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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 20 November 2017
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

8 Dearne Area Council Commissioning (Dac.20.11.2017/8) (*Pages 3 - 4*)

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Noble (Chair), Gardiner, Gollick, C. Johnson, Phillips and Sixsmith MBE

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 20th November 2017

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council commissions

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members with regards Area Council commissions and agree the continuation of Twiggs Grounds Maintenance until the end of March 2019

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members approve the continuation of the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance until the end of March 2019 at a cost of £75,000.
- 2.2 That member's note the change in staffing with regards the private sector housing officer role.

3.0 Area Council services

Members from Dearne North, South and the Area Council Manager met on the 7th August, 2017 in order to look at the performance of Twiggs Grounds Maintenance, Kingdom Security and the Private Sector Housing Officer support role.

3.1 Twiggs Grounds Maintenance

The environmental, education and volunteering service will have been running a year at the end of March 2018 and members built into the contract an option to extend for a further year until the end of March 2019. This contract cost £75,000 per year and has two part time workers, one apprentice and one full time worker working in the Dearne, Monday - Thursday 32hrs each. The main purpose of the contract is to: work with groups, volunteers and residents for 50% of the time, educate 10%, and work with businesses 10% and Identify hotspots 30% of the time.

Due to conversations that had taken place at the Ward Alliance, and at the Area Council on the 18th of September 2017, members decided to hold off with their decision to extend the contract for a further year. The Area Council Manager has had subsequent conversations with Twiggs in order to develop a

schedule of works that shows their work with groups, businesses and schools, but it is also flexible so that reactive work can also be added. The Area Manager has also arranged monthly meetings with the service in addition to the contract meetings that are already in place.

Recommendation

Recommendations are to continue the service until the end of March 2019 at a cost of £75,000, with the condition that the:

- The targets are raised at the next meeting in November
- The service is more proactive in schools
- The service develops a rolling programme of hot spot areas that will assist the residents that cannot engage with the scheme as volunteers
- The contract meetings are increased to once per month for the next three months
- The service is more proactive in contacting the groups, schools and businesses in order for their activities to be inputted into the schedule

3.2 Private sector housing officer role

Although members have agreed the continuation of this service the post holder will be going back to her substantive post at the end of March 2018. Therefore the recruitment to the post will happen very shortly. It is anticipated that the post holder will be in post for January which will allow them to shadow the current post holder.

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