

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 23 November 2015
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 14, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Burgess (Chair), Cave, Cherryholme, Grundy, Howard, Spence and Tattersall

34 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

35 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 21st September 2015 (Nac.23.11.2015/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2015.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 21st September 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

Minute no. 24 - it was highlighted that a Councillor representative from each ward also sits on the financial inclusion project steering group, alongside the Area Council Manager.

Minute no. 27 (ii) – it was agreed that the Area Council Manager will establish detailed information in respect of the fee payable to BMBC Enforcement Services.

Minute no. 27 (iii) – following enquiries made to the Legal Department, income received from littering, dog fouling fines and nuisance parking can be used to offset the cost of procuring the service in the future.

36 Sheffield City Region - DEC Representative

Martin Beasley, Economic Policy Manager, Economic Regeneration, was welcomed to the meeting to speak about the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Strategic Economic Plan and Devolution update. Key issues to note included:

- This is an economic deal. The SCR single pot for economic growth includes the £30m x 30 years allocation.
- The Combined Authority (CA) Mayoral governance remit will not have powers over the Police and Health Services.
- Full devolution of the Adult Skills Budget for college and training providers and co-design and co-commissioning of new employment programmes
- The directly elected Mayor and CA will receive powers from Whitehall rather than aggregate powers from local areas.
- Skills, infrastructure, housing and business growth are key objectives.

- There is much to be negotiated over the coming months, with the current Spending Review process a significant issue.

It was highlighted that Barnsley will be leading on the £3.8m business start up programme. The Business Plan will be submitted by 4th December. Chesterfield, North-East Derbyshire and Bolsover have pulled out due to financial constraints.

It was reported that as Barnsley borders West Yorkshire it is also involved with the Leeds City Region (LCR) partnership, where a much simpler approach is used.

It was pointed out that the North Area Council has contributed to the skills development objective with the Internship project. The Enterprising Young People project has also been very successful.

RESOLVED that a workshop will be set up in each Ward to test out ideas for skills and business development and to identify gaps.

Martin Beasley was thanked for his attendance and contribution.

37 Celebration Event Update (Nac.23.11.2015/4)

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members with respect to the organisation of the event, which is to take place on Thursday 26th November with a 6.30 p.m. start. A briefing note will be sent out to all Members, outlining their responsibilities as hosts for the event. The event will provide an opportunity for the Ward Alliances to showcase their work alongside the Stronger Communities Grants projects and Area Council commissioned projects. The main outcomes will be 'learning, sharing and networking'. Invitations have gone out to all identified groups, with confirmed guests standing at 53 as of today's date.

38 Community Magazine Update (Nac.23.11.2015/5)

The Area Council Manager provided members with an update on the development of the North Area Council Community Magazine. Comments which have been received will be taken away by Corporate Communications. All members will receive a copy of the final draft prior to publication on Friday and distribution on 14th December along with CAB and DIAL leaflets. The Area Council Chair and Manager will oversee any further changes. It was pointed out that this is an opportunity to share with residents the good work which has taken place in the North Area Council area.

39 Procurement Update (Nac.23.11.2015/6)

The Area Council Manager provided Members with an update with respect to the financial position and forecast for expenditure together with updates regarding the procurement of the Summer Holiday Internship 2016 project and the Environmental Enforcement procurement project for service provision post March 2016. It was highlighted that £68,483 remains uncommitted from the 2014/15 and 2016/17 budgets. Future budget allocations for post 2016/17 remain unclear. Future contracts will be let on a year by year basis with break clauses. The Summer Holiday Internship tender is out to advert at the moment with a return date for expressions of interest of 7th December. It is envisaged that interviews will be held in January. The Environment Enforcement tender will be advertised in early December.

RESOLVED that the North Area Council considers how the remaining funding is utilised to meet the needs of the Area, concentrating on the design and procurement of projects which will address the Area priorities.

40 Commissioned Projects Performance Report (Nac.23.11.2015/7)

The Area Council Manager provided an update with respect to the Summer Holiday Internship project 2015 together with the Environment Enforcement project. It was noted that although C & K Careers Summer Holiday Internship project delivered well against outcomes, it fell short of the total number of young people enrolling on the 2015 programme despite initial positive interest from schools. 86 students from the North and North East were engaged by the end of July against a target of 120. The successful provider for summer 2016 will be expected to link in with all the eligible colleges to ensure maximum participation in the project.

The Environmental Enforcement service provided by Kingdom Security met all agreed outcomes. To date 176 fixed penalty notices (FPNs) and 58 parking charge notices (PCNs) have been issued in the area. The number of FPNs/PCNs has decreased over recent months, due to a combination of education and officers concentrating on parking contraventions. Sustainability and continued Area Council investment was discussed in relation to the future of this project.

The juvenile 'litter pick' case study was discussed. Juveniles committing an offence of littering are offered the opportunity to discharge the liability for the offence through attending an organised litter pick rather than a financial penalty. To date 35 juveniles have opted for the litter pick.

RESOLVED that Members note the Project Performance Reports for the Summer Holiday Internship and the Environmental Enforcement Service.

41 Stronger Communities Grant Performance Report (Nac.23.11.2015/8)

The Area Council Manager outlined the performance of the five Stronger Communities Grants Projects, which are Ad Astra Barnsley CIC – Broadening Horizons; Athersley Cares; Romero Communities; Greenworks Barnsley and RVS – Barnsley North Looking Out for Older People. More detailed performance information will be provided at the next relevant meeting.

42 Report on the use of Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds (Nac.23.11.2015/9)

The report was introduced by the Area Council Manager, and attention drawn to the levels of finance carried forward, and current levels of expenditure in respect of the Devolved Ward Budget, Ward Alliance Fund and Public Health financial contribution. Members were reminded of the need to prioritise the efficient expenditure of the remaining budgets, in line with guidance on spend.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

43 Notes from the following Ward Alliances (Nac.23.11.2015/10)

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 3rd September and 8th October; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 12th October; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 14th October and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 8th October.

In Darton West a 'Monday Afternoon Club' is being developed to encourage engagement and involvement of older residents. The Ward Alliance is also working with Darton College who have generously provided some IT training.

It was reported that the litter pick at Asda went well, with 62 bags collected in less than 2 hours. It was reported that Barnsley Football Club are looking at placements for young people as part of the National Citizenship Service programme. It was felt that this should follow on from the summer internship programme.

A blue Norwegian spruce 'memory tree' has been erected at the New Hope Methodist Church in the St. Helens Ward, with funding from the devolved ward budget. Thanks were expressed to the Forge who have transformed 10 out of 20 of the community allotments, which people are now coming forward for.

RESOLVED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

Chair