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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 18 September 2017
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

AGENDA

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Minutes

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To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

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

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Thursday, 7 September 2017

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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 24 July 2017
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

MINUTES

Present

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

1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 15th May, 2017 (Dac.24.07.2017/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council. Arising from Minute 55, the meeting noted the good progress now being made on the railway embankment project and the hope that better access could be achieved with the cooperation and support of BMBC engineering services.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 Community Safety in the Dearne (Dac.24.07.2017/3)

The Community Safety Team Leader introduced a report giving an update on community safety issues in the Dearne area for the quarter to 30th June, 2017. The meeting noted the presentation of the data in a different format from previous reports and Members welcomed the layout of the report and clarity with which the information was presented.

The meeting noted the comparative figures for Goldthorpe and Thurnscoe, in particular the higher incidence of some offences in Thurnscoe. The meeting noted the focus of activity by the Community Safety Team in response to this. Members noted that the figures for Bolton upon Dearne were contained within those for Goldthorpe but that it was difficult to disaggregate this information without considerable time consuming manual analysis.

The meeting noted the work that the Community Safety Team Leader had undertaken with groups and individuals in the community so that they could better understand the new approach now being taken, and the different role she had to her predecessor. A good understanding of the pressures and concerns within the community, and wider community relationships, was being developed which was helping to make good progress on this issues.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

4 Performance of Commissioned Services (Dac.24.07.2017/4)

The Area Manager introduced a report giving an update on the delivery of the Dearne Area Council's commissioned services and service level agreements, and those services paid for through the Dearne Development Fund. The report incorporated data comparing performance on the commissioned services for the previous year.

In respect of the commissioned services, it was noted that these were all performing at levels that would significantly exceed current targets. It was therefore proposed to meet with Twiggs, Kingdom and the Safer Community Service providing the private sector housing officer during August to reassess the targets to ensure that the performance was maintained. Kingdom's recent activity had focused particularly on car parking, although it was noted that more than 90% of penalties issued for litter were for cigarette ends. Anecdotal evidence suggested that offenders might be more furtive in their activity for example, clearing up dog fouling if they felt they were being observed. The effectiveness of Kingdom's current priorities would be considered in the August discussions.

In relation to activity by Twiggs, the more stable staffing situation had allowed better progress to be made and there was evidence that the activity had promoted more community ownership, with local people stepping forward to keep particular areas clean. This needed to be taken into account in reassessing Twigg's priorities in due course. The meeting noted recent compliments from the public about how the tidiness of the local area had been improved over recent months and the further work being undertaken to incorporate litter picks as part of the restorative justice arrangements for the area.

The meeting noted some criticism from landlords about the visibility of the private sector housing enforcement project, although the meeting noted that this continued to exceed its targets even with reduced capacity. Part of this criticism was perhaps resulting from landlords' personal priorities differing from those of the Area Council, and there was a need to make clear to landlords that this was the case. Equally, landlords needed to be reminded to use the proper route to make service requests so that proper prioritisation could be undertaken. Members raised concerns about this member of staff being a lone worker, and noted the support received from the wider team, which also meant that jobs could be picked up by the central team where appropriate.

In relation to the Dearne Development Fund, it was noted that the eleven projects were operating on different timescales, meaning that quarterly reports were not all available at the same time. However, it was noted that all of these projects were progressing well against targets/outputs. The meeting noted that the Dial project seemed to be reaching more residents than the CAB project and there was a need to examine whether this was due to a lack of promotion or the difference between the two offers.

The Goldthorpe Development Group continued to attract higher attendances and had made good progress in reducing isolation. It also provided an opportunity for local Members to drop in and meet with those using the service. It was noted that it was largely the same group of people attending each time, with occasional new attendees, although there might be merit in considering whether the service was

reaching all potentially vulnerable people in the area, using corporate performance data.

Members noted the success of the Allotments project in engaging people with learning disabilities in this activity, particularly as a result of the fruit and vegetable stall open on Wednesdays. A sessional worker had been engaged to achieve participation by local schools in this activity, and consideration was being given to a Lottery bid to sustain this activity. In relation to the project to tackle anxiety and stress in schools, the meeting noted the counselling service in place and the development of a coping pack for young people. Whilst some progress had been made, Members noted the lack of any good performance data, and there was a limited understanding of whether the project had affected demand on the mental health services.

The meeting noted good progress on the Dearne Electronic Community Village, bearing in mind that this project had not started until May. There was a need to keep this project under review to see if attendances increased with the closure of Goldthorpe Job Centre. There may be scope to commission further activity if this was the case, although Members considered that this should be funded by the Job Centre rather than the Area Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the report be noted; and
- (ii) that the Area Manager seek demographic information from the Corporate Business Improvement and Intelligence Unit to establish if the Goldthorpe Development Group project is reaching all potentially vulnerable people in the area.

**5 Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects
(Dac.24.07.2017/5)**

The Area Manager introduced a report giving an updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council expenditure, and outlining the unallocated amount remaining for the 2017/18 financial year. The report also provided an update on projects that were previously agreed at the Area Council. The meeting noted that expenditure against the community newsletter was not identified in 2017/18 as this used resources carried forward from previous years and there would be a need to consider at a future meeting whether this project was to be continued.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the updated financial position for Dearne Area Council expenditure, and the unallocated amounts for 2017/18, be noted; and
- (ii) that the progress of previously agreed projects that had been committed from the 2017/18 resources be noted.

**6 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 27th April and 29th June, 2017
(Dac.24.07.2017/6)**

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance meetings held on 27th April and 29th June, 2017.

RESOLVED that notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance be received.

7 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.24.07.2017/7)

The Area Manager introduced a report giving an update on expenditure against the Ward Alliance Fund. This identified resources available of £9,670 for Dearne North and £10,026 available for Dearne South. The meeting discussed the need to identify further projects for funding.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 18th September 2017

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects

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 the 2017/18 financial year.
- 1.2 This report also provides an update in relation to projects that were previously agreed at the Dearne Area Council.

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 2017/18.
- 2.2 Dearne Area Council members note the progress of previously agreed projects that have been committed out of Area Council finances

3.0 Financial update 2017/18

- 3.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 21st November 2016 Members agreed the procurement of the volunteer, education and environmental service at a cost of £75,000 per annum. Further members also agreed to allocate £36,081 out of 2017/18 finances to fund the private sector housing role for the Dearne. At the Dearne Area Council on the 20th of March members also approved the continuation of the Kingdom enforcement service; this will cost the Dearne Area Council £32,898 from their 2017/18 allocation. This amount also includes the BMBC community safety contribution. Finally on the 15th May 2017 the Dearne Area Council members allocated £70,000 to the Dearne development fund.
- 3.2 Including the £16,057 carried over from the last financial year the Dearne Area Council had a starting budget of £216,057. Taking the above spend into considered the total amount earmarked in order to meet Dearne priorities in 2017/18 is £214,479. This leaving £1,578 unallocated out of the original budget. Further in the first quarter the Area Council have received £975.00 from the Kingdom FPN leaving a total of £2,553 unallocated. This amount does not include any previously earmarked or committed funds from the 2016/17 financial year.

4.0 **Progress of projects**

4.1 **Railway Embankment**

The drawings are now back from the landscape architect, topological and the second habitat surveys are complete. The group have been successful in gaining £1,000 from the Tesco bags scheme and a further £1,500 from Barnsley bonds. These funding streams will pay for flowers and bedding boxes that the local schools will maintain. Further meetings have been held with Dearne Valley Landscape and they have agreed to contribute £500 towards flowers and pay for the signage for the scheme.

4.2 **The Dearne Development Fund**

The Area Council had a carry forward from 2016/17 of £11,827 and subsequently allocated £70,000 out of their 2017/18 finances in order to meet Dearne Area Council priorities. The first allocation of the Dearne Development Fund closed on the 14th of August 2017; panel members met and considered the projects on the 4th of September. The submissions received were from Dearne and District, Goldthorpe Development Group, CAB, Dial, Reds In The Community, Fused Imagination, Dearne Electronic Community Village, TADS and Big Local Thurnscoe.

In total there were nine applications that were applying for a total of £87,638. The actual project costs were £134,381 however matched funding has been sourced by the providers to make up the difference. Although decisions have been made regarding some of the allocations there are still a few details to be confirmed. Therefore confirmation will be stated at the next Area Council meeting in November.

5.0 Appendix one- financial update

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Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/18
	£ 200,000	£ 200,000	£200,000	£200,000
		+£ 55,438	+£20,664	+£16,057
		£ 255,438	£220,664	£216,057
Environmental Enforcement	-£ 27,181	-£ 18,465	-£ 27,898	-£27,898
Environmental Enforcement - BMBC contribution	-£ 8,000	-£ 5,000	-£5,500	-£5,500
Community Newsletter		-£1,846.00	-£1,846 -£1,800	
Training for Employment	-£ 74,381	-£ 37,000		
Private Sector Rented Housing Management / Enforcement	-£ 35,000	-£62,300	- £12,000	-£36,081
Dearne Clean & Tidy		-£ 75,000	- £43,736	-£75,000
Dearne Development Fund		-£ 62,646	-£15,000	-£70,000
Dearne Development Fund - Phase 2			-£80,000	
Ward Alliance's			-£20,000	
Contribution towards Railway Embankment			-£10,000	
Total spend (actual)	£ 144,562	£262,257	£217,780	£214,479
Allocation remaining	+£ 55,438	-£6,819	+£2,884	+£1,578
FPN income received		+£27,483	+£13,173	+975.00
Final Allocation remaining	+£ 55,438	+£ 20,664	+£16,057	£2,553

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 18th September 2017

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council commissioning intentions

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members with regards Area Council commissions in order to agree their continuation until the end of March 2019

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members approve the continuation of Twiggs, Kingdom and the private sector housing officer until the end of March 2019 as recommended at the workshop on the 7th August, 2017
- 2.2 That members agree the slight changes to the contracts as discussed at the workshop on the 7th August, 2017
- 2.3 To convene a working group from January 2018 to look at each service in more detail in order to procure services to start at the end of March 2019

3.0 Area Council services

Members from Dearne North, South and the Area Council Manager met on the 7th August 2017 in order to look at the performance of Twiggs, Kingdom and the private sector housing officer support role.

3.1 Twiggs

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

Quarter one figures 2017/18

Performance Indicator	Yr Target	Q1	Cumulative
Twiggs social action events	10	21	
Community groups supported	60	31	
Areas adopted by residents	8	0	
Volunteers recruited to Twiggs events	48	107	
Areas of blight targeted	1200	300	
Local business engagement	25	5	
Restorative justice sessions	4	4	
Local spend	90%	90%	

Recommendation

Recommendations from the meeting are to continue the service until the end of March 2019 with the condition that the:

- The Targets are raised
- The service are more proactive in schools
- The service need to develop a rolling programme of hot spot areas that will assist the residents that cannot engage with the scheme

3.2 **Kingdom**

On the 20th of March 2017 at the Area Council meeting members approved this service for a further year. This contract is now in its 2nd year and members built in the option to extend with the contract period ending in March 2019. There is one person employed through this contract. But because of the nature of the service they do not lone work so two Kingdom operatives work 2.5 days per week in the area.

The results since the service has been operational are as follows:

	Littering	Dog Fouling	Parking	Year Total
Year 1 Aug 2014 -Mar 2015	248	16	47	311
Year 2 Apr 2015- Mar 2016	326	51	95	472
Year 3 Apr 2016- Mar 2017	238	24	84	346
Total	812	91	196	

Further since the contract began there have been repeat offenders: 24 persons issued more than once, 3 persons issued more than twice.

The payments in income from the service are as follows:

	FPN Income	Parking Income	Kingdom Contract	Community safety contract
Aug 14 - Mar 15	£9,123.00		£15,855.49	£4,938.00
Apr 15 - Mar 16	£18,360.00	£1,525.00	£27,482.05	£5,480.58
Apr 16 - Mar 17	£13,173.00		£27,898.00	£5,378.04
Totals	£40,656.00	£1,525.00	£71,235.54	£15,796.62
Total income £42,181.00 Total Expenditure £87,032.16				

At the Area Council managers meeting on the 9th of August Area managers undertook a borough wide benching marking exercise in relation to the Kingdom service in order to see how much it costs the area councils to issue each ticket. In order to calculate the cost of issuing tickets the income was taken off the cost of the contract and divided by the tickets issued.

Area	Cost per ticket issued
Central	£9.42
Dearne	£40.81
North	£78.52
North East	£64.88
South	£83.61

Also to note is that only 50% of the income from parking that is issued by Kingdom comes into the Area Council budget. The income received from fixed penalty notices are £75 for littering and £50 for dog fouling.

Recommendation

One of the issues raised during the meeting was that a large percentage of "litter" is due to cigarette ends and not larger items. This is to be discussed with Kingdom at the next contract meeting in October. That said members are satisfied with the performance of this service and recommended that it should continue until the end of March 2019.

3.3 **Private Sector Housing**

This service has been running in the Dearne since 2014. This service is commissioned on a year on year basis. This contract costs £36,081 per year and has one worker working on the project.

Quarter one figures 2017/18

Performance Indicator	Yr Target	Q1	Cumulative
Request for service	600	239	
Vulnerable households identified	40	27	
Property inspections	48	49	
People sign posted to other services	32	27	
Households supported with waste/recycling	80	77	
Community clean ups	4	0	
Campaigns	4	1	
Local spend	90%	90%	

Highlights of the Previous years

Since the 1st April 2015 up until 31st March 2017 Officers employed through the Dearne Area Council have dealt with 1,643 initial requests for service which were received from a variety of sources.

Housing enquiries- 223 , 190 Housing Disrepair ranged from faulty electrics, damp and mould etc. 33 of those properties were empty and had open access. The Landlords were contacted and the properties made secure.

111 people were signposted to relevant agencies including Victim and Witness Support Officer, Salvation Army, Social Services and the Fire Service.

Waste in Gardens – 543 Occupiers were spoken to or general letter sent regarding waste on their premises. 432 complied with these with only 111 cases going to a Written Warning. Of these 61 resulted in a Community Protection Notice being served against them. Only two out of these resulted in prosecution.

During the course of these two years, waste and recycling bins were provided free of charge for residents/tenants within the Goldthorpe, Highgate and Bolton on Dearne areas.

267 fly tipping cases were found by the Officers on council land, and it was reported to Neighbourhood Services for removal. A number of successful prosecutions took place within the Dearne Area with one perpetrator being fitted with a tag.

Recommendation

Members are very happy with this service. All targets have been met and the service is having an impact in the private housing sector. Members recommended that this service is continued to be funded after March 2018 for a further year. The logistics of this need to be discussed between the Area Council Manager and Case Management Team Leader.

4.0 Next steps

The group discussed the next steps and the need to have services in place by the end of March 2019. It was recommended that a forum of experts would be convened by January 2018. The forum would look at area priorities and what services they would like to commission in order to meet the needs of residents in the area.

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**BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 18th September 2017**

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Update on Ward Alliance Fund spend

1.0 Purpose of Report

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

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Dearne Area Council receives the 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 Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab.16.1.2013/10.3).
- 3.2 In considering projects for the use of the 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 Spend to date

- 4.1 As of April 2017 the ward alliance had a total allocation of £1,050.53 to carry over into the 2017/18 financial year. The starting balance for the 2017/18 financial year is £10,000 bringing the allocation to spend on Dearne North projects to £11,050.53.

So far in the 2017/18 financial year the Dearne North budget as paid for three projects, costing £1,379.80. All of these projects have been matched funded bringing the total allocation remaining to £9,670.73

- 4.2 As of April 2017 the ward alliance had a total allocation of £1,724.90 to carry over into the 2017/18 financial year. The starting balance for the 2017/18 financial year is £10,000 bringing the allocation remaining to £11,724.90.

So far in the 2017/18 financial year the Dearne South budget as paid for two projects, costing £1,697.40. This application was matched funded bringing the total allocation remaining to be spent on Dearne priorities to £10,027.50

5.0 Appendix

Appendix One : Breakdown of Ward Alliance Spend

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2017/18 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2017/18 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2016/17 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2016/17 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget.

DEARNE NORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2017/18 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£1,050.53 carried forward from 2016/17

£11,050.53 total available funding

Match funded allocations

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
Probation painting project, Thurnscoe	£759.80	£10,290.73
Dearne memorial group	£120.00	£10,170.73
Thurnscoe East angling Club	£500	£9,670.73

Total spend = £ 1,379.80

Match funded 3 applications = £ 1,379.80

DEARNE SOUTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2016/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£1,724.90 carried forward from 2016/17

£11,724.90 total available funding

Match funded allocations

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
Panda youth activities	£760.00	£10,964.90
BODVAG	£937.40	£10,027.50

Total spend= £ 1,697.40

Match funded 2 application = £ 1,697.40

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