

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

**Agenda Item: 7**

**Report of the North East  
Area Council Manager**

**North East Area Council Celebrating Volunteering Event**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 This Report provides Councillors with a proposal to host a North East Area Council Celebrating Volunteering Event in September 2015, and outlines how such an event could be planned and organised with the full involvement of North East Council members.

**2. Recommendations**

**It is recommended that:**

**2.1 The North East Area Council members agree the proposal to host a North East Council Celebrating Volunteering Event in June 2015.**

**2.2 A Celebrating Volunteering Event Planning Group be established to progress the planning and organisation of the event with one Councillor from each Ward nominated to sit on the Group.**

**2.3 The North East Area Council Councillors agree a maximum sum of £3,000 for the Event.**

**3. Background and Proposal**

3.1 There have been several discussions across the North East Area Council over the past year about having a Celebrating Volunteering event to recognise the contribution to the local area by Volunteers and Community Groups.

3.2 The issue of review, reward and celebration activity was also discussed at an Area Chairs meeting in September 2014 when it was agreed that each area could decide how it wanted to proceed with such events.

3.3 It is proposed that North East Area Council hosts one high profile Celebrating Volunteering event that not only covers a celebration of the work of North East Area Council, but also celebrates the work going on in each of the four Wards and their associated Ward Alliances and Community Groups.

3.4 It is proposed that this event would take place in September 2015, at a venue

within the North East Area Council geographical area.

#### **4.0 Next Steps**

- 4.1 It is proposed that a Celebrating Volunteering Event Planning Group be established to take forward the planning and organisation of this event.
- 4.2 To ensure the event is organised in a way that responds to the needs of each Ward in the North East Council area, it is proposed that at least one member from each Ward is part of this planning group.
- 4.3 Regular update reports about the event will be brought back to North East Area Council.

#### **5.0 Funding**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the North East Area Council identifies up to a maximum amount of £3000 from its North East Area Council budget to host the event

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