by Youth Services with regard to Health and Safety, Safeguarding, and Equal Opportunities. They are now either operational, or finalising venues etc. to enable them to commence the provision of extra youth activities locally.

***Cudworth Ward***

*The Exodus Project and Victoria Creates*

***Royston Ward***

*Karisma and Ellie's Entertainments*

***Monk Bretton Ward***

*The Youth Association*

***North East Ward***

*Great Houghton Youth Club and GAZ*

A further six local organisations have either submitted Application Forms for the Panels consideration, or have Expressed an Interest in the Fund.

### 4.0 Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Clubs have completed their second round of sessions. To date 79

Clients, 10 Volunteers and 4 speakers have attended the sessions. A representative from Dial A Ride has attended the sessions and explained the services that they can offer, and Clients who were interested were given forms to register for the service.

Positive feedback has been received from the Clients who have attended the sessions. One lady commented *'I saw people that I haven't seen for ages and it was lovely to meet up with old friends I'm really looking forward to the next one.'*

## **5.0 School Holiday Internship**

A total of 7 tenders were evaluated for the School Holiday Internship initiative and three firms are now going forward to interview for this contract.

## **6.0 That the North East Area Council note the content of this Report.**

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