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DATE:	Monday, 4 April 2016
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

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To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Noble (Chair), Brook, Gardiner, Gollick, Sixsmith MBE and Worton

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MINUTES

Present Councillors Noble (Chair), Brook, Gollick, Sixsmith MBE and Worton.

36 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

37 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 16 November, 2015 (Dac.25.01.2016/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council, held on 16th November, 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 16th November, 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

38 Dearne Area Council Performance Update including financial position (Dac.25.01.2016/3)

The Chair welcomed the Tasking Officer to the meeting to provide an update on performance against the Environmental Enforcement Contract. Members heard how 113 Fixed Penalty Notices and 17 Parking Charge Notices for parking had been issued in quarter 3, October – December, 2015. Of the 113 Fixed Penalty Notices, 102 of these had been for littering offences and 11 for dog fouling.

It was noted that 15 children had been witnessed littering outside the secondary school, and would therefore be undertaking supervised litter picks.

Members were made aware of a rise in anti-social behaviour in parts of the area, which were a cause for concern, especially when taking into account the impending changes to policing in the Dearne.

Enquiries were made with regards to increasing the amount of stencilling to discourage dog fouling. Members were encouraged to suggest any areas suitable for stencilling to the Tasking Officer.

The Private Sector Housing Officer, and Enforcement and Investigations Officer were then welcomed to provide an update on their work in the area. The meeting heard how many house and garden inspections had been undertaken. Officers had dealt with numerous cases of anti-social behaviour, engaging with landlords to help overcome issues.

Members noted that the team had referred individuals and families to other agencies such as victim support and the homelessness team, with positive results.

The meeting noted a number of occurrences of fly tipping, which the team had dealt with, engaging the tenant and landlord where possible. Where tenants had refused any support this had led, in some cases, to the issuing of fixed penalty notices and in a few cases to prosecution.

Members thanked the officers for their continued hard work.

The Area Council Manager provided a financial overview for the Area Council. £24,508 of the budget for 2015/16 remained unallocated, together with income from Fixed Penalty Notices of £15,720 this equated to £40,228 for use by the Area Council. Members acknowledged that the year end figure would be considerably higher, due to further income expected from Fixed Penalty Notices.

Members were advised that £31,910 of the Dearne Development Fund had been allocated, and that 10 further applications were due to be considered shortly.

With regards to the Training for Employment commission, the meeting heard that the service would finish at the end of March, 2016, but continued to deliver well against contracted outcomes. 48 people had entered local employment in the 14 months of operation. It was noted that an annual review had now been completed, which had highlighted a number of barriers for people to enter the labour market. These included, travel costs to interviews and the cost of specific training. Members noted the increasing number of referrals to the scheme from Job Centre.

Members discussed the success of the scheme, noting the impact of the service being based in the community made to reduce barriers for people to engage.

The meeting briefly discussed the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance, noting that time had been equally distributed between Dearne North and Dearne South Wards. It was noted how a number of community groups were now working with Twiggs, and it was suggested that community members need to be encouraged to highlight areas requiring attention by the service.

Members discussed a potential issue regarding Twiggs inability to remove significant amounts of green waste from certain sites, which was thought may be due to the ownership of the site. It was agreed that the Area Manager discusses this issue with John Twigg.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the updated financial position for Dearne Area Council be noted;
- (ii) that the continued progress of the Dearne Area Council commissions be noted and;
- (iii) that the Area Manager discusses issues regarding the collection of green waste from certain sites with John Twigg.

39 Update on the Area Team work plan and allocation of finances for 2016/2017 (Dac.25.01.2016/4)

The Area Manager introduced the item, reminding Members of discussions earlier in the Month regarding the remaining 2015/16 financial allocation, and plans for delivery in 2016/17.

Members supported the arranging of a workshop to further explore health issues in the area, considering current data and the support already available to residents.

The meeting discussed the Dearne Development Fund, noting that £31,910 of the allocated £80,000 had been allocated but that 10 applications were yet to be considered. It was therefore agreed to allocate a further £50,000 for the 2016/17 financial year to the fund, to be awarded as per the process previously agreed.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that £50,000 be allocated to the Dearne Development Fund to be awarded in the financial year 2016/17;
- (ii) that the workshop to further discuss the issue of health in the area be supported.

40 Notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group held on 11th January, 2016 (Dac.25.01.2016/5)

The meeting considered the notes from the meeting held on 11th January, 2016. It was noted that the group continues to develop and now action plans are in place for each of the themes, with relevant individuals engaged.

Members were encouraged to feedback any questions or queries prior to the next meeting of the group.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group, held on 11th January, 2016 be received.

41 Notes from the Ward Alliances (Dac.25.01.2016/6)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 26th November, 2015 and Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 16th December, 2015.

It was noted that Dearne South Ward Alliance had more recently met where self assessment, self improvement and flood resilience plans had been discussed. Members heard how a site had been identified to locate a container to act as a flood store.

The Christmas event had been extremely successful and a number of individuals had expressed an interest in joining the alliance.

The meeting discussed work around St. Andrew's Square, noting the plans to engage and encourage local people to help keep this area clean and tidy.

With regards to the Dearne North Ward Alliance, they too had also more recently met. All representatives had given feedback on their recent endeavours and £2,000 had been awarded to the Salvation Army for the provision of winter packs.

RESOLVED that notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

**42 Report on the Use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds
(Dac.25.01.2016/7)**

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager and Members noted the amounts of finance remaining for the 2015/16 financial year.

With regards to the Devolved Ward Budget finance, Members heard how £449.70 remained for Dearne North to allocate and £2,627.46 for Dearne South. It was acknowledged that any remaining unallocated could not be carried forward to future financial years.

Members heard how £3,157.13 remained for Dearne North Ward Alliance to allocate while £7,428.85 was available for Dearne South Ward Alliance.

A discussion took place regarding the awarding of grants for the purchase of equipment and the need to ensure that any equipment remained available for the community to use. It was suggested that the equipment ought to be managed by the Area Team.

RESOLVED that the report on the Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds be received.

Chair

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 4th April 2016

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council Performance of Commissioned Services

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the delivery of the Dearne Area Councils current commissions.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Dearne members note the continued progress of the four Dearne Area Council commissions

3.0 Current Commissions

3.1 Training for employment

This contract is due to end 31st March 2016 and an end of service letter was sent out in December 2015. The final report will be available at the next Area Council meeting on the 6th of June 2016. The equipment purchased through this contract will stay at the Salvation Army. The volunteers at the Salvation Army will continue to guide and support people that need basic job searching advice.

3.2 Enforcement

Since the start of this contract the team have issued 717 fixed penalty notices in the Dearne area, 531 for littering, 55 for dog fouling and a further 131 for parking offences. Officers concentrate their patrols around intelligence led information from the tasking process and also from complaints on the street from the community at large.

The revenue raised thus far from FPN's (Fouling and Littering) this quarter of the contract beginning October 2015 until the 10th of March 2016 is **£7,092.00** bringing the total revenue raised from this contract to **£25,522.95** The total revenue raised from this contract will be available at the end of March 2016.

3.3 **Twiggs**

Twiggs commenced delivery on the 1st of September 2015. They have been provided with a work plan that is updated on a weekly basis. All actions set at the previous monitoring meeting were completed. To date Twiggs have engaged with fourteen businesses in the Dearne Area. From December to February the team have worked 396 hours in both Dearne North and South. This is a reduction in the previous quarter due to February having fewer days.

They have also worked alongside thirteen established groups on clean up campaigns and led on three social action projects. They have collected 209 bags of waste and report 5 fly tipping incidents to the enforcement team. Twiggs have delivered 1 impact of littering session in which 24 people attended. They have undertaken 76 litter picks and supported two local events.

Twiggs have got a schedule of planned activity to be undertaken in the upcoming months. For example with the Scouts, Highgate and Carrfield Primary Schools, Highgate allotment, Rainbow Centre and Cranwell Court.

See appendix one for report

3.4 **Housing enforcement**

The figures submitted for the Dearne Area Council are for the months January 2016 to February 2016. A full report will be available for Area Council members after the end of March 2016.

Out of the 103 contacts made during this time period 17 of those were classed as vulnerable households. 9 CPN notices have been issued and 16 requests for action to private landlords, one of which resulted in a formal notice.

The housing and investigating officers continue to do good work within the Dearne Area. Local residents have complained about Highgate Lane, George Street, Edward Road, William Street and the Cramwell Court area. Therefore the officers are currently organising a community clean-up day in conjunction with members, Twiggs, local residents and the Area Team. This community clean-up day is to be held on the 6th of April 2016.

4.0 **Appendices**

Appendix One: Twiggs

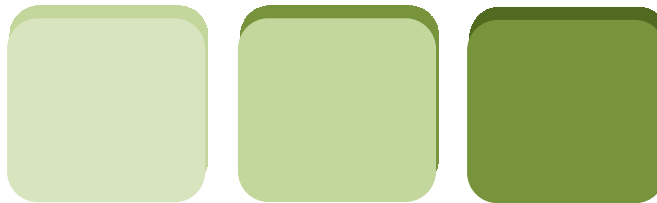
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TWIGGS

Grounds Maintenance LTD



Dearne Area Contract

Twiggs Clean and Tidy Team

Creating a Cleaner and Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People

Quarter Two Report

1st March 2016

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Part A - Section 1

A. Social value objectives

	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Year 1 Totals	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Targets	Actual
No of jobs created & recruited to:	3	3	0	0	0		0		3	
No of apprenticeships created & recruited to:	1	1	0	0	0		0		1	
No of volunteers involved in community environmental projects	0	73	5	10	5		5		15	
No of work experience placements provided	0	0	2	1	2		2		6	
% of spend achieved locally	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%		90%		90%	

B. Outcome indicators

Outcomes:	Thriving and vibrant communities									
	Strong and resilient communities									
	Citizens achieving their potential									
	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Year 1 Totals	
Outcome indicators	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Targets	Actual
Volunteers recruited to Twiggs event	5	73	5	4	5		5		20	
Twiggs social action events	1	3	1	1	2		2		6	
Total number of volunteering hours	15	205	15	16	15		15		60	
Total number of steering group meetings	1	2	1	1	1		2		5	
Number of Community groups supported at events*	2 per ward	18	2 per ward	13	2 per ward		2 per ward			
Other local events supported	2 per ward	2	2 per ward	2	2 per ward		2 per ward		8	
Targeted areas are clean, safe, well presented, and welcoming physical environment *	10	10	10	10	10		10		Case studies pictures within report	
Local residents educated about the impact of littering	10	73	10	24	10		10		40	
Reduction in litter and dog fouling *									5% decrease in complaints	
Residents / community taking responsibility for areas*	2 per ward	2	2 per ward	2	2 per ward		2 per ward		16	

Schools educated about the impact of littering *	0	1	1 contact per term per 6 primaries & 1 senior	1	1 contact per term per 6 primaries & 1 senior		1 contact per term per 6 primaries & 1 senior			
Local businesses worked with *	6	8	6	6	6		6		24	

Businesses -

St Andrews Square, we were worried that the efforts and relationships made may be lost due to us pulling out of the area on a regular basis, the initial positive feedback was due to our regular presence and obvious improvements.

We have made new contacts and are still contact with the following businesses: Collingwood pub, Tan and Tone, Hot and Tasty, Co-op, Carrfield lane sandwich shop and station house who we know are active in assisting. We will be pushing for more business participation in the Dearne North over the next quarter.

Steering group attended 26/01/2016

Work experience -

Kieron is currently unemployed and came to us for several days where we managed to put him between all of our teams.

Kieron is a possible candidate for an upcoming apprenticeship position we have here at Twiggs, it was a good way to see how the clean and tidy team works with our existing apprentice Harry.

We are also in the process of going directly to secondary schools to offer work experience positions to the current years' leavers, in the past a big emphasis has been made by the schools on gaining placements but over the past 18 months this has dropped off entirely.

Other events- Our team joined in with a group of school children at the Planting Event at St Andrews Square, although the weather wasn't ideal we still managed to plant up the raised planters with bedding plants and encouraged the children to get involved.

C. Activity Intervention Target

	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Total
Litter picks completed	60	91		76					
Areas targeted for clean ups		22		35					
Number of waste collected		243		209					
Number of impact of littering sessions completed	2	2	1	1	2		2	7	
Number of hours in Dearne North	477	477		396	477		477		
Number of hours in Dearne South		477		396					
Fly tipping, hazardous waste and enforcement issues fed in		12		5					
Number of joint projects with established community groups	2	11	2	13	2		2		
Number of provider social action events	3	3	1	1	3		3	10	
Added value (jobs found proactively by Twiggs)		45 areas 164 litter picks		32 areas 60 litter picks					

PART B: Section 1

Social Action Projects - Outcomes and Evidencing

Nicholas lane, Goldthorpe

This footpath on Nicholas lane was identified by our team as a possible event due to the highly visible location on the main road. The road is not only the main road between the two villages but is used frequently due the tip and recycling centers but it is also used due the location of the primary school. We wanted to use this event as a showcase for the local residents to see that a team (us) along with volunteers are making a difference on smaller scale projects.

The footpath itself is a link to the holly Grove estate and is used as run for school children in the morning and dog walkers to get to the opposite field and eventually onto Phoenix Park.

We tested the market at short notice in order to analyse the effectiveness of our current social media presence and that of the Dearne are network such as the existing groups.

The weather wasn't in our favour that day but it did manage to calm a little towards the end, helping us to collect just over 18 bags of litter along with other miscellaneous waste and we were also able to cut back several sections of shrubbery that was obscuring the pathway.

We had 4 volunteers to assist with our team that day and so 16 man hours were spent that morning in making the footpath so much more pleasant. As we completed the footpath ahead of schedule we also managed to pick the top side of Nicholas lane along with the field entrance cleared an approximate half ton of silt from the wall bottom and reintroduce this back into the environment.

This event gave us the ability to also identify works for a later date on the tarmac path at the perimeter of the holly grove estate and the embankment on Nicholas lane itself, which has in the last few weeks been started on. We also reported a section of fencing that was missing and allowing off road vehicles access on the green spaces and Phoenix Park which we know is an ongoing concern.

During our next event in this area we are going to target and involve the local school to make this a target spot and educate the local children.



Section 2

Case Studies

1. Highgate Lane



This area was reported in through the area team as a litter issue.

The entrance into the field is well used but had been left unmaintained for some time. The grass and shrubbery had overgrown limiting the access and creating an area that was a magnet for litter.

Not only did we manage to collect over 16 bags of litter from here, we also strimmed back the area cut back shrubbery and reclaimed the access in.

An Immediate transformation and well received by the public, we had 3 residents and 1 gentleman with a family compliment and comment on how well the area now looks and feels.

We have been back passed the area several times since and the litter although some does still end up on and around the field is down to just a few pieces.



2. West Avenue



An area we discovered whilst litter picking close by and attended to.

The path and entrance onto the park to the bottom of West Avenue, was severely overgrown and made the path difficult and impassible at one point. Being close to the park we saw a young women with a pushchair trying to navigate the path and being forced onto the road.

Although not busy with traffic we knew the public would benefit. We took a little time after litter picking the surrounding streets to cut back and reclaim the footpath it's now not only a useable footpath again but looks smarter and attracts less litter.



3. Thurnscoe Park

Working alongside Pauline and the volunteers at Thurnscoe Park is a mutually beneficial project. The park get the time and expertise from our staff but we also take the opportunity to train our apprentice Harry in correct horticultural practices.

In the last quarter we have worked with around 10 unique volunteers many of those returning week on week. The volunteers along with ourselves have spent an estimated 380 hours not including the amazing work Pauline continues to carry out.

With our help this quarter we have managed with the regular upkeep including litter picking and shrub rationalisation but also managed to create a rose garden by removing a few intermediate trees clearing the ivy growth and digging over the ground, this area is to be planted in the coming spring months.

As part of the parks mission to achieve a high status in the Barnsley in bloom I have worked closely with Pauline to try and overcome some of the barriers that stopped the park from attaining a higher marking. One area in particular was composting.

We have created a recycled composting area that should be able to accommodate most of the parks composting needs. Local residents donated pallets to form the structure and with funding secured the park bought in stakes to hold them in the ground. Thurnscoe Park now has a 4 bin composting system that can compost green waste and a bin dedicated for the large amounts of leaf fall that covers the park in the autumn months.

The Thurnscoe park volunteers also attended our event on Nicole's lane showing that the sentiment is well appreciated and precipitated.



Section 3

Proposed Future Activities for the Next Quarter

Organised events

1. Thurnscoe- Rainbow Centre. We will be carrying out works to help the community Centre in restoring the grounds Friday 4th March 11am a we are joining the Thurnscoe park group in a 'Clean for the Queen' event
2. Highgate allotments- assisting in the leveling and surfacing of the access road to make the corridor safer for visiting groups.
3. Bolton on Dearne- Saturday 5th March 10am. Mansion Field Entrance on Ingsfield Lane- assisting the Bolton development group in tidying the local park. This coincides with the 'Clean for the Queen' weekend.

Events not yet confirmed

- a. Work with Dearne Highgate Primary School - Details obtained to contact regarding involvement in the Spring and to include educational aspect
- B. Carrfield Primary Academy - Details obtained to contact regarding involvement in the Spring and to include educational aspect
- C. The Scouts - Maintained contact from the First Quarter, and arrange educational volunteering event
- D. We have contacted ASDA and obtained details of who to contact once an event has been set up. They may be able to offer volunteer support and/or refreshments.
- E. Cranwell court- residents to assist in a shrubbery litter pick- TBA once we have confirmation of council tree work scheduling (Andy Nixon) and the possibility of resident adoption if practicable.

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 4th April 2016****Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager****Dearne Area Council Update on the Dearne Development Fund****1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update regarding the Dearne Development Fund

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note the continued progress of the Dearne Development Fund applicants.

3.0 Dearne Development Fund

- 3.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 14th of September 2015, £80,000 was allocated to the Dearne Development Fund in order to meet the Dearne Area priorities. The allocation panel met in November 2015 and in January 2016 to discuss all 21 applications and approved 9 applications totalling £77,646.
- 3.2 The Dearne Valley Bulldogs application was approved dependent on matched funding from Sports England and a decision from Sports England will be reached by the end of March. Therefore until a decision is made regarding that application the total amount awarded in this financial year will be £62,646. Therefore if the Sports England bid is successful the award will be ear marked and show out of 16/17 finances.
- 3.3 The monitoring submitted below is based on the first round of applications. Providers are expected to have monitoring meetings and submit information based on their original application, usually on a monthly or quarterly basis dependant on the application.

4.0 Successful applicants

Provider/group	Priority	Impact	Cost
Dearne Allotment Group	Improving health/Improving the environment	To provide a coordinator in order to continue with the development of the community allotment	£7500

Goldthorpe Development Group- Community Alliance Project	Improving Health (older people) Young people	To provide events and health awareness days in order to reduce loneliness and isolation of older people. Events also to engage with younger people.	£9080
DIAL- drop in advice project	Information and support	Independent advice service supporting disadvantaged people that are faced with financial exclusion	£6050
Salvation Army- Seasons hope project	Improving health/quality of life/ information and support	Supporting families in crisis across the Dearne area by providing support by way of information packs. The project will also provide cook and eat sessions.	£3154
Dearne Electronic Community Village- silver surfers	Information and support/ skills and learning for work	Engaging with local resident 55+ in order to promote social inclusion by delivering ICT sessions	£6122
Dearne Electronic Community Village- workability	Information and support/ skills and learning for work	The tutor will organise, plan and deliver workshop sessions in ICT and Employability skills, working in partnership alongside the DWP and a CRT outreach worker based at DECV and also DVC for functional skills	£14 924
Dearne Valley bulldogs	Improving health/ young people	To provide Integrated changing rooms and showers facilities. The hope is that new facilities will relieve the pressure on the club in regards to safeguarding policies and logistical challenges.	£15000
DIAL-hOurbank	Information and support	The hOurbank will facilitate the exchange of skills and time and is run on an 'hour for an hour' principle. This scheme will build on the pilot that was previously run in the Dearne.	Asked for £15,000 panel contribute £7000
Therapies for depression anxiety and stress	Improving health/ young people	The project will be based at the Dearne	Asked for £12,250 panel

		ALC. TADS will work with 30 young people 11 – 18 to engage in 6 full therapy sessions, 30 minute therapy session and further 20 minutes to complete wellbeing exercises and learn coping techniques	gave £8813
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4.1 **The Salvation Army**

Since the start of the “seasons hope project” the Salvation Army have distributed 31 winter warm packs. They are also providing healthy lunches on both Mondays and Fridays at the Salvation Army. 12 volunteers are working on the seasons hope project each working 3 hours per week. The return on investment with regards volunteer hours is as follows: £11.09 x 3hrs= £33.27 per volunteer. £33.27x 12 volunteers = £399.24. The next stage for this project is to work with the Be well Barnsley advisors on the delivery of a healthy eating programme.

4.2 **Goldthorpe Development Group**

Since the grant was awarded the group have held two health and wellbeing events with a further six scheduled in before August 2016. One of the aims of the bid was to reduce isolation and loneliness of the elderly in the Dearne Area. At the gatherings health providers have been invited to attend and offer advice to the people in attendance.

To date 21 volunteers have worked on both events for 5 hours each. In terms of calculating a return on investment based on volunteer hours. £11.09 x 5hrs = £55.45 per volunteer. £55.45 x 21 volunteers = £ 1,164.45. 176 residents have attended both events. Advice has been given about central heating grants, fire safety, long term conditions and staying warm.

4.3 **Dial- drop in advice**

Publicity for the drop in service was undertaken and the service commenced in January 2016. The demand for this service continues to increase and over the last four weeks 8 local people could not be seen on the day they attended the drop in. 46 of the 48 of enquiries were benefit related with 1 pension advice and 1 fuel/energy advice. The service has offered 12 sessions in this time frame with three volunteers working on the project.

4.4 **Dearne Electronic Community Village- Silver Surfers**

This project has enabled DECV's over 55's ICT provision to expand and the curriculum has been extended due to peoples particular needs on this project, bridging the digital divide. All learners are currently working towards the OCR ICT award and many extra activities ranging from Online shopping to using a

computer for job search and employability for those on JSA. All learners' confidence and motivation increased and workshops fostered a pro-active way for learners to get to grips with ICT literacy in a life changing way. Many felt they had missed out on these vital skills, because they retired before learning for work, slipped out of the education 'loop' or simply felt too daunted to go back into learning. Within the original application we intended to target 20 people as part of the project. However by the first week in March 22 people have already accessed the project.

Case studies - Appendix One

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Appendix One Dearne Development Fund Case Studies

GDG- Margret 67 years old

Margret was widowed at a young age she also suffered a stroke a couple of years ago, has arthritis and high blood pressure, therefore had difficulty in getting around. She was asked what difference attending the events had had on her. She would normally just sit at home alone and because of her mobility she tends not to get out much. The events help her in mixing with other people but also finding out other information has been really useful to her. She really appreciates having a taxi to get to the event and cannot wait to see her new found friends next month.



DECV silver surfers- Kathleen

Kathleen is 79 years old and turned up at the sessions with her iPad which she didn't know how to use. She had never used a computer and relied on family to help her, especially with online shopping. The iPad was bought and used by Kathleen's husband, who sadly had recently passed away, so she wanted to learn how to use it. The sessions with Kathleen were primarily conducted on the iPad with other sessions using a desktop computer in for word processing etc.

Kathleen has slowly built in confidence over the course of 2 months, can produce documents, email and search the internet. We have installed various apps on the iPad, used the iPad for online shopping and also had sessions on skype. Kathleen will complete the qualification shortly and has also started the Learn My way Online course which she is doing at home on the iPad which goes over ground already covered in sessions but is great for practice with Online shopping / Online Forms and banking. Kathleen is hopefully going to continue her training at DECV after the course ends, hopefully level 1 in ICT.

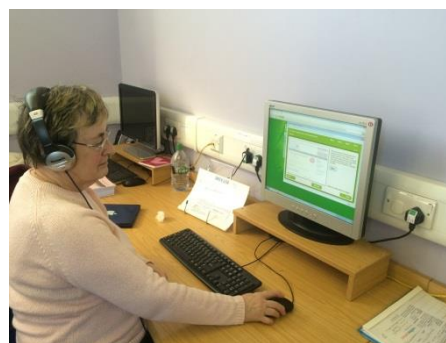
DECV- Harry and Brenda

Harry is 85 years old and has decided to make the step of going into computing and buying a laptop. Harry attends the sessions with his wife, Brenda (83), who is also recovering after a serious illness. He thought it would be good for Brenda to attend as he didn't want to leave her and also it would be good for Brenda's self-esteem.

Although not familiar with Computers, Harry did have a rough idea what he wanted to learn due to conversations with Family and friends. He was interested in Email, the Internet, and Skype. Brenda wanted to see what the Internet could offer in terms of online cookery recipes. After an initial assessment with both learners I amended certain aspects of the OCR computer course to fit with Harry's requirements.

The setting is a small group workshop and Harry and Brenda really need 1 to 1 training. I had a volunteer work with the couple to ensure they didn't get left behind. This also meant the sessions could be tailored to fit with their requirements.

Both learners are progressing well through the course and have recently, with our help, bought a new laptop. They are emailing, going online (Harry for sport and Brenda for cooking) and are about to start using skype to stay in touch with relatives. They also enjoy the social aspect of the workshop and enjoy the sessions very much!



BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 4th April 2016

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Dearne Area Council Update on Financial Position, Procurement, and Health
and Jobs Skills and Training Workshops**

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides an updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend, and outlines the unallocated amount remaining for 2015/16 and 2016/17
- 1.2 This report provides members with an update regarding the environmental enforcement procurement
- 1.3 This report provides members with an update regarding the health, and jobs skills and training workshops

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Dearne Area Council members note the updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend and the unallocated amounts remaining for 2015/2016. Details are contained in Appendix One.
- 2.2 That members note the progress with regards the procurement of the environmental enforcement commission
- 2.3 That members note the progress in relation to the Health, and Jobs Skills and Training workshops that were held in February and March 2016

3.0 Financial update

- 3.1 At the end of the 15/16 financial year the Dearne Area Council have spent £262,257 of its £255,438 allocation, this leaves a deficit of £6,819. This figure is offset against the fixed penalty notice income of £25,522.95 leaving the Area Council £18,703.95 to carry over into the 16/17 financial year. Further the Fixed penalty income will more than likely increase once the year-end figures are submitted.
- 3.2 The Dearne Area Council have an allocation of 200k to spend on meeting the Dearne Area Council priorities in the 16/17 financial year. To date the Area Council have spent £52,846 on previously agreed projects/services. This leaves an allocation of £165,857.95 to spend on projects in the 16/17 financial year. This total includes the £18,703.95 carry forward from the 15/16 financial year.

See appendix one for full break down

4.0 Environmental Enforcement Procurement

- 4.1 At the Dearne Area council on the 14th of September it was agreed that the environmental enforcement service would be re commissioned from April 2016. The area council agreed that they would like to maintain the same level of service at a cost of approximately £30,955 per year.

The tender documentation was advertised on YoRtender on the 1st December 2015 asking potential providers to return submissions by the 5th January 2016. The tender evaluation was completed on the 22nd January 2016. Two providers expressed an interest in the delivery of the service, submitted documentation and were interviewed late January has potential providers. After this process and scores were calculated it showed that Kingdom was the preferred provider therefore the contract will commence on the 1st of April.

The Dearne and Central Area Managers will continue to have a joined up approach in relation to the monitoring of the contract with the first meeting scheduled in for the 14th of April, 2016.

5.0 Health Workshop

- 5.1 The Dearne Area team arranged a workshop on the 4th of February 2016 in order to map out the existing health incentives within the area. A total of 25 practitioners, officers and residents attended the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to:

- Receive information and overview of Dearne health data and intelligence from Liz Pitt, Research and Business Intelligence Manager, BMBC
- Receive a presentation and information on key public health service commissioned through BMBC Public Health from Carl Hickman, Health and Well Being Manager, Healthy Communities, BMBC
- Map health services currently being delivered in the Dearne
- Discuss what is being delivered and who are the target audience
- Identify the gaps and how the community and agencies can meet gaps in provision
- Feed the results from this in order to input into the Dearne Approach action plan.

The Dearne Area manager has a follow up meeting with Carl Hickman from Public Health on the 12th of April. Further the Area Manager intends to arrange a meeting with members in order to establish how the Area Council can meet some of the existing need and gaps in the Dearne Area.

See appendix two for workshop notes

6.0 **Jobs Skills and Training Workshop**

6.1 Regular meetings have been taking place with the Dearne Area Council Manager, special projects worker, Cllr Gollick, Kate Roberts and Tom Smith. The aim was to organise a Jobs skills and training workshop which would feed into the Dearne Approach action plan. A workshop was delivered on the 7th of March 2016 at the Salvation Army, some of the feedback includes:

- Successful workshop – good mix of participants
- Engaging / interactive with good level of challenge and ideas
- Presented data set – what do we know? - to stimulate discussion
- Key activities – what’s happening locally and what’s working well / even better if?
- Flipchart activities with ‘post it’ worked well – kept the pace going and got people talking / feeding back etc.
- Group identified gaps in knowledge re. directory plus many examples of good practice in the localities
- Feedback broadly aligned to ‘early thoughts’ from draft plan
- Identified issues re. short term funding and lack of joined up services

Next steps:

- Focus group to be established from ‘volunteers’ to steer plan
- Template to be recirculated to services / organisations identified by group
- Local directory to be pulled together
- Feedback to be collated / summarised and build into refreshed plan

7.0 **Appendices**

Appendix One: Financial Update

Appendix two: Health Workshop Notes

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Appendix one: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2014/2015		2015/2016	2016/2017
	£ 200,000.00		£ 200,000.00	£200,000.00
			+£ 55,438.00	+£18,703.95
			£ 255,438.00	£218,703.95
Environmental Enforcement	-£ 27,181.00		-£ 18,465.00	-£ 31,000
Environmental Enforcement - BMBC contribution	-£ 8,000.00		-£ 5,000	-£5,000
Community Newsletter			-£1,846.00	-£1,846.00
Training for Employment	-£ 74,381.00		-£ 37,000.00	
Private Sector Rented Housing Management / Enforcement	-£ 35,000.00		-£62,300.00	
Dearne Clean & Green			-£ 75,000.00	
Dearne Development Fund			-£ 62,646.00	-£15,000
Total spend	£ 144,562.00		£262,257.00	£52,846.00
Allocation remaining	+£ 55,438.00		-£6,819.00	+£165,857.95
FPN income received			+£25,522.95	
Final Allocation remaining	+£ 55,438.00		+£ 18,703.95	

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**Dearne Health Workshop
4th February 2016
Goldthorpe Library**

In attendance: Derek Bramham, Suzanne Storey, Gemma Cobby, Jenni Britain, Jayne Mchugh, Alison Vint, Paul Micklethwaite, Alison Sykes, Sharon Copeland, James Goodwin, Teresa Gibson, Elain Mussett, Karen Mann, Kaye Mann, Joe Micheli, Claire Dawson, Lisa Lyon, Carl Hickman, Liz Pitt, Cllr Noble, Cllr Worton

Purpose of workshop:

- To receive information and overview of Dearne health data and intelligence from Liz Pitt, Research and Business Intelligence Manager, BMBC
- To receive a presentation and information on key public health service commissioned through BMBC Public Health from Carl Hickman, Health and Well Being Manager, Healthy Communities, BMBC
- Map health services currently being delivered in the Dearne
- What is being delivered and who are the target audience
- Identify the gaps and how the community and agencies can meet gaps in provision

Presentations:

Carl Hickman, Health and Well Being Manager, Healthy Communities, BMBC:

Be Well Barnsley – health inequality outcomes for the Dearne:

- 60% quits from: Dearne, North East, Central
- 60% weight management interventions: Dearne, North East, Central
- Families Coordinator based in the Dearne

Be Well Plans for the Dearne:

- Fit Reds planned to start 18th Jan at Dearne ALC
- 6 week Be Well Families (5-11year olds and parents) course continuing at Salvation Army Goldthorpe and starting at Embankment Children's Centre.
- Rolling 12 week weight loss groups running at Dearne Enterprise Centre on a Thursday followed by maintenance sessions.
- Activity 4 Health (low intensity Pilates) Goldthorpe Pentecostal Church Tuesday 10-11.00am
- Weekly Drop in at Goldthorpe Salvation Army and Goldthorpe Community Shop supported by Be Well Advisors.
- NETHERWOOD Community Gym Monday and Thursday evening 5.00pm-8.00pm

Other ideas.....

- Health promotion in schools, physical activity, active travel, health eating and to include mental wellbeing and resilience
- Smoke free play grounds
- Champion access to dental services for children
- Promote the fuel poverty, winter campaign work, central heating fund and commission new initiatives to address fuel poverty
- Support the development of employment pathways for vulnerable groups

Liz Pitt, Research and Business Intelligence Manager, BMBC:

- Dearne Area Council has a very high proportion of deprivation relative to England and also other Area Councils.
- Leading risk factor for deaths in the Dearne Area is smoking which contributed almost 1 in 5 deaths in 2009- 2013
- After smoking, high blood pressure and high cholesterol together contribute to 25% of deaths in Area Council in 2009 - 2013

Children and Young People:

- The third highest rate of a good level of development at age 5 years.
- The second highest rate of children achieving Key Stage 2.
- The highest rate of women who smoke during pregnancy.
- The highest rate of excess weight in 4-5 year olds and 10-11 year olds.
- The highest smoking prevalence – children (16-19 years old)
- The highest 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training

Adults:

- Third lowest rate of one person households.
- The highest rate of residents who have no qualifications.
- The second highest rate of residents whose main language is not English.
- The second highest rate of residents experiencing fuel poverty.
- The highest rate of smoking prevalence.
- The highest rate of under 75 mortality rate from cancer, respiratory disease and cardiovascular diseases.

Workshop 1:

What services do we have already?	Who's the target group?	What do they deliver?
Be Well Barnsley	Men	Fit reds
Dearne ALC	Young people	Out of school Activities
The Crib	Young people	Recording studio
TADS	Young people	Therapies to tackle anxiety and depression
hOurbank	Dearne residents	Volunteering timebank
Private sector housing team	Dearne residents	Debt management, access to advice
Dearne Stay Fit	50+	Health activities and advice
Salvation Army	Dearne residents	Food bank Clothes bank Job club Cook and eat sessions Advice and guidance – fuel poverty etc
Community shop	Dearne residents	Training, Food recycle Advice and guidance
Embankment centre		
Rainbow centre		
Dearneside leisure centre	All	Leisure facilities, sports clubs and groups Mother and toddler group
IKIC centre – Targeted Integrated youth support	13- 19 year olds NEETS	Targeted youth provision
LIFT centres	All	Health and GP services
Phoenix futures	Adults	Substance misuse support and guidance
Dearne Community Allotment	Dearne residents	Working a group with learning disabilities Working with salvation army – food bank
Big local x 2	Dearne area	Funding

Slimming World	All	Slimming and health eating advice and guidance
Thurnscoe park	All	Active group of volunteers Environmental improvements
Libraries (Thurnscoe and Goldthorpe)	All	Mother and Toddler groups Reading groups After school and holiday provision Craft clubs Room hire
Dearne Playhouse	All	Theatre groups Recording studio
Dearne Enterprise centre	All	Cook and eat sessions
Heathergarth Parents support group	Parents	Support group Activities
Dearne ramblers	All	Rambling group
Renaissance Centre	All	Fitness classes Arts and craft groups
Pentecostal church	All	
Various sports clubs	All	Sports activities

Workshop 2: What gaps in relation to health have we got in the Dearne?

- Need to promote Walk Well Barnsley
- There is currently more focus on Dearne South and not much promotion in North
- Need more of a focus on family / children's activities
- GP services seem to be struggling – high level of missed appointments and difficulty getting an appointment
- ASB increasing in green spaces / parks at the same time as Police presence is being reduced
- Need more Health and well-being events
- No open access facilities for 12year olds plus
- More social prescribing services
- Patient education – what's available?
- More carers support
- Preventative screening – how to engage people when they aren't ill in the first place
- How do we have the one conversation with the Dearne and mobilise all stakeholders re the key messages
- We need a better understanding of the root causes
- We need to know what the take up of services is across the area and then look at how to increase the take up i.e. cancer screening
- Tap into volunteers as a local resource and asset to engage others
- Look at smoking prevention with young people to stop before we start
- Better promotion of activities at Dearneside
- More home visiting
- No drop in clinics available – baby drop ins were well used but no longer available
- More community events such as Bounce into Summer
- Better communication and linking up of services
- Need holiday provision for 13 – 19 year olds that it accessible for all
- SureStart services disappearing
- PCSOs need to be more visible and be out and about in the area

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 4th April 2016

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council Update with regards the community magazine

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update regarding the first edition of the community magazine
- 1.2 This report also provides members with an update regarding the schedule for the second edition
- 1.3 This report provides members with a date and the option of being part of the community magazine editorial group

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note the completion of the first edition of the community magazine
- 2.2 That members note the schedule for the second edition of the community magazine
- 2.3 That members note the date of the community magazine editorial group

3.0 Community magazine first edition

- 3.1 An editorial group was established in October 2015 consisting of the Area Team and members. The initial meeting was to establish content and provide a priority order for articles in the magazine. Members were also involved in the proof reading of the final draft. All articles were submitted to the communications team in advance of the deadline and the community newsletter was distributed in December 2015.
- 3.2 The only cost associated with providing a magazine was officer time and distribution, with the latter estimated to cost £1,846 per year for distribution to Households in the Dearne Area. The document was 24 pages in total, with 50% being editorial content and the remainder advertising.
- 3.3 The team have received positive comments about the magazine and the Salvation Army had £500 donated from a local business as a direct result of the magazine being distributed.

4.0 **Schedule for the second edition**

4.1	Articles to communications	All articles and images ready in folders by Monday 2 May.
	Info to CIS	Thursday 12 May
	Final approvals	Wednesday 29 June
	Print	Thursday 30 June
	Delivery to Distributors	Friday 08 Jul

The editorial group will be meeting on the 14th of April 1pm- 3pm at Goldthorpe Library. The Dearne Area team have already send out a request for articles and ideas from members and the community at large.

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting:

Agenda Item 7

**Report of Dearne Area
Council Manager**

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and review of the priorities.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne North and South Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 The Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting was held on the 20th January 2016. The self-improvement and assessment plans were agreed and flood/resilience plans were discussed. Applications were approved and consideration has been given to purchasing a container to store flood/resilience equipment.
- 4.2 The Dearne North Ward Alliance was held on the 12th January 2016. The Alliance discussed the various events taking place and the allocation of finances in order to deal with any emergency.

Appendix One: Dearne South Ward Alliance Meeting notes

Appendix Two: Dearne North Ward Alliance Meeting notes

The reporting into the Dearne Area Council, of the Ward Alliance notes is in line with the approved Council protocols. The notes are for information only.

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Dearne South Community Board

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Community Board Meeting
Date & Time:	20th January 2015 @ 11am
Location:	Prospect Road Community Centre

Attendees	Apologies
Ann Toy, Andy Cole, Cllr Sharon Brooke, Cllr Sixsmith, Alan George, Graham Jarvis, Vicky, Observer - Bob	Alyson Sykes, Angie Kelly, Lisa Lyon, Charlotte Johnson

1. Minutes of last meeting	Action/Decision	Action lead
Minutes agreed as a true record.		ALL
2. Community Resilience plans and Flood Plan	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>The board considered the contents of the Resilience plan and discussed the need to identify more flood wardens and ensure the plan is available and distributed to relevant groups.</p> <p>Ann gave an update on the container to be used to store flood items. Cllr Sixsmith, Alan and the Dearne Area team carried out a site visit at the renaissance centre which will be the location.</p> <p>The container will be funded through the Devolved Ward Budget.</p> <p>Derek Bell agreed to send a list of suggested items to store in the container. Lisa to chase.</p> <p>Resilience Plan accepted.</p>	<p>Lisa to chase Derek Bell for flood container list</p> <p>Cllr Sixsmith/Ann/Lisa – confirm costs for container. Devolved Ward Budget form</p>	ALL
3. Action plan and Priority Setting Agreed	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Action plan re-visited following amendments and additions from last meeting.</p> <p>The board was asked to think about encouraging new members and continue bringing project ideas, suggestions and updates to the meeting.</p>	All agreed	ALL

4. Ward Alliance & Funding Applications		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>a. Crafty Sew and Sews – bid distributed amongst members of the Alliance, general discussion took place. This is the first time the group has applied to the Ward Alliance funding. Two members of the group attended the Funding Advice workshop prior to completing the application form.</p> <p>b. Project Monitoring</p>	<p>Alan George declared and interest and the bid was agreed</p> <p>Deferred</p>	ALL
5. Budget Update / Treasurers report		Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Alan informed the group that there was £1172.80 left in the Working Fund.</p> <p>There is £3768.00 balance in the Ward Alliance Pot and £4527.62 in the Devolved Ward Budget. The Devolved Ward Budget needs to be allocated and committed before the end of March 16. There is no carry forward on this budget.</p>			<p>Alan George</p> <p>Ann Toy</p>
6. Any other business		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Ann informed the group of the Celebration Event to be held on the 13th June 2016. The Celebration Event is being organised by the Dearne Area team in recognition of the great work being delivered across the Dearne.</p> <p>Ann informed the group that there is a Clean for the Queen Campaign which links to Keep Britain Tidy on the 4th 5th and 6th March. Ann asked if anyone knew of any events to let her know as we could support the group with bags and advertising.</p>	<p>All noted the date</p> <p>BODVAG will be doing a litter pick on Mansion Field on the 5th March 2016.</p>	<p>Ann Toy</p> <p>Ann Toy</p>
7. Suggested dates and times of next meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead

	<p>Meetings to be held at Prospect Road Community Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th April 2016 at 11am • 25th May 2016 at 5pm • 6th July 2016 at 11am • 17th August 2016 at 5pm • 28th September 2016 at 11am • 9th November 2016 at 5pm • 14th December 2016 at 11am 		
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Dearne North Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	12 th January 2016– 10am
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Jen Worton, Cllr Annette Gollick, Pauline Phillips, Derek Bramham, Alison Sykes, and Marie Sinclair (BMBC)	Cllr Alan Gardiner, Charlotte Williams & David Perry

	Action/Decision	Action lead																																																		
<div>1. Welcomes & introductions</div> <div>2. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising</div> <p>Derek Bramham to be added to the attendance (error)</p> <p>Pauline stated the bins are ready for installation which she is hoping they will be completed by spring, she will liaise with Jo Birch from Parks</p> <div>3. Finance update</div> <p>The latest balance for the WA is £3157.13</p> <table><tr><th>Name of Project/Organisation</th><th>Group Contact</th><th>Value requested</th><th>Grant Awarded</th><th>Priority</th></tr><tr><td>The Ship FC</td><td>Amanda Gear</td><td>£780.00</td><td>£780.00</td><td>Quality of Life / Youth Provision</td></tr><tr><td>Thurnscoe Institutue Cricket Club</td><td>Mark Newton</td><td>£1,620.00</td><td>£1,620.00</td><td>Quality of Life / Youth Provision</td></tr><tr><td>Thurnscoe Park</td><td>Pauline Phillips</td><td>£3,500.00</td><td>£3,500.00</td><td>Pride in Dearne North</td></tr><tr><td>Church Street Close Social Club</td><td>Doreen Thompson</td><td>£264.00</td><td>£264.00</td><td>Quality of Life</td></tr><tr><td>Dearne Memorial Group</td><td>Peter Shields</td><td>£666.00</td><td>£666.00</td><td>Pride in Dearne North</td></tr><tr><td>Community Get Together</td><td>Mavis Kitchen</td><td>£300.00</td><td>£200.00</td><td>Quality of Life / Youth Provision</td></tr><tr><td>Remembering battle of the Somme</td><td>Jemma Conway</td><td>£335.72</td><td>£335.72</td><td>Youth Provision</td></tr><tr><td>Hickleton Bowling Club</td><td>Wendy Ascroft</td><td>£1,416.00</td><td>£1,416.00</td><td>Pride in Dearne North / Quality of Life</td></tr><tr><td>Winter Warmth Programme</td><td>Alison Sykes</td><td>£2,000.00</td><td>£2,000.00</td><td>Quality of Life</td></tr></table> <div>4. Transfer of monies into working fund</div> <p>It was agreed to transfer £2000 into the Dearne North Working Fund to enable the group to access money faster in emergency situations, i.e. floods, snow or any other issues that need to be addressed quickly. The group had a discussion on how access to the funding could be drawn, with agreement of ensuring that any monies requested would need to fall in with the key priorities in Dearne North.</p> <div>5. Updates from Community Groups</div> <p>Thurnscoe Park – excellent work from Twiggs with the installation of the compost bins and integration with the community.</p> <p>Monies raised from the Christmas event will help pay for wildflower bed, green manure and seeds before the Barnsley in Bloom commences. Pauline has recruited new volunteers locally to help each week and will feed back for monitoring</p>	Name of Project/Organisation	Group Contact	Value requested	Grant Awarded	Priority	The Ship FC	Amanda Gear	£780.00	£780.00	Quality of Life / Youth Provision	Thurnscoe Institutue Cricket Club	Mark Newton	£1,620.00	£1,620.00	Quality of Life / Youth Provision	Thurnscoe Park	Pauline Phillips	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	Pride in Dearne North	Church Street Close Social Club	Doreen Thompson	£264.00	£264.00	Quality of Life	Dearne Memorial Group	Peter Shields	£666.00	£666.00	Pride in Dearne North	Community Get Together	Mavis Kitchen	£300.00	£200.00	Quality of Life / Youth Provision	Remembering battle of the Somme	Jemma Conway	£335.72	£335.72	Youth Provision	Hickleton Bowling Club	Wendy Ascroft	£1,416.00	£1,416.00	Pride in Dearne North / Quality of Life	Winter Warmth Programme	Alison Sykes	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Quality of Life	<p>Marie updated the notes accordingly</p> <p>Form to be completed asap</p>	<p>Marie</p>
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<p>for finance/volunteer hours update.</p> <p>Cllr Worton said that the flowers outside Barnsley Town Hall are always removed and then given to local communities for free.</p> <p>Pauline would also like to have signage for the park, with notes about the various wildlife that is in the park, to encourage people to walk in and take a good look around, whilst educating the little ones on what to look for and how to look after nature.</p> <p><u>Big Local</u> – update on photo competition winner from Station House for his overhead photo of lots of children with hands together like a tree growing upwards and then branching out. Derek wanted to say a big well done to all who took part and the display of all the photos are in Thurnscoe Library for all to see.</p> <p>Big Local AGM 18th February Rainbow Centre at 6.30pm – everyone invited.</p> <p>Green Space meeting to ensure the green spaces in Thurnscoe are utilized but maintained to a good standard in the first place.</p> <p>Derek & Alison are meeting with South Yorkshire Transport to look at the Community transport initiative with costings and logistics, will report back to next meeting.</p> <p>Feedback from the 2nd newsletter has been excellent, next articles need to be in to Alison before 12th February, spread the word.</p> <p>Sunday 20th March BLT is holding a 'Thurnscoe Show' hoping to encourage local community groups & businesses to come along and show what produce & services they provide. Alison asked if Salvation Army could help in any way, Derek was keen to support this.</p> <p>Hoping to announce the small grants up to £250, criteria and priorities to be agreed at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Salvation Army</u> – Alison thanked the Alliance for the generous contribution to the winter warmth programme and stated many families had benefited from this, with many more requiring it when temperatures drop again.</p> <p>Yorkshire Housing (Stay Put) handy man service which is free for anyone who is in financial difficulties or attending the salvation army, under self-referrals scheme. Posters and fliers to be handed out and publicity through the Dearne FB & social media.</p> <p>National Energy advice is holding a one off session at the Salvation Army to help people to understand their tariffs, electric & gas bills or to simply swap companies - 25th January at 10am</p> <p>Alison also wanted to thank the ASDA in Thurnscoe for their continued generosity these past few months with loads of food & household supplies helping the families in the Dearne, a positive outcome from a community supermarket.</p> <p>Birthday box is the next initiative for the families in the Dearne to enable every child to have a gift on their birthday, whether is a game, board games, a teddy. Donations will be required, Alison will advertise on social media but needs help with donations for this to happen, the WA all agreed to look at donating some themselves and from the groups around. Marie will ask for donations on FB & twitter too. Also if any cake making residents are up for doing a spot of baking, cakes would be a great gift too.</p> <p>Job club is going from strength to strength with 16 – 20 people attending regular sessions to seek local employment.</p> <p>The weekly food bank has seen a decrease this winter however there are still 80 families from the whole of the Dearne using the food bank regular.</p>		
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<p>6. Young people's project</p> <p>Barnsley in Bloom – young people can assist in bulb planting, seeds and general maintenance</p> <p>Salvation Army working with girl guides/brownies on the seasons project</p> <p>7. Dates for diaries</p> <p>Big Local Thurnscoe Thursday 14th at 5pm, Thurnscoe Library</p> <p>Big Local Thurnscoe environmental sub group (first meeting) 3pm Thurnscoe Library</p> <p>8. AOB</p>		
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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 4th April 2016**

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Update on Ward Alliance Fund and Devolved Ward budget spend

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform Members about agreed spend to date from Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne Area.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Dearne Area Council receives the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.**

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to Devolved Budget and Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).
- 3.2 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4.0 Commitments to Date

- 4.1 Appendix one shows a breakdown of committed spends from April 2015 to March 2016. The report includes the total allocations and projects for 2015/16 by Ward and by fund.
- 4.2 To date the Dearne North Ward has allocated £9,659.79 of its £10,109.49 Devolved Ward Budget leaving £449.70 unallocated. The Dearne North Ward Alliance has allocated £13,869.51 of its £13,938.85 Ward Alliance budget leaving £69.34 in the budget to spend on Dearne North projects.
- 4.3 The Dearne South Ward has a DWB allocation of £9,600.14 to allocate due to an over-spend of £399.86 in the 2014-15 financial year. They have committed £9600.65 of this Devolved Ward Budget allocation, over spent by £ 0.54p. The Dearne South Ward has allocated £8732.00 of its £13,660.80 Ward Alliance allocation leaving £4593.08 unallocated. Applications are already being considered for the remaining amount.

5.0 Appendices

Appendix One: Dearne North and South Ward Alliance and Devolved Ward Budget update.

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Dearne Area Council (April 2016) Update

Devolved Ward Budget Overview

The Dearne Area Council has a Devolved Ward Budget grant allocation of £19,709.63 for the 2015-2016 financial year.

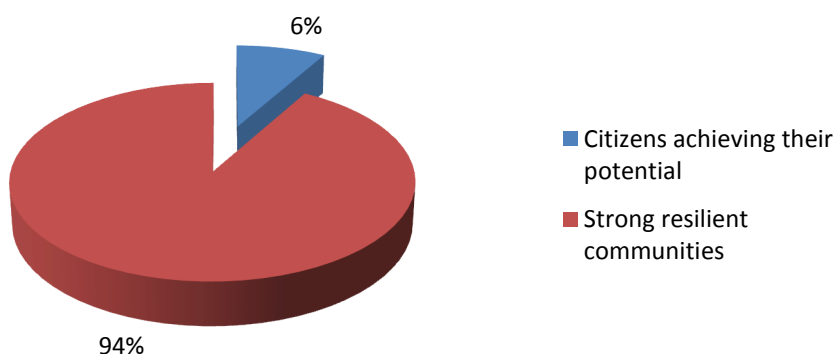
This allocation, broken down by Ward below, is made up of a £10,000 allocation for 2015-2016, and a subtraction of £290.37 from an over-commitment from the 2014-2015 financial year.

2015/2016 DEVOLVED WB	Carry Forward 2014-15	2015-16 allocation	Full 2015-16 Allocation
DEARNE	- £ 290.37	£ 20,000.00	£ 19,709.63
Dearne North	£ 109.49	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,109.49
Dearne South	- £ 399.86	£ 10,000.00	£ 9,600.14

To date, the Dearne Area Council has allocated £14,632.37 of its £19,709.63 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, with £11,007 of this commitment being charged.

2015/2016 DEVOLVED WB	Allocation	Committed spend	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
DEARNE	£ 19,709.63	£ 16,632.47	£ 11,007.00	£ 3,077.16
Dearne North	£ 10,109.49	£ 9,659.79	£ 5,990.61	£ 449.70
Dearne South	£ 9,600.14	£ 9,600.68	£ 4,903.50	-£ 0.54

A breakdown of how these allocations for both the Dearne North and South wards support the Corporate plan priorities is below:



To date, the Dearne North Ward has allocated £9,659.79 of its £10,109.49 Devolved Ward Budget allocation. To date, £5,990.61 of this has been charged to the Ward.

Devolved Ward Budget Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Safety for elderly with the aid of rollators	£650.00	£650.00	£9,459.49
Clean up of Tudor Street Carpark	£437.11	£437.11	£9,022.38
Replacement bin at Cooplands Bakery in Thurnscoe	£350.00		£8,672.38
Bulky Rubbish collection (50:50 split with Dearne South)	£500.00		£8,172.38
Fit Reds Programme (50:50 split with Dearne South)	£1,903.50	£1,903.50	£6,268.88
Children's School holidays & after school activities (50:50 split with Dearne South)	£500.00	£500.00	£5,768.88
Transforming the Dearne Playhouse (50:50 split with Dearne South)	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£3,268.88
Removal of trees in Thurnscoe Park	£1,250.00		£2,018.88
Enhance children's creativity Christmas 2015 (split 50:50 with Dearne South)	£190.00		£1,828.88
Environmental Equipment for community use (split 50:50 with Dearne South)	£379.18		£1,449.70
Bulky Rubbish collection Phase 2 (50:50 split with Dearne South)	£500.00		£949.70
Bulky Rubbish collection Phase 3 (50:50 split with Dearne South)	£500.00		£449.70

To date, the Dearne South Ward has an allocation of £9,600.14 to allocate due to an overspend of £399.86 in the 2014-15 financial year. They have committed £9,600.68 of this Devolved Ward Budget allocation. To date, £4,903.50 of this has been charged to the Ward.

Devolved Ward Budget Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Bulky Rubbish collection (50:50 split with Dearne North)	£500.00		£9,100.14
Fit Reds Programme (50:50 split with Dearne North)	£1,903.50	£1,903.50	£7,196.64
Children's School holidays & after school activities (50:50 split with Dearne North)	£500.00	£500.00	£6,696.64
Transforming the Dearne Playhouse (50:50 split with Dearne North)	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£4,196.64
Enhance children's creativity Christmas 2015 (split 50:50 with Dearne South)	£190.00		£4,006.64
Environmental Equipment for community use (split 50:50 with Dearne North)	£379.18		£3,627.46
Bulky Rubbish collection Phase 2 (50:50 split with Dearne North)	£500.00		£3,127.46
Bulky Rubbish collection Phase 3 (50:50 split with Dearne North)	£500.00		£2,627.46
Residents Blitz Day	£900.00		£1,727.46
New bin installation & maintenance at Dearne Road	£1,728.00		-£0.54

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview (Includes Public Health Funds)

The Dearne Area Council's Ward Alliance has a Ward Alliance grant allocation of £27,599.65 for the 2015-2016 financial year.

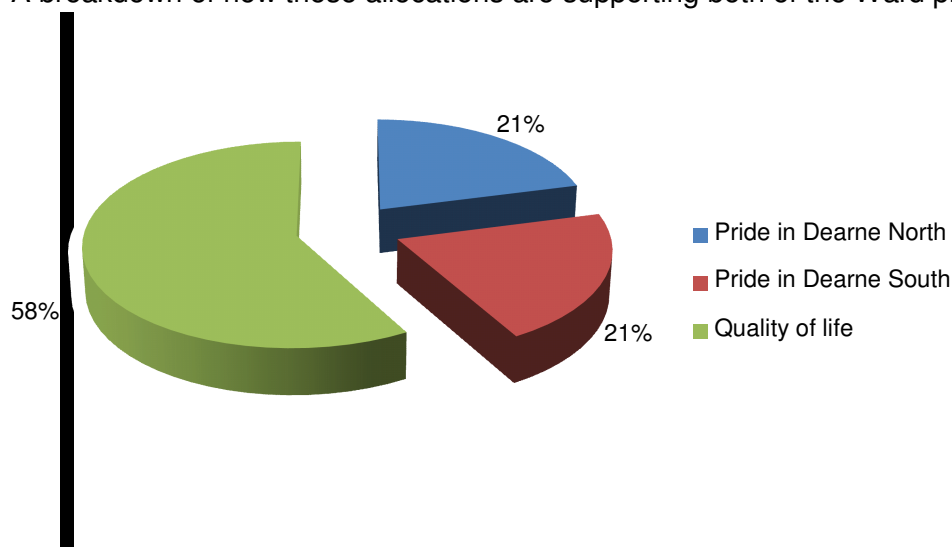
This allocation, broken down by Ward below, is made up of a £20,000 allocation for 2015-2016, and carry forward allocation of £7,599.65 from the 2014-2015 financial year.

2015/2016 Ward Alliance	Carry Forward 2014-15	2015-16 allocation	Full 2015-16 Allocation
DEARNE	£ 7,599.65	£20,000.00	£ 27,599.65
Dearne North	£ 3,938.85	£10,000.00	£ 13,938.85
Dearne South	£ 3,660.80	£10,000.00	£ 13,660.80

To date, the Dearne Area Council's Ward Alliances have allocated £22,601.51 of their £27,599.65 Ward Alliance allocation, with £3,900 of this commitment being charged.

2015/2016 Ward Alliance	Allocation	Committed spend	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
DEARNE	£ 27,599.65	£ 22,937.23	£ 14,262.00	£ 4,662.42
Dearne North	£ 13,938.85	£ 13,869.51	£ 5,530.00	£ 69.34
Dearne South	£ 13,660.80	£ 9,067.72	£ 8,732.00	£ 4,593.08

A breakdown of how these allocations are supporting both of the Ward priorities is below:



The Dearne North Ward has allocated £13,869.51 of its £13,938.85 Ward Alliance allocation. The Dearne North Ward has £1,267.25 of Public Health Funds remaining which is included in the total allocation for 2015/16.

The projects declared a total number of 2555 volunteer hours, which equates to the equivalent monetary value of £28,334.95

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
The Ship – Setup & continuation (Split 50:50 with Dearne South)	£ 780.00	£780.00	£13,158.85
Thurnscoe Institute Cricket – Sight Screen	£ 1,620.00	£1,620.00	£11,538.85
Thurnscoe Flower Park	£3,500.00		£8,038.85
Church St Close Social Club – Community Wellbeing & social activity	£264.00	£264.00	£7,774.85
Hickelton Bowling Club – Update service/grounds	£1,416.00		£6,358.85
Chestnut Grove Saving Club – Community get together	£200.00	£200.00	£6,158.85
Salvation Army – Winter warmth project	£2,000.00		£4,158.85
Dearne Memorial Group – Miner's Memorial bench	£666.00	£666.00	£3,492.85
Remembering the Battle of the Somme	£335.72		£3,157.13
Dearne Working Fund	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£1,157.13
The Rainbow Centre Display Boards	£1,087.79		£69.34

The Dearne South Ward has allocated £9,067.72 of its £13,660.80 Ward Alliance allocation. The Dearne South Ward has no Public Health Funds remaining.

The projects declared a total number of 1508 volunteer hours, which equates to the equivalent monetary value of £16,723.72

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Comrades FC – Second Hand Mower	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£12,160.80
Dearne Cricket Club – Maintenance of cricket field grounds	£1,300.00	£1,300.00	£10,860.80
Prospect Road Community Group – Community activities	£3,432.00	£3,432.00	£7,428.80
Crafty Sew and sews	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£4,928.80
Remembering the Battle of the Somme	£335.72		£4,593.08

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