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<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 1 October 2018
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 3rd July, 2018 (Dac.01.10.2018/2) (*Pages 3 - 6*)

### Items for Discussion

- 3 Recruiting Foster Carers - Jackie Cumberbatch (Dac.01.10.2018/3)
- 4 Smoke Free Schools - Kaye Mann (Dac.01.10.2018/4)
- 5 b:friend (social isolation project) (Dac.01.10.2018/5)

### Items for Decision

- 6 Dearne Area Council Future Commissions and Finance (Dac.01.10.2018/6) (*Pages 7 - 30*)

### Dearne Approach

- 7 Notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group held on 23rd July, 2018 (Dac.01.10.2018/7) (*Pages 31 - 36*)

### Ward Alliances

- 8 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 6th September, 2018 (Dac.01.10.2018/8) (*Pages 37 - 42*)
- 9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.01.10.2018/9) (*Pages 43 - 46*)

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

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

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Friday, 21 September 2018



<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 30 July 2018
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

## MINUTES

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

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

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

### 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 14th May, 2018 (Dac.30.07.2018/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 3 Performance Report Q1 (Dac.30.07.2018/3)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item making Members aware that performance indicators included information recorded to the end of June, 2018.

Members were made aware that there had been a number of changes in staffing in relation to the Environmental Enforcement contract monitoring meetings, and that the recent contract meeting had been very positive.

Within the first quarter 82 Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued, 79 for littering and 3 for dog fouling. A restorative justice event had been held within the Dearne with young people taking part in lieu of paying the notice.

A number of specific operations had been conducted in the area, and officers continued to work flexibly in order to respond to complaints.

With reference to the housing officer contracted to the Area Council, Members heard how 158 requests for service had been made and 11 vulnerable households identified. The officer had conducted 30 property inspections, and signposted 15 clients onto additional services. Members were assured that any fly-tipping identified had been reported in through appropriate channels.

In relation to the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance, performance was positive. 20 social action projects had been completed, and 5 areas had been adopted from a target of 8. The commission had engaged 150 volunteers, engaged with the local secondary school, and with 12 businesses. It was suggested that the target for engaging volunteers is discussed at the next contract meeting with a view to stretching this.

Members considered the performance of the project funded through Dearne Development Fund grants. DIAL had held 12 sessions and engaged with 50 residents. £62,097 of benefit had been gained.

Attendances at the Goldthorpe Development Group events remained consistent, with high numbers also volunteering. The group was working with the Area Team in order to engage a variety of additional health providers to attend the events for the remainder of the project.

An update was provided on the work undertaken by Dearne Electronic Community Village. Since November, 68 learners had enrolled. Each had been provided with intensive support and as a result 17 had returned to work. Members discussed the reliance of one person in order to deliver the service, noting that they were key to the success of the project. It was suggested that an apprentice position could provide additional support, and that this option be explored.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **4 Community Safety in the Dearne (Dac.30.07.2018/4)**

The Community Safety Team Leader for the area was welcomed to the meeting to speak to the report. It was noted that the report contained information wider than the Dearne area, which aimed to provide some context.

Members noted the PACT priorities from April-June, which provided the proactive focus in addition to reactive work.

The meeting heard of the recent focus on fly-tipping. Progress has been made with vehicles seized and a number of prosecutions. Strongly worded letters had been distributed to many households, which suggested clearing the area would be preferable to prosecution. It was noted that officers worked with colleagues in other boroughs to try to combat cross border tipping, and a number of high quality cameras were placed in the area to help capture evidence of perpetrators.

Members applauded the work undertaken and it was suggested that this could be publicised more widely, taking care that the right messages were given.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **5 Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects (Dac.30.07.2018/5)**

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report, previously circulated.

For the current financial year the Area Council had an opening balance of £208,467.96. £65,000 had been allocated to the Dearne Development Fund, and contracts had been continued for Environmental Enforcement, the Private Sector Housing Officer and the Environmental Education and Volunteering Service. Taking into account income from the Fixed Penalty Notices this left a total of £5,939.96 to allocate.

Members were reminded of their previous decision to allocate £2,000 per year for two years towards the Social Isolation Project. This was to be funded from the Dearne Development Fund project. Following the recharge for Fixed Penalty Notices it was suggested that this could now come from the Area Council budget.

An update was provided on the Railway Embankment Project, and it was noted that work on the entrance had progressed. The project had become a positive talking point for the area. Members heard how discussions were taking place regarding the memorial for the boys who had passed away on the site and potential relocation from the secondary school. Network Rail were also looking into the possibility of siting railway memorabilia on site. Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership had agreed to provide interpretation boards highlighting the heritage of the site and its transformation and had promised additional finance for fencing. Discussions had also taken place regarding the sponsorship of vegetable/flower boxes.

The Area Council Manager provided an update on the finance remaining as part of the Dearne Development Fund, which stood at £46,794.10.

Members noted the recent discussions to consider future commissions, with further discussions planned. Also noted was the update in relation to the Social Isolation Project. Three quotes had been requested and two received. Befriend had been successful in gaining the contract, but AGE UK had also expressed a desire to work in the area.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) The financial position of the Area Council be noted;
- (ii) That £2,000 per annum for two years to support the Social Isolation Project, previously agreed to be funded from the Dearne Development Fund budget, be funded from the Area Council Budget;
- (iii) That the progress of previously agreed projects be noted.

**6 Strategic Housing (Dac.30.07.2018/6)**

The Empty Homes Officer was welcomed to the meeting to speak about the work to support the return of empty homes back into use. Members and officers locally had been contacted to develop a greater understanding of the problematic properties.

1,600 properties had been identified throughout the borough and a variety of support was available for property owners. This included advice on probate, renting and how to sell. If the house was in disrepair, grants or loans were available, subject to conditions, to bring the property back into use. Help was also available for tenants and landlords in the form of support packs to ensure they were aware of their rights and obligations.

The officer provided details of the work undertaken with partner organisations working in the area in order to bring properties back into use.

Members heard how enforcement action could be used, and details were given about a sale being enforced locally. Assurances were given that any costs incurred by the Council would be recouped following the sale.

The possibility of using Compulsory Purchase Orders was discussed, however it was noted that this could be costly.

Officers were working closely with colleagues within Council Tax in order to take appropriate action with empty property owners, who were in arrears with their Council Tax.

It was suggested that a multi-agency group be convened to discuss the range of housing issues in the area, current intervention, and how partners can work better together to address the problem.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That thanks be given to the Empty Homes Officer for their work in the area and their attendance at the meeting;
- (ii) That details of the empty properties in the area, and action to be taken be taken be forwarded to Members; and
- (iii) That a multi-agency group be convened to discuss the best approaches to the housing issues in the area.

**7 Notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group held on 14th May, 2018 (Dac.30.07.2018/7)**

Members considered the notes from the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the Dearne Approach Steering Group be received.

**8 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 10th May and 12th July, 2018 (Dac.30.07.2018/8)**

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 10<sup>th</sup> May, and 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. Members noted that the Alliance had considered GDPR, and also that the Ward Alliance Members had been invited to Heathergarth Primary School.

**RESOLVED** that notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

**9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.30.07.2018/9)**

The Area Manager provided an overview on the use of Ward Alliance Funds.

Dearne North had approved £3,329.00 from an opening balance of £9,506.69, leaving £6,176.39 to be allocated. All projects had provided match funding.

Dearne South had approved £1,021.36 from an opening balance of £11,021.36, meaning £8,991.46 remained to be allocated. As with Dearne North all projects had provided match funding.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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Chair

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Future commissions and finances**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to explore the options with regards future Area Council commissioning and have sight of spend to date for 2018/19.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members consider the options set out in this report for future Area Council commissions
- 2.2 That members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets 2019/20 onwards should future commissions be agreed
- 2.3 That members approve the procurement and specification for the education, volunteering and environmental service at a cost of £75,000 per annum initially for 2 years with the option to extend for two further periods on a one plus one basis
- 2.4 That members consider a different approach to Environmental Enforcement
- 2.5 That members approve Housing and Migration Service Level Agreement for a further year at a cost of £30,523

**3.0 Area Council commissions**

- 3.1 The Area Council have had several commissioning intentions meetings during 2018 in order to discuss future commissions. Members have been provided with local data and intelligence as well as recent performance reports. The last meeting was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August and members discussed current commissions at length

**3.2 Education, volunteering and environmental service.**

The current service provided by Twiggs ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and costs £75,000 per year. If members agree to go forward with this commission the future costs would not change. Members have previously indicated that an environmental service that works alongside the community remains a priority for the area. Further this type of service has been effective in contributing towards

changing the “doing for” culture that previously existed

If the service is approved at this meeting, the Area Manager in collaboration with partners and the Ward Alliances will develop a schedule for the incoming provider to work towards. Slight changes to the previous specification have been inputted to note these changes

#### Options

<b>Option</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Cost</b>
A, do not re commission an education, volunteering and environmental service	No added value environmental work taking place in the Dearne No education in schools No business engagement Lose existing volunteers	More money left in the Area Council budget to spend on other priorities	£0
B, recommission an education, volunteering and environmental service	TUPE Lack of competition	Keep momentum that this service has provided More areas managed by volunteers More prevention work taking place in schools	£75,000 per annum
C, consider the options at a future meeting	Because of the procurement timeline a provider would not be in place for the 1 <sup>st</sup> of April 2019	More time to consider the options	£0

If members of the Area Council approve the specification presented at this meeting the service will operate on a 2 year timeline with the ability to extend the contract based on performance and finances for a further two years. The timeline and the procurement timetable will be as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Draft documents and finalise with legal	9th July – 30th Sept
Obtain sign off from Area Council	31st August, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept, 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Complete Equality Impact Assessment	By 30th September



Notify Twiggs and obtain TUPE information	w/c 3rd of September
Issue OJEU notice	8th October
Issue Tender	10 <sup>th</sup> October
Deadline for clarifications	29th October 2018
Tender Closing Date	9th November 2018
Quality responses to evaluation panel to review	9th November
Evaluation moderation panel meeting, presentations (If included) and verbal confirmation of award rec	w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Complete recommendation to award report	w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> of November
Issue Intent to award Letters (Start of Standstill)	3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Contract Award Issued	7th December
Mobilisation period	7th December – 31st March 2018
Contract Commencement Date	1st April 2019

### **Environmental Enforcement**

- 3.4 At the commissioning intentions meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 members discussed this contract at great length. This service is due to end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2019 and costs £34,000 per year, it is anticipated that those costs would not change if procured again. If the Area Council agree with the procurement of this service it will be procured alongside other Area Councils to the timeline of 3 years, performance and finances dependant. The procurement timeline would be the same as above

#### Options

<b>Option</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Cost</b>
A, do not re commission environmental enforcement	More litter on the Streets No further income	More money left in the area council budget to do something different regarding littering	£0
B, recommission environmental enforcement	TUPE will apply Lack of competition	More income into area council budget	£34,000 per annum

Members have previously indicated that although the visibility of officers may have acted as a deterrent they had not seen a reduction in the bulky litter on the streets. The majority of FPNs were given out to people disposing of their cigarettes and not given out for dropping plastic and other items. Therefore looking at an alternative way that incorporated an educational element was the preferred option

## **Housing and Migration Officer**

- 3.5 At the commissioning intentions meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 members discussed the Service Level Agreement that was already in place for this role. A service level agreement is in place for this role with Safer communities at a cost of £28,940. If agreed this amount will change slightly due to the yearly increment and will total £30,523

Members have indicated that private sector housing remains a priority for the area. There have been issues in the Dearne regarding housing for many years and now a housing task group is in place to work with housing officers from other organisations and teams it is felt that some head way can be made. Therefore having a dedicated Dearne officer is really important to this process

### Options

<b>Option</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Cost</b>
A, do not fund the housing and migration role	No support for people in private sector housing No area council officer working on specific housing issues	More money left in the area council budget	£0
B, Fund the housing and migration role		Additional support for people in private sector accommodation Increase state of housing stock	£30,523 per annum

## 4.0 **Area Council Financial update**

- 4.1 The Area Council had an allocation of £200k for the 2018/19 financial year together with unspent monies from 2017/18 they had a starting budget of £208,467.96 During 2018/19 the Area Council agreed to continue with the environmental enforcement, private sector housing and the environmental, education and volunteering service, they have also allocated £65k to the Dearne Development Fund in order to meet area priorities. At the Area Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 members approved £4K match funding with Nesta for the social isolation project bringing the total spend during 2018/19 to £208,996.76 With income from the FPN this leaves a remaining balance of £2,081.20 to spend on Dearne Area priorities

## 4.2 **Dearne Development Fund**

At the Area Council on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2018 members agreed to earmark £65k to the Development Fund during 2018/19 to spend on Dearne priorities.

During 2018 they have allocated £14,800 to Dearne Electric Community Village and that project ends in March 2019. £6,300 to Dial which will see a continuation of the service already provided and the project will end in December 2019. Finally they allocated £8,069 to CAB and that project will end in September 2019. Therefore the Dearne Area Council have an allocation of £32,425.10 remaining to spend on area priorities, this includes the overspend of £3,495.90 during 2017/18.

See appendix two for financial breakdown

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Education, Volunteering and Environmental Service Specification  
Appendix 2: Financial update

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## **Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council**

# **APPENDIX ONE SPECIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS**

Contract Title: Provision of

Contract ID: DNxxxx

Closing Date: DD/MM/YY, 12 noon

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## **1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW**

### **1.1 Introduction**

The Dearne Area Council is looking to establish a contract for with a Provider for an education, volunteering and environmental service to be based in the Dearne area of the borough.

### **1.2 Background**

Barnsley is a Metropolitan Borough of South Yorkshire, England. The Borough was formed under the Local Government Act 1972. The Borough now forms part of both the Sheffield City Region (SCR) and the Leeds City Region (LCR). Through Barnsley Councils governance arrangements implemented in 2013 the Dearne forms one of the six Area Councils that are planning, delivering and evaluating services on a locality based level.

The Dearne Area sits in the east of the Borough of Barnsley and is part of the Dearne Valley link which brings Barnsley together with Doncaster to the North and Rotherham to the South. The Dearne Area Council consists of Highgate, Thurnscoe, Goldthorpe and Bolton on Dearne wards. The area covers 16 sq. km with a population of 22,841.

There are several environmental initiatives being delivered currently by local groups including Thurnscoe Community Pride, Big Local Thurnscoe, Bolton on Dearne Voluntary Action Group, Friends of Broadwater, Railway embankment and Highgate Community Group. Additional resources have been allocated in order to have a housing enforcement officer that works with private sector residents and landlords. All of the initiatives have the involvement of local people through various groups and services and are starting to have an improved impact but the issues are too big for local people alone.

It is hoped that the provision of a commissioned, education volunteering and environment service, funded by the Dearne Area Council will continue to make a big difference to the area and in turn create a better, cleaner environmental image to the outside world and a more welcoming place for visitors and residents.

The current environmental service was commissioned in 2017 for a two year period. From April 2017 – March 2018 the service worked alongside 94 established groups, supported 30 local businesses and delivered 113 social action events. From the service social action events a total of 972 volunteer hours were recorded. The service also recruited 381 volunteers, of which 205 were new to the service.

The service has been successful in engaging with local groups, businesses, schools and volunteers and as such the Dearne Area Council would like to maintain this momentum. However the Dearne Area Council would like the new services to take a more active role and use the intelligence gathered over the last couple of years to build a schedule of works for each of the wards specific to their needs.

## THE DEARNE AREA COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

The Dearne Area Council reviews its priorities on an annual basis and the priorities are, the environment, economy, health, education, employment and young people. The priorities are set based on the needs of the community and by undertaking consultation with the residents.

### 2.1 Visions and Values

The Council's Vision is to 'Work together for a brighter future, a better Barnsley'

Our Values include:

#### Working Together

- We work as "One Council" to do the best that we can for our customers
- We build partnerships and work with others to achieve the best for Barnsley
- We are understanding and supportive of others, respecting and valuing differences

#### Honesty

- We are open and honest about what we are able to achieve, the decisions we make and how well we are doing
- We are true to our word, reliable and fair
- We are responsible and accountable for our actions

#### Excellence

- We are committed to quality and value for money
- We learn from our successes and mistakes
- We are flexible, adaptable and respond positively to change

#### Pride

- We are proud of the work we do and services we deliver
- We are proud to support our communities to make Barnsley a better place
- We are proud of our achievements



## 2.2 Priorities and Outcome Statements

In developing and delivering this service, the Provider should ensure that it is contributing to the Authority's corporate priorities and outcome statements as outlined below:

<p>Thriving and vibrant communities</p>	<p>Create more jobs and businesses through appropriate provision of business, enterprise and employment programmes to reduce worklessness amongst those currently unemployed and increase skills levels of our current and future workforce</p>
<p>Supporting resilient communities</p>	<p>Ensure people of all ages have a much greater involvement in designing services and actively participating in improving their lives and Barnsley</p> <p>Support the many benefits of volunteering and foster our many and diverse opportunities for residents to gain new skills and experiences through volunteering</p> <p>Ensure customer services and the citizen experience of access is improved-facilitate greater self-help</p> <p>Engage local communities in helping them shape decisions and services in their neighbourhood</p>
<p>Citizens achieving their potential</p>	<p>Target young people, families and communities who may need extra help in gaining the skills and experience they need to succeed</p> <p>Prioritise the safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults, and ensure that the risk of them getting harmed is kept to an absolute minimum</p> <p>Make the improvement of people's health and wellbeing everybody's business, with an emphasis on prevention and the contribution that all services can make</p> <p>Prioritise the reduction in health inequalities between different parts of the Borough</p> <p>Ensure that the Council plays a strong part in keeping the Borough safe, and work with others to improve community safety</p>

### 3.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

#### 3.1 Description of Service to be provided

The Dearne Area Council wishes to commission a provider to deliver a service that will complement existing environmental provision and the work currently carried out by local volunteers and services to improve the overall environmental appearance of the Dearne North and Dearne South wards of Barnsley.

The service will have specific elements, working with existing groups and volunteers, businesses, provider social action events, education in schools as well as reactive work that will be undertaken around areas of blight. This work will be planned by the Dearne Area Council by setting a schedule for each of the wards. The schedule will be co-produced with the Ward Alliance and other environmental steering groups operating in the area.

It is expected that the work of the provider will be designed to **complement and build** upon rather than duplicate existing provision, which includes BMBC neighbourhood's services. The provider should involve local people, businesses, schools and groups in sustaining their own neighbourhoods and inspire people / volunteers to ***Love Where You Live***.

The provider will be required to organise targeted love where you live events throughout the year. These social action events will be promoted through the various networks already existing in the Dearne Area. It is also expected that the provider develops a presence on social media and through other communication channels to promote the work and to recruit to the events planned to engage the community and resident wherever possible.

By taking and encouraging volunteers to take a social action approach the maintenance of designated areas within the Dearne Area will be more sustainable for future generations. The Provider shall provide the knowledge, encouragement and expertise that over the term of this contract will allow individuals and groups to flourish and have the confidence in maintaining their without the services intervention, to allow the Provider to maximise the reach of the contract.

The Provider will look at all ways to make the service sustainable long term, beyond the contract period by ensuring the focus of the activities is 'doing with' residents not 'doing for'.

The service will contribute to maintaining a clean, well presented and welcoming physical environment in the Highgate, Thurnscoe, Goldthorpe and Bolton on Dearne wards of the Dearne Area using a reactive and proactive approach. The schedule will be set by working in a particular ward on a weekly basis and time allowed in the schedule to also undertake reactive work. This reactive work maybe identified by ward members, local residents or through the environmental steering group. It is expected that the provider establish a designated mail box for this reactive work to be placed on the schedule. Communication with the individual making the request with regards the allocation of the reactive work will be a key part in developing and maintaining relations.

The final element of this contract is the prevention of littering. The provider will focus on educating young people in each of the local secondary and primary schools with regards the cost of littering in relation to health, environment and the economy.

The Dearne Advanced Learning Centre is the local secondary school. The Hill, Gooseacher, Carrfield, Goldthorpe, Healthgarth and Sacred Heart Catholic are the primary schools across all wards in the Dearne area.

Over the course of the year the provider will be expected to have built a relationship with each of the schools and delivered at least one educational session in each and outline how the pupils have been encouraged to participate in additional activity to support this service.

The provider will also be expected to work with the Dearne Valley College in order to offer work experience placements to the young people accessing particular programmes as well as working with restorative justice juveniles.

The provider is required to ensure they embed and discuss the environmental, economic and health related impact in relation to littering with all of those engaged in activities.

In addition to the various environmental groups in the Dearne, there are a number of agencies and services working together towards improving the Dearne Area including Big Local Thurnscoe as well as work currently carried out by BMBC Neighbourhood Services and the Safer Neighbourhood Service.

Proactive engagement of the provider with these services and local residents, young people, businesses, community groups and volunteers will be essential to help to ensure the success of this initiative. The provider will be expected to work alongside these groups and services taking into consideration some of these planned activities will happen on an evening and / or weekend. It is expected that the provider has a flexible approach to their working week considering all of the elements stated above.

In developing and delivering this service, the provider should ensure that it is contributing to the Council's corporate priorities and outcome statements. Sustainability, community support, self-reliance, resilience and reciprocity should therefore be built into the service design and delivery. Also, and where possible provide work experience placements, apprentice opportunities and local labour.

### **3.2 Specific Aims and Objectives of the Service**

- To improve the physical appearance of the Dearne Area
- To work in partnership and engage with local residents and/or local community groups/organisations and businesses
- Contribute to maintaining a clean, safe, well presented and welcoming physical environment through the provision of both proactive and reactive work
- Design and deliver social action events in each of the Dearne wards
- Design and deliver a tailored package to each of the schools in the Dearne area
- Work flexibility to ensure all groups have the opportunity of working in partnership with the service
- Connect with Dearne Valley College in order to negotiate work placements

- Encourage and support community responsibility for existing green areas / shrub beds / planters
- Attend meetings whereby environmental issues are part of the discussion
- Complement existing provision provided by BMBC neighbourhood services, the private sector housing officer and Big Local Thurnscoe
- Promote the services work through various mechanisms including social media
- Establish a designated mail box for reactive work to be allocated

#### 4.0 REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROVIDER

##### 4.1 Service Providers Responsibility

The successful Provider will develop and deliver a service that: complements existing provision; addresses the needs of each ward in the area and deliver the outcomes outlined in this document.

Development of a strong collaborative working relationship with community members in each of the wards will be key to the success of this project. The provider will be expected to adopt a community development Approach.

The successful provider must be capable of interpreting community environmental improvement aspirations. **Crucially they will possess the ability to realise the projects through project design, recruitment, leadership and motivation of volunteers.** The provider will be expected to lead by example.

The provider will adhere to the schedules set out by the Ward Alliance that meet the needs in each ward. In addition time will be placed on the schedule to undertake reactive work. The reactive work and areas of blight will come directly to the provider through a designated mail box. Although working with volunteers and groups is key to this contract whereby groups and volunteers cannot assist in the areas reported to the provider the work should still be undertaken. The provider will assess as to whether this go on the schedule as reactive or as a provider social action event.

The interventions / activities to be delivered for each ward as part of the delivery plan may include the following activities some of which will be in partnership with the community:

- Grass cutting
- Shrub bed maintenance/removal
- Tree planting
- Pruning vegetation
- Snow removal and gritting
- Hedge strimming
- Litter picking (Inc. Public Rights of Way)
- Remove fallen leaves- hot spot areas
- Removal of green waste
- Public area fence fixing
- Weed control
- Pavement scraping

The above is not an exhaustive list and there may be other activities you wish to include.

The provider will be expected to act as the “eyes and the ears” in the community and be responsible for reporting other matters not necessarily within their scope of responsibility so that this can be actioned by the respective Council service.

This would include reporting:

- Discarded needles
- Graffiti
- Fly Tipping
- Problems with trees
- Housing and environmental enforcement issues.

Instructions on how these reports should be made available will be provided.

It is expected that the set-up and ongoing costs of materials, tools, and equipment will be met by the provider. The provider will ensure that these materials, tools and equipment are well maintained, safe to use and kept in a secure place. All volunteers should be provided with adequate equipment and training in its use in order to undertake the activity.

It is expected that the provider will engage staff to support the service based on their ability to fulfil all aspects of the requirements.

The provider will be responsible for disposing of the waste generated by them, and recycling should be carried out wherever possible. The provider will have their own Waste Carriers License and should provide evidence as part of the procurement process of their waste disposal and recycling arrangements.

The provider will be expected to provide information for the Dearne Area Council and BMBC Communications Department to highlight the work taking place and the improvements being made in order promote the good work happening in the area.

It will be very important that this service is delivered in close liaison with BMBC Neighbourhood Services and existing community groups to ensure that overall service delivery is co-ordinated and complementary. The provider is also expected to work closely with housing officers.

The provider will be required to collate information regarding the work that has been undertaken and provide the Area Manger quarterly reports which will include case studies and pictures.

In times of austerity, project sustainability is key. The provider will be expected to give consideration to the whole lifespan of the project and the need for the impact of the community development to be seen longer term.

The provider will be required to evidence a well-planned exit strategy to ensure that the additional capacity within the community continues to benefit the Dearne Area, even after the contract has concluded. Part of this includes working in partnership

with specific groups in order to skill them up to ensure they take ownership of an area once the contracted has ended.

It is expected that the successful provider uses a suitable vehicle which is in good working condition. Details of the vehicle specification will be provided by tenderers as part of their tender return. The running costs, including fuel, tax and insurance and maintenance, and storage will be provided by the successful service Provider and updated as and when any changes to the vehicles used are made.

#### **4.2 Quality Standards**

The Provider will have all relevant policies and procedures in place.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this specification is intended to prevent the Service Provider from setting higher quality standards than those laid down in the Contract.

The Service Provider will have a robust system for monitoring complaints and suggestions; feedback from service users will inform service delivery.

The Service Provider will submit reports summarising any complaints, investigations and remedial actions.

#### **4.3 Health and Safety**

The Provider of this service will be required to adhere to the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 at all times and any other relevant guidance and directives in force or subsequently issued. In addition the Provider is required to achieve accreditation under one of the Safety Schemes in Procurement.

The Service Provider will ensure that:

- All materials used in carrying out the service comply with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations
- All materials, and equipment, are stored in a safe and proper manner
- Environmentally friendly materials are used whenever possible
- All staff are equipped with appropriate training, staff development and supervision.
- Where an appropriate British Standards Specification or British Standard of Code of Practice is issued by the British Standards Institution is current at the date of the tender, all goods and materials used or supplied and all workmanship shall be in accordance with that standard
- It holds a valid Waste Carriers Licence (Throughout the contract term)
- The provider adheres to GDPR and have the relevant form signed in order to share this information with the Dearne Area Council
- All staff employed or engaged by the Service Provider are informed and are aware of the standard of performance that they are required to provide and are able to meet that standard.

- The adherence of the Service Provider's staff to such standards of performance is routinely monitored and that remedial action is promptly taken where such standards are not met.
- All staff employed or engaged by the Service Provider have been subject to a DBS clearance, where required, and an acceptable outcome determined.
- For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this specification is intended to prevent the Service Provider from setting higher quality standards than those laid down in the Contract.

#### **4.4 Environmental Requirements**

Project sustainability is key. The successful Provider will be expected to give consideration to the whole lifespan of the project, beyond the term of this contract.

The Provider will be required to comply with all legislation and Council policy in relation to the disposal and recycling of waste.

#### **4.5 Branding Requirements**

The successful Provider will be supplied details of all relevant brand guidelines associated with the Council and Area Council schemes, particularly 'Love where you live' and expected to adhere to these with any associated materials produced.

#### **4.6 Equality and Diversity Requirements**

The successful service Provider will be required to ensure that the service is free from bias and acknowledges and respects gender, sexual orientation, age, race, religion, culture, lifestyle and values. If any needs are required as per the Equalities Act, such as language or disability, these needs will be provided for during the term of the contract.

Please also refer to Appendix Eight – Form of Contract (Terms and Conditions).

## 5.0 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### 5.1 Contract Monitoring

Following the award of the contract the Council will hold an inception meeting with the successful Provider to review the following;

- The appointment/assignment of a Contract manager for both parties
- An overview of the staff to be engaged in the service delivery
- A full schedule of works outlining the priority areas within the Dearne
- A contract management meeting schedule for the duration of the contract (Quarterly as a minimum)

The Provider will need to be able to demonstrate the effectiveness of the service in terms of delivering the agreed outcomes, outcome measures and outputs. Throughout the contract term the successful Provider will provide regular reports to the Area Council in regards to the types of services provided, both reactive and proactive to demonstrate contract delivery against all of the key objectives outlined.

There is a key requirement of the Provider to:

- Meet the Contract Manager for a monthly operational meeting for the first six months of the contract.
- Provide a quarterly report to the Contract Manager against the performance measures. This information will be shared with the Ward Alliances.
- Collect, collate and report on a range of agreed indicators on a quarterly basis (see milestones) as part of a quarterly report. This should also include the submission of 2 case studies per ward (group, individual or illustrating good practice/ innovative work) together with supporting photographs.
- Provide relevant evidence which would include volunteer signing in sheets Specific detail around the volunteers and how they were engaged. The detail should include named volunteers and their contact information
- Evidence support of the Stronger Communities volunteer recognition card scheme
- Attend quarterly meetings with the contract manager to discuss the quarterly report and request any additional information/provide clarification, if required.
- Attend the Area Council Meeting as requested.
- An end of year report to be submitted (see milestones)
- An end of Project report and lessons learned to be submitted 3 months before the contract end date.
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## 5.2 Reporting Requirements

The targets will be agreed at contract inception once the schedule has been developed, however the successful provider will be expected to report on the following outcome measures;

<b>Required Outcomes</b>	<b>Outputs required (figures in brackets are per annum)</b>
<p>Creating a well maintained, clean, safe, well presented and welcoming physical environment</p> <p>Reduction in levels of littering</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large environmental projects</li> <li>• Small environmental projects, to include grass cutting, hedge/other trimming and shrub bed maintenance</li> <li>• Litter picks</li> <li>• Community clean-ups</li> </ul> <p><i>NB: A <b>minimum of 50%</b> of the activities above should be undertaken jointly with local volunteers, schools, businesses and service social action events. Only 25% of work should be reactive.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of joint projects undertaken with community groups</li> </ul>
<p>Residents/community groups taking responsibility for green areas/ shrub beds/planters etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of existing community groups supported</li> </ul>
<p>Opportunities for young people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of schools worked</li> <li>• Number of school pupils involved in environmental projects</li> <li>• Number of young people participating from a national scheme e.g. NCS or Princes Trust</li> <li>• Number of Restorative Justice opportunities provided for young people</li> </ul>
<p>Increase the number of people engaged in volunteering activities in the community</p> <p>Local communities involved in ensuring areas are kept clean and litter free</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of volunteers recruited &amp; trained</li> <li>• Number of volunteer hours</li> <li>• Number of local businesses worked with</li> </ul>
<p>Maximise % of local spend</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage of project spend achieved locally</li> </ul>

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<i>(Activity/Action)</i>	<i>(By When)</i>
Contract awarded	
Contract commences	
Quarter 1 report April – June 19 submitted	
Quarter 2 report July – Sept 19 submitted	
Quarter 3 report Oct – Dec 2019 submitted	
Quarter 4 report – Jan – March 2020 & end of year 1 report submitted	
Quarter 5 report April – June 2020 submitted	
Quarter 6 report July – Sept 2020 submitted	
Quarter 7 report Oct – Dec 2020 submitted	
Quarter 8 Jan – March 2021 and end of year 2 report submitted	

## **6.0 CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Council will ensure the awarded Provider is made aware of any specific procedures and requirements in relation to Council policy and practice which may be relevant.

The Council will ensure the successful Provider is given a key point of contact for any enquires in relation to the contract.

## **7.0 PAYMENTS AND INVOICES**

### **7.1 Payment Terms**

The Council will pay the Provider(s) for work as per the agreement outlined in **Appendix Eight – Form of Contract (Terms and Conditions)**.

The successful Tenderer will be expected to sign up to the Premier Supplier Programme (If not already included) and offer a discount, as outlined in **Appendix One – Invitation to Tender**.

### **7.2 Payment Profile**

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## Appendix Two: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000	
Carry forward	+£55,438	+£21,299	+£19,665.96	+£8,467.96	
Total allocation for year	£255,438	£221,299	£219,665.96	£208,467.96	
Environmental Enforcement	-£ 18,465	-£ 27,898	-£27,898	-27,898	
Environmental Enforcement - BMBC contribution	-£ 5,000	-£5,500	-£5,500	-5,500	
Community Newsletter	-£1,211	-£2,198.04	-£2,800	-£2,658.76	
Training for Employment	-£ 37,000				
Private Sector Rented Housing Management / Enforcement	-£62,300	- £12,000	-£36,081	-£28,940	
Dearne Clean & Tidy	-£ 75,000	- £43,736	-£75,000	-£75,000	
Dearne Development Fund	-£ 62,646	-£95,000	-£70,000	-£65,000	
Ward Alliance's		-£20,000			
Contribution to social isolation project				-£4,000	
Contribution towards Railway Embankment		-£10,000			
Total spend (actual)	£261,622	£216,332.04	£217,279	£208,996.76	
Allocation remaining	-£6,184	+£4967.96	+£2,386.96	-£ 528.80	
FPN income received	+£27,483	+£14,698	+£6,081	+£2,610	
<b>Final Allocation remaining</b>	<b>+£21,299</b>	<b>+£19,665.96</b>	<b>£8,467.96</b>	<b>£2,081.20</b>	

### External Funding

Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount
Nesta- social isolation	2018-2020	£38,000

**Dearne Development Fund**

Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Dearne Electronic community village	July-March 2019	£14,800	£46,794.10
DIAL	January 2019-31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019	£6,300	£40,494.10
CAB	October 2018-25 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	£8,069	£32,425.10



**DEARNE APPROACH STEERING GROUP**

**Notes of the Meeting held at the Salvation Army Hall Goldthorpe:  
23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

**Members Present:** Derek Bramham (Chair), Claire Dawson, Dianne McQueen, , Amy Parker, Jackie Kenning, Chris Shaw, Amber Goddard, Cllr Philips, Alan George, John Twigg, Dani Stott, Walt Boydell, Dawn Caulton, Sian Stanhope, Steve Pollock, Louise Jackson, Alison Sykes, David Malsom, Carol Booth, April Fisher, Sarah Scholes, Sean and Mark (PCSO)

**Apologies:** Alison Vint, Cllr Johnson, Sarah Cartwright, April Fisher, , Stephen Abson, Kate Faulkes, James Pierce, Claire Beecroft, Suzanne Storey, Helen Jaggar, Kat Clarke, Andy Denham, Lorna Lewis, Cllr Noble

<p><b><u>Welcome and Introductions:</u></b> - A round of introductions took place and new members were welcomed to the group.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> - As listed above</p>	<p>Action By</p>
<p><b><u>Notes of Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> May</u></b> <b><u>Matters Arising –</u></b></p> <p>All actions from previous meeting completed</p>	

**Discussion Items**

**Housing and energy – David Malsom**

DM informed the group that the empty properties scheme had gone well. He introduced a community housing fund that local community groups could bid into to take ownership of empty properties.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-fund-launched-to-increase-community-led-affordable-housing>

**0-19 Nursing- Dawn Caulton**

The team are working in the community in order to deliver a health message. They are looking to be more proactive and setting up their offer for family support. They currently have five contacts per family but where there is higher involvement from professionals they put resource into those most at need. Central are already piloting a community hub so would like to do more consultation across the borough.

Amy Parker- team already doing baby groups

**Housing**

**Big Local- April Fisher**

They have requested the help of a consultant in order to look at where the housing project goes next. They are also looking at modular houses that can be building off site and erected in the space. Two locations have been viewed in Bolton on Dearne. All of the four houses have been completed with three of them having tenants in. The rents are just below market value and in some cases assistance can be given with the bonds. The team have met with the high Sherriff of Sheffield with regards the Duke of York award.

**Housing Growth- Sarah Scholes**

The Beevor Street demolition is going really well and handed over to NPS there will be eight new bungalows for the over 60 with medical needs. This forms part of the regeneration of Goldthorpe. Berneslai Homes will be starting the letting process after Christmas; the plans are on the council website.

**Berneslai Home- Dianne McQueen**

Things are looking well on the opposite side of Beevor Street and Bhomes are looking to fence off their properties. Bhomes have a presence in supporting housing schemes and are planning their next walk about on the 16<sup>th</sup> Of August on Furlong Road. The team are working closely with the area team on their

**DM to send link around the group**

**AS to contact in order to arrange meeting**

**AP to send on programme to the group**



summer fun activities. They will be consulting with young people with the team

Housing and migration officer- Dani Stock

Now been in post since March and have already issued 250 fly tipping notices. Still working on the bulky rubbish scheme for those most at need. Two cases have been issued with fines over the last couple of months

The group then had a discussion about hording and how it was increasing in the area but did not know of any support that was available

Walt Boydell

Stated not many issues were being fed through so this needs more encouragement people can send issues through anonymous.

**Health**

Social Prescribing- Amber Goddard

The service is going really well and Amber continues to work well with partners in the Dearne.

Community Matron- Joanne Sharpe

We are extremely lucky to have palliative care in the Dearne for those that do not want to go to a hospice; this service is access via referral. Also have access to consultants that can give advice around COPD. JS has been doing some work alongside AG. Health partners attended a neighborhood development visioning workshop on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. This workshop will develop actions for teams and partners to work more closely together. This is the first meeting of its kind in the localities.

**Jobs skills and training**

**Coalfields- Louise Jackson**

Very good provision across the Dearne but need to get more people to access the support. National careers service and enterprise Barnsley will be coming to the library for a future event. LJ will be working closely with local employers and a more bespoke service is now available.

**Adult Learning- Carol Booth**

The teams are based in the factory in the Dearne. Open day on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July and one again in September. They offer a range of services for English, Math's

DC to send through paper around hording DS to chase issues around securing land

and an ITC initial assessment.

**Salvation Army-Jackie Kenning**

The team has fed over 3000 people since Christmas. They are also working with the Area Team and Churches together on a summer of fun activities with monies from feeding Britain.

**Big Local Thurnscoe- Derek**

The recently renovated houses are now up for sale and they are already looking at the next project. Play equipment has been put up in the area but fencing is yet to be installed. DB stated about the amount of littering in the area. Party in the park will be happening on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August. The planters are looking good but due to the weather the wild flower beds have not taken as well.

**Big Local Goldthorpe- April Fisher**

The small grants programme has gone down really well. AF assisted St Andrews's community center in gaining their reaching communities grant for center refurbishment. Big Local and others has been working with Amy Mellor with regards raising money for a youth shelter. There is a packed agenda for the next Dearne Arts festival which commences on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. Also AF holds a drop in at the snap tin café every Tuesdays 11-12pm. The team will be going to Bridlington to meet CEO of the local trust  
Big Local now have a new email address

[info@goldthorpeboltonbiglocal.org.uk](mailto:info@goldthorpeboltonbiglocal.org.uk)

**Thurnscoe Park – Pauline Philips**

The beach party will take place in the park and the volunteers are waiting to see where they have come in the in bloom awards. Local schools continue to work well with the park volunteers. PP applying to Balmoral tanks for a water system

WB to report issues to Kingdom

CD to add email address to minutes

<p><b><u>Family Centre- Aimee Parker</u></b></p> <p>The team are working with the area team and salvation army on the summer fun activities. There has been some damage to the family centre in Thurnscoe' that has been reported. The team have a programme that will be shared with the group</p> <p><b><u>Dearne Area Council- Claire Dawson</u></b></p> <p>All commissions are going well and have been extended until the end of March 2019. The Railway embankment is continuing to progress with the group looking at interpretation boards and signage. The work on the access route started in June. The team are working with various people around the table on the summer fun activities.</p>	<p><b>AP to share programme</b></p>
<p><b>Any Other Business: no</b></p>	
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting –</b> 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018</p>	
<p><b>Date of Future Meetings have all been put in the calendar– To be held at 3.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall</b></p>	

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Dearne Area Council Meeting:**

**Report of Dearne Area  
Council Manager**

**Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes and Performance**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and review of the priorities.

**2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be 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 (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) 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 At the Ward Alliance on the 6th September 2018 Members received ten applications and eight were approved. Ward Alliance members asked the other two applicants for further details. Ward Alliance members discussed further health initiatives in the area and they also received a verbal update regarding the summer fun activities. Finally they received group updates from the representatives around the table.

**5.0 Appendix One: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Dearne Ward Alliance meeting notes**

The reporting into the Dearne 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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**Claire Dawson**

**Tel. No:**  
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**Date:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

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# Dearne Ward Alliance

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Dearne Ward Alliance
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 - 12.30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Goldthorpe Library, Barnsley Road, Goldthorpe, S63 9NE

Attendees	Apologies
<p>           Cllr May Noble, Cllr Anette Gollick, Cllr Alan Gardiner, Cllr Ralph Sixsmith, Cllr Pauline Phillips, Sadie Youel, Donna Gregory, Alan George, Tina Brook, Terry Walton, Marie Sinclair, Vicky Cuming, Derek Bramham, Charlotte Williams, Wendy Cane and observer Christie McFarlane from North east Area Team         </p>	<p>           Cllr Charlotte Johnson, Suzanne Storey, Alison Sykes, Dave Perry.         </p>

	Action/ Decision
<p>           Welcomes &amp; introductions took place.         </p> <p> <b>1. Minutes of last meeting &amp; any matters arising</b>            No matters arising.         </p> <p> <b>2. Summer fun evaluation</b>            Sadie gave a brief evaluation on the events went really well excellent attendance with over 700 children altogether 6 events covering all areas of the Dearne, every child and family member accessed a free meal at each event. All the service users that came to help and support the programme gave excellent feedback in particular the Dearne family centre that has had 45 new registrations. All in all a fabulous event that has been well received in the community. Marie added a massive thank you to all the Ward Alliance volunteers and the community group individuals that came to help without these there wouldn't have been an event. Charlotte Williams said she has heard a lot of positive feedback about the family events people was saying it feels like a community again, it feels like the good old days.         </p> <p> <b>3. Finance update</b>            Nothing has been spent from the working funds on both Wards from previous meeting same balance - £348.51 Dearne North / Dearne South £1,206.78 in which £941.84 is restricted for the prom.         </p> <p> <b><u>Ward Alliance Applications</u></b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Salvation Army - £500.00</b></li> </ul>	<p>           Sadie to present full evaluation/case study at next meeting         </p>

'Feeding the Dearne' the application was to assist in a cook & eat project around feeding not only the families that attend the Dearne built also the elderly and those in isolation, working families and teaching anyone in the dearne about how to cook a meal on a budget or from scratch, wholesome healthy meals. Everyone agreed to this application going through. **Unanimous yes**

- **Oral health - £470.00 split 50/50**

The application was to provide dental packs within the community to Dearne family centers, schools, salvations army and to individuals who need it the most. On deletion of the stickers the application was then agreed by all.

- **Libraries arts & crafts project - £1250.00 split 50/50**

Derek mentions that Thurnscoe library gets the same amount as Goldthorpe library. Everyone said yes to this application. A condition was set that the funds were equally split between both libraries at £625.00 each one - **Unanimous yes**

- **Dearne Kids activity group – £ 720.00 split 50/50**

Application submitted for First Aid Training for a new activity group in Thurnscoe. The funding is required to enable their volunteers to take younger members on educational trips. There was a discussion and everyone agreed it would be best to invite Ian Ball to the next meeting to explain a bit more. – Marie mentioned that she had met with the adult education dept. from BMBC who can run a course in the dearne for a cheaper price and have more students on the course which would benefit the wider community. – Decision was a deferred but takes up offer of First Aid at Work through different provider and invite the persons in application onto course for Free was agreed. Ward Alliance to look at funding this course under the Jobs, Training & Support priority.

- **Bulky rubbish**

This bulky rubbish scheme is not open to the general public – referrals only from landlords, Berneslai homes etc. May asked Marie for further breakdowns of the referrals to see if the same address keeps popping up time and time again. The scheme is for people in need and not for people abusing the system. - **Unanimous yes**

- **Station house - £255**

Christmas party for Station House children and the volunteers. Charlotte has left the room for this application as she has an interest in this. Everyone has said yes to this application going through - **Unanimous yes**

- **Friends of Bolton on Dearne war memorial (Dearne south)**

This application has been asked for more information as the group wanted to know about the opening times, if they had adequate insurance, when the wall was to be built. – Deferred. Marie is to send an email out requesting the information and will send out to the Ward Alliance members for a decision as soon as the information comes back in.

Marie to email Sally and get further information for the next meeting.  
Marie to inform Ian Ball of the decision.

Marie to Email Dawn Robinson for facts & figures of users of the bulky rubbish scheme.

Marie to send an email out requesting the information and will email all members.



- **Thurnscoe East Angling club (Dearne North)**

New cleaning materials requested for Thurnscoe Reservoir. - *Unanimous yes*

- **Highgate football club (Dearne South) £500**

To provide training equipment for a football team to encourage young men ages 19-27yrs to activity play football for the local community. Questions came up around Which football club is it Highgate sports and social club or is it a new club? More information required before a decisions could be made.

- **British Legion (Dearne North) £150.00**

To provide a marching band sea cadets to the remembrance Sunday 2018  
Unanimous yes

#### 4. Group updates

##### Big Local Thurnscoe

Houses - one has been sold they are just waiting on the paperwork to go through. They have ordered the lights for the Christmas illuminations and for the Christmas tree which will be going outside Thurnscoe Library. Thurnscoe male voice choir charity concert in St Helens church is on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, it will be £8 a head and that is including food.

In the spring There is going to be a 'Thurnscoe goes wild' event happening where there are hippos, giraffe and elephants figures placed in different places around Thurnscoe - these will be delivered plain white so the local school children can paint them.

##### Bodvag

There will be a Halloween party coming up in Bolton on Dearne and a Christmas fair/lights switch on dates are to be confirmed.

##### Goldthorpe Development group

Bounce into summer went well, the over 50s group is going very well more and more people than ever are attending. Special events at the Dearne playhouse will be happening to combat social isolation. The group has now become sustainable for all their projects to run each year; everyone agreed that this is a huge well done to the group.

##### Station house

The staff have been extremely busy over the summer holidays ensuring that all the children have seen & been to local amenities, walking to Thurnscoe park, Phoenix park, the reservoir lots of little local trips out and about doing lots of nature trails/bug hunts and just general exploration of the Dearne. Two afternoons a week in the summer holidays they have been looking after children with disabilities, allowing the parents to have a rest bite and to have time with other parents in similar situations.

Marie to send an email out requesting the information and will email all members or bring to the next meeting.

### **Thurnscoe park**

Balmoral tanks have donated a waste water storage tank so they will be able to water the park a lot more easily next year. Cllr Philips is awaiting the results from Barnsley in Bloom; results will be on social media.

#### **5. Health ideas for winter/spring.**

Cllr Noble suggested a looking at a pilot scheme where families could donate their latest school uniforms at the end of the year or when their children have grown out of them as some families are struggling with buying new ones. This could be a scheme where you could recycle your school uniform once the child has grown out of it you could bring it into school or wherever the school uniform is being held. We would have to get involved with the school as the school would know the most vulnerable family's, Charlotte is happy to be involved we could trial it out on the next summer fun events. The Ward Alliance members agreed to look at a working sub group next year, Donna, Charlotte W, Cllr Noble and Vicky all agreed to be involved.

The general idea was trying to make sure children had warm winter coats, hats, gloves, wellington, boots, working with Salvation Army & local schools could be a start on this. Everyone agreed to have a more in detailed discussion when a representative from the Salvation Army was present.

It was mentioned in the meeting that the Salvation Army are looking to hold cooking sessions over winter to teach people how to cook from basics - Cllr Sixsmith mentioned that there are courses already where local people can learn to cook a meal and they get a slow cooker at the end of it all.

#### **6. Any Other business**

A short conversation took place around the impact of Brexit and the families in the Dearne. Cllr Gardiner said Barnsley council is aware of this and they are going to set up a working party if it's required.

- Christmas meal

The date has been decided the 13<sup>th</sup> December, it was suggested to try the Manvers Arms/Crown at Barnburgh and local pubs.

#### **7. Date & Time of next meeting – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

Marie/Sadie to work with Ward Alliance sub group to set up School uniform swap shop idea. Jan/Feb 2019

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Update on Ward Alliance Fund Spend**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

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

**2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 **That the Dearne Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.**

**3.0 Introduction**

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

3.2 In considering projects for the use of the Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

**4.0 Spend to date**

4.1 For Dearne North the starting balance for the 2018/19 financial year is £9,506.69, the £493.31 overspend was deducted from the starting balance. Currently they have provided funds for 11 projects at a cost of £4,619.10 leaving a £4,887.59 balance

4.2 For Dearne South the starting balance for the 2018/19 financial year is £11,021.36 this includes the underspend of £1,021.36. Currently they have provided funds for 8 projects at a cost of £3,782.10 leaving a balance of £7,239.26

**5.0 Appendix**

**Appendix One : Breakdown of Ward Alliance Spend**

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## 2018/19 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

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

The carry-forward and overspend of the 2017/18 Ward Alliance Fund were combined and added to the 2018/19 Allocation and to be managed as a single budget.

### Dearne North Ward Alliance budget September 2018

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

£10,000      base allocation  
£-493.31     from 2017/18  
**£ 9,506.69    total available funding**

#### Agreed Ward Alliance funding

<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
Hanover Street Clean up	£600.00	8906.69
PANDA	£460.00	8446.69
2 ACT Youth Theatre Academy	£700.00	£7746.69
Barnsley Metropolitan Band	£212.10	£7534.59
Hanover Street clean up (* credit from discount on delivery)	<b>+ £348.00</b>	£7882.59
Salvation Army	£250.00	£7632.59
Dearne Health Oral Project	£235.00	£7397.59
Thurnscoe Library	£625.00	£6772.59
Dearne Bulky Rubbish Scheme	£1000.00	£5772.59
Station House Com. Assoc.	£255.00	£5517.59
British Legion	£150.00	£5367.59
Thurnscoe East Angling Club	£480.00	£4887.59

Total spend = £4619.10

Match funded = £2507.10

**Dearne South Ward Alliance budget September 2018**

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

£10,000      base allocation

£1,021.36    carried forward from 2017/18

**£11,021.36    total available funding**

**Agreed Ward Alliance funding**

<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Allocation</u></b>	<b><u>Allocation remaining</u></b>
<b>PANDA</b>	<b>£460.00</b>	<b>£10561.36</b>
<b>Barnsley Metropolitan Band</b>	<b>£212.10</b>	<b>£10349.26</b>
<b>Salvation Army</b>	<b>£250.00</b>	<b>£10099.26</b>
<b>Dearne Health Oral Project</b>	<b>£235.00</b>	<b>£9864.26</b>
<b>Goldthorpe Library</b>	<b>£625.00</b>	<b>£9239.26</b>
<b>Friends of BOD War Memorial</b>	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>£8739.26</b>
<b>Dearne Bulky Rubbish Scheme</b>	<b>£1000.00</b>	<b>£7739.26</b>
<b>Highgate FC</b>	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>£7239.26</b>

**Total spend= £3782.10**

**Match funded = £1922.10**