

<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 19 March 2018
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

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

### 39 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

### 40 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 22nd January 2018

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 41 Preventing Social Isolation and Warm Homes Commission including WHF update

Jenny MacPhail, Senior Health Improvement Officer, was welcomed to the meeting and provided the North Area Council with confirmation that Barnsley Council submitted a successful bid for the Warm Homes Fund Round Two. This gives universal provision for the Borough, with a specific point of contact where there are concerns that someone is living in a property which does not have adequate warmth.

It was highlighted that the Darton East Ward has a higher than average excess winter death index than other wards in the Borough and that this has increased steadily since 2006. The reasons for this are unclear.

The North Area Council now has an opportunity to develop a 'reducing social isolation' pilot project with a housing and energy focus. It was felt that the best way to fully define the project would be to set up a workshop in conjunction with Public Health, Social Care, the Research Team and Housing and Energy Officers.

**RESOLVED** that members of the Health and Wellbeing Priority Group meet for a workshop on 9<sup>th</sup> April with Housing and Energy and Public Health Officers to fully define the scope and breadth of the project.

### 42 Performance Management Report - Commissioned Projects & Grants Summary

The Area Council Manager introduced this report and provided Members with an update with regard to how all the North Area Council contracted services contribute

to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives. A number of case studies were provided.

It was highlighted that Part A of the report reflected information gathered from each contract for the period July to September 2017 and that Part B of the report provided Members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2017/18 Quarter 3 (October – December 2017).

Members discussed the merits, challenges and performance of the various providers, including but not limited to:

- Kingdom Security
- Twiggs Ground Maintenance
- CAB and DIAL
- RVS – Looking out for Older People
- Reds in the Community
- Emmanuel Methodist Church
- Homestart – Lifeline Project

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

#### **43 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance Update**

The Area Council Manager introduced this report and provided Members with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed, highlighting projects with a significant financial commitment, including:

- The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project
- The Clean and Green Service
- Housing Migration Officer/Private Sector Housing Officer
- Opportunities for Young People
- Health and Wellbeing

It was reported that following delivery issues with the Community Magazine, the provider has agreed to either recredit the Area Council with £1000 or redeliver the next edition free as an apology (cost of £1837). Members felt that it may be advisable for editions to be sent out after Christmas next time, i.e. in January and July.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The North Area Council note the existing budget position, current financial position and forecasted annual budget commitments, including those based on the decisions that were made at the September and November 2017 meetings.
- (ii) The North Area Council note that contrary to previous information the North Area received a budget of £400,000 for the period 2017/18.
- (iii) Members note the update regarding the proposed recruitment of a Young Peoples Participation Worker.

- (iv) The next edition of the Community Magazine be delivered free of charge as compensation for the delivery issues with the last edition.

#### **44 Stronger Communities Grant**

The Area Council Manager introduced the report and updated members about the North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant application and allocation process, the outcome of the grant panel meeting and the projects approved for funding, highlighting the performance management and monitoring arrangements for the five successful projects, which are:

- YMCA Youthwork
- DIAL Barnsley – hOurbank
- Ad Astra – Taking Young People Seriously
- Woolley Colliery Miners Welfare Scheme – Tractor Project
- Royal Voluntary Service – Barnsley North Looking Out for Older People

Members were made aware that this year's grant funding was overprescribed, leading to greater scrutiny of the applications in accordance with the scoring criteria. A total of seven applications were received at a value of £124,697 against a total funding allocation of £80,000.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) Members note the NAC Stronger Communities Grant update.
- (ii) Members note the projects that have been approved for funding.
- (iii) Members agree the performance and monitoring arrangements for the successful projects.

#### **45 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund**

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council with regard to the financial position of the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2017/18 period. It was pointed out that due to the current budget position Old Town ward is not eligible for devolved funding from the Area Council during 2018/19

**RESOLVED** that the report is noted and that each Ward prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds for 2017/18 in line with the guidance on spend.

#### **46 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances**

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 , 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 10<sup>th</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

*Darton East* – as printed

Darton West – The ‘Stars of Darton’ event took place on 9<sup>th</sup> March and was a great success, attended by around 150 people. The planters are now in situ and residents are taking ownership of their upkeep. Letters have gone out to local businesses to determine if they are willing to sponsor hanging baskets. Some have responded positively and it is hoped that something similar could be done for provision of Christmas lights.

*Old Town* – as printed

*St. Helens* – It was reported that all three Christmas events were well attended and thanks were expressed to everyone involved, in particular the North Area Team, Ward Alliance Members, local schools and Ad Astra. The spring bulbs have now been planted and the arrival of the hanging baskets is eagerly anticipated. The Annual Gala is planned for 24<sup>th</sup> July.

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

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Chair