

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 17 July 2017
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 3, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Leech (Chair), Cave, Cherryholme, Howard, Lofts, Miller, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

2 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 15th May 2017

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th May 2017.

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

3 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance Update

The Area Council Manager provided Members with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed in order to establish which of the existing financial commitments the North Area Council wish to continue to fund.

It was highlighted that the sum of £400,000 is available for the period 2017/18 but that current contracts exceed the available budget. The tenders for the Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project are due to be evaluated shortly. The Clean and Green Service (Forge) is due to run until September 2017 but a decision was taken to advertise an enhanced tender opportunity for 2 years (+ 1 year), with tender returns also due to be evaluated in July 2017. The Environmental Enforcement contract (Kingdom) is due to run until 31st March 2019, if all options to extend the contract are taken. A decision on this is needed by the end of September.

In terms of the Positive Progressions – Stronger Futures pilot, this would appear to have been overtaken by the European funding.

It was also highlighted that it has not been possible to recruit to the position of Private Sector Housing Officer. A meeting will be held later in the week to discuss options.

The exact amount of recycled income from enforcement activity is as yet unknown, but is unlikely to fill the budget deficit.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The North Area Council note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments and that North Area received a budget of £400,000 for the period 2017/18.
- (ii) Members note the procurement position of the Anti-Poverty and Clean and Green Tender and the position on the recruitment of the Private Sector Housing and Environment Officer
- (iii) A workshop will be arranged to provide a steer in relation to any unallocated funding.

4 Grants Panel Second Round - Update

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and reminded Members that it was agreed at the April 2017 meeting that the unallocated Stronger Communities Grant Funding would be available in a second round of funding allocated from the 2017/18 period. The opportunity was advertised from 19th May 2017 with a deadline for applications of Friday 30th June. Four applications have been received and the panel moderation meeting will take place on Thursday 10th August, with a decision shortly afterwards. A full update will be provided in September.

RESOLVED that Members note the timescales for the second round of funding from the 2017/18 allocation.

5 Community Magazine - Editorial update

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided members with an update on the development of the North Area Council Community Magazine. The final version has now been signed off, copies are being prepared and have been booked in with distributors and Royal Mail. There has been some pressure from central Communications to include corporate messages in the Community Magazine, but members felt that this should be balanced with good quality descriptive information and good quality photographs. Members were also concerned that producing the magazine will increase the Area Team's workload.

RESOLVED that Members continue to support the project, including the collation of material, and note the timescales for publication.

6 Opportunities for Young People - Positive Progressions Market Consultation Update

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and explained that although a lot of work had been done, the future direction of the project may need to change. The regional work by Sheffield City Region colleagues around the European Social Fund's Inclusive Labour Markets is likely to duplicate or displace this project.. This is unfortunate because the schools re now engaged and seem keen to assist with the planned service offer. This situation provides an opportunity to re-evaluate and refocus the efforts of the officers involved.

RESOLVED that the North Area Council note the update regarding the project's development and the proposal to re-evaluate the intended service offer.

7 Economic Regeneration - Small Business Surgeries - development update/social media training

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council on the development progress of the small business development surgeries model. Members were asked to support the project by engaging with small independent businesses in the North Area and using social media to promote the project.

RESOLVED that the Area Council note the progress to date for this project, paying particular attention to the next steps and the need to actively encourage participation of local businesses.

8 Performance Management Report - Main commissions reported in September SCG 2016/17 final reports

The Area Council Manager provided Members with a detailed and comprehensive North Area Council performance report for 2016/17 Quarter 4 (January – March 2017) in respect of the CAB & Dial Community Outreach Project; Forge Community Partnership, C & K Careers and Kingdom Security Services Ltd.

RESOLVED that Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report.

9 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated the North Area Council with regard to the financial position of the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2017/18 period, including the allocation remaining.

RESOLVED that Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report and prioritise the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2017/18, in line with the guidance on spend.

10 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 11th April, 9th May and 13th June 2017; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 3rd April, 8th May and 12th June 2017; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 3rd May and 7th June 2017; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 11th May and 22nd June 2017.

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

Chair