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MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 21 November 2016
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

- 9 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund (*Pages 3 - 12*)

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), Burgess (Mayor), Cave, Charlesworth, Cherryholme, Grundy, Howard, Lofts, Miller, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

Area Council Support Officers:

Tom Smith, North Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
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Item 9

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council:
11th November 2016**

Agenda Item: 9

**Report of the
North Area Council Manager**

Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on progress in each Ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund.

2. Recommendation

That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the remaining Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds in line with the guidance on spend.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition the Area Council has devolved £10,000.
- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Finding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. Please refer to appendix 2 for further information.
- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:
- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
 - it is in the wider public interest (whole community can potentially benefit),
 - it represents value for money.

4.0 Position Statement

- 4.1 The full grant allocation for the North Area's Ward Alliances for the year 2016/17 is £94,149.
- 4.2 By ward:

Ward	Allocation	Allocation Remaining
Darton East	£20,748	£12,666.52
Darton West	£20,085	£10,193.04
Old Town	£27,177	£24,920.91
St Helens	£26,139	£19,632.20
Area Total	£94,149	£67,412.67

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

- 5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan during 2016/17. This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans and reaffirm their ward priorities.
- 5.2 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.
- 5.3 The breakdown by ward in 4.2 clearly shows that some of the wards are carrying a significant budget. All wards are asked to note the current position in the financial year and prioritise which projects they would like to address.

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Appendix 1:

2016/17 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2016/17 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to their Ward Alliance. This is discretionary to each Area Council, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2015/16 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2016/17 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£748 carried forward from 2015/16

£10,000 devolved from Area Council

£20,748 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,374.00	Allocation Remaining £20,748.00
Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall - Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations	£2636.58	£1,318.29	£9,055.71	£18,111.42
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group - Bedding plants for Mapplewell war memorial	£200.00	£200.00	£9,055.71	£17,911.42
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group - Dog bin provision	£1,765.00	£1,765.00	£9,055.71	£16,146.42
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group - Queens birthday celebration planting	£530.30	£530.30	£9,055.71	£15,616.12
Hope Street Allotment work	£629.60	£0.00	£8,426.11	£14,986.52
Bulbs for local area	£150.00	£150.00	£8,426.11	£14,836.52
'We are 30mph' sticker scheme	£1,650.00	£1,650.00	£8,426.11	£13,186.52
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace group - bulbs	£520.00	£520.00	£8,426.11	£12,666.52

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£85 carried forward from 2015/16

£10,000 base allocation

£20,085 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,042.50	Allocation Remaining £20,085.00
Gawber History Group – Gawber Glass House Blue Plaque	£400.00	£400.00	£10,042.50	£19,685.00
Wilthorpe & Redbrook Afternoon Club	£301.96	£301.96	£10,042.50	£19,383.04
Hanging Baskets installation & maintenance	£2500.00	£0.00	£7,542.50	£16,883.04
The Yorkshire Military Band - Music in the Community	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£7,542.50	£15,383.04
Re-site litter bin at Day House Estate, Redbrook	£60.00	£0.00	£7,482.50	£15,323.04
Purchase & installation of community notice board at Redbrook & Wilthorpe Community centre	£1,155.00	£0.00	£6,327.50	£14,168.04
3 Interactive learning boards - Barugh Green	£1500.00	£0.00	£4,827.50	£12,668.04
Voice for Darton - Darton Village Fete	£700.00	£700.00	£4,827.50	£11,968.04
Gawber History Group - Room hire & materials for open evening	£775.00	£775.00	£4,827.50	£11,193.04

Bulbs for local area	£350.00	£350.00	£4,827.50	£10,843.04
Darton Primary School & College Enviornmental Group - Green & Clean project	£200.00	£200.00	£4,827.50	£10,643.04
Kexbrough Social Club - Community Events	£450.00	£450.00	£4,827.50	£10,193.04

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£7,177.00	carried forward from 2015/16
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£27,177.00	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £13,588.50	Allocation Remaining £27,177.00
Willowbank Special Interest Group – Willowbank Walk	£618.24	£618.24	£13,588.50	£26,558.76
Willowbank Community Partnership - Old Town News; newsletter	£1167.85	£1167.85	£13,588.50	£25,390.91
Bin replacement at Hollingsworth Park (Sugden's Rec)	£300.00		£13,288.50	£25,090.91
Bulb planting	£170.00	£170.00	£13,288.50	£24,920.91

ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£6,139	carried forward from 2015/16
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£26,139	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £13,069.50	Allocation Remaining £26,139.00
Clean & Green Team – Laxton Road Allotments clear up	£190.00	£0.00	£12,879.50	£25,949.00
Dog bin for Smithies Rec	£1,628.00	£0.00	£11,251.50	£24,321.00
Athersley TARA - Cook & Eat	£1,350.00	£1,350.00	£11,251.50	£22,971.00
Twilight Group - Reducing Isolation	£390.00	£390.00	£11,251.50	£22,581.00
Spring bulbs	£110.00	£0.00	£11,141.50	£22,471.00
Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch - CCTV Security Equipment	£344.00	£344.00	£11,141.50	£22,127.00
Athersley CAFC - Athersley Bonfire	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£11,141.50	£21,127.00
St Helens Christmas trees	£1,494.80	£0.00	£9,646.70	£19,632.20

Appendix 2:

Ward Alliance Funding 2016/17 - Briefing Note

2016/17 Allocation

For 2016/17 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

Carry-forward Ward Alliance Fund

Any carry-forward of remaining balances of existing Ward Alliance Fund at year-end will be combined and added to the 2016/17 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

Area Council Devolved Funding Allocation

Discretionary Area Council payments will not be made to any Ward Alliance with more than £10k of remaining in-year budget.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000/ward from the Area Council budget to their Ward Alliance. This is discretionary to each Area Council and the amount to be allocated is flexible up to the maximum of £20,000/ward.

Match funding

Overarching principle for all of the resources described above :

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment).

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture however we would always strongly encourage as much matching as possible in here in the spirit of the key principles behind the Area arrangements of encouraging greater contributions from other sources (businesses and community)

Note we will keep this under review during 2016.

Ward Alliance Funding 2016/17

Basic Allocation £10k

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Carry-forward Ward Alliance Fund £x

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**Discretionary Area Council Allocation
£x**

(maximum £20k – not available where Ward
Alliances have more than £10k in year balance)

**2016/17 Ward
Alliance Fund
£x**

**50% to be matched-
funded by volunteer
time, external
income or in-kind
resources**

**Both elements require
Ward Alliance
approval**

**50% does not
require match-
funding**

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