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MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 20 March 2017
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

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 - Darton West – held on 16th January 2017 and 13th February 2017
 - Old Town – held on 4th January 2017 and 1st February 2017
 - St Helen's – held on 5th January 2017 and 16th February 2017

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), Burgess (Mayor), Cave, Charlesworth, Cherryholme, Grundy, Howard, Lofts, Miller, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

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Friday, 10 March 2017

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 23 January 2017
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), Burgess (Mayor), Cave, Charlesworth, Cherryholme, Grundy, Howard, Lofts, Miller, Platts and Tattersall

33 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

34 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 1st December 2016 incorporating the notes of the meeting held on 21st November 2016.

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st December 2016 incorporating the notes of the meeting held on 21st November 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 1st December 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

35 Members Charter - Lesley Glanville

Lesley Glanville, Member Development Officer, was welcomed to the meeting to deliver a presentation about the Members Charter following a recent workshop. It was highlighted that the Member Development Charter is due to be renewed shortly and evidence is being collected and a portfolio developed for the assessment. Much of the work done in area councils is relevant for meeting the requirements of the charter – indeed, there is a possibility of applying for ‘Charter Plus’. A discussion took place around potentially offering training to Ward Alliance Members and other interested parties as the Ward Alliances already work closely with the Area Councils on community projects; the use of video diaries and ‘storyboards’ with examples of recent projects; and articles in the Community Magazine, all of which could be used as evidence of shared learning. Ward Alliance minutes can be obtained from the Ward Alliance secretaries.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Members give thought as to how projects undertaken jointly with Ward Alliances could be used as evidence for the Member Development Charter, and
- (ii) Lesley be thanked for her attendance and contribution.

36 Opportunities for Young People - Project Development

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council on the progress that has been made by the working group to develop a project to meet the priority 'Opportunities for Young People'.

A project has been developed to target 20 young people at risk of NEET attending Darton College, Holy Trinity, Carlton Community College and Horizon Community College with a view to improving attendance, achieving GCSE targets and progression into Post-16 learning. A tendering process has taken place and 3 providers have been interviewed. It is anticipated that the contract will be let in early February with a contract commencement in April/May 2017.

RESOLVED that the North Area Council note the progress to date for this project.

37 Economic Regeneration - Small Business Surgeries - development update

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council on the progress of the small business development surgeries pilot.

Councillors queried how success would be measured. The Area Council Manager gave assurances that a number of indicators would be developed and shared with the Area Council. It was felt that a leaflet giving information about the project would be useful for all businesses.

RESOLVED that the North Area Council note the progress to date for this project.

38 Community Magazine

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council on the development of the North Area Council Community Magazine. It seems that a number of areas have not received copies. Members were informed that the Area Manager has arranged to meet with the distributor. In the meantime there is a box of spare copies in the North Team office and additional copies can be obtained from Printing if required.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the North Area Council note the progress to date with regard to the North Area Council Community Magazine, and
- (ii) Members provide the Area Team with information regarding missed properties.

39 Financial Position and Forecast

With reference to the Kingdom Environmental Contract, members were of the view that in some areas officers aren't as visible as they previously were. There is a perceived imbalance between parking enforcement and dog fouling, which is a big issue across all areas. Clarification was sought regarding the terms of the Kingdom contract. The Area Council Manager outlined the terms of contract together with the fact that it is not just about enforcement, there is an education element too. There is a perception that the service is not making a valuable contribution due to lack of

information. Quarterly information is provided but Councillors also need to feed information in to the Area Team via Cath Fairweather either by phone or email. The Area Manager advised that the contract management meeting is imminent and all of the matters raised would be addressed.

Members expressed dissatisfaction regarding the clean and green project in some areas and queried whether it provided value for money. There are also difficulties associated with engagement of volunteers.

Members were asked to be mindful that if all contracts are renewed, the Area Council will be fully committed.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) The North Area Council note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments.
- (ii) The North Area Council note the reduction in North Area Council Budget from April 2017 to £360,000. This is equivalent to £10,000 per ward.
- (iii) Members agreed to continue the Environmental Enforcement contract from April 2017.
- (iv) Members agreed that there will be a facility to devolve funding to the Ward Alliances based on the proviso that the total Ward Alliance budget is less than £10,000 on the 31st March 2017.
- (v) Members agreed which priorities they wish to concentrate for design and procurement of further commissioned projects which will address the Area priorities. (Private Sector Enforcement Officer, Clean and Green and Environmental Enforcement.

40 Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. The report provided a position statement and updated the Area Council with regard to progress in each Ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund.

A discussion took place regarding the expense of Christmas lights and Christmas trees (and the great variations in price depending on the supplier) together with the feasibility of providing permanent all-year-round trees.

RESOLVED that each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the remaining Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance funds in line with the guidance on spend.

41 North Area Ward Alliance Notes

The North Area Council received an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information.

42 Darton East Ward Alliance

The notes from the meetings held on 8th November and 13th December 2016 were noted. It was reported that there is a lot of excellent work taking place across the Darton East Ward and meetings are always very well attended.

43 Darton West Ward Alliance

The notes from the meetings held on 7th November and 5th December 2016 were noted. A response to the question regarding road signs remains unanswered. Budget cuts have led to a loss of staff and turnaround times are now much increased. Costs and timescales for speed indicator devices (SIDs), banners regarding littering from cars and signage for Birthwaite Hill are required. Hopefully more information will be available at the February PACT meeting.

44 Old Town Ward Alliance

The notes from the meetings held on 2nd November, 7th December 2016 and 4th January 2017 were noted. The main priority at the moment is the traffic order and a meeting has been arranged with Steve Croft. Other priorities include the issue of fencing at the park to protect vulnerable groups, dog fouling and fly tipping. The Ward Alliance website is up and running and local groups can all feed in to it.

45 St Helens Ward Alliance

The notes from the meetings held on 24th November and 5th January 2017. A lot of community events have been taking place, including a Children's cook and eat session run by Madge Busby. It was reported that the information advice and guidance workshop was poorly attended by the public. Derek Bell and Simon Dobby will be attending the next meeting regarding flood resilience.

Chair

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Tuesday, 21 February 2017
TIME:	4.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 12, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), Cherryholme, Grundy, Lofts, Miller, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

46 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

47 Appointment of Private Sector Housing Environment Officer

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated the Area Council on the workshops that have taken place in relation to private sector housing and environment issues and outlined the proposal for these issues to be addressed by commissioning tailored support.

It was highlighted that a healthy discussion took place at the workshop held on 6th February, which was also attended by Jane Brannan, Cath Fairweather, Jeanette Millward and Paul Jolley. The workshop looked at the breadth of cases which could arise in terms of private sector housing as experienced by the Central Area Council in terms of case studies. Members' attention was drawn to the Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer Job profile, milestones, outcomes and types of interventions. Members who attended the workshop found it to be very informative and complementary to other projects such as enforcement and clean and green.

A discussion took place regarding the fact that the amount of private sector housing varies widely across the wards and that some wards will not receive any benefit. The four other Area Councils which have commissioned the service - Dearne, Central, South and North East also have differences across the wards but this is not viewed as a problem as the area as a whole benefits. The Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer for the North Area would be on a 12 month fixed term BMBC contract, commissioned by North Area Council, based at Churchfields and managed by the Community Safety Manager.

Members were reassured that the officer would deal primarily with environmental issues but would flag up enforcement issues and refer on as appropriate. Members would be provided with single point of contact details to make referrals.

In terms of costings, on-costs will be need to be added together with other ad-hoc localised costs such as provision of skips for big clean ups and removal of fly-tipping etc., the costs of which could be claimed back from landlords. A bodycam would also be purchased.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Members note the workshop updates regarding private sector housing environment support contained within the report and appendices.
- (ii) Members note the financial implications of commissioning private sector housing support for the North Area
- (iii) Members agreed that they wish to proceed with the commissioning of private sector housing support.

Chair

Item 3

BARNESLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
Monday 20th March 2017

Agenda Item: 3

Report of the
North Area Council
Manager

Priority: NAC Economic Regeneration
Project Development: Small Business Surgery
and Peer Support Proposal

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the North Area Council on the development progress of the small business development surgeries model.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Area Council note the progress to date for this project.**

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Vibrant economies engender healthy communities where residents enjoy a high quality of life. They contribute to economic security through access to living-wage jobs, stable employment and help to contribute to the health and wellbeing of the community as well as the prosperity of the local economy.
- 3.2 The North Area Council agreed to the business case presented at the April 2016 Area Council Meeting. Subsequently the Area Manager and Area Chair Cllr Leech met with Adrian Waite and Kevin Steele from BBIC to discuss a survey to establish local business development needs. This was agreed at the Area Council meeting on the 25th July.
- 3.3 BBIC conducted a small business survey during August 2016 funded by the North Area Council. They presented their finding to the Area Council in September 2016. 44 businesses were visited and the survey focussed on business planning, marketing and business goals. 64% of the businesses had never received any business support and didn't know that there was any available. This showed that only 23% of business surveyed had current business plans. It also showed that word of mouth and social media were the most popular marketing methods.
- 3.4 The report contained recommendations for advice surgeries and peer support groups.
- 3.5 On the 9th November the Area Manager and priority working group representatives attended a meeting at BBIC to discuss how the project could be tailored to meet the needs of the local community and be successfully promoted throughout the North Area.
- 3.6 The Area Council agreed to proceed with the partnership project working arrangement with BBIC. The North Area's commitment includes up to £5,000 investment to assist with set-up costs and the delivery of a marketing plan.

- 3.7 The priority working group met again on the 12th December. The ward representatives agreed to assist the marketing campaign by including A5 leaflets as a supplement to their ward information papers. They also agreed to leaflet the high street business in the economic community hubs.

4.0 Service to be delivered

Surgeries – Provision of Business Support Clinics or Business Surgeries at BBIC (offering an initial free 30-45 minute consultation). The surgeries will take place between 17:00 and 20:00 on a fortnightly basis. Appointments will need to be pre-booked.

Networking Workshops –

Businesses would also be signposted towards a variety of monthly networking workshops being held at the BBIC. These will include the following:-

- Marketing Group – self-help peer group established, to discuss effective marketing strategies in small businesses including actual case studies of successful projects. This would need to include some support for starting to use social media;
- IT Group – self-help peer group established to discuss the effective implementation and use of IT within a small business;
- First Friday Breakfast Networking – a general networking group for residents of the BBIC, associated partners and invited guests;
- Crafty Biz Network – currently based at the BBIC and offering support primarily to part time businesses, many of whom are craft-based. This includes a monthly evening workshop and networking group.

5.0 Target Group

The target audience will be small business based within the North Area who have not previously received Enterprising Barnsley support and that have been trading for less than 2 years. If attendees can be referred to an Enterprising Barnsley Programme this will happen as a matter of course. If it is more appropriate for the business to be supported via Launch Pad the business will be signposted.

6.0 Progress Update

- 6.1 The Business Surgeries will be available from April 2017.
- 6.2 Advertising will be targeted exclusively at North Area Businesses for the first 6 months. This will include: Chronicle advert, inclusion in Darton Arrow, S75 Time In Time Out and Dearne FM.
- 6.3 Social Media will also play a key role. The Area Council are requested to proactively promote the Biz Surgeries.
- Twitter: @BarnsleyBizSurg
 - Facebook: BarnsleyBizSurgeries
- 6.4 There will also be a direct mail out to over 800 North Area businesses.
- 6.5 The online booking facility is currently being finalised and is now more user friendly thanks to the input of the priority working group. The web address will be circulated shortly.

7.0 Next Steps

- 7.1 The North Area Councillors previously agreed to help with the leafletting of the high streets and economic centres of the North area. To give this project the maximum chance of succeeding it is requested that each North Area Councillor distribute 50 leaflets within their own ward, 10 of which should be specifically targeted at business that would benefit most from this opportunity. Each Councillor is requested to provide the Area Manager with contact details for the 10 business they prioritise, in order that BBIC can contact them directly to follow up to offer of support. Please refer to Appendix 1 for a copy of the leaflet.

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9th March 2017

Appendix 1 – Final Draft of the A5 Flyer

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Are you looking to grow your business and increase profits?

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If you are, turn over and discover
how **BarnsleyBiz Surgeries** can
make a big difference to the
profits of your business
– and it's all **FREE!**



Barnsley Business & Innovation Centre (BBIC) and the North Area Council have joined forces to deliver **BarnsleyBiz Surgeries**, a business support programme specifically designed to help small local businesses grow their profits.

Together we have access to a **wealth of specialists in a variety of business support areas – marketing, finance, sales, web development, social media, business planning, business strategy – the list is endless**, and we are looking to offer help to any business owner who would like some free advice. More specifically, we are looking to offer our help if you have never been helped before, but it's not a requirement.

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In addition to its work with the North Area Council, the Barnsley Business and Innovation Centre (BBIC) provides small businesses across Barnsley with a supportive environment that nurtures business growth.

BBIC, its stakeholders and its tenants offer expert support and assistance designed to boost the future potential of its tenants and the many businesses it helps.

Barnsley Business & Innovation Centre,
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What's involved?

Come along to one of our business surgeries held at the BBIC in Wilthorpe. We offer free 45 minute consultations with one of our business specialists, and if we are not able to give you the right answers then we will refer you to someone who can. Although our surgeries are usually held late afternoon/early evening, we can accommodate other mid-week times by prior arrangement.



Networking and tailored workshop programme

You can also dip in and out of regular events held at BBIC, including workshops and networking programmes covering a wide range of topics from social media, IT, sales and marketing, franchising, IP and copyright law. We can also guide you towards other support services in the local region that could benefit your business.

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Item 4

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
Monday 20th March 2017

Agenda Item: 4

Report of the
North Area Council Manager

NAC Opportunities for Young People –Procurement Update

1.0 Purpose of Report

To update the North Area Council on the progress that has been made by the working group to develop a project to meet the priority – *Opportunities for Young People*.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 **That the North Area Council note the progress to date for this project.**

3.0 Background

3.1 In April 2016 it was agreed that although the Area Council have been very pleased with the Summer Internship project and can see that it has produced good outputs and exciting outcomes, the Area Council would like to explore a more targeted piece of work.

3.2 North Area council representatives identified that they would like to develop a project that is specifically aimed at re-engaging young people who have triggered the Risk of NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) Indicator (RONI). It is hoped this would enable early preventative action to be taken and help improve life chances for the young people who meet the criteria.

3.3 Chris Sorby, Team Manager in Education Services and the Area Manager met with representatives from all the schools eligible to participate in the project to consult with them prior to finalisation of the specification. The majority of the schools were keen to participate in the programme. However the schools were disappointed that the Summer Internship programme has been discontinued.

3.4 A procurement pack was subsequently produced which included the following objectives:

For Participating Young People

- Improve attendance by an agreed % from the end of Year 10 until the end of Year 11
- Ensure GCSE target grades are achieved and in some cases exceeded
- Ensure progression into Post-16 learning
- Stay in Post-16 learning for at least 12 months

4.0 Coproduction and Contract Management

- 4.1 It has been acknowledged that to ensure this project is successful ongoing knowledge, support and advice will be needed from the Skills, Enterprise and Employment Service.
- 4.2 It has been agreed that the development, procurement and contract management is conducted jointly for the duration of the project to maximise the likelihood of success.

5.0 Intended Area Council Input

- 5.1 Contract Value: approximately £55,000 - £60,000 per annum (Accommodating: two part time staff, plus contract management, activities and overheads.)
- 5.2 Contract Length: 18 months working with a cohort of 20 young people. With the option to extend by a further two years (+1+1). A 6 month break clause is incorporated in the contract.
- 5.3 Price : Quality Split for procurement: 20:80

6.0 Procurement Update

- 6.1 The project was advertised on YORtender between Wednesday 26th October and noon on Wednesday 30th November.
- 6.2 Eight providers returned tender pack although only seven could be scored due the eighth provider failing to provide financial information.
- 6.3 The panel completed that quality scoring between the 6th December 2016 and the 19th December. At which point the moderation meeting was held.
- 6.4 As stipulated in the procurement plan three providers have been invited to attend interview on the 19th January 2017.
- 6.5 The preferred provider later failed their financial check and it was not felt to be in the interest of the North Area to let the contract to the provider who finished in second position.
- 6.6 Procurement's Category Manager has recommended that to increase the likelihood of successfully letting the contract a market consultation event should be conducted. The information gleaned will be utilised to enhance the specification and evaluation criteria.

7.0 Risks

- 7.1 The delay caused by the outcome of the procurement exercise has meant that the project will not start in May as intended. It is proposed that the project may commence in September 2017 but this would be informed by the market consultation event.
- 7.2 Potential providers and key stakeholders (inc. Education Welfare Officers and School representatives) will be invited to the consultation event to help refine the specification and shape it to ensure that the best outcomes can be achieved.
- 7.3 The anticipated variation to specification could mean that the budget allocated to this project needs to be increased.

8.0 Next Steps

- 8.1 April – Conduct a market consultation event. A small budget will be necessary to facilitate this event.
- 8.2 May – Enhance the specification and evaluation criteria.
- 8.3 June – advertise the tender opportunity.

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Item 5

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

20th March 2017

Agenda Item: 5

Report of North Area Council
Manager

North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members about the North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant application and allocation process.
- 1.2 To update members on the outcome of the grant panel meeting and the projects approved for funding.
- 1.3 To identify how unallocated funding for 2016/17 & 2017/18 will be utilised.
- 1.4 The report also outlines the performance management and monitoring arrangements for successful projects.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the NAC Stronger Communities Grant update.
- 2.2 Members note the projects that have been approved for funding.
- 2.3 Members agree the performance and monitoring arrangements outlined in Section 7.
- 2.4 That Members note the unallocated £65,108.50 (This includes carry forward from 2016/17) and agree on how the remainder of the funding will be utilised.

3. Background

Having noted the success of the Stronger Communities Grant funded projects which have been delivered throughout 2015/16 and 2016/17 and it was agreed at the Area Council Meeting on the 1st December 2016 that the North Area would run the Stronger Communities Grant funding opportunity for the project delivery in 2017/18.

The NAC Stronger Communities Grant was established as a grants programme totalling £129,766 (this included unallocated funds form 2016/17) to address the

identified North Area Council priorities. It is aimed at developing the capacity of community groups and organisations, social enterprises and not for profit organisations, with a view to enabling them to bid for future procurements.

The grant was launched at the beginning of December 2016 and the final date for submission of applications was the 27th January 2017. 7 applications were received, totalling £92,837.50.

The Grants Panel Member received their panel packs w/c 30th January. This included an information sheet, paper copies of all the applications and 'Scoring Matrix' top sheet for each application which needed to be completed prior to the panel meeting.

Each ward was represented on the panel as follows:

Darton East Cllr Gail Charlesworth

Darton West Cllr Sharon Howard

Old Town Cllr Philip Lofts

St Helen's Cllr Dave Leech

4. Recommended Projects

The Members had an opportunity to independently score each application before meeting for the Evaluation Panel on Tuesday 28th February. The scoring matrix provided a robust qualitative and quantitative basis upon which to identify suitable applications. All applications required a majority recommendation from the panel in order to be successful. The panel was independently chaired by the North Area Council Manager and supported by the North Area's Senior Link Officer and the Area Team. The approval process can found as Appendix 1.

5 applications were identified and submitted for approval by the Stronger Barnsley Locality Manager. The total allocated amount for these 5 projects was £64,658. This leaves £65,108.50 unallocated.

The recommended projects are as follows:

YMCA – YMCA Youthwork: £6,735

The project aims to enable children and young people from the locality to access a range of positive activities as an alternative to risk taking and anti-social behaviour. To sustain a programme of open access, positive activities for children and young people that contribute to improving their health and wellbeing and raising levels of aspiration. Providing safe, local opportunities for children and young people to make positive choices about what they do outside of school hours. The project aims to provide youth work opportunities for 592 young people and create 66 volunteering and peer support opportunities.

Reds in the Community – Premier League Kicks: £11,503.50

Premier League Kicks programme, offers weekly sports sessions in community time, young people will be doing more sport and physical activity and will develop their sporting skills. Sessions will also support the development of essential life-skills such as teamwork, leadership and communication skills. Through engaging young people with sports participation activities, and of course sporting role models in the form of professional football players, as well as incentives such as match day tickets, Reds in the Community will inspire and motivate the young people we work with to continue leading healthy and active lifestyles. The programme will be available to 50 young people.

Reds in the Community – Walking Football Fit Reds: £7,062

Through the Fit Reds programme, Fit Reds Health Trainers provide participants with information regarding diet, nutrition and healthy lifestyles along with vital one to one support. Fit Reds Physical Activity Coaches engage participants with physical activity suited to their individual needs. Reds in the Community's proposed Walking Football Fit Reds Programme, which will build upon the positive work which the charity has undertaken in the North Area over the past year whilst piloting a brand new programme of activity which combines Walking Football with our successful Fit Reds programme, aims to directly address the issue of inactivity amongst males 55+ in the North Area of Barnsley and promote healthy living. The programme will be available to 30 individuals in the North Area.

Royal Voluntary Service – Barnsley North Looking Out for Older People: £19,557

The project aims to provide Opportunities for Young People by increasing their chances to interact and build relationships with members of other generations, learning new traditional skills and taking part in a range of enrichment activities which may not otherwise have been available to them. The project will help develop Stronger Communities by encouraging intergenerational groups to support one another and ensure that all participants have the opportunity to shape the future of the project by involving them in decision making and developing the work of the project in ways which best support services in their neighbourhoods. Participants will also have the opportunity to access RVS' existing network of luncheon and social clubs. The project aims to work with 200 young people and create 40 new volunteering roles.

Emmanuel Methodist Church – Over Fifty Friends: £19,800

Over Fifty Friends aims to promote and support the health and wellbeing of older and vulnerable people by the reduction of social isolation and loneliness, through a wide range of activities supported by volunteers of all ages. The range of activities are specifically designed to stimulate the mental capacity of an aging generation. Participants will have the opportunities to develop skills as well as learn new skills, alongside meeting others who are of a similar age with similar interests. This project aims to engage over 200 older people in the activities.

5. Lessons Learned

- i. The Area Council are asked to note that Limited Companies are not eligible to apply for the grant funding.

6. Project Development Work

The Area Manager will now meet with all the successful project leads to ensure that all the projects are robust: deliverable within the timescales, and outcomes/outcome indicators and targets developed.

In some cases the panel have attached conditions to the grant funding.

7. Grant Awards and Performance Monitoring/Management

Once approved, all organisations will be notified and asked to sign an Award Agreement letter which, together with the detailed Stage 2 application form, will form the basis of the contractual agreement between the Council and the organisation for the grant awarded.

Those projects under £10,000 will receive a one-off grant payment for the full amount and will be asked to submit their monitoring information at the end of the project.

Those projects over £10,000 have submitted a monitoring/performance framework and quarterly payment schedule as part of their application. Quarterly payments will only be released once the North Area Council Manager is satisfied that monitoring/performance targets for the previous quarter have been met, or if not met, a satisfactory reason is given as to why this is the case and revised targets for the following quarters agreed.

Progress on projects will be reported back to North Area Council on a regular basis and a full evaluation report about the NAC Stronger Communities Fund process and projects will be presented to North Area Council on completion of all projects, anticipated early 2017/19.

8. Next steps

It is not advised to roll the unallocated funding forward to 2018/17 based on the total value of grant applications received in the last two rounds of the funding.

Members are asked to agree how the remainder of the funding will be utilised?

Two options have been identified

- i. Advertise a second funding round for 2017/18. Making £65,108.50 available for projects.
- ii. Reallocate the £65,108.50 to fund a different project within the North Area.

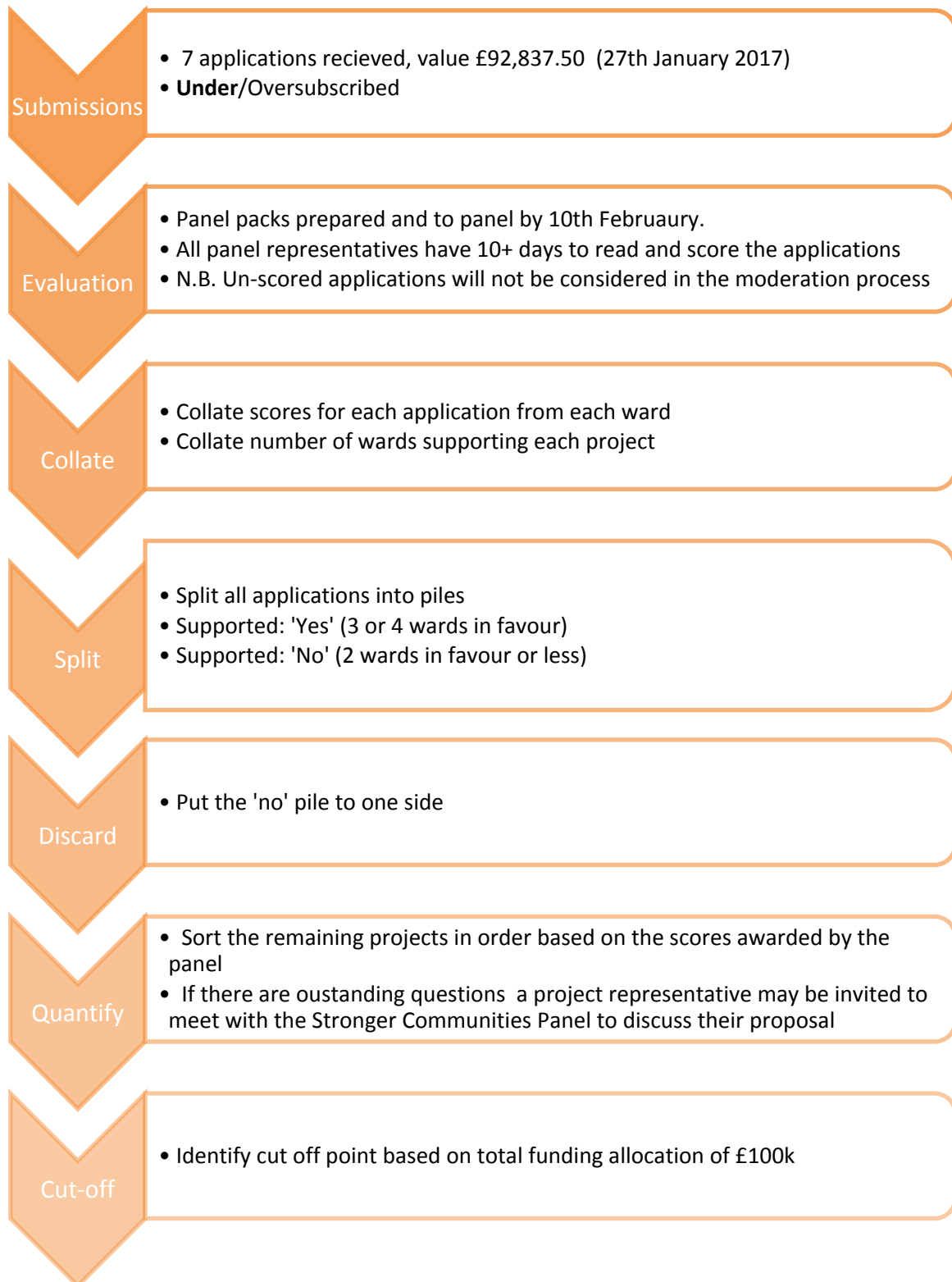
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Appendix 1: North Area Council

Stronger Communities Grant 2017/18 onwards - Approval Process



Item 6

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Extraordinary Meeting:

20th March 2017

Agenda Item: 6

Report of North Area Council Manager.

North Area Council's Proposal to Commission Private Sector Housing & Environmental Support

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To update the Area Council regarding the progress of the intention to recruit a Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That members note the appendix which lays out the information about the North Area and specific neighbourhoods of interest for a private sector housing and environment officer.

3. Background

3.1 The North Area Council invited Safer Communities officers to the North Area Council Meeting on the 19 September 2016. Safer Communities officers Jane Brannan and Cath Fairweather provided Members with an overview of the Private Sector Housing and Environment Service. It was explained that the service proactively deals with all issues capable of having a detrimental impact on others in the community, including anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, environmental issues, property/housing conditions, fly-tipping and littering. This is done in conjunction with other agencies such as SYP, SYFRS, Social Care, Landlords/letting agents and local residents.

3.2 Following the presentation on the 19th September the Area Council elected not to proceed with any further consideration of this specialist area until the Safer Communities completed its restructure and confirmed what its core service offer would be from April 2017.

3.3 A further workshop was held on Monday 6th February 2017. It was attended by Cllrs Leech, Platts, Grundy, Howard, Tattersall, Charlesworth, Cherryholme and Lofts. Invited officers included Jane Brannan, Cath Fairweather, Jeanette Millward (Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer – North East Area) and Paul Jolley. The core private sector housing offer was confirmed which clarified that there will only be three private sector housing officer from April 2017 and it is anticipated that the vast majority of their work will be relative.

An informative and lively discussion followed which enabled the councillors present to learn more about the breadth and volume of issues that officers are required to deal with. Case studies were provided to help explain these in more depth. It was highlighted that often the intervention required is supportive in nature rather than

enforcement focussed. This leads to the empowerment of individuals and intervening at the right level can prevent a costly escalation processes being required.

The Tasking Officer explained that this type of private sector support was immeasurably helpful in delivering coordinated pieces of work which can involve a whole street. Three locations were referenced that would benefit from this type of intervention.

3.4 At the conclusion of the workshop the Members were in agreement that they wished to proceed and commission private sector housing support for the North Area without delay.

3.5 An extraordinary meeting of the Area Council was held on the 20th February 2017. The decision to recruit was agreed.

4. Private Sector Housing Support Outline

4.1 Based on initial findings the project would be in the region on £33,000 plus equipment and the possibility of a small working budget to enable larger projects to proceed without delay.

Project	Outline costings
<p>Private Sector Housing Management & Enforcement</p> <p>This programme provides a full time worker at Grade 7 to be employed within the BMBC Safer Communities Service to tackle issues surrounding private landlords & their tenants in identified hotspot areas across the North Area.</p> <p>This programme has already been funded by 4 out of the 6 Area Councils Central, where the impact has been substantial.</p> <p>Please see Appendices 1 – 5 of this report for further details.</p>	<p>£33,000 per year to fund 1FTE worker. There is no management fee. Additionally purchase of a personal bodycam is recommended plus a small working budget to ensure larger projects can be realised.</p> <p>It should be noted that although the worker would be employed by BMBC, this is not ‘buy back’ activity, as it is work which has never been undertaken by the Council and is additional.</p> <p>There is a possibility that this post could eventually become mainstreamed if BMBC choose to introduce selective licensing schemes for private landlords.</p>

5.0 Progress Update

5.1 Safer Communities have submitted a delegated report to Human Resources and the recruitment authorisation form has been approved by the Interim Assistant Director of Communities.

5.2 Stronger Communities will have line management responsibility for the post and will therefore lead on recruitment to the post. The advert to recruit to the post is due to be posted imminently.

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Appendices 1: Further details of the Private Sector Housing Management and Environment Provision

Appendix 1:

Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer Role

Context

The private rented sector is growing rapidly in Barnsley and is projected to overtake social housing as the second largest tenure within the next few years. Whilst the tenure is not a singular market and standards vary greatly Barnsley does have a growing number of poorer quality low value properties in the sector. To some extent the poorer quality accommodation is becoming the housing of last resort and consequently social and environmental problems are often more pronounced in areas of high density poor quality and low value private rented property. Barnsley still has in excess of over 2000 empty private homes in the borough further demonstrating both lack of demand/desire and an unequal market when compared to the social housing sector. (For example Council housing has waiting lists in excess of 7000 and very few empty or unlettable properties)

Recent analysis undertaken by the Community Safety and Enforcement service has shown that crime and antisocial behaviour rates are on average much higher in areas of high density private rented accommodation and in some locations these can be up to 4 times the borough average. In addition where this type of accommodation is becoming the tenure of last resort, often people and families with the most complex needs and or newcomers and transient communities can gravitate to the sector which in itself can generate local problems and issues. Compounding all these factors is the fact that other than physical property standards the sector is largely unregulated and there is a danger that local environments and the sustainability of certain locations can be jeopardised due to both physical decline and cohesiveness of communities living in these areas.

By comparison the social housing sector has a “housing management offer” which dedicates resources to the management of standards of estates, streets, physical condition of property, behaviour, tenant’s welfare and so on. The private sector does not typically benefit from any of these other than what is provided by a landlord or agent and subsequently decline can be more accelerated and more difficult to reverse in these locations.

North Area Council.

Most villages and townships in Barnsley have to varying degrees clusters of relatively cheap private sector rented property. The North Area is no different. Therefore Old Town, Darton East, Darton West and St Helens each have streets and properties where physical and social decline is evident.

The most significant areas in need of proactive intervention include:

Old Town

Summer Lane, Stocks Lane, Hilton Street, Johnson Street, Darley Terrace, Cresswell Street, Winter Road, Avenue, and Terrace, Blackburn Lane, Cockerham Lane, Smithies Lane, Honeywell St, Lane, and Grove , Queens Avenue, Gawber Road, a small pocket on Woodstock Road and Rowland Road.

Darton West

Dearne Hall Road, St Austell Drive, Higham Common Road, Longley Street, Medina Way, Church Street and Mill Lane. In addition to these areas, Kexborough while predominantly Council owned includes a number of ‘right to buy’ properties where the owners have moved on and the properties let on the private rented market. These include Brookhill Road, Birthwaite Road, Cooper Road, Airedale Road, Ballfield Lane and Churchfield Lane

Darton East

School Street, Dearne Street, Bridge Street, Station Road, Sackup Lane, Pye Avenue, Longsight Road, New Road, Spark Lane, Greenside, Towngate (block of private rented flats especially), Church Street, parts of Blacker Road, and Right to Buys on Grasmere Crescent, Windhill Drive, Coniston Avenue, Keswick Road.

St Helens

Many of the new build properties on New Lodge have been bought up by private landlords, most of them 'absent' in so far as many of them do not live within the Barnsley boundary area, and a lot of work has been done on the following locations in particular to address issues arising from ASB, vulnerability, environmental blight, etc. from the private rented sector (It might also be noted that there have been some hostilities towards "new" residents moving to the area, not always necessarily those of ethnic minorities from other EU countries. There has been a similar issue noted in Athersley North) Kirkstall Road, New Lodge Crescent, Standhill Crescent,

The New Build properties at the back of Athersley North have a high proportion of private rented accommodation and a number of issues are being reported there regarding waste, condition of property/garden, etc., namely: Stoney Royd, North Royds Wood, Carr Furlong, Wood Park View

Elsewhere, featured locations are/have been: Lindhurst Road, Laxton Road, Ollerton Road, Laithes Lane, Richard Road, Carlton Road, Ravenfield Drive, Highfield Ave, Rotherham Road, Wakefield Road, Carlton Road/Hill and pockets of the Brettas Park Estate.

These areas have all experienced change and some of the problems described above in recent times. Moreover each of these locations and others in the area have also witnessed some population changes with new and more transient communities, physical decline, environmental decline and decline in behavioural standards. Should the Area Council chose to commission the approach as part of their priorities a further scoping exercise would be undertaken drawing from local intelligence and knowledge to ensure that the correct locations issues and problems are being considered and targeted. Ideally the role would focus on around 400 to 500 properties across the whole Area Council area.

Key Activities Of The Post

The main objective of the role of Housing Management & Environment Officer is to contribute towards creating and sustaining safe and pleasant communities within private rented sector housing. This is achieved 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. An officer would work with families and individuals, getting to know the communities they serve and getting access to homes that previously have not had the benefit of any kind of support or intervention. We are identifying problems and issues and using effective risk assessment to decide on the most appropriate responses (see attached role profile and employee specification)

Who Would Employ the Person

BMBC within the Community Safety and Enforcement Team unless the Area Council should chose to commission the work elsewhere. The roles employed by other Area Councils sit within this service structure to ensure seamless connectivity to the wider private sector housing and antisocial behaviour agendas.

The role is not buy-back and is a new approach to managing and intervening in a sector which is emerging as a real challenge across the borough. There may be some scope to mainstream this activity at a later date should the council chose to introduce selective licensing schemes in the borough.

Cost

Grade 7 with no added management costs as these would be absorbed into the mainstream Community Safety and Enforcement Service existing infrastructure. From 1st April, £26,882-£29,323. With on costs this is approximately £33,000 per annum. Community Safety and Enforcement would not seek to levy a management charge as the role would provide added value to mainstream services and would hopefully help to reduce reactive demand across the range of core functions the service discharges.

What Impact against Strategic Priorities

- Environment – Direct responsibility for improving the lived environment through negotiation, prevention, support and enforcement. Proactive environmental management is part of the estate management function embedded in the role.
- Supporting Young People- The proactive nature of the role will inevitably lead to contact with vulnerable and otherwise isolated people this will include young people. The experience of the role elsewhere demonstrates that the impacts made around improving life-chances and experiences and outcomes for some of our more vulnerable residents is being invaluable.
- Locally Available Information and Advice- The role is necessarily bespoke to the locality and will respond to the needs of individuals, streets and communities in the South Area. One of the key functions is to proactively work with local residents providing direct assistance and clear signposting to other appropriate local services.
- Thriving Economy – The role is designed to try and maintain sustainable and cohesive communities and contribute towards avoiding the physical and social decline of certain locations. Housing decline is directly linked to economic decline and therefore if successful the role would contribute towards sustaining the local economy and housing market.

How Has This Worked In Other Area Council's.

Quarterly report information from Central Area has previously been circulated and is available on request. This helps to show how this role has evolved and is currently delivered. Clearly this role would be bespoke to the North Area Council and issues identified may not be exactly the same however the report should give a clear indication as to what could be expected and achieved by the role.

P Brannan – 22 February 2017

Item 8

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
30th March 2017

Agenda Item: 8

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Anti-Poverty Steering Group Recommendations

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with an update from the Anti-Poverty Steering Group regarding the opportunity to increase the service provision for the remaining 6 months of the contract.
- 1.2 This report also provides an update on the advice from procurement regarding the continuation of the service.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **That the North Area Council agrees to increase the capacity of the outreach provision currently commissioned.**
- 2.2. **That the North Area Council indicates if they would like to continue the service after the end of the existing contract. This will inform the procurement timeline.**

3. Background

- 3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 over two years. Due to run until September 2017.
- 3.1 At the last Steering Group meeting with the provider explained that the outreach advisors are now at full capacity. The provision has been far more popular than anyone could have envisaged. In the first quarter of year two alone the outreach service has supported 245 clients and their outputs for service users are impressive. Please refer to the performance report for further information.
- 3.2 The Steering Group advised that they would like to explore the opportunity for provision to be increased for the remainder of the contract.
- 3.3 It was agreed that because demand is highest in Darton East and St Helens that an additional venue should be identified in one of these ward to enable an additional session of outreach to be provided.

4. Recommendation and Financial Implication

- 4.1. The Community Shop (Athersley North) has offered two rooms accessed from the café area, on a Monday free of charge. This option would mean holding two sessions a week in the Athersley North Area, one on a Monday and one on a Friday.
- 4.2. The financial implication of running an additional outreach session one day a week for the remainder of the contract would be £10,500.00.

5. Procurement Advice

- 5.1. The Category Manager responsible for wellbeing procurement has advised that if a similar service is to continue to be available in the North area beyond September 17, this should be go through full procurement in adequate time to tie in with the existing contract.
- 5.2. It is recommended that this contract should be let for 2 years with a 1 year extension.

6. Item for Decision

- 6.1. Members are asked to consider if they wish to agree to the recommendations 4.1 and 4.2
- 6.2. The Area Council are asked to decide if they wish to procure a service that will deliver an outreach provision beyond September 2017. To offer 5 out reaches per week per annum would cost approximately £100,000.00 per annum. This would equate to £300,00.00 over three years.

7. Risks

- 7.1. If the service is continued to for a further 3 years this would have meant that the Area Council will have funded the service for 5 years and this make lead to dependency both form the community and other services.
- 7.2. The North provision may become inundated as core BMBC services continue to be reduced.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1. Andrea Hoyland and Liz Pitt to be invited to the March Area Council meeting to provide information on poverty within the North Area, including information specifically children facing poverty within the locality. This will help inform the decision regarding the continuation of and antipoverty outreach service.

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Item 9

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
20th March 2017

Agenda Item: 9

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Improving the Environment – Project Specification Reflection and Refinement

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report summarises the project development activity that has taken place regarding the North Improving the Environment Priority and asks the North Area Council to consider next steps regarding the future investment in this priority area.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note key points identified at the priority workshop held on the 15th February 2017.**
- 2.2. **The North Area Council should indicate if they wish the Area Council Manager to proceed with the procurement of a service designed to improve the overall environmental appearance of the four wards that make up the North Area Council area and increase volunteering and engagement specifically associated with this priority area.**

3. Background

- 3.1. The Clean and Green Service commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £150,000 over two years.
- 3.2. The project has been live for 18 months and will terminate on 13th September 2017.
- 3.3. On the 15th of February the following Environmental priority working group representatives (hereafter referred to as the 'working group') of the North Area Council met to reflect on the existing service and discuss possible refinements to a future specification. The workshop was attended by Cllr Harry Spence, Cllr Howard, Cllr Cherryholme, Cllr Lofts and Cllr Platts. The group were asked to highlight the positives of the existing provision and the learning points.

4. Reflection on the service delivered over the past 18 months

4.1. The specific aims and objectives of the current contract specification are:

- i. To improve the physical appearance of the North Area Council area in partnership with local residents and/or local community groups/organisations.
- ii. Contribute to maintaining a clean, safe, well presented and welcoming physical environment through the provision of both proactive and reactive work as agreed with Ward Alliances
- iii. Inspire local people and encourage sustainability through engagement with volunteers, residents, local community groups and organisations
- iv. Encourage and support community responsibility for existing green areas/ shrub beds/planters
- v. Reduce the amount of littering, dog fouling in the area through education in schools and within local communities
- vi. Liaison with environmental enforcement service in hot spot areas

4.2. Positives of the Existing Service

- i. The working group identified that having the right people on the ground is key. They have found the current providers to be approachable and very accommodating.
- ii. The turnaround for most tasks is very quick.
- iii. Some very positive activities have been possible with the help of the existing service provider. Cllr Loftis cited the Greenfoot Lane / St Pauls project as most satisfactory.
- iv. The proactive leafletting of areas to raise awareness and recruit local residents prior to a clean-up was identified as good practice.

4.3. Learning Points

- i. The group identified that Councillors need to help to motivate and lead volunteers. However they acknowledged that this was a challenge.
- ii. Communication was identified as key to the success of a project like this and there has to be an effective interface between the provider and the Ward Alliances.
- iii. The working group have found the lack of forward planning by the current provider frustrating. They were challenged to identify projects for each ward that would help shape a forward work plan. Cllr Spence identified Darton East's intentions to improve the public footpaths throughout the ward.
- iv. All the ward need to proactively make more referrals to the existing service.

5. Recommended project refinements

5.1. Adding Value

- i. The working group highlighted that most of the requests for service were linked to residential streets.
- ii. The rear of terraced properties and nearby footpaths were highlighted as hotspots for littering and fly-tipping. The group would want a service that assisted with clean-ups of these areas.
- iii. Vision is clean streets, bushes and shrubs in public areas maintained, dog muck eliminated – this will make the area more appealing for residents and visitors.
- iv. Sustainability – residents and local businesses respect the area and actively contribute to ongoing local improvements.

5.2. Function

- i. Growing a bank of volunteers within each ward.
- ii. Enable the volunteers to network across the North Area to increase resilience.
- iii. Promote a community stewardship model which includes optional training and development for volunteers (names individuals). (Darton West are developing an Environmental Group).
- iv. Work with schools to influence the behaviour of the next generation as early as possible.
- v. Education and knowledge was identified as key moving forwards to change the local culture surrounding litter and personal responsibility.
- vi. The working group highlighted the need for a community organiser function.
- vii. Access to specialised equipment to make bigger project feasible.
- viii. Co-production with other North Area commissioned services i.e. Environmental Enforcement and Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer.
- ix. Add value to BMBC core services including Neighbourhood Services, PROW and Waste Management.

5.3. People / Organisation

- i. Excellent understanding of existing community assets for each ward.
- ii. Knowledge and experience of asset based community development
- iii. Ability to contribute to corporate priority 'Strong and resilient communities' - engage, empower and enable.
- iv. Possess skills needed to work with schools and educated young people.
- v. Possess knowledge and experience of delivering horticultural projects.
- vi. A proven track record of delivering projects with volunteers.

- 5.4. How will the service be delivered? (Process)
- i. Referrals from: ward alliance, residents, community groups and surgeries.
 - ii. Proactive identification of areas requiring attention
 - iii. 50% of projects would be proactive
 - iv. 25% of work would be reactive
 - v. 25% Promotion, Recruitment and Training of volunteers (this should include time in schools)
 - vi. Work with Ward Alliances to determine a monthly forward plan of work. E.g. by 15th January the work plan for February will be circulated.

- 5.5. Performance Monitoring (Data)
- i. Evidence of the projects delivered by the service – (where, when, what, who and how. Supported with photographic evidence. Case studies for projects, individuals and groups).
 - ii. The working group stressed that they wish the recruitment and engagement of volunteers should be key to the continuation of the project – it is therefore necessary to ensure that this is monitored effectively.
 - iii. The legacy of this project is about empower, engaged and proactive community responsibility for the visual amenity of the area. Therefore the service provider must be confident that they can evidence this moving forward.

6. Item for decision

- 6.1. The Area Council are asked to consider if they wish to procure a similar service from September 2017.

7. Next Steps

- 7.1. The Area Manager is scheduled to meet with the procurement team on the 10th March to discuss the practicalities commissioning a refined service for the North Area.

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Item 10

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
20th March 2017

Agenda Item: 10

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Financial Position and Forecast

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.
- 1.2 This report seeks to determine which the existing of the financial commitments the North Area Council wish to continue to fund.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments.**
- 2.2. **The North Area Council should note that contrary to previous information the North Area will receive a budget of £400,000 for the period 2017/18.**
- 2.3. **Members should note the recommendations from the Anti-Poverty Steering regarding an intention to continue with a similar service (Item 8). This is profiled on the financial update at the end of this item.**
- 2.4. **Members should note the recommendations from the Environmental Priority Working Group to continue with a refined service from September 2017. The financial commitment required is profiled in the attached financial update. (Item 9)**
- 2.5. **The Area Council should decide how they wish to use the uncommitted Stronger Communities Grant funding for 2016/17 and 2017/18. This totals £65,108.50. Two options were identified in Item 5. The financial implications of running a second round of the grant funding opportunity later in the 2017/18 has been profiled on the attached spreadsheet.**

3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitments

- 3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 per annum. Due to run until September 2017. It is recommended that the existing contract should be varied to accommodate increased demand. However there is the intention to procure continued outreach services from September 2017.
- 3.1 The Clean and Green Service commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £150,000 per annum. Due to run until September 2017. If this project is to continue it is recommended a full procurement takes place and that the refined service is advertised with a three year contract.
- 3.2 Environmental Enforcement contract commenced in April 2016. This is a one year (+ one year + one year) contract. This has financial implications of up to £146,000 per annum. If all the options to extend are taken this contract will run until 31st March 2019.
- 3.3 On the 19th September 2016 members committed to the Positive Progressions – Stronger Futures pilot. It was intended that this contract would be let for a year initially with the option to extend to accommodate two further cohorts (18months, +1yr, +1yr). It was predicted that up to £60,000 will be required for the first year's cohort. If the project runs for a maximum of three years ending in November 2020 the total contract value is estimated at £180,000. The project was anticipated to commence in May 2017 however the procurement exercise conducted October 2016 – January 2017 was unsatisfactory. Comprehensive update is available in Item 4.
- 3.4 At the Area Council Meeting on the 1st December the Area Council agreed to the Stronger Communities Grant Opportunity in 2017/18. The total value of this commitment is £100,000. Projects would need to be delivered between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018. However there is an underspend of £65,108.50 from 2016/17 and 2017/18.

4. Financial Position

- 4.1. The decision not to reduce the Area Council budgets for 2017/18 means that the North Area must identify a project to effectively utilise the additional £40,000 that was not anticipated to appear in this year's budget.
- 4.2. The delay in the procurement of the Positive Progressions procurement means that the project is not anticipated to start until September. This will mean that approximately £15,000 will be made available for other projects within 2017/18.
- 4.3. The recommendation in Item 8 to make funding available for an additional weekly Anti- poverty outreach session from 1st April – September 2017 equates to £10,500.00.

4.4. The unallocated grant funding highlighted in 2.5 and detailed in Item 6 means that there is a surplus of £65,108.50 identified in the grant budget. This has provisionally been profiled for a second round of funding in 2017/18.

4.5. The implications of points 4.1 - 4.4 mean that there is currently an unallocated budget of £80,181. Plus the unallocated grant funding of £65,108.50. **This totals £145,289.50.** Please refer to the appendix for a full profile.

5. Future Commissioning

5.1. Members have agreed to the contract extension of continuation of the following service for a further year (April 2017 – March 2018):

- Environmental Enforcement

5.2. Members have agreed to retender the opportunity for the following service, to run from September 2017:

- Environmental Improvement (a workshop was held to review and refine the current service provided)

5.3. Members have also agreed to the recruitment of a Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer.

6. Item for Decision

6.1. Members are asked to consider if they wish the following contract to be retendered. This would need to be advertised in early May to prevent a break in service:

- Anti-Poverty Outreach Service (Starting September 2017 - to run for up to 3 years)

6.2. Members are asked to decide if they wish to devolve funding to the Ward Alliances in 2017/18, based upon recommendation 2.4.

6.3. The Area Council is asked to identify which of the current priorities they wish to focus on to develop a 'needs based project' proposal for further development. This project is intended to utilise the funding which currently remains in the budget allocation.

7. Risks

7.1. Members please note that the financial position of the Area Council has altered significantly and there is a substantial sum currently unallocated for 2017-18.

8. Next Steps

8.1. Andrea Hoyland and Liz Pitt to be invited to an Area Council Workshop to provide information on poverty within the North Area, including information specifically children facing poverty within the locality. This will help shape the continuation of the service moving forward.

8.2. The Area Council is required to discuss which of their priorities they wish to concentrate on make effective use of the remaining funding. This may also require a workshop.

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NORTH AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET - 2014/15 - 2016/17

Project / Service	Provider	Contract Start Date	Length of Contract	Total contract value	Commissioning Budget 2015/16		Commissioning Budget 2016/17		Projections 2017/18	
					Profile	Actual	Profile	Actual	Profile	PROJECTED
Base Expenditure						£ 400,000		£ 400,000		£ 400,000
Summer Internship (2014)	C&K Careers	Apr-14	6 months	£ 39,410						
Environmental Enforcement (2014-15)	Kingdom Security Services	4th August 2014	1 year	£ 107,093	£ 35,697					
	BMBC Community Safety	4th August 2014	1	£ 19,752						
Healthy Eating, Healthy Life Res	SWYP(NHS)FT	16th October 2014	18 months	£ 99,385	£ 70,160					
Summer Internship (2015)		9th March 2014	20 months	£ 42,065	£ 37,495		£ 3,240			
Strengthen Communities Grant (2015)	Various x6	Apr-15	1 year	£ 100,000	£ 100,000					
Creating a Cleaner and Greener Environment in partnership with local people	Anvil CIC	14th Sept 2015	1yr + 1yr	£ 150,192	£ 44,316		£ 74,803		£ 31,073	
Anti-Poverty - Financial Inclusion (Contract value amended Jan16)	CAB & DIAL	14th Sept 2015	1yr + 1yr	£ 148,120	£ 42,263		£ 75,000		£ 30,857	

Environmental Enforcement (Aug15-Mar16)	Kingdom Security Services	4th August 2015	9 months	£ 81,844	£ 81,844					
	BMBC Community Safety	4th August 2015	9 months	£ 21,922	£ 21,922					
Fixed Penalty Notice Income				-£ 65,844	-£ 46,779					
Parking Penalty Notice Income				-£ 4,307			-£ 4,307			
Community Magazine Distribution Costs (Edition 1 - Dec 2015)			1 year	£ 2,282	£ 2,282					
Celebration Event Nov 15				£ 3,000	£ 3,000					
Environmental Enforcement (2016/17)	Kingdom Security Services			£ 120,640			£ 120,640			
	BMBC Community Safety			£ 25,000			£ 25,000			
Summer Internship (2016) (£94,651 - N, NE & S)	C&K Careers	1st March 2016		£ 31,550			£ 31,550			
Stronger Communities Grants (2016/17) £100,000				£ 70,234			£ 70,234			

Community Magazine Distribution Cost July 2016 Edition 2	Royal Mail	Jul-16		£ 2,793				£ 2,793	
Parks Contingency fund (play areas)	Parks Services			£ 10,000			£ 10,000		
Funding devolved to Ward Alliance (2016/17)				£ 40,000			£ 40,000		
Small Business Survey	BBIC	Aug-16	1 months	£ 2,250			£ 2,250		
Community Magazine Distribution Cost Jan2017 - Edition 3	SMART Distribution	Dec-16	2 months	£ 1,640			£ 1,640		
Small Business Development - Marketing and Promotion	Partnership with BBIC	Agreed Nov 2016	6 months	£ 5,000			£ 2,500	£ 2,500	
Positive Progressions - Stronger Futures (20months+1yr+1yr = £180,000)		April/May 2017		£ 55,000				£ 55,000	
Stronger Communities Grants (2017/18) £100,000		1st April 2017	1 year	£ 64,658				£ 64,658	

Stronger Communities Grants (2017/18 - second round) Underspend: £29,766+£35,342.50				£ 65,000					£ 65,000	
Funding devolved to Ward Alliance (2017/18) where March 16 balance is less than £10,000		Apr-17		£ 40,000					£ 40,000	
Environmental Enforcement (2017/18) & (2018/19) - £120,640 + BMBC £25,000	Kingdom Security Services	1st April 2017	1 year	£ 120,640					£ 120,640	
	BMBC Community Safety	1st April 2017	1 year	£ 25,000					£ 25,000	
Ant Poverty - Financial Inclusion Contract Variation (Additional session Apr17-Spe 44)				£ 10,500					£ 10,500	
Projected - AntiPoverty Outreach (2017/18 approx £45k, 2018/19 £30k)		Sep-17							£ 25,000	
Projected - Clean and Green Service (2017/18 approx £45k, 2018/19 £30k)									£ 25,000	

Community Magazine Distribtion Costs (Edition 4 Summer 17 and Edition 5 winter 17 = total £3,280											
Private Sector Housing Enforcement				£ 35,000						£ 35,000	

Expenditure Incurred in year				£ 392,200		£ 452,550		£ 533,021
In year balance				£ 7,800		-£ 52,550		-£ 133,021
Balance Including any base expenditure not used in the previous financial year				£ 265,753		£ 213,202		£ 80,181

Total Commitment	£ 1,469,819
Allocation Remaining	£ 130,181

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Item 11

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
9th March 2017

Agenda Item: 11

Report of the
North Area Council Manager

Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on progress in each Ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund.

2. Recommendation

That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the remaining Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds in line with the guidance on spend.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition the Area Council has devolved £10,000 for the financial year 2016/17.

- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Finding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. Please refer to appendix 2 for further information.

- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:

- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
- it is in the wider public interest (whole community can potentially benefit),
- it represents value for money.

4.0 Position Statement

- 4.1 The full grant allocation for the North Area's Ward Alliances for the year 2016/17 is £94,149.

- 4.2 By ward:

Ward	Allocation	Allocation Remaining
Darton East	£20,748	£2,100.70
Darton West	£20,085	£1,911.54
Old Town	£27,177	£13,334.54
St Helens	£26,139	£9,601.22
Area Total	£94,149	£26,948.00

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan during 2016/17. This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans and reaffirm their ward priorities.

5.2 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.

5.3 The breakdown by ward in 4.2 clearly shows that some of the wards are carrying a significant budget for this point in the financial year.

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9th March 2017

Appendix 1: 2016/17 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£748	carried forward from 2015/16
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£20,748	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			£10,374.00	£20,748.00
Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall - Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations	£2636.58	£1,318.29	£9,055.71	£18,111.42
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group - Bedding plants for Mapplewell war memorial	£200.00	£200.00	£9,055.71	£17,911.42
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group - Dog bin provision	£1,765.00	£1,765.00	£9,055.71	£16,146.42
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Recreational Group - Queens birthday celebration planting	£530.30	£530.30	£9,055.71	£15,616.12
Hope Street Allotment work	£629.60	£0.00	£8,426.11	£14,986.52
Bulbs for local area	£150.00	£150.00	£8,426.11	£14,836.52
'We are 30mph' sticker scheme	£1,650.00	£1,650.00	£8,426.11	£13,186.52
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace group - bulbs	£520.00	£520.00	£8,426.11	£12,666.52

Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace group - bulbs for War Memorial	£200.00	£200.00	£8,426.11	£12,466.52
Village Hall Toddler Group - Toddler Group Christmas Party	£360.00	£360.00	£8,426.11	£12,106.52
DE Working Budget	£500.00	£0.00	£7,926.11	£11,606.52
Over 55's, Luncheon Club & DISC Combined - Winter Warmer Outing	£1069.50	£1069.50	£7,926.11	£10,537.02
DE Christmas Switch On	£700.00	£0.00	£7226.11	£9,837.02
Staincross & District Community Venture - Community Pantomime	£706.00	£706.00	£7226.11	£9,131.02
Greenworks Barnsley	£830.33	£830.33	£7226.11	£8,300.69
DEWA - Communication within the community	£249.99	£250.00	£7226.11	£8,050.70
DEWA - Working budget	£500.00	£0	£6,726.11	£7,550.70
DEWA - Staincross in Bloom	£4,500.00	£4,500.00	£6,726.11	£3,050.70
DEWA - Village plans drop in session	£250.00	£0	£6,476.11	£2,800.70
DEWA - Memorial bench	£700.00	£0	£5,776.11	£2,100.70

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£85	carried forward from 2015/16
£10,000	base allocation
£20,085	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,042.50	Allocation Remaining £20,085.00
Gawber History Group – Gawber Glass House Blue Plaque	£400.00	£400.00	£10,042.50	£19,685.00
Wilthorpe & Redbrook Afternoon Club	£301.96	£301.96	£10,042.50	£19,383.04
Hanging Baskets installation & maintenance	£2500.00	£0.00	£7,542.50	£16,883.04
The Yorkshire Military Band - Music in the Community	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£7,542.50	£15,383.04
Re-site litter bin at Day House Estate, Redbrook	£60.00	£0.00	£7,482.50	£15,323.04
Purchase & installation of community notice board at Redbrook & Wilthorpe Community centre	£1,155.00	£0.00	£6,327.50	£14,168.04
3 Interactive learning boards - Barugh Green	£1500.00	£0.00	£4,827.50	£12,668.04
Voice for Darton - Darton Village Fete	£700.00	£700.00	£4,827.50	£11,968.04
Gawber History Group - Room hire & materials for open evening	£775.00	£775.00	£4,827.50	£11,193.04
Bulbs for local area	£350.00	£350.00	£4,827.50	£10,843.04

Darton Primary School & College Environmental Group - Green & Clean project	£200.00	£200.00	£4,827.50	£10,643.04
Kexbrough Social Club - Community Events	£450.00	£450.00	£4,827.50	£10,193.04
Planting on Redbrook Roundabout	£2878.00	£0.00	£1,949.50	£7,290.04
Darton Voice - Winter Fair for Lincs2Nepal	£700.00	£700.00	£1,949.50	£6,590.04
Ward Alliance Celebration	£35.50	£0.00	£1,914.00	£6,554.54
Christmas Tree for Barugh Green	£645.00	£0.00	£1,269.00	£5,909.54
Barugh Green Christmas Lights	£1,018.00	£1,018.00	£1,269.00	£4,891.54
Common Threads Steering Group - Heritage Evening	£100.00	£100.00	£1,269.00	£4,791.54
Stars of Darton West awards 2017 - Working budget	£1,700.00	£0	£0	£3,091.54
Barbarian Explorer Scouts - Young Leaders at Barugh	£680.00	£680.00	£0	£2,411.54
Les Cadeaux - Creative Easter Eggstravaganza	£500.00	£500.00	£0	£1,911.54

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£7,177.00	carried forward from 2015/16
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£27,177.00	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining £27,177.00
			£13,588.50	
Willowbank Special Interest Group – Willowbank Walk	£618.24	£618.24	£13,588.50	£26,558.76
Willowbank Community Partnership - Old Town News; newsletter	£1167.85	£1167.85	£13,588.50	£25,390.91
Bin replacement at Hollingsworth Park (Sugden's Rec)	£300.00	£0.00	£13,288.50	£25,090.91
Bulb planting	£170.00	£170.00	£13,288.50	£24,920.91
Christmas Tree/Lights	£3344.37	£0.00	£9,944.13	£21,576.54
BNWLG - Skip it, Don't tip it	£180.00	£180.00	£9,944.13	£21,396.54
x3 replacement bins for Wilthorpe Park & replacement gate at Sugdens Rec	£2,200.00	£0.00	£7,744.13	£19,196.54
Summer Lane Primary School - Young Voices Choir	£300.00	£300.00	£9,944.13	£18,896.54
Willowbank CP - Event insurance	£783.00	£783.00	£9,944.13	£18,113.54

Newtown Allotment & Garden Association	£2,750.00	£2,750.00	£9,944.13	£15,363.54
NCS Subsidy	£350.00	£0.00	£9,594.13	£15,013.54
Ad Astra - Great Oral Hygiene	£775.00	£775.00	£9,594.13	£14,238.54
Sugdens Bowling Club - Bowling Green enhancement	£904.00	£904.00	£9,594.13	£13,334.54

ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£6,139	carried forward from 2015/16
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£26,139	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £13,069.50	Allocation Remaining £26,139.00
Clean & Green Team – Laxton Road Allotments clear up	£190.00	£0.00	£12,879.50	£25,949.00
Dog bin for Smithies Rec	£1,628.00	£0.00	£11,251.50	£24,321.00
Athersley TARA - Cook & Eat	£1,350.00	£1,350.00	£11,251.50	£22,971.00
Twilight Group - Reducing Isolation	£390.00	£390.00	£11,251.50	£22,581.00
Spring bulbs	£110.00	£0.00	£11,141.50	£22,471.00
Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch - CCTV Security Equipment	£344.00	£344.00	£11,141.50	£22,127.00
Athersley CAFC - Athersley Bonfire	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£11,141.50	£21,127.00
St Helens Christmas trees	£1,494.80	£0.00	£9,646.70	£19,632.20
Working budget for Information Open Day 26.11.16	£2,500.00	£0.00	£7,146.70	£17,132.20
New Hope Kids Club	£400.00	£0.00	£6,746.70	£16,732.20
Caterpillar Club - Preschool	£500.00	£0.00	£3,246.70	£16,232.20
St Helens Christmas Event	£300.00	£0.00	£5,946.70	£15,932.20

Budget				
New Hope Music Project	£750.00	£750.00	£5,946.70	£15,182.20
National Citizen Service	£350.00	£350.00	£5,946.70	£14,832.20
STHWA - New bin - Primrose bank	£1,838.00	0	£4,108.70	£12,994.20
STHWA - Repair steps handrail	£476.00	0	£3,632.70	£12,518.20
Ad Astra/NL Community Centre - NLCC launch	£2,541.98	2542.00	£3,632.70	£9,976.22
Secretary Bursary payment (Qtrs1-3)	£375.00	£375.00	£3,632.70	£9,601.22

Appendix 2:

Ward Alliance Funding 2016/17 - Briefing Note

2016/17 Allocation

For 2016/17 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

Carry-forward Ward Alliance Fund

Any carry-forward of remaining balances of existing Ward Alliance Fund at year-end will be combined and added to the 2016/17 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

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

Area Council Devolved Funding Allocation

Discretionary Area Council payments will not be made to any Ward Alliance with more than £10k of remaining in-year budget.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000/ward from the Area Council budget to their Ward Alliance. This is discretionary to each Area Council and the amount to be allocated is flexible up to the maximum of £20,000/ward.

Match funding

Overarching principle for all of the resources described above :

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).

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 however we would always strongly encourage as much matching as possible in here in the spirit of the key principles behind the Area arrangements of encouraging greater contributions from other sources (businesses and community)

Note we will keep this under review during 2016.

Ward Alliance Funding 2016/17

Basic Allocation £10k

+

Carry-forward Ward Alliance Fund £x

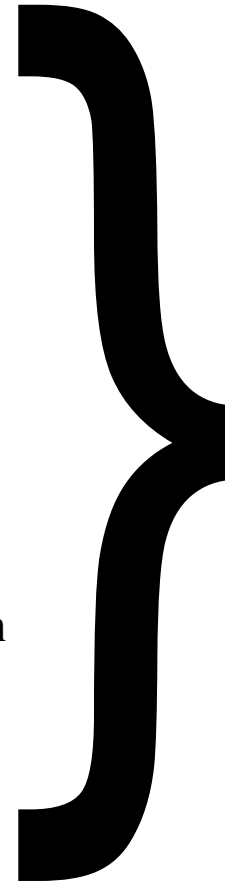
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**Discretionary Area Council Allocation
£x**

(maximum £20k – not available where Ward
Alliances have more than £10k in year balance)



**2016/17 Ward
Alliance Fund
£x**

**50% to be matched-
funded by volunteer
time, external
income or in-kind
resources**

**Both elements require
Ward Alliance
approval**

**50% does not
require match-
funding**

Item 12

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 20th March 2017**

Agenda Item: 12

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appries the North Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance implementation.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens 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 (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) 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 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during January and February 2017.
Appendices:

Darton East Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix One
Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Two
Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Three
St Helens Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Four

The reporting into the North 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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20th March 2017**

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
10th Jan 2017 – 6PM
Mapplewell & Staincross
Village Hall

Present:

CLlr Roy Miller - Darton East Ward Councillor
CLlr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
CLlr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
Pauline Brooks - Methodist Church
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
David Oates - Local business Man
Julian Senior - Greenworks
Jonathan Senior - Greenworks
Jo Dransfield - Clean and Green
Martin Hall – Clean and Green Team

1. **Apologies:** David Hilton - Greenspace
Sandra De-Donno - Mapplewell Staincross Village Hall
2. Jo Dransfield – Clean and Green Team
Jo Dransfield was introduced to the Ward Alliance. The Clean and Green Team are looking for projects in the local area. They are promoting the team with posters/flyers and have set up a new facebook page.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
These were declared a true record by Councillor Harry Spence and Pauline Brooks
4. **Matters Arising**
 - Councillor Gail Charlesworth reported she had contacted Mapplewell Bowling Club regarding their application for a new shelter – she advised them that their application had been declined due to the amount requested. It was advised that they resubmit their application with lower costings.
 - Application submitted and accepted from Greenworks.
5. **Declaration of Interest**
None
6. **Area Ward Plan**
 - Shaw Lane Letter box and footpath- Work to begin on the footpath over the next few weeks. The £8,000 allocated from last years Devolved Ward Budget will be used as a contribution towards the project.
David Oates asked to be notified when work commences.
 - Unadopted Roads has been raised as an issue - Councillor Miller awaiting a response to see if roads with street lighting should be a council responsibility .
 - New Road – Flats opposite Working Mens Club Redland Grove developer agreed to tarmac road. Councillor Spence to secure work done as proposed.

- Councillor Spence will be working with Greenspace, Greenworks and the Clean and Green Team on cutting back and clearing the footpaths in the Ward.
- £3000 106 money agreed towards fencing playing fields on Spark Lane
- Councillor Charlesworth – NCS Application to be completed and submitted.
- School signs for Braithwaite street etc further investigation needed.
- Councillor Miller – Finalising village plans designing out parking problems. More parking to be sourced on football fields.
- A Drop in session looking at the plans for Mapplewell Village will be organised for local residents to attend.
- Councillor Charlesworth has set up Darton East Facebook page and Twitter
- Councillor Miller – Windhill footpath clearance volunteers needed.

7. **Applications Submitted**

- Greenworks £730.33 – for equipment for Barnsley in bloom project involving volunteers from Darton and Mapplewell Primary School. Possibly adopting Shaw Lane as part of the Great British Spring Clean in March.
- There has been a request by a local family for a memorial bench. Application to be submitted.

8. Community Resilience Plan - It was unanimously agreed that if there was ever an emergency in the Ward the Village Hall would become the local Emergency Base.

9. **Ward Alliance Fund**

There is £9,131.02 of Ward Alliance funding available this financial year 2016/17.

10. **AOB**

- Alternative Christmas Tree supplier to be investigated. Trees to be located at Police Station and adjacent to Birkinshaws
- Police Station to reopen
- John Race submitted letter to Ward Alliance
- North Area magazine distribution - any areas not receiving magazine to be reported to Rosie or Rebecca.

Date and time of next meeting

14/02/17 6pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Notes of Meeting 16th January 2017 at the Darton Centre.

Attendees: Cllr Linda Burgess, (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Dominic McCall, Jason Gardener, Ann Plant, Carol Gamwell, Tom West, Richard Haigh.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

Apologies: Cllr Alice Cave, Scott Ledger, Louise Oxley.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Linda welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were received.

2. Clean and Green Team.

Martyn and Jo gave an update of their work and protocols for their engagement across the Ward were discussed.

ACTION POINT.

A Martyn and Jo to supply Cllrs with a list of dates of activities to be undertaken by the team across the Ward.

B Clean and Green Team to have information stand at Barugh Green on Tuesday 17th January 2017. Richard and Carol to visit Information event to lend support.

C Ward Alliance members to identify potential Environmental Projects at next meeting.

D Linda to send out via Neighbourhood Network, information about Clean and Green Team and welcome residents ideas for projects across the Ward and volunteer involvement.

E Rebecca to put information about Clean and Green Team in the Darton Arrow and welcome residents ideas for projects across the Ward and volunteer involvement.

3. Notes of meeting 5th December 2016 and review of action points.

The notes were discussed and the following action points were agreed

A Jason to email date for site visit for Linda, Richard and Green and Clean Team to look at the Darton College Environmental Project.

B Richard to provide update on readiness of Gawber History Group Plaque in February

C Rebecca to work with Richard to set up a site visit with Andrea Jackson re positioning 2 planters at Dayhouse Way, Redbrook.

D Tom to work with Horizon pupils on a possible event at the Wilthorpe and Redbrook Afternoon Club. Linda and Rebecca to work with Tom.

E Linda to contact Scott re progress with the Pickering Cup.

4. Highways Issues.

Ian Wilson from BMBC Highways was introduced and discussion took place on previously identified issues.

ACTION POINTS

A Ian Wilson to provide responses for the February meeting re the following:

A village and/or warning sign for Birthwaite Hill

Costs for banners on lamp posts about litter from cars

Repairs to chevrons on Redbrook Roundabout

Options and costs for the use of SIDs

Cost of putting up Christmas lights

B Rebecca to check on start date for planting on Redbrook Roundabout

5. WAF Update.

2016-17 budget was updated and discussed.

WAF Applications were approved for the following:

Stars of Darton West, HLF Planning Bid, Barugh Green Christmas Lights

ACTION POINT.

Linda to email Neighbourhood Network re WAF opportunities

6. North Area Council.

No updates this month.

7. Ward Priorities 2017/18.

Members gave updates on the action plan

ACTION POINT

Dominic to update and supply to members for next meeting.

8. Communications

Communications Group Meeting 18th January at Darton College for Linda, Jason, Tom, Dominic

9. Stars of Darton Ward

Working Group meeting Monday 23rd January 2017, at Darton Centre, 4.30pm.

10 AOB

No issues were raised

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13th February 2017, 5.00pm at the Darton Centre.

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Notes of Meeting 13th February 2017 at the Darton Centre.

Attendees: Cllr Sharon Howard, (Chair), Cllr Linda Burgess, Carol Gamwell, Richard Haigh, Ann Plant, Jason Gardener, Dominic McCall.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

Apologies: Cllr Alice Cave, Louise Oxley. Tom West, Mary Elliott.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

Sharon welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were received.

2. Notes of Meeting 16th January 2017 and review of action points.

The notes were discussed and the following action points were agreed.

Action Points:

A Rebecca to supply all Ward Alliance members with the dates and schedule of the Clean and Green Team..

B Rebecca to arrange a site meeting at Dayhouse Way with Steve Croft, Cllr Burgess, and Richard Haigh to clarify siting 2 lanterns.

C Rebecca to work with Tom West and Horizon Students re: Wilthorpe and Redbrook Afternoon Club. Next meeting 7th March 2017.

D Richard to keep Alliance members updated re: Gawber History Group progress.

E Linda to send a photograph of The Pickering Cup to Scott Ledger..

F Carol to contact Jan Fretwell to agree date to identify Ballfield Lane clean up options

G Richard to contact local garages at Barugh to see if any interest for planters to showroom frontage.

H Richard to contact Julie Carnevale to see how we could publicise any future litter picks and local involvement at Gawber.

3. Identification of environmental projects for Clean and Green Team

Kexborough -environmental project at Darton College, Ballfield Lane litter pick.

Darton - , clean up and tidy Darton Park, painting of skate board area, tidy tennis courts.

Barugh - future autumn bulb planting, possible planters at Dovebush Way and Medina Way, possible planters for frontages to local garages

Barugh Green - litter pick at Barugh Green Recreation Ground.

Redbrook - litter pick along Barugh Green Rd, Chestnut Tree Pub area and Redbrook Park

Gawber - Redbrook Road to junction of Church Street, Redbrook Court/Redbrook View,

Wood View Recreational Ground, tidying of entrance, repair of fence and litter pick.

4. Responses to Highways Issues raised at January Meeting 2017.

No responses were available.

Action Point: Linda, Sharon, Alice to contact Executive Director to request response.

5. WAF Update.

2016/2017 Budget was updated and discussed.

WAF Applications.

Top up Budget Stars of Darton West Agreed.

Barbarian Explorer Scouts Agreed.

Les Cadeaux Agreed with conditions

Action Point: Rebecca to contact Family Centre at Darton in relation to Les Cadeaux event.

Linda and Jason to be kept updated.

6. North Area Council Projects.

Linda and Sharon provided updates of North Area Council Projects.

7. Ward Priorities 2016/17.

Dominic recorded updates from Ward Members on Ward Action Plan.

8. Review of Priorities for 2017/18.

Following discussion it was agreed to keep the same Priorities for next year.
Consultation to be via the Neighbourhood Network

9. Communications.

Linda gave feedback from Communications Sub Group.

10. Stars of DW Celebration.

Sharon updated group of forthcoming event. Friday 10th March. Town Hall.

11. A.O.B Nothing to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Monday, 13th March 2017, 5,00 pm at the Darton Centre.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting Wednesday 4th January 2017 Edith Perry Room Barnsley Hospital

Present

Cllr Anita Cherryholme (Chair) Cllr Liz Grundy

BMBC Rep – Lee Swift

Community Reps – Kirsty Summerfield Sheila Lowe Bill Gaunt Fr Craig

Tomlinson Michelle Cooper

Apologies

Cllr Phil Lofts John Love Dorothy Hayes Amy Walker

Minutes from Previous meeting were accepted as a true copy.

Matters Arising from Action Points of last meeting

Traffic Management/Costings (AC)

- Anita has been in contact with Steve from BMBC and the cost of the programme of Traffic Management will be in the region of £6000. The group had already agreed to the proposal of a £5000 budget once the figures could be verified. The group has now agreed to cap this budget at £6000 subject to the application form coming to the alliance. More Street names were added to the original list to take back to Steve for confirmation of final costings then a WAF will be completed once all details have been clarified. **ACTION ANITA**

Inconsiderate Parking.

- Many of the cars that are causing obstructions around the local area are staff from Barnsley Hospital. Contact will be made with Mike Lees. **ACTION LIZ**

Christmas Trees.

- These have been very successful again this year and many positive and complimentary comments have been brought forward.

Vulnerable Groups in our Ward.

- After a lengthy discussion about how we are going to take this programme forward it was agreed that Lee and Michelle will complete a Mapping Exercise of the services that are already running in our area. Several organisations have already agreed to attend a meeting/ Information Sharing event if we organise one. We need to find out what services are available and use their expertise to find out what the gaps are in our Ward. Alliance members who have contacts will forward information onto Michelle or Lee. **ACTION LEE / MICHELLE**
- Sheila – Wade Street / Wade St Chapel
- Liz – Amy and Emanuel

- Fr Craig – St Pauls
- Bill – BIADS
- Anita – Barnsley Hospital
- Kirsty – Age UK

Sub Group Meetings

- Media /Consultation/Web Site – towards the end of January **ACTION BILL**
- Isolation – Once Mapping Exercise is complete

Community Resilience Plan

- St Pauls and Wade Street Chapel have agreed in principle. Fr Craig will discuss this at the next PCC and confirm with the group and then Lee will contact Simon Dobby for the next stage.

Dog Fouling Signs

- The signs, which were purchased last year, are working very well – the group agreed to purchase more for different areas – Honeywell (New Path) x 3 Willowbank x 1.
- A recci needs doing in two other areas – Near Grey Horse and rear of Granville Street to check if there is anywhere we could have them placed. **ACTION ???**

Graffiti

- The Graffiti that has sprung up in Old Town is all over the borough. – Liz will again contact Neighbourhood Services **ACTION LIZ**

Old Town Ward Plan

- Our six-month review is almost due and we will hold a separate meeting at the start of April to coordinate the new Plan. **ACTION LEE**

Love Where You Live Update

- This years theme is ‘Super Heroes’ for the launch of the Programme 3rd to 5th March 2017. Lee asked members to consider areas of waste that would make a good location for a clean up project.
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WAF Applications

- Funds Available- Budget remaining as of today £15,363.13
- There was just one WAF Application this month – the NCS one that was deferred in December.
- The project idea of subsidising the cost to young people was approved by the group unanimously.
- The method behind the application was a cause for concern. It was noted that Ward Alliances had been approached prior to the submission and assurances appear to have been given to NCS that the money would be granted. As a consequence of this, the Ward

Alliance Fund Form was inadequately completed and missing large amounts of information.

- In previous meetings when money has been asked for retrospectively and with that small amount of detail, we have declined the application.
- The WA is still unanimous behind this decision to approve the application, but it was clearly noted that if any other application comes to the table under similar circumstances it would be turned down.
- Michelle will contact Horizon to check the interest in this project and report back to the next meeting. **ACTION MICHELLE**

FORTH-COMING EVENTS

- Please pass all information onto Bill so that he can put it on the Web Site
- Pogmoor will hold their annual Remembrance Service on Friday 6th January 2017

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Summer Lane School Crossing -**
 - It has been brought to our attention that there is a growing amount of inconsiderate / dangerous driving and abuse towards the 'Lollypop' Lady. Could we ask Kingdom to look at the area and give support? Liz will contact the relevant agencies. **ACTION LIZ**

Old Town Ward Alliance Minutes
Wednesday 1st February 2017
Edith Perry Room – Barnsley Hospital

Present

Cllr Liz Grundy (Chair) Cllr Anita Cherryholme –
BMBC Rep - Lee Swift J
Community Reps -John Love – Sheila Lowe – Bill Gaunt – Michelle Cooper
Jo Dransfield and Martyn Hall from Clean and Green

Apologies

Cllr Phil Lofts – Dorothy Hayes – Kirsty Summerfield – Amy Walker

To start the meeting tonight Jo and Martyn introduced themselves and spoke a little about the work Clean and Green are doing in the area and asked for our thoughts about any specific parts in the Ward we know of that needed their services.

It was agreed that they would clean the area on a pathway between Salisbury Street and Greenfoot Close with the support of the Ad Astra Team.

It was also agreed that their information would go into the next edition of Old Town News. **Action Bill**

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as a true copy

Matters Arising

Inconsiderate Parking – Liz had contacted Mike Lees from Barnsley Hospital and his response was that he would again contact all staff and ask them to be aware that some vehicles were being parked were causing some congestion around the area. He was not aware of any issues being brought to his attention by the staff. John Love spoke about the new hospital car park on Pogmoor Road and was under the impression that this had been granted to help with staff parking – Liz agreed to check with planning

Action Liz

Isolation – Liz and Michelle are meeting with Cameron Stirk from Emanuel church to look at their programme - **Action Liz**

Liz has spoke to Rosie and she is happy to facilitate a workshop to look at the issues of isolation in our area and to give us a better picture of missing elements that the WA may be able to support

Bill to contact BIADS **Action Bill**

Lee and Michelle have met up and looked at started a mind mapping exercise to look at the current activities in our area. More information is still required from others members of the group to complete this process

Action Everyone

Media – Lee has been contacted by a gentleman from Redbrook after seeing our Old Town News and asked if he can support us with the Website. Date needs setting for the next Media Sub Group meeting.

Action Bill

Community Resilience Plan – ST Pauls and Emanuel and Wade Street – we need now to pass on this information to Simon who will contact the organisations and sort out the relevant paperwork **Action Lee**

Dog Fouling Signs – Lee and Michelle will do a recci in the area to look at possible places to post the signs **Action Lee /Michelle**

Graffiti – Liz has reported the latest **run** of tags in the ward and whoever is doing this is also travelling around several other wards and tagging there – the clean up team tackle offensive tags as a priority

Ward Plan Review to be set in April **Action Lee**

Horizon CC /NCS – Michelle has spoke to the two staff who are coordinating the project in school – they are still compiling a list of possible participants. School will contact Michelle once list is complete then we can ensure the funds are going to young people from the Old Town ward. (They are also looking for possible projects for the groups to do if anyone has any ideas)

Summer Lane Crossing – Liz has contacted the relevant authorities and they say the ongoing issues are to be reported to the police 101 – we will continue to monitor this issue

Old Town Ward Plan – we worked through the current plan and assessed what had been completed and what projects needs recategorising and what was still ongoing – this will all be updated in April at our next Ward Plan Review

Love Where You Live

The LWYL Campaign will again be linked with The Great British Clean Up project running from the 3rd to 5th March 2017 – The team are providing goodies for the young people who participate in the event over the weekend. Ad Astra are working with Summer Lane Primary and Wilthorpe Primary and doing litter picks with them for the event.

If anyone has any other projects planned please contact Lee.

Lee will inform all groups in the Old Town Ward area and at the end of the event will collate photos. **Action Lee/Everyone**

Lee and Rebecca will be doing a ‘Roaming Road show’ around the area to try and recruit volunteers as part of the LWYL project for this year.

Mayors Parade in July – The LWYL Team -after last years success will be having another visit to this event and welcome everyone to join them.

Community Champions

This month we have 2 nominees for the Community Champion – Trevor Baugh and Brian Waddington who go into Wilthorpe Park everyday and litter pick. Every member supported this nomination and Lee will arrange a suitable presentation arena for the certificates **Action Lee**

WAF Applications

Funds available as of 31/1/17 - £15013.13

Applications for discussion tonight: -

Ad Astra – Oral Hygiene project – this is to deliver an awareness-raising programme in KS1 in Wilthorpe and Summer Lane Primary School for over 200 children. Amount applied for £775 – this application was passed unanimously.

Sugdens Bowling Club – To provide opportunities for participation in Crown Green Bowling – for improvements to the existing grounds. Amount applied for £904.00 – this application was passed unanimously.

Traffic Order – to improve traffic management in and around the Old Town Ward as part of the Old Town Ward Plan. Amount applied for £6000 – Whilst the application was felt to be a good cause and the Ward Alliance wanted to support such a project, and after a lengthy discussion (brought up by Bill and John) about the constitutional view about what devolved budgets can be spent on, it was felt that there was insufficient detail outlined on the application form for members to make an informed choice in approving or declining the bid. The group asked for a full detailed list of all the areas the TRO would cover/include before confirming this application, and any detail of the work that would be undertaken. **This application was deferred until the March meeting.**

Brettas Park – This application was deferred as it was not a match-funded application and there would not be sufficient funds in the ‘Non –matched’ pot of funding if we are to fund the Traffic Order application. The application was sent back for more details, which can be resubmitted for reconsideration.

Forth-Coming Events

Just a reminder to send all information onto Bill so that he can put it on the web site.

Clean and Green Clean Up Wednesday **22nd February 2017** – Meeting at St Pauls at 12.45 and walking to Salisbury Street to clean the path that travels behind Granville Street onto Greenfoot Close

Childrens History Art Display/Coffee Morning 25th March 2017 – St Pauls Church Hall – 11am start

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st March 2017 – Edith Perry Room Barnsley Hospital - 7pm

Appendix Four:

St. Helen's Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting at TARA, Mansfield Road
Thursday 5th January 2017 at 5:00 pm

Present:

Cllr. Jenny Platts; Cllr. Sarah Tattersall (Chair); Clyde Black; Madge Busby; Gemma Cobby; David Gammon; Tony Lowe; Aimee Phillips; Lee Swift.

Apologies:

Cllr. Dave Leech; Ruth Gammon.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting on 24th November were approved.

Matters arising:

Reds in the Community - No action for the moment; carry forward.

NLCC - Aimee P informed the meeting she no longer wishes to participate in the activities of New Lodge Community Centre.

It was agreed a meeting should be called of the NLCC Management Committee, which should include Ruth G. Lee S is to arrange the meeting.

The issue at the centre with N-Power has been resolved. The outstanding account has been reduced by £1000 to £1600.

Funding Applications:

No applications had been submitted.

Events:

The Open Day at New Lodge WMC was reasonably successful despite a low turnout. It was agreed future events should be later in the year with better weather and given wider publicity. Timing should extend beyond 3pm to involve parents on school runs.

St. Helen's Star Awards is to be held in May.

The Health event is to be held in June.

In each case a small working party is to be set up to organise and oversee.

Summer Gala:

The event should take place in July/August Monday through Thursday. We should contact the major participants to establish diary dates.

A working group is to be set up given the heavy workload in planning the event.

Ward Plan:

The Plan was considered item by item and will be up dated by Lee S to consider at a later meeting.

Any other business:

Flood Resilience representatives have been invited to our next meeting and will be included in the agenda.

A non-matched funding working budget has been reserved for projects including Health and Stars of St. Helen's. The cost of hanging baskets will also be funded from this budget.

A quote is also being obtained for handrails on steps for ease of access.

Treasurer's Report:

Clyde B submitted a financial statement showing a balance of £18,673.38 as at 5th January 2017.

Secretary's Report:

A Bursary application was approved and passed to Lee S to process.

The free raffle tickets handed out at the Open Day and the three Christmas Tree events totalled 117 and the winner was delighted with the Christmas Hamper.

Provisional dates for 2017 for our meetings are to be emailed to Madge B to check the availability of the TARA office.

Our next meeting will be 5pm on 16th February at TARA, to be chaired by Cllr. Jenny Platts.

The meeting closed at 18:45.

St. Helen's Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting at TARA, Mansfield Road
Thursday 16th February 2017 at 5:00 pm

Present:

Cllr. Dave Leech; Cllr. Jenny Platts (Chair); Cllr. Sarah Tattersall; Clyde Black; Kath Bostwick; Madge Busby; Gemma Cobby; Ruth Gammon; David Gammon; John Hallows; Tony Lowe; Freda Stenton; Lee Swift.

Apologies: Aimee Phillips

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising:

Thanks were recorded to those who helped with the Christmas Tree events. The secretary confirmed appropriate letters had been sent to the schools who provided the choirs.

Clean and Green:

Martin and Jo gave a short presentation and emphasized the need to identify projects, thinking about areas needing work. Volunteers are urgently required to assist with projects. The secretary will send them his contact details.

Flood Resilience:

Derek Bell and Simon Dobby attended. This is a national Government initiative to establish a local plan for emergencies such as floods. Local evacuation centres need to be identified and key holder information plus any volunteers who would man the centre if an emergency occurred. The NHW Confirmer telephone system could be used to notify residents. We are to prepare a list of venues/groups for Flood Resilience.

Affordable flood insurance is available through the Flood Re Scheme

Funding Applications:

NLCC - Ad Astra are to take over the running of the Centre and will reopen on the 10th April. It was agreed it would be necessary to audit the previous accounts. After due consideration the application was approved in the full amount of £2,541.98 The secretary will confirm by email in the normal way. Further applications were considered and approved for funding through the Ward Alliance by the Ward Councillors:

Handrails - £476

Composite dog bin - £460

5 year contract to empty - £1378

31 hanging baskets - £2046

Events:

SYFAB - A Funding afternoon is scheduled for the 28th February between 4pm and 7pm at the Roundhouse. Ruth and David Gammon will attend.

The Great British Spring Clean - We are doing a litter pick on Saturday 4th March on Memorial Field, Laithes Lane meeting at 1:30pm

Partnership Workshop - An inaugural meeting has been set up for 7th March 6pm at Roundhouse Lifelong Learning Centre

Summer Gala: Lee S is to liaise with a third party to discuss joining the Gala

Ward Plan: Carried forward

Reds in the Community: Carried forward

Any other business:

Treasurer's Report:

Clyde B submitted a financial statement showing a balance of £18,548.38

Secretary's Report:

The Twilight Group has submitted a detailed report on disbursement of the funds provided through the Alliance.

Our next meeting will be at 5pm on Wednesday 22nd March at TARA, to be chaired by Cllr. Dave Leech. This is a change to our normal schedule.