

<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 23 January 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Noble (Chair), Gardiner, Gollick, C. Johnson and Phillips

### 37 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

### 38 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 21st November, 2016 (Dac.23.01.2017/2)**

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of the Dearne Area Council, held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016 and arising therefrom Councillor Noble confirmed that the arrangements for the flood store referred to in Minute 35 had now been agreed.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 39 **Dearne Active (Dac.23.01.2017/3)**

A. Norris, Senior Health Improvement Officer attended the meeting to provide details of the Dearne Action initiative. He stated that a bid for up to £350,000 of funding would be made to Sport England for a three year project that would encourage physical activity in the Dearne.

Members indicated their support for the bid and emphasised the need for the project to include a wide range of activities to ensure that families are captured. It was confirmed that the consultation responses would determine such activities but that this was likely to include a variety of activities to ensure that the most inactive are engaged. It was confirmed that the project must be sustainable beyond the three year funding period.

**RESOLVED** that Members welcome the Dearne Active initiative and further updates be provided to this meeting in due course.

### 40 **Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects (Dac.23.01.2017/4)**

The Area Council Manager introduced a report providing an updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend. In particular it was noted that, to date, the Area Council have spent and earmarked £217,280 on previously agreed projects/services, out of the allocated £220,664 for 2016/17, leaving £3,384. The addition of fixed notice penalty income to this amount left approximately £9,200 unallocated for 2016/17.

With regard to 2017/18 it was reported that, as a result of the allocation of resources to the Investigations and Housing Officer roles, the procurement of the volunteer, education and environmental service and the continuation of the Kingdom enforcement service, the total spend committed for 2017/18 was £180,060, leaving £9,139 unallocated.

Members discussed the feedback they were getting from the community with regard to enforcement activity and expressed their concerns that there had been a reduction in activity, particularly on dog fouling. It was recognised that Kingdom had experienced some staffing issues, however, there was a need to investigate further the reasons for the reduction in activity and to consider how to improve performance by utilising more targeted operations and improved contract management.

Members noted the progress on projects and in particular the Railway Embankment Project, where the group are considering the access routes to the site and how it would be managed. Two applications had been received in respect of the continuation of the environmental and volunteering service and interviews would take place on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the updated financial position for 2016/17 and 2017/18 as now reported be noted;
- (ii) that the progress of previously agreed projects that have been committed out of the 2016/17 and 2017/18 allocation be noted; and
- (iii) that approval be given to the continuation of the Kingdom enforcement service, in accordance with the original in principle agreement for the contract that started in April 2016.

**41 Notes from the Ward Alliances (Dac.23.01.2017/5)**

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

It was stated that Flood Warden training was planned for the new year and the discussions on merging the Ward Alliances were noted.

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

**42 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.23.01.2017/6)**

The meeting received a report on the expenditure from each of the Ward Alliance Funds in the area, from the beginning of the financial year.

For Dearne North, from a starting budget of £20,069, £7,844.70 remained. For Dearne South, from an opening balance of £21,160, there was a remaining balance of £11,246.50. Details of the match funded allocations, set out in the appendix to the report, were noted.

**RESOLVED** that the report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds be noted.

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Chair