

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 15 May 2017
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), Cave, Charlesworth, Lofts, Platts and Tattersall

60 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

61 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 20th March 2017

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th March 2017.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 20th March 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

62 Stronger Communities Performance Presentation 2016/17

The North Area Council Manager delivered a presentation regarding the achievements of the Stronger Communities Service over the past year. Thanks were expressed to all who had been so positively involved in working for the North Area Council communities.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

63 Grants Panel Second Round Timescales

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager who reminded Members that at the March North Area Council meeting it was agreed that the unallocated Stronger Communities Grant Funding would be available in a second round of funding allocated from the 2017/18 period. It was explained that the opportunity to apply for funding will be advertised on 19th May, with a deadline for applications of Friday 30th June; panel packs will be sent to panel members by Friday 14th July, with a panel moderation meeting provisionally planned for 28th July 2017. Results will be communicated by Friday 11th August, with successful projects commencing delivery on 1st October 2017.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Members note the timescales for the second round of funding from the 2017/18 allocation.

64 Private Sector Housing Recruitment Update

The Area Council Manager updated the Area Council regarding progress of this project and the recruitment of a suitable candidate for the role of Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer within the North Area. The post was advertised on Friday 31st March and closed on Monday 17th April. 9 applications were received, 4 were shortlisted and will be interviewed during the week commencing 15th May 2017. It is hoped that the successful applicant will be able to start in June 2017. Members were reminded to pass on any concerns to Cath Fairweather in readiness for the officer starting in post.

RESOLVED that Members note the progress update.

65 Community Magazine - Schedule and Distribution

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who provided Members with an update on the development of the North Area Council Community Magazine by the Editorial Group. All ward content and pictures must be submitted to the Area Team by 9th June and a proof will be available to view from 4th July. An editorial meeting has been planned for 10th July to request any alterations to the draft. The magazine will be distributed during the week commencing 24th July 2017. In terms of distribution, the Procurement Team has been very helpful in identifying a best value option for the North area. There may be some overlap/duplication with other areas.

RESOLVED that Members note the key dates as outlined above.

66 Opportunities for Young People - Positive Progressions Market Consultation Update

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who updated the North Area Council on the progress to develop a project to meet the priority 'opportunities for young people'.

It was highlighted that the market consultation event held on 26th April, which was attended by over twenty providers, had raised a number of issues to be addressed, including what the provision would look like, who the target young people should be, the role of schools and who had responsibility for NEET. It was felt that other options should be explored, including alternative provision either after school or during school holidays and perhaps involving Barnsley College, the National Citizenship Service, Fire Service and Barnsley FC. Reference was made to the practical life skills young people needed, including developing emotional resilience, independence skills such as money management and cookery.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Members note the progress to date for this project's development; and
- (ii) that the project is delayed to allow further development to take place with schools.

67 Economic Regeneration - Small Business Surgeries - development update - to follow

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who updated the North area Council on the development progress of the small business development surgeries model.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Area Council note the progress to date for this project.

68 Performance Management Report Enforcement narrative

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who provided the North Area Council with a comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report for the period October to December 2016 (2016/17 Quarter 4).

It was highlighted that the CAB/Dial project has had a significant positive impact in the community, securing £561,748 in benefit gains during Quarter 2, bringing the cumulative total to an estimated £2,249,293. Members were asked to note that the service is currently overcapacity and arrangements have been made for an additional outreach session to be trialled at the Staincross Methodist Church, Mapplewell.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report for the period October to December 2016 (quarter 4).

69 Anti-Poverty - Outreach Specification

The Area Council Manager provided Members with a detailed specification of requirements for the North Area in relation to the Anti-Poverty Outreach Services ongoing provision. At the February 2017 Steering Group meeting, the provider explained that the outreach advisors were now at full capacity and the provision had been far more popular than anyone could have envisaged. In the first quarter of year two, the outreach service alone supported 245 clients. The need to provide an additional weekly session, to meet demand, is evident. The cost to provide a fifth weekly session would cost approximately £95,000 per year, equating to £300,000 over three years.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Area Council approve the specification to enable procurement to take place during June and July to ensure seamless service delivery; and that;

- (ii) the service continue on the basis of one outreach session per week per ward, with a fifth session delivered as a 'twilight' service to make it accessible for people who work.

70 Improving the Environment - Specification

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who provided the Area Council with a detailed specification in relation to the 'Improving the Environment' specification, drawing particular attention to the service activities to be delivered. The existing annual contract is valued at £75,000 per annum but it was felt that this should be increased to £85,000 to develop the community development function.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Area Council approves the specification to enable procurement to take place during June and July to ensure seamless service delivery, with a greater emphasis placed upon community participation and social responsibility;
- (ii) and that the contract should be let for 2 years with a 1 year extension at a contract value of £255,000 over three years.

71 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who provided the end of year position for each ward's Ward Alliance funds for the year 2016/17 together with the financial position of each ward at the beginning of the period 2017/18.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the updated be noted, and;
- (ii) that each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2017/18, in line with the guidance on spend.

72 Notes from the Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 14th February, 14th and 15th March; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 13th March 2017 and 3rd April 2017; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 1st March 2017, 13th March 2017 and 5th April 2017; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 22nd March 2017.

Additional items of note, over and above what was included in the printed notes, are as follows:

Darton East – It was reported that Councillor Spence has been leading on a number of projects, including the sunflower project with schools and arrangements for

erection of a cloche. It has been agreed that a Christmas tree will be obtained from Birkinshaws. The issue of road signs and parking at schools has been raised, more information will be provided at the next meeting.

Darton West – as printed.

Old Town – nothing to add.

St Helens – The Growing space project at the company shop is moving slowly due to drainage problems. The New Lodge community centre has lots of projects underway. The Secretary has recently resigned, special thanks will be sent. A discussion took place around the provision of plastic cases for contactless bank cards, an issue raised by the Crime and Safety group. The Partnership group has held two meetings and is currently choosing themes to work on. The Gala will be held on 27th July and an invitation was extended to all.

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

Chair