

NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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1. **Present:** Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Clements, Ennis, S. Green, Hampson, Higginbottom, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE.

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non pecuniary interests

3. **Minutes from the North East Area Council meeting held on 9th April 2015**

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council, held on 9th April 2015. It was reported that the play surface damaged by anti-social behaviour in Cudworth Park has not yet been replaced. The Area Council Manager will look into this with the relevant Department.

RESOLVED: - that the minutes of North East Area Council, held on 9th April 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

4. **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 2015. The following updates were noted:

Cudworth – The Health Fayre in March was very successful. Numerous summer activities are being planned, including ‘Tea in the Park’ which is scheduled for 18th July. A leaflet giving general information about the work of the Ward Alliance and how to get involved is being prepared for distribution around the area.

Monk Bretton – It was reported that grants have been given out for the One Stop Shop, Carlton Bowling Club, Friends of Carlton Park Gardening Club and also Arthritis Care. Bulb planting at the War Memorial is taking place with children from St. Helen’s School on 23rd June. Basic IT training session has been planned to start on 23rd June, at the Silverdale Community Centre and all are welcome.

North East – A Ward Alliance information booklet is being prepared. There is a vacancy on the Grimethorpe Ward Alliance. The work of the Ward Alliances needs to be promoted and voluntary activities encouraged.

Royston – The Summer Gala is being organised and work has started on the allotments. Both the DIAL and Citizens Advice Bureau projects are doing well. A contact directory is being compiled. The Canal Club had complained about minor vandalism but when several fishermen were spoken to, they were quite happy although fly-tipping remains an issue. Cllr Ennis reported that fly-tipping is an issue

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across the Borough and is one of the topics which the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be investigating.

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

5. Changes to Community representation on the Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

The Area Council Manager introduced this item. It was noted that Sue Fox, Gavin Doxley and John Marshall have become Ward Alliance members for the Monk Bretton Ward.

NOTED: -

(i) that Sue Fox, Gavin Doxley and John Marshall have been appointed Ward Alliance members for Monk Bretton Ward.

6. Report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and highlighted the spend to date. The North East Area Council has a Devolved Ward Budget grant allocation of £81,939.54 for the 2015-2016 financial year. This allocation is made up of a £40,000 allocation for 2015-2016, and a carry forward allocation of £41,939.54 from the 2014-2015 financial year. The North East Area Council's Ward Alliances allocated £52,186 of their 2014-15 £104,232 Budget. Members were asked to note the amounts not yet allocated for projects.

RESOLVED:-

(i) that the report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds be received and noted.

7. North East Area Council update on the delivery of commissioned projects

The Area Council Manager updated Members on the delivery of commissioned projects, specifically around Environmental Enforcement, the North East Environment Team and Employability for under 16's.

Environmental Enforcement

During the months of February, March and April 189 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued, 38 for littering, 116 for dog fouling and 35 for illegal parking. It was felt that this should be publicised. The Enforcement Wardens have completed 825 hours patrolling across the North East Area Council. The Revenue raised from Fixed Penalty Notices for Fouling and Littering, from commencement of the contract until end of March equates to £8,965.00. £6,061 in relation to 2014/15 Fixed Penalty Notices remains outstanding.

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North East Environment Teams

The team is moving from strength to strength. Positive feedback has been received with regard to the improvements to the cleanliness of the High Street areas with a quick response to clearing identified hot spot areas. The Teams are building up good relationships with local residents and local businesses on the High Street are delighted with the improvements being made. The Teams have built up a sense of pride in keeping their areas clean and tidy, and have actively engaged with the community.

Employability for under 16's

The North and North East Area Councils have joined forces to deliver 120 placements to young people attending Schools across the two areas. The young people who complete the summer internship will attend a week of workshops and a week at an employment placement. Good relationships have been built up with local schools and employers. A number of places are still available.

It was highlighted that the Celebration Event will take place on Tuesday, September 15th 2015, during the evening, venue and time to be confirmed.

RESOLVED: -

(i) that the update report on the delivery of commissioned projects be received and noted.

8. Review of the North East Area Council Priorities for 2015/2016 and proposals for future commissions

The Area Council Manager introduced a comprehensive report detailing feedback from a series of workshops held with Councillors to consider and review the Area Council's priorities for 2015 – 2016. The report detailed the proposals discussed and considered at the workshops with regard to future commissions for the Councillors' consideration. Approval was then sought from the North East Area Council for the recommended initiatives which would help to address the agreed priorities for the local communities of the North East Council.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the Environment, Economy and Regeneration, Health and Wellbeing and Young People remain as key priorities and areas of focus for the North East Area Council for 2015/16.

(ii) that Members note the current and projected financial position with regard to spend.

(iii) that the North East Area Council increases the Youth Development Fund funding to a maximum of £100,000, and that projects requesting funding between £1,000 and £20,000 should be considered by the Youth Development Panel.

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- (iv) that the Members consider the option to delegate a further £20,000 from the Area Council budgets to the Ward Alliances for 2015 / 2016. There is an option to leave this decision in abeyance until a later date.
- (v) that projects developed at individual workshops for each priority and detailed within the report at a cost of £250,732 for 2015/16 and £32,000 for 2016/17 be agreed and taken forward as follows:

Initiatives Agreed**Economy and Regeneration**

The North East Environment Teams Stage Two - 2 Apprenticeships places @ £12,000 until March 2016 entitled the `Rapid Response Team`. This will equate to an additional £12,000 for the Cudworth and North East Environment Team contract, and £12,000 to be added to the Monk Bretton and Royston Environmental Team contract.

£12,000
+
£12,000

RESOLVED:-

(vi) that authorisation be given to the Executive Director Communities to complete the necessary paperwork in order to waive the relevant contract procedure rules to allow the `Rapid Response` contract to be extended without the need to retender until March, 2016, to a value of £24,000

£24,000

The Environment

Continuation of the Enforcement Wardens initiative for a further 12 months SLA agreement with Community Enforcement

£39,849
£ 4,883

RESOLVED:-

(vii) that authorisation be given to the Executive Director Communities to complete the necessary paperwork in order to waive the relevant contract procedure rules to allow the `Environmental Enforcement` contract to be extended without the need to retender until March, 2016, to a value of £44,732.

£44,732

RESOLVED:-

(viii) That the Home Grown Apprenticeship initiative - 12 month contract @ approximately £100,000 (£84,000 for 2015/16, £16,000 for 2016/17) be taken forward

£84,000
+ £16,000

RESOLVED

(ix) That the Estate Management – Private Landlords 12 month contract @ approximately £35,000 (£29,000 for 2015/16, £6,000 for 2016/17) be taken forward.

£29,000
+ £6,000

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(x) Anti-social Behaviour damage in Play Areas – that £10,000 for 2015/16 and £10,000 for 2016/17 be ear marked as required, **£10,000**
+ £10,000

Health and Wellbeing**RESOLVED**

(xi) That the `Let's Grow` allotment project goes out to tender **£10,000**

Youth Provision**RESOLVED**

(xii) That the Dance and Performance Theatre focussing on Aspirations for young people at the ALC's. **£3,000**

and the
Dance and Performance Theatre focussing on Healthy Lifestyles for young people at the Primary Schools goes out to tender **£15,000**

RESOLVED

(xiii) That the following initiatives are agreed to be progressed:

Celebration Event **£3,000**

Community Magazine **£3,000**

Contingency Fund **£25,000**

Initiatives, agreed in principle, subject to further information**RESOLVED**

(xiv) That the following initiatives are agreed in principle, subject to further information:

Fit Reds and Fit Me	£28,000
Luncheon Club	£17,000
Junior Wardens Citizenship programme with a strong Health and Wellbeing focus, for young people at the Primary Schools Areas	£5,000
(£5,000 for 2015/16 and £5,000 for 2016/17).	+ £5,000

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and input at the meeting.

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Chair