BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:

6th September 2013

Agenda Item: 4

Report of the South Area Council Manager

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform members about agreed spend to date from devolved ward budgets within the South area.

2. Recommendation

That the South Area Council receives the devolved ward budgets report, and notes the spend to date for the wards of Darfield, Hoyland Milton, Rockingham, and Wombwell.

3. Background

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made by Cabinet about devolved budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).
- 3.2 In considering the use of the devolved ward budgets, members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the ward in question, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4. Spend to Date

4.1 Spend to date has been agreed by the ward councillors as follows:

Darfield Ward

Printers and cartridges – Illsley Road Community Centre	£183.00
Children's activities at Darfield Library	£270.00
Coronation Festival of Music programme costs	£300.00

Hoyland Milton Ward

50% costs for Mates of Milton Gala Portaloo hire	£150.00
50% for TV screen cabling at Hoyland Centre	£80.25
50% costs for Hoyland Town Centre parking restrictions	£600.00
Installation of bollards at Church Street, Jump	£1731.30
Wall repairs at Fitzwilliam Street, Elsecar	£1784.20

Rockingham Ward

50% costs for Mates of Milton Gala Portaloo hire	£150.00
50% for TV screen cabling at Hoyland Centre	£80.25
50% costs for Hoyland Town Centre parking restrictions	£600.00

Wombwell Ward

No spend agreed to date

4.2 Transparency in decision making for the devolved ward budget is assured by reporting decisions to the subsequent relevant Area Council meeting, and through an annual report to Cabinet detailing all approved expenditure for each ward. In addition, as stipulated by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) Regulations 2012, all decisions taken will be published on the internet throughout the year.

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