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DATE:	Monday, 6 June 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), Gardiner, Gollick, Johnson, Philips and Sixsmith MBE

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MINUTES

Present Councillors Noble (Chair), Gollick and Worton.

43 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

44 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 25th January, 2016 (Dac.04.04.2016/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 25th January, 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

45 Dearne Area Council Performance Update (Dac.04.04.2016/3)

The Head of Transport and Highways, and the Group Manager, Network Management and Resilience were welcomed to the meeting to discuss the delivery and performance of their service in the area. Members heard how their service was moving from a 'Worst First' prioritisation method towards a services led by intelligence provided by condition surveys, which informed the most efficient use of resources.

It was noted that surveying of all roads was currently underway, which would inform a short, medium and long term strategy for the maintenance of highways. This was expected to go live for the 2017/18 financial year, with a transitional plan for 2016/17.

Members noted that reports of defects would still be considered and dealt according to their urgency.

The meeting discussed a number of areas where the team could assist the Area Council, including signage in the area.

Members noted proposed changes improve the efficiency of how the service dealt with ad-hoc requests from Parish Councils, Area Councils, Councillors etc. It was suggested that there be an annual 'window' where applications could be considered, with the highest priority schemes being added to the capital programme for the service in the next financial year.

The Area Council Manager updated Members on the performance of services commissioned by the Area Council currently being delivered in the area.

It was noted that the Training For Employment contract had ended on the 31st March, 2016. A final report was being prepared and would be considered by the Area Council at its meeting on 6th June, 2016. Members questioned the ownership of the assets purchased by the project, and it was noted that these remained owned by the Council, but were currently being used by volunteers at the Salvation Army to provide assistance with basic job search.

With regards to the Environmental Enforcement Service, Members noted that since the start of the contract until 10th March, 2016, 717 notices had been issued, with 531 being for littering, 55 for dog fouling and 131 for parking. This had resulted in £25,552.95 of revenue raised which would be returned to the Area Council.

Members received an update on the performance of the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance. All actions since the previous monitoring meeting had been completed and Twiggs had engaged 14 businesses to date.

It was noted that Twiggs had worked with 13 established groups on clean up campaigns and led three social action projects. Members heard how 209 bags of waste had been collected and 76 litter picks undertaken. Members commented how the impact of the project was now being seen wider, with residents now more likely to pick litter themselves.

Although there had not been any formal monitoring of the Housing Enforcement SLA, it was noted that for January and February, 2016 there had been 103 contacts with the service, 17 of which were from vulnerable households. Of 16 requests for action from private landlords it was noted that only one had required a formal notice.

Members discussed the media presence in the area, acknowledging that though the Council does support residents in private rented accommodation, most of the issues raised are the responsibility of the landlord or agent.

RESOLVED

- (i) that staff from Highways be thanked for their contribution;
- (ii) that the progress of the Area Council commissions be noted.

46 Update on the Dearne Development Fund (Dac.04.04.2016/4)

An update on the Dearne Development Fund was provided by the Area Council Manager.

Members were reminded that £80,000 was allocated to the Dearne Development Fund in September, 2015 and subsequently applications were invited. A panel met to discuss 21 applications in November, 2015 and subsequently 9 were approved, to a total value of £77, 646.

Members noted that one application was to provide match funding from Sport England, and the outcome of this was still pending. Therefore £62,646 would be allocated from the 2015/16 budget.

The meeting considered each of the 9 applications approved and noted the monitoring information provided by 4 of the projects to date.

It was noted that the Salvation Army had distributed 31 winter packs and engaged 12 volunteers. Goldthorpe Development Group had held 2 health and wellbeing events, with 21 volunteers working on both events.

The Dial drop in service had seen high levels of demand with 48 enquiries, the majority of which being related to benefits. Dearne Electronic Community Village had also high levels of demand with 22 individuals accessing the project against a target of 20.

RESOLVED that the continued progress of the Dearne Development Fund be noted.

47 Dearne Area Council Update on Financial Position, Procurement, and Health and Jobs Skills and Training Workshops (Dac.04.04.2016/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, drawing attention to the current financial position for the Area Council at the end of the financial year. Of the £255,428 available in 2015/16, £262,257 had been spent. This left a deficit of £6,819 to carry forward to 2016/17. However, taking into account the income from Fixed Penalty Notices of £25,522.95, there was £18,793.95 to carry forward to 2016/17.

After taking into account that £52,846 had already been allocated in 2016/17, the figure remaining was £165,847.95.

With regards to the procurement of an Environmental Enforcement Service, Members noted that the tender evaluation was completed on 22nd January, 2016, and that two providers were interviewed in late January. The meeting heard how Kingdom Security had been the preferred provider and the contract with them commenced on 1st April, 2016.

The meeting received feedback from the Health Workshop held on 4th February, 2016. 25 practitioners, officers and residents attended. Data relating to health in the area and current services being provided were considered.

Members noted the work planned to map provision in the area and identify any gaps in service where the Area Council may wish to intervene. It was noted that the CCG was looking to extend its social prescribing pilot which may dovetail with the work of the Area Council. It was also acknowledged that the workshop would also inform the health theme of the Dearne Approach.

The meeting considered the outcome of the Jobs, Skills and Training Workshop, held on 7th March, 2016. This had highlighted the significant amount of support available in the area, and it was noted that this would lead to mapping of the provision, the development of an action plan and potentially the production of a local directory.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the financial position for the Area Council be noted;
- (ii) the progress made in commissioning an Environmental Enforcement Service from 1st April, 2016 be noted and;
- (iii) the feedback from the Health, and Jobs, Skills, and Training workshops be noted.

48 Community Magazine (Dac.04.04.2016/6)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. It was noted that an editorial group had been established in order to assist with the production of the first edition of the Community Magazine, which would be reconvened for the second edition. This group was scheduled to meet on the 14th April, 2016, and Members were encouraged to contact the Area Council Manager with any ideas should they not be able to attend.

Members noted the timescales within the report, with articles to be submitted to Communications by 2nd May and the magazine going to print on 30th June, 2016.

RESOLVED that the timescales for the production of the Community Magazine be noted.

49 Notes from the Ward Alliances (Dac.04.04.2016/7)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 12th January, 2016 and Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 20th January, 2016.

With regards to the Dearne North Ward Alliance, attention was drawn to a number of events being organised in the area. Praise was given regarding the finance update provided at every meeting of the alliance.

With reference to Dearne South Ward Alliance, Members noted discussion on the Community Resilience and Flood Plans, including the location of a container to be used as a flood store.

RESOLVED that the notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

50 Report on the Use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.04.04.2016/8)

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager. Attention was drawn to the amounts of finance unallocated at the time of writing the reports.

For Dearne North £449.70 of Devolved Ward Budget remained unallocated, with £69.34 of the Ward Alliance Fund to be carried forward to the 2016/17 financial year.

For Dearne South the Devolved Ward Budget had been overspent by 54p, with £4,593.08 of Ward Alliance Fund to be carried forward to the 2016/17 financial year.

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

51 Appreciation of Retiring Councillors

The Chair took the opportunity to thank Councillors Brook and Worton, praising their work as Councillors and contribution to the Area Council, and wishing them a long and happy retirement.

Chair

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 6th June 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 commissions and services paid for through the Dearne Development Fund.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Dearne members note the progress of the three Dearne Area Council commissions and service level agreement with BMBC as set out in appendix one.

2.2 That Dearne members note the progress of the Dearne Development Fund applicants as set out in part c of appendix one

3.0 Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)

3.1 **Part A** of the Dearne Council Performance report provides Dearne Area Council members with an overview of how all the Dearne Area Council commissions, Service Level Agreement (SLA) and services funded through the Dearne development fund are assisting in meeting future council priorities. Part A also details how the Dearne Area Council commissions are performing against the set indicators.

Contracted service providers:

- VAB- Skills and learning for work
- Kingdom Security – Environmental Enforcement
- Twiggs- Clean and green

Service Level agreement:

- BMBC-Safer Communities Service –Providing a Private Sector Housing Management and Enforcement service

Dearne Development Fund

- Dearne allotment
- Goldthorpe Development Group
- DIAL- drop in advice
- Salvation Army
- Dearne Electronic Community Village- Silver Surfers

- Dearne Electronic Community Village- Workability
- Dearne Valley Bulldogs
- Therapies for anxiety and depression

3.2 **Part B** provides Dearne Area Council members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services and SLA. The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from commissioned services following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings. In addition to the information provided in the summary reports, more detailed information is available on request, including case studies with photographs for each contracted service, and some performance data on a ward basis.

3.3 **Part C** provides the Dearne Area Council with a progress update of the services/groups awarded finances through the Dearne Development Fund.

3.4 **Performance Report –Issues**

The 3 Dearne Area Council contracts and the Service Level Agreement with BMBC's Safer Communities Service continue to perform satisfactorily with no significant issues identified.

The 9 Dearne Development Fund Projects have also got off to a very positive start. However RAG ratings have not been provided for these services and not all of the services will have provided monitoring information at this point. Some providers submit their information quarterly and the report returns are not in sync with the deadline for area council papers.

4.0 **Appendices**

Appendix One: Performance report

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DEARNE AREA COUNCIL Performance Report

January – March 2016



Introduction

Dearne Area Council Priorities



Table 1 below shows the Providers that have been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Dearne Area Council.

	Service	Provider	Contract Value/length	Contract start date
Skills and learning for work	Training for employment	VAB and Dearne Electronic village	£75,000, 1 year extended until end of March 2016 for a further £37,000	October 2014- contract now ended
Environment	Environmental enforcement	Kingdom security		August 2014- New contract started April 2016
Environment	Private sector housing enforcement	BMBC	1 year	November 2015-March 2017
Environment	Clean and Tidy	Twiggs	£75,000 1 year	September 2015

PART A - OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

The Dearne Area Council commissions also contribute to the Councils overall priorities of thriving vibrant economy, stronger resilient communities and citizens achieving their potential. The achievement of the outcomes which includes the figures from the Dearne Development fund are listed in table's below:

*Targets are only set for commissioned services and not through the Dearne Development Fund. The tables below include the total figures for the skills and learning contract.

Thriving and Vibrant Economy

Outcome Indicators	Target	Achieved to date
No. of FTE jobs created and recruited to	6	6
No. of PT/sessional jobs created and recruited to	1	5
No. of people gaining local employment	20	57
No. of apprentice and placement created and recruited to	1	1
No. of group/service match funded	-	4
Local spend (average across all contracts)	88%	95%

Stronger resilient communities

Outcome Indicators	Target	Achieved to date
No. of adult volunteers engaged	5	61
No. of young people engaged in volunteering	5	16
No. of new volunteers	-	9
No. of community groups supported	4	18
No. residents educated (online)	20	22

Citizens achieving their potential

Outcome Indicators	Target	Achieved to date
No. residents achieving qualification	32	97
No. residents educated (littering)	10	24
No. of residents receiving advice and support	-	346
No. of residents referred to health advice	-	13
No. of young people pre mental health service intervention	-	5

To date three contracts and one Service Level Agreement (SLA) with BMBC have formally completed their contract monitoring/contract management reporting. The following tables therefore reflect the overview of performance of **four contracts**. These contracts are based on the Dearne Area Council priorities. Note: the skills and learning for work contract ended the end of March 2016. . These contracts are:

Skills and Learning for work-VAB, DECV

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
Increase the level of local recruitment by local businesses	4	38
Reduce Unemployment (a minimum of 20 people to gain employment through this project)	20	57
Number of learners achieving qualification	32	97

*Figures over the whole contract period

Environment: Enforcement- Kingdom

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
Patrol Hours completed	408	480
No of litter and dog fouling operations	8	10
No of litter and dog fouling FPNs issued	-	121
No of parking PCNs issued	-	4
Payment rate for dog fouling and litter FPNs		76%
Income	-	4,397
Local spend	85%	100%

Environment: Housing Enforcement -BMBC

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
Initial contacts made	165	215
Vulnerable households identified	11	22
Number of requests for action to landlords	11	37
Legal prosecutions	2	5
CPN written warnings issued	17	25
Households supported with waste/recycling	-	25
Local spend	90%	95%

Environment: Clean and Tidy -Twiggs







Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
Twiggs social action events	1	1
Community groups supported	4	18
Resident education sessions	10	24
School education sessions	1	1
Residents taking responsibility for areas	2	2
Local business engagement	6	6
Local spend	90%	90%

PART B - SUMMARY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR EACH SERVICE

Skills and Learning for Work – Final contract monitoring report received April 2016.

Skills and learning

Growing the economy

	RAG
Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	
Milestones achieved	
Outcome indicator targets met	
Social value targets met	
Satisfactory spend and financial information	
Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	

During January – March 2016 108 new clients accessed the service with many of them securing an ITC level 3 qualifications, assistance with CV and advice with regards interview skills. During this period referrals had increased significantly.

The figures stated in the overview above are for the full contract period. Therefore In the 18 months the service was operational 57 people have now entered employment.

38 people have entered local employment and 3 people have been volunteering on the project. The volunteers will continue to provide assistance at the Salvation Army now that the contract has ended.

Based on the theory that each person going into employment was previously claiming job seekers allowance £73.10, the social return on each participant gaining employment would be an economic saving of £292 per month. £292 (JSA per month) x 57 (participants) = £16,644 (savings per month) If all of the individuals stayed in employment for 12 months the social return on investment for those individuals would be £1,99,728 This is a very basic costing the wider social return on investment is predicted to be much higher

Case Study One

LL, received CV and benefits support from the service at the Embankment centre, as well as on going help with her confidence and anxiety. We first met **LL** at the Employment Fair in June at the Playhouse. **LL** was someone who again had never worked and suffered with severe mental health problems. We worked with her applying for apprenticeships in animal care and looking as to what training she could do also in this field. She didn't actively use the service after her first initial few meetings and after we did her CV, although we kept in touch regularly. We were integral to helping improve the confidence she was lacking, which she then used to start to pursue further training and activities on her own. She undertook training at Northern College in peer mentoring, which then gave her the motivation she need to find herself a job, which she has now gone on and done, and is now working at Capita part time.

Case Study Two







I can't believe what I've achieved in a relatively short space of time. I never had the confidence or belief I could do my passion as a job. This is now becoming a reality. We went from looking for warehouse work to working on a business plan! Rory has really helped me in all aspects of this journey. I'm especially pleased with the way the website is turning out. Thanks Rory!

Environmental Enforcement- Kingdom Security

Quarter 4 report received on the 14th April 2016

Environment

Growing the Economy

	RAG
Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	
Milestones achieved	
Outcome indicator targets met	
Social value targets met	
Satisfactory spend and financial information	
Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	

The monitoring report for the quarter January to March 2016 was submitted late by Kingdom, and as a result of this the contract monitoring/management meeting planned to take place on 14th April 2016 had to be rescheduled. The rescheduled meeting took place on 28th April 2016. The red RAG rating reflects this.







As illustrated in the table above, there is overall satisfaction that Kingdom is Performing well and is making good progress in line with the contract, despite the late submission of the monitoring information. Although it is not possible to set targets for Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued, it can be reported that during the period January - March 2016, there were 121 FPN's issued and 4 PCN for parking. Of these, 96 were for littering and 25 for dog fouling.

DEARNE	FPN Littering	FPN Dog Fouling	PCN Parking	total	Dearne North	Dearne South
Week 04/01/16	10	0	0	10	7	3
Week 11/01/16	10	0	0	10	6	4
Week 18/01/16	6	0	0	6	4	2
Week 25/01/16	14	3	0	17	11	6
Week 01/02/16	4	0	0	4	3	1
Week 08/02/16	10	0	2	12	9	3
Week 15/02/16	8	0	0	8	4	4
Week 22/02/16	2	2	1	5	3	2
Week 29/02/16	5	12	0	17	10	7
Week 07/03/16	5	4	1	10	8	2
Week 14/03/16	14	2	0	16	11	5
Week 21/03/16	5	2	0	7	5	2
Week 28-31/03/16	3	0	0	3	3	0
Total	96	25	4	125	84	41

The Revenue Raised thus far for this quarter (Feb & March) is £4,397.00. A two week Dog Foul operation was generated from complaints where all officers concentrated on this aspect of our work. All officers were directed throughout the borough spending equal amount of officer's hours in each regional area. Officers were in a combination of plain clothes and Uniforms during this period. Although other tickets were issued during this operation, 32 FPN's for Dog Fouling were issued during this operation with 14 being issued in the Dearne area.

'Litter Picking' days for juveniles within the community who have committed the offence is a little haphazard at the moment and Kingdom are looking to a new relationship with the volunteer Clean up teams to assist with generating days for the restorative restoration scheme to be included. The contract dates and report returns have all been set for this year between the area manager and Kingdom officers.

Environment- Private Sector Housing (SLA) **Enforcement – BMBC** Quarter 4 report submitted 29th April 2016

Growing the Economy		RAG
	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	
Environment	Milestones achieved	
	Outcome indicator targets met	
	Social value targets met	
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	
Improving Health		

A comprehensive monitoring report for January to March 2016 was submitted by the Safer Communities Service on the scheduled date however the subsequent contract management/monitoring meeting was cancelled and had to be rescheduled for a later date, hence the amber RAG rating.

The main objective is to contribute towards creating and sustaining safe and pleasant communities within private sector housing in the Dearne Area Council area. They do this by proactively case managing issues that have a detrimental effect on others in the locality and by identifying and protecting our most vulnerable tenants and residents.

Two people are employed through this contract and they work with families and individuals, getting to know the communities and getting access to homes that previously have not had the benefit of any kind of support. We are identifying problems and issues and using effective risk assessment to decide on the most appropriate responses.

During the months January to March, 2016 the service dealt with **215** complaints, queries and requests for service, advice and referrals. Some of these were dealt on an informal basis, either speaking to the tenant/occupier or just sending a general advice letter; others went to more formal action. 22 vulnerable households were identified and supported.

Additional update.

At the end of March a Landlord rang to say that rats had gained entry into her property again and she wanted some help and advice as to how these could be eradicated. A visit was made and her handyman was met on site. In the empty property he showed us a drawer which had a mummified rat in and that he said that when he pulled it open the other week, baby rats jumped out. There were new holes from when he went in last time. The bait boxes had been emptied of all poison. The downstairs toilet had no water in and there were considerable accumulations of rat droppings around the cistern. Inspection of the drain outside of the property was carried out and rat droppings were found inside.

Contact was made with Barnsley Council's Pest Control team who stated that Yorkshire Water had been treating the sewers along William Street and also Highgate Lane as there is also a rat infestation along there we are dealing with and that bait had been taken. Yorkshire Water will keep treating until the infestation had been eradicated. The staff advised the Landlord of the property on William Street to keep on putting poison down in the property.



*rat droppings



*mummified rat in drawer

Case Study – Filthy & Verminous Premises.

William Street, Highgate.

A Member of Parliament complaint was received from a resident on William Street, Highgate, with regard to empty property next door harbouring rats in the house and garage and that they were gaining access into her property. The complainant had also given an interview in the South Yorkshire Weekender. A visit was made to the complainant along with her next door neighbour on the other side of her who also complained that she had them inside too.

At the time of the visit the complainant and her neighbour had waste accumulations to the rear of their properties and they were informed that these needed to be removed as soon as possible in order to prevent attracting vermin. They did not have any grey bins or recycling bins and arrangements were made for delivery. Both the complainant and her neighbour had had the holes sealed up by their Landlords where rats had been getting in and there was evidence of poison in trays in the kitchens.

At the empty property in the rear garage full of bags of waste which included food waste was found. Looking through the rear porch door, dead flies and droppings could be seen. Through the letterbox in the front door, clothing, mattresses and other items could be seen on the floor. There was also a smell to the property.

The staff advised the complainants that the Landlord of the property would be contacted and we would work with her. The landlord was contacted and she stated that it had been empty a few months due to the fact that the previous tenants had been growing cannabis in the property and had been raided by the Police. She said that she would arrange for her handyman to carry out work in order to seal the holes and treat for rats which were in the property and the waste in the garage would be removed. The staff received a Phone call a few weeks later from the Landlord stating that the waste had been removed and the rats eradicated.

Environment – Twiggs Quarter 4 report submitted 3rd March 2016

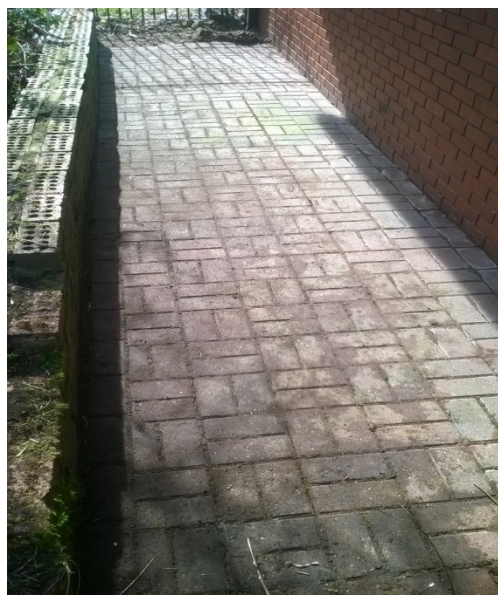
**Growing
the
Economy**

Environment

	RAG
Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	●
Milestones achieved	●
Outcome indicator targets met	●
Social value targets met	●
Satisfactory spend and financial information	●
Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	●

Three people are employed through this contract one of those being an apprentice. All actions set at the previous monitoring meeting were completed. Since September 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 in the month.

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. The service continues to generate some fantastic feedback and have established a very active facebook page for the Dearne area contract.



All contracts continue to perform well with no significant issues.

PART C- Dearne Development Fund

Below is a list of services and groups paid out of the 15/16 Dearne Area Council Finances

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	£15000

		challenges.	
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 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	Asked for £12,250 panel gave £8813

First round of applicants

The panel consisting of elected members, the area council manager community development officer and residents from both Dearne North and South met in November 2015 to consider applicants. 10 groups and services applied through this process and 5 were successful.

Dearne Allotment Group

One sessional worker is employed two days per week on this project. They have regular volunteers from the day centre and are starting to build up a good bank of volunteers from all backgrounds. Over the past few weeks schools in the area have also become involved in the project.

Mick the sessional worker has been maintaining the ground for Spring & Summer, the weather has been kind (with no bad winter snow/ice) which has helped the crops and vegetation come on this spring, they have already donated 20 cabbages, 30 onions, 30 garlics and many potatoes to the families in the area at the local Salvation Army Food Bank. This has led to external funding for £1000 to enable the PSS to deliver 6 week cook & eat sessions to the families in the area suffering from fuel and food poverty.

Paul Simmons & David Lockwood has been helping the sessional worker for 8 weeks (2 days per week x 4 hours) with the hedging around the farmer's field. Partnership working is very much on the increase and to date this has been working really well. The group from the day centre continue to be active at the allotment and have increased wellbeing because of this participation.



Goldthorpe Development Group (GDG)

	January	Feb	March
People employed through contract	0	0	0
People attending event	78	98	90
Number of events	1	1	1
Providers attending events	1	1	1
Volunteers	9	12	14
New volunteers	0	1	1
Referrals on to other services	0	0	6
Case studies	1	1	2

To date GDG have hosted 3 events during this period and have had a total of 266 people attending. In total 35 volunteers have supported the 3 events and 2 of those have been new volunteers. The services involved so far have been employees from BMBC giving advice about central heating grants, fire safety information and long term Condition advice. Further the BeWell Barnsley service attended and took 22 peoples blood pressures, 6 of these had to be referred to their doctors for further interventions.

DIAL drop in

The project started delivering 4 hour sessions 1 x per week at Goldthorpe Library on 5th January 2016. In the first quarter, the project delivered 12 sessions and supported 80 local residents. One of the outcomes was with regards reducing the financial exclusion of local residents and the projected benefit income for residents for this period is £384,000. During a evaluation of the project 42 residents have reported to date reduced anxiety and 45 residents have reported to date increased confidence/optimism.

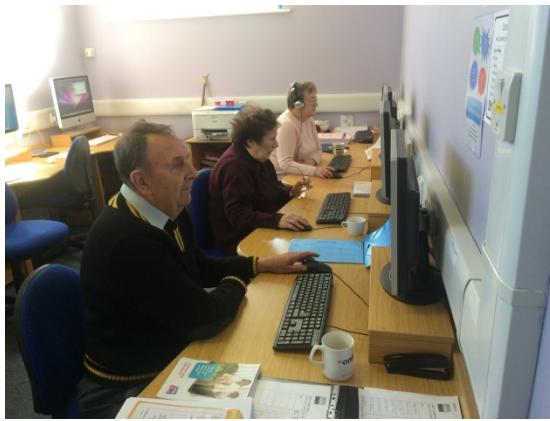
Dearne Electronic Community Village- Silver Surfers

The Silver Surfer project was a six months project and finished on the 6th of May 2016. The sessional worker worked with 22 learners on this project, all aged 55+. The oldest learner

was 92! (See pic attached of learner with her certificate) The workshop style sessions (2 per week for 13 weeks) consisted of:

- OCR Award in ICT
- Unit 1 - Word Processing
- Unit 2 - Internet
- Unit 3 - Email and communication
- Unit 4 - Spreadsheets
- Learn my Way online course

The learners also covered Social media / Facebook / Twitter / Skype as well as some sessions being conducted on iPads and Android devices, depending on learner preference. All the learners have completed and achieved the OCR course. The last cohort of Learner record folders are currently being moderated, ready to be sent to OCR for certificates.



Salvation Army

Since the start of the “seasons hope project” the Salvation Army have distributed 31 winter warm packs. They are also providing 40 healthy lunches on both Monday and Fridays at the Salvation Army with 6 volunteers preparing the meals, with another 4 doing the food sorting. This funding has enabled more volunteers to work within the Salvation Army and they have seen an increase in the “added value”

Fareshare now deliver food on a Monday morning and this enables the Salvation Army to feed people that come to the drop in for free. The Charity crisis now does a fortnightly drop in Helping with housing issues and benefit help. One of the landlords Chris has donated £100 worth of fruit trees for the orchard. Further all volunteers are taking part in food hygiene training and the Salvation Army have granted permission to have a new kitchen done and a counter out on the front to enable more food to be cooked more volunteers to help out at the cost of £8000

Second round of applicants

The panel consisting of elected members, the area council manager, community development officer and residents from both Dearne North and South met in January 2016 to consider applicants. 11 additional groups and services applied through this process and 4 were successful. £80,000 was allocated to the Dearne Development Fund in order to meet the Dearne Area priorities and the 9 applications came to a total of £77'646 from 15/16 finances.

Dearne Electronic Community Village- workability

This project started on the 9th of May and on the first day already enrolled 7 learners, all unemployed. The sessional worker state that he has a feeling it's going to be a busy one. All the links with the jobcentre for referrals are set and the learner packs and registered with OCR for the qualification have all been completed.

Dearne Valley Bulldogs

They Bulldogs have not as yet received payment as the Area Council was waiting for the decision regarding match funding from Sports England. The group have been successful in getting the 85K therefore they will now receive £15k from Area Council Funds so that they can progress with their project.

DIAL hOurbank

hOurbank is your new community time bank in the Dearne where skills and knowledge can be shared between members. This service is match funded with the People's Health Trust and 1 person is employed as part of the project. For every hour someone gives in helping others, they can withdraw the same time when they themselves need assistance. No money exchanges hands and hOurbank is free to join. Having just celebrated its first birthday, hOurbank is really proud of its achievements. To-date over 2200 hours have been banked and over 300 hours exchanged in help for others.



TADS

Therapies for anxiety, depression and stress (TADS) received funding through the Dearne Development Fund in order to give young people access to complementary therapies to enhance their emotional well-being and leave them with better coping strategies. TADS employ sessional staff and work directly with the local schools to identify individuals that need the interventions the most. To date TADS have 5 young people complete the

intervention, they received 6 individual sessions which ended on 10 May. Each young person has written their own journal about their experience from beginning to end. Another 5 young people will start their 6 sessions on 17 May 2016.

They are, at present, working in Carrfield Primary School. They have further 6 children per week for the duration of the 5 week interventions this ends on 16 May 2016. Each child has their own work book where their thoughts are recorded and the therapist also records their thoughts, this is retained by the school and TADS for evidence. On 23 May 2016, they will begin another 5 week intervention at Heathergarth Primary School. Structure of the intervention is still to be decided by the school.

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 6th June 2016

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council Financial Position

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

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.

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 £27,483, the year-end income from fixed penalty notices, Leaving £20,664 to carry forward into the 2016/17 budget.
- 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 and earmarked £122,846 on previously agreed projects/services. This includes the Dearne Valley Bulldogs Development fund application that was previously agreed.
- 3.3 The income of £1,525 from parking fixed penalty notices has been included, leaving an unspent allocation of £99,343 to spend in the 16/17 financial year. The unspent allocation does not include any of the items for decision at the 6th of June area council meeting.

See appendix one for full break down

4.0 Appendices

Appendix One: Financial Update

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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	+£20,664.00
			£ 255,438.00	£220,664.00
Environmental Enforcement	-£ 27,181.00		-£ 18,465.00	-£ 31,000.00
Environmental Enforcement - BMBC contribution	-£ 8,000.00		-£ 5,000.00	-£5,000.00
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	-£15,000.00
Dearne Development Fund - Phase 2				-£50,000.00
Possible monies to put into the Ward Alliance's				-£20,000.00
Total spend	£ 144,562.00		£262,257.00	£122,846.00
Allocation remaining	+£ 55,438.00		-£6,819.00	+£97,818.00
FPN income received			+£27,483.00	
Parking FPN income received				+£1,525.00
Final Allocation remaining	+£ 55,438.00		+£ 20,664.00	+£99,343.00

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting:

**Report of Dearne Area Council
Manager**

The Dearne Area Council Housing Enforcement

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members regarding the role of the enforcement and investigations officer and the proposal for funding this post until March 2017.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members of the Dearne Area Council approve funding the enforcement and investigations officer post until March 2017 and allocate approximately £12,000 out of their commissioning budget to continue the level of Housing and enforcement provision that already exists within the Dearne Area.

3.0 Roles and costings

- 3.1 The enforcement and Investigations officers role is to direct a team of anti-social behaviour enforcement officers in case managing instances of serious and persistent anti-social behaviour regardless of tenure ensuring appropriate outcomes are determined for each case within acceptable timescales. To timely progress straightforward legal cases including application and advocacy in court particularly in respect of Introductory Tenants and Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions.
- 3.2 A Service level agreement was developed by the Dearne Area Council and BMBC community safety in November 2014 and subsequently updated August 2015. This agreement was to provide enforcement and investigations officer for a period of one year within the Dearne Area. Subsequently at a Dearne Area Council meeting on the 16th of November 2015 this post was funded for a further year, ending in November 2016.
- 3.3 BMBC community safety sourced funds from the Barnsley Economic Strategy in order to provide the Dearne with additional resources by way of having private sector housing Officer placed in the Dearne for a one year period. Again this post was funded by the Area Council for a further year and this post is funded until March 2017.
- 3.4 In order to ensure both posts were operating in the Dearne area, align to financial years and maintain current provision. The cost of extending the enforcement and Investigations officer's role would be approximately 12K. If

approved both the enforcement and Investigations officers and the private sector housing officer would both be secure until the end of March 2017.

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting:

**Report of Dearne Area Council
Manager**

The Dearne Area Council Clean and Tidy Service

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For members to consider the options with regards funding a clean and tidy service for the Dearne Area

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members of the Dearne Area Council approve one of the options stated below in order to ensure continuity of a clean and tidy service for the Dearne Area

3.0 Service update

- 3.1 A formal procurement exercise was undertaken in 2015 in order to have a clean and tidy service delivering in the Dearne Area from September 2015. The service was granted for a one year period at a cost of £75,000
- 3.2 The clean and tidy service currently operating in the Dearne Area is continuing to progress well. The focus of this service is not to solely clean up littered and overgrown areas but also to educate about the impact of littering and to work with residents and groups in getting them to take on some responsibility for their local area.
- 3.3 The specification already embeds community resilience, social action, volunteering and includes the outcomes related to the delivery of such a service. Therefore the specification and outcome framework would not need any amendments if option B or C was chosen as the preferred option.

4.0 Options

Option	Cost	Risk	Benefits
A) Do nothing	£ 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lose the additional environmental service in the Dearne Area • Lose the educational element of the contract • Lose the additional support for volunteers taking ownership of areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More money left in the Area Council budget to spend on other priorities

B) Put the contract out for 3 quotes for a period of 6 months	£37,490	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services may not apply for the contract because contract is only for 6 month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaves more money to spend on other commissions • Aligns the service to financial years
C) Undertake a full tender process for a period of 1 year	£75,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not leave as much money in the Area council budget to spend on other priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures service continuity past 17/18

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting:

**Report of Dearne Area
Council Manager**

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report apprises 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 the 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 (Cab.16.1.2013/10.3), 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 13th April 2016. Two potential members attended the meeting in the view to be regular ward alliance representatives. A representative from National Citizen Service also attended the meeting. Two new ward alliance fund applications were considered but deferred until the next meeting as these had only been received the day before the meeting took place.
- 4.2 The Dearne North Ward Alliance was held on the 19th April 2016. National Citizens Service also attended Dearne South meeting. The monitoring information which had been submitted was discussed. Dearne South groups all gave an update.

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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<p>Cllr Sixsmith reminded the treasurer that £1000 needed to be earmarked for the container once confirmation from Lidsters on the delivery etc.</p> <p>7. New Bin Near Asda</p> <p>A discussion took place about siting a new bin outside Asda to combat the huge litter problem. Where does Dearne North end and Dearne South begin? The existing bin does not get emptied enough to cope with the demand, need planning permission to site a new bin and the cost would be £1728 which covers the installation and cost of maintenance for five years, once a week. It was agreed that Asda should take some responsibility for keeping the litter down but the Asda manager says that the bin is not on their land and John Twigg is trying to work with them to find a solution. –</p> <p>Decision - All agreed <u>not to fund</u> this as the costings wasn't value for money.</p>	<p>liaise with Lidsters and order container for delivery asap.</p>	<p>Cllr Sixsmith</p>
<p>8. Ward Alliance Funding Applications:</p> <p>Ann informed the group that she had received two funding applications which had not been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>a) 8th Barnsley Guides: have submitted an application for £805 to cover costs of buying extra uniforms. All agreed that this was a lot of money for what was needed and suggested that the bid should be split between Dearne North and Dearne South. Decision was deferred for other costings. Decision – <i>email group and ask whether fundraising had been sought, also if cheaper clothing could be an option, and sharing a 50/50 split with Dearne North Ward Alliance.</i></p> <p>b) Dearne Football Club: have submitted an application for £650 to cover the cost of belts, petrol and oil, marker paint and to pay a contractor to do the rough cutting of the pitch. The Alliance suggested asking Twiggs if they could do the Rough Cutting, which would reduce the cost by £280 Decision – All agreed to decline this application</p> <p>c) Bolton on Dearne Voluntary Action Group: Vicky asked the meeting what had been decided about BODVAG's application? Cllr Sixsmith fed back the decision of the group. Grass cutting – to hire a machine would negate the need for storage, maintenance and insurance. Write to Graham and ask him to come and present his application to the Ward Alliance and discuss his needs. We need to spend the money judiciously. Got to spread it out across 12 months. Cricket, Bowling and Football have all put bids in in the past for mowers which have not all been funded, BODVAG would be better using a hire mower. Graham needs to put a new funding application in and provide evidence of insurance and health and safety to enable us to move this forward.</p>	<p>Email applicants to inform them of the decisions</p> <p>email group of decision and ask Twiggs to complete this work and work with group in future to maintain their programme of work</p> <p>BODVAG to be invited to future funding advice workshops – assistance with application process</p>	<p>Ann Toy</p> <p>Ann Toy</p> <p>Ann Toy</p>
<p>9. AOB</p> <p>Correspondence: Ann informed the group that she had received a letter informing of the relocation of the Licensing Duty Office to: Barnsley Central Library, 1st Floor, Wellington House, Wellington Street, Barnsley S70 1WA Telephone: <u>01226 773843</u></p> <p>Carrfield School: Have been funded for 8 conical hanging baskets which the children want to fill and plant. Cllr Sixsmith has a meeting with school with regards to this and will finalize the costings and agree the planning stages. Agreed to fund up to £100.</p>	<p>Meet with Carrfield (lead person) to confirm logistics</p>	<p>Cllr Sixsmith</p>

<p>Cllr Sixsmith has a pump to water the hanging baskets in which he will help the school children with watering the plants; information is required to further this project with Lacewood and Heathergarth Schools re-planting.</p> <p>The Treasurer informed the group that he had received an Invoice from Ian Chappell for room rent. Cllr Sixsmith stated that the agreement from Ian Chappell and Cllr Noble was that the use of the room was for free, Ann Toy advised the group that the Goldthorpe Library or Lift Centre would be FOC.</p> <p>Date and Time of next meeting : Wednesday 25th May – 5pm venue to be confirmed</p>	<p>Confirm timetable of watering plants daily/weekly</p> <p>Discussion with Cllr Noble & Ian Chappel from the Chair</p>	<p>Cllr Sixsmith</p> <p>Cllr Sixsmith</p>
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Dearne North Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	19 th April 2016 - 10am
Location:	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Jen Worton, Cllr Annette Gollick, Cllr Alan Gardiner, Derek Bramham (Big Local Thurnscoe), Alison Sykes (Salvation Army) Marie Sinclair (Dearne Area Team CDO), Charlotte Williams (Station House), Stephen Hurd (local resident), David Perry (local resident) and visitor Jo Thornton (National Citizen Service)	Pauline Phillips (Thurnscoe Park)

	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>1. Welcomes & introductions</p> <p>2. Minutes of last meeting & any matters arising</p> <p><i>Minutes were agreed with no amendments & no matters arising</i></p> <p>3. National Citizen Service</p> <p>Jo Thornton presented the information about the NCS asking for individuals with the Ward Alliance to pass on any relevant activities that their groups were completing throughout the summer so the teenagers taking part in the NCS programme summer 2016 could put all the skills and experiences they have learnt in the first 2 weeks into practice by working as a team by completing a social action project in the community and a project that they will enjoy and learn from.</p> <p>Jo handed out applications to all the members and will send out an electronic version for easier access. Alison expressed an interest in the Community garden for the members that use the salvation army drop in.</p> <p>4. Financial update</p> <p>Allocated funds of £10,000.00 from Barnsley Council, £69.34 unspent from April 2015 – March 2016, a return of £264.00 from unspent monies from Church Street Close Social Club the Dearne North Ward Alliance have an opening balance of £10333.34</p> <p>The Dearne North Working fund has an opening balance of £2000.00</p> <p>Total available to spend on local priorities in Dearne North is £12333.34</p>	<p>Salvation Army to make contact with NCS to complete some summer projects</p> <p>Feedback to LWYL meeting with progress.</p>	<p>Alison Sykes</p> <p>Marie Sinclair</p>

5. Monitoring information from expenditures 2015/16

(see appendix 1)

Marie gave a brief outline of the monies allocated and what social action had been taken part or was needed in the next few months.

6. Updates from Community Groups

Salvation Army – National Energy advice held a one off session at the Salvation Army to help people to understand their tariffs, electric & gas bills or to simply swap companies, this has helped so many people to understand how to save energy and also in times of emergencies how to enable free fuel. Crisis also run housing sessions twice monthly to help with any housing/property issues.

Job club run by volunteers had its first session with 10 people attending regular to seek local employment. Alison is hoping to get some help with this to ensure it keeps running. Annette informed Alison to see Rory at DECV as he has experience in this field.

Alison praised the work of Twiggs helping the volunteers to clean up the grounds and area surrounding the building, Adam & Harry are helping Alison to build a community garden at the back, Alison is going to liaise with Jo Thornton (NCS) to see if this could be a viable project for them to complete.

Fare share are working with the Salvation Army with the cook & eat sessions to help 30 individuals to plan, prepare and cook a healthy meal.

Thurnscoe Park – excellent work from Twiggs every week helping with the hedging and composting area, also with planting and hoeing they have been sowing the seeds for the spring/summer wildlife meadow area.

200 lavender pots have are waiting to be planted around the roses in a circular style to add color for the Barnsley in Bloom.

Several school children from Robert Ogden have been attending the weekly volunteering sessions to help with the hedging and planting of flowers

The water pump has been ordered and the new bins have been installed, thanks to the Devolved Ward Budget.

The section 106 monies has been agreed to purchase new gates and improvements to the play area to the park (on the Asda side) to the entrance on both sides to try and combat anti-social behavior on a night.

Big Local Thurnscoe – planning for the 2016 beach party (6th August) is underway so if anyone wants a stall to showcase their group etc, please see Derek.

The spring show on Phoenix Park was a huge success with a few hundred people turning out; the groups did really well with Royston Animal Welfare holding a dog completion that went really well. Lots of families came along and all praised the work of the group and Phoenix park grounds.

Greenspaces group will be looking at maintaining the raised beds on Houghton Road and Rainbow Centre, Derek has been given permission to go ahead and maintain them, the group will be looking for volunteers to help plant them up with Twiggs and water them as often as required. Both entrances into the village have raised beds with lovely flowers (assisted by Twiggs). The next initiative will be a 3 tier planters within the village in which some of the planters will incorporate incredible edible (several venues in Thurnscoe) – Anyone wishing to help the Green Space group speak to Derek. Worries from a few members was that vandalism may take part in some areas, however BLT feel that you have to build up community spirit and hope that people will recognise a nicer area is far more rewarding, Charlotte advised Derek to speak to the local SNT/Police about something call secure by design a deterrent used in other areas to try and combat anti-social behavior and helps to reduce crime.

Station House – A big thankyou to the Cllrs and the Devolved Ward Budget payment to help with the extension to the rear of station house, an open day is being planned for the end of May to showcase the lovely interior and the good work that the children have created and do every day, the invite will go to all community groups and anyone interested in looking around the new improvements, date to be confirmed which will be out announced on local social media pages.

Good news on attendance Charlotte announced a 20% increase on afterschool club which gives a good indication that worklessness is improving in the area and also trust in Station House and the staff inside.

Charlotte wanted to thank Twiggs whom have assisted in the clean-up of the back of Station House making the environment around the area look a lot more inviting, this has encouraged the children to take part in the incredible edible and also help with litter picks around Station House.

Charlotte also mentioned an intern was about to start for 12 months work experience assisting her with marketing & social media about the whole of the Dearne, Charlotte asked if anyone would like to help with this please let her know.

Allotment – Marie informed the group of the latest successful funding bid for £3000 to pay for a large polytunnel to accommodate flowers around the whole of the Dearne, hanging baskets can be sown & grown and planted on site for a reasonable price to groups & individuals who would like to go and have a try at making their own, if anyone is interested speak to Mick Wellburn the sessional worker on site Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10am – 2pm or alternatively speak to a member of the Dearne Area Team.

7. AOB

Marie asked if anyone had any information for Twiggs to add on to their work plan next week – Derek highlighted the rubbish/litter that is spewed across the embankment banking's in Thurnscoe

Cllr Worton informed everyone that Cllr Sims memorial stand would be installed at the end of May after the forthcoming elections.

Cllr Gardiner asked the group to look into gaining more members of the Ward Alliance from Goldthorpe to ensure the spread was equal across all sides on Dearne North. Social media and neighbourhood network would be a start to see if there is any interest.

Cllr Worton thanked everyone for coming.

Cllr Worton was thanked by the Ward Alliance for all her hard work and excellent Charing for the past 3 years.

8. Dates for next meeting – Tuesday 7th June at 10am Goldthorpe Library

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 6th June 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 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 Dearne North Ward spent all of its devolved ward budget allocation; there is no devolved ward budget for the 16/17 financial year. In the 15/16 financial year the Ward Alliance underspent by £69. Therefore for the 16/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has a starting budget of £10,069 to spend on Dearne North projects

Dearne South Ward spent all of its devolved ward budget allocation; there is no devolved ward budget for the 16/17 financial year. In the 15/16 financial year the Ward Alliance underspent by £1160. Therefore for the 16/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has a starting budget of £11,160 to spend on Dearne South projects

4.2 The Area Council have agreed with the option to allocate finances from the Area Council budget to the Ward Alliance. It was agreed that the Area Council discuss this at a later date when monies have been spent out of this year's allocation.

Further point to note is that 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.

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

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