

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

SOUTH AREA COUNCIL

18th OCTOBER 2013

18. **Present:** Councillors Stowe (Chair), Andrews, Dures, Franklin, Key, Lamb, Saunders and R. Wraith

19. **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

20. **Minutes of the meeting of South Area Council, held on 6th September 2013**

The minutes of the previous meeting of South Area Council were accepted as a true and correct record.

21. **Notes of previous Ward Alliance meetings**

Members received the notes from the area's most recent Ward Alliance meetings, held in August and September 2013.

Hoyland Milton/Rockingham, held on 20th August, 2013

The notes were received, no member wished to make any comment.

Wombwell, held on 23rd September, 2013

The notes were received. With regards to observers attending the meeting, it was noted that the Ward Alliances meetings are not open to the public and therefore any observers were in attendance only at the invitation of the group.

It was agreed that the South Area Manager would write to the Wombwell Ward Alliance Secretary, enclosing a copy of the Ward Alliance Governance Handbook, in order to ensure they were fully aware of this and were well versed in the governance of Ward Alliances.

Darfield, held on 26th September, 2013

The notes were received, no member wished to make any comment.

RESOLVED:

(i) that the notes of the Hoyland Milton/Rockingham, Wombwell and Darfield Ward Alliances be received.

(ii) that the South Area Manager contacts the Wombwell Ward Alliance Secretary with regards to the governance of Ward Alliances.

22. **Report on the use of devolved ward budgets**

Members considered a report by the Area Council Manager on agreed spend to date from devolved ward budgets within the south area. No member wished to raise any issues regarding the report.

RESOLVED: that the report on devolved ward budgets be noted.

23. **Appointment of community representatives to Darfield Ward Alliances**

The meeting received a report, putting forward a single member to act as a community representative on the Darfield Ward Alliance.

RESOLVED: that the individual proposed be approved as a community representative on the Darfield Ward Alliances for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year.

24. **Area Plan Priorities and Area Plan Leaflet**

The South Area Council Manager introduced the report which provided an update on the progress in further developing Area Plan priorities.

Following the previous Area Council meeting, a workshop had been convened on 1st October, 2013 to further explore the priority themes of: Opportunities for young people; Business and the local economy; and Information and guidance. Thanks were given to all Members and officers who had taken part.

The workshop engaged a number of additional partners and considered existing provision, key issues or gaps, and what role the Area Council or Ward Alliances may be able to play in addressing these.

The meeting heard how, the workshop had suggested that two working groups were being established to continue to look at these priority themes in more detail. Officers and partners with specialist knowledge in this field would be invited and Members were encouraged to take part. It was noted that the working groups would meet as follows:-

- Opportunities for young people and business/local economy - 12th November, 2013, 2.00pm;
- Local information and guidance - 22nd October, 2013, 2.00pm.

Members noted the time taken in identifying the detailed levels of information required to develop a robust Area Plan, which would then be utilised to commission delivery and to influence relevant areas of existing service provision.

It was therefore suggested that an Area Plan leaflet be published as an interim measure.

The meeting discussed the circulated draft leaflet and Members provided alternative suggestions for images within the document.

As Cllr Shepherd was a talented photographer, it was proposed that he be approached and asked whether he was able to provide suitable images, depicting the character of settlements within the area.

In addition it was agreed that details of the Facebook page should be added to the leaflet and details of the data sources.

The meeting discussed the health information at ward level in the process of being produced by Public Health, and it was noted that this would feed in to the final Area Plan.

RESOLVED: that, subject to the suggested changes in images, the Area Plan leaflet be used as the basis for a more detailed Area Plan against which service delivery can be influenced and activity commissioned from April 2014.

25. **Venue for next meeting**

Members discussed the venue for the next meeting, to be held on 20th December, 2013 at 10am. It was agreed to be held in Wombwell, subject to an appropriate venue being available. St. Mary's Church Hall was the preferred option.

It was suggested that a presentation on commissioning and procurement relevant to the Area Council be added to the agenda of the meeting in December, subject to availability of presenters. All members were supportive of the suggestion.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the next meeting of the South Area Council be held on 20th December, 2013 at 10am in the Wombwell Ward;
- (ii) that a presentation on commissioning and procurement be added to the agenda of the meeting to be held on 20th December, 2013, subject to the availability of presenters.

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Chair