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MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 17 September 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

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Minutes

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Items for Information

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Items for Discussion

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To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), Burgess, Cave, Charlesworth, Howard, Lofts, Miller, Newing, Pickering, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

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Friday, 7 September 2018

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 16 July 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room 2, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

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

1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Howard declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 6 on the agenda as her mother and sister both live in Woolley Colliery Village.

2 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 14th May 2018

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th May 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 14th May 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 Safer Neighbourhoods Service Presentation - Paul Brannan and Inspector Andy Norton

Inspector Andy Norton and Cath Fairweather were welcomed to the meeting to update Members with regard to changes to the Safer Neighbourhoods Service. It was explained that the service was taking a multi-agency approach, with a new structure focussed on tackling crime, anti social behaviour and supporting and protecting vulnerable people.

Each area will be fully covered and will include tasking officers, PCSOs, community engagement, hate crime co-ordination and gypsy liaison, with a focus on conversation rather than a complicated plan. The service will be more focussed as there are less staff and will use a case management approach to dealing with offenders, protecting vulnerable people and dealing with repeat callers, a high percentage of whom are the same individuals. Resources will be demand driven and will concentrate on locations such as shops, businesses and schools, looking at the root cause of the issue and what the best approach will be. Information from PACT meetings will be invaluable and the MAG will be used for case escalation when necessary.

A number of recent case studies were highlighted, including a case where an individual who had been posing as a council worker to take advantage of vulnerable people had been issued with a Criminal Behaviour Order (which replace Anti-Social Behaviour Orders); a closure order was issued on a drug dealing address in the Old Town area); work had taken place around security improvement with Barnsley

Hospital to address thefts on wards and with Kendray Hospital around mental health patients who were missing from hospital. In the North area two repeat callers had generated 64 calls, one was a vulnerable adult and one had mental health issues. Through using a multi-agency approach, this demand had been diverted elsewhere. Repeat callers were down 46% using the new targeted approach.

In summary, although resources have been reduced, the demand on Police and partners has reduced through using a more focussed approach whilst still protecting vulnerable adults and the environment. Partner agencies are held to account, public confidence has improved and greater use is made of volunteers and neighbourhood watch. Area Council funded officers are also enhancing services, making an impact in communities and yielding results, including helping to combat social isolation.

Members asked a number of questions to which appropriate responses were given. These included:

A problem with break-ins and damage to cars and property had been experienced in the Old Town ward. There was a considerable delay before any action was taken. It was explained that speed of response would depend on circumstances but the World Cup and President Trump's visit to the UK had meant that resources had to be diverted. Police have to place risk to life over risk to property but are happy to look at individual cases outside the meeting.

A Member queried why Mapplewell police station had been closed and why email correspondence bounced back as the mailbox was full. It was explained that Estates issues were dealt with at Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) level so the rationale for this was unclear. If Members go on to the South Yorkshire Police website they can access email addresses and phone numbers for their individual areas.

Members were aware of the problem of 'Spice' (a synthetic cannabinoid), particularly in the Town Centre. It appears that this is a national problem and work is underway to strike a balance between enforcement and support for individuals. The use of this drug does not cause any harm to the public but can be disturbing to see someone who is under the influence of Spice.

All Councillors will receive targeted alerts from South Yorkshire Police, which will also include good news stories too. A rotating newsletter is planned with Barnsley Chronicle to share news and feedback to the public.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Representatives be thanked for their attendance and contribution;
- (ii) Members note the Safer Neighbourhoods Service update, and
- (iii) Members continue to report issues in the community, particularly reporting of off road bikes.

4 Fresh Street Project Update - Clare Relton, Sheffield University

Clare Relton from Sheffield University was welcomed to the meeting to provide Members with an update regarding the Fresh Street Project. It was explained that the purpose of the project was to develop and feasibility test an intervention to help create sustainable and healthy diets, eating behaviours and food systems in areas of high deprivation. The intervention is area based, with ninety-nine households across four streets in Athersley North identified as a suitable area and with every house on the street eligible to receive the offer.

78 households were recruited following a 7 – 10 weeks door knocking exercise. The project launched in March and each household was given 5 x £1 voucher each week for a 6 month period to spend in a local shop or on Barnsley Market on fresh fruit and vegetables only. The vouchers are enclosed in a bright green envelope with a free recipe and key health messages included.

It was reported that 90% of the vouchers (which have a 6 week 'use by' date) were redeemed within the first 2 weeks. Two-thirds of the vouchers have been redeemed at the local shop and the remaining one-third at Barnsley market, with more spending on fruit than vegetables.

Local Members have received positive feedback about the project. It appears that existing customers of the local shop have been buying more fruit and vegetables, have been buying locally instead of from the supermarket and that there has been a positive impact on eating habits, with children eating more fruit and veg. Some participants have reported that they have lost weight and there has been a financial benefit to those receiving the vouchers.

A member queried whether it would be possible to encourage participants to eat more vegetables as these are less harmful to teeth but it was explained that this would be difficult to implement.

The Medical Research Council is looking at interventions to improve population health and may be interested in the findings from this small scale research project. It would be informative to run the project for a longer period of time to identify long term benefits and enable a comparison over the summer/winter period but limited resources mean that it will run until the end of September. It was felt that funding for such projects should come from those who benefit from health improvement across the population such as GPs, social care and health providers, as poor eating habits impact on the community as a whole.

Members expressed an interest in extending the project for a further 6 months period, which would cost in the region of £8,500, as this would provide some useful local information and would benefit the community as a whole.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Clare be thanked for her attendance and contribution
- (ii) An extension to the project for a further 6 months be agreed in principle pending receipt of detailed financial information.

5 Youth Participation Worker - recruitment update

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided members with an update on recruitment to the youth participation support worker. Members were

reminded that following discussions with the Early Intervention Service it had been agreed that two part time (18hr) grade 4 support worker posts should be recruited to as this would increase the flexibility of the service offer whilst ensuring the safety of the workers who could double up for out of hours work. The posts were advertised in May, eight applications were received, five were invited for interview, four attended and two preferred candidates had been identified. References and DBS checks are being undertaken and it is hoped that the officers will be in post by late July/early August before the schools restart in September.

RESOLVED that Members note the update regarding the proposed recruitment of a Young Peoples Participation Worker.

6 Social Isolation and Cold Homes Prevention

The Area Manager introduced this item and updated Members with regard to the current position of development, procurement and implementation of the commissioned service that is intended to address loneliness and isolation and prevent excess winter deaths in the North Area.

It was reported that 7 tender applications were received with some very strong submissions. Richard Kershaw from Housing and Energy along with Jennie MacPhail (Senior Health Improvement Officer) were involved in developing the specification and Kate Ripley (Health and Wellbeing Officer, Adult Social Care) and Jennie MacPhail were also on the evaluation panel. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded from 10th August, following a 'stand still' period of two weeks.

RESOLVED that Members note the procurement progress to date.

7 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance Update

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided Members with a financial position and forecast for expenditure report based on the projects that have been proposed.

The report indicated the current position for projects, annual commitments from April 2018 and current budget position including underspend. In terms of the Stronger Communities Grants, performance information for the quarter end is currently being collated and monitoring meetings will take place shortly. It was highlighted that there will be a new provider for the distribution of the Community Magazine – a timescale is being developed and the next issue will go out in the autumn.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The North Area Council note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments;
- (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) Members note the update on the Social Inclusion and Fuel Poverty Reduction project proposal;
- (v) Members note the current financial position, and
- (vi) Members note that forecasted annual budget commitments based on the decisions that were made at the September and November 2017 meetings.

8 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council with regard to the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2017/18 period.

Members were encouraged to bring forward information about potential projects as soon as possible. It was reported that the Area Council Manager will meet with Rachel Tyas with regard to the provision of dog waste bins. Paul Castle and Matthew Bell will attend future meetings with regard to alternative uses for grass as no detailed information is available at the moment.

RESOLVED that each Ward in the North Area Council prioritises the efficient expenditure of Ward Alliance Funds in line with the guidance on spend.

9 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 8th May and 12th June; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 23rd May and 11th June; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 16th May and 6th June and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 12th April and 24th May 2018.

It was reported that whilst providing an excellent service and involving the community, a Member had recently experienced difficulty contacting Twiggs. The Area Council Manager explained that Twiggs had been very busy recently with increased requests for service and it may be beneficial to meet to discuss projects requiring Twiggs' involvement. The hanging baskets in the St Helen's ward were looking fantastic despite the warm weather.

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

Chair

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BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
17th September 2018**

Agenda Item: 5

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

Reducing Loneliness and Isolation and Addressing Cold Homes Pilot for The North Area

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is intended to update North Area Council Members aware of the current position of development, procurement and implementation of the commissioned service that is intended to address loneliness and isolation and prevent excess winter deaths in the North Area.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **Members to note the outcome of the procurement process, specifically section 7 of this report.**
- 2.2. **That the preferred provider attend the North Area Council Meeting on the 19th November.**

3. Background

- 3.0 In autumn 2017 representatives from BMBC Housing and Energy Team approached the North Area Manager to provide a briefing on the planned Energy Efficiency Works and other affordable warmth initiatives. The team also provided an update on recent excess winter death and fuel poverty statistics.
- 3.1 It became clear that the Darton East Ward has a higher than average excess winter death index for the borough.
- 3.2 The trend in excess winter deaths for both Darton East Ward and Darton West Ward has increased steadily since 2006.
- 3.3 The Housing and Energy Team identified that Woolley Colliery Village would benefit from the installation of first time central heating systems available for private homes made feasible by the monies secured from round one of the National Grid Warm Homes Fund.
- 3.4 The proposal suggested in this report would be complementary to the Energy Efficiency Works in Woolley Colliery Village. The North Area Council in principle agreed to fund low cost added value works for Woolley Colliery Village properties at the November 2017 meeting. Housing and Energy colleagues will also be bidding for round three which will be for vulnerable and low income tenants which would again benefit some Woolley Colliery residents.

- 3.5 Following the update that an Older Peoples Participation Worker for older people would not align with existing BMBC service provision at the November 2017 meeting. The Area Council requested a workshop to explore an Older People's Reducing Social Isolation and Preventing Winter Deaths project.
- 3.6 The Area Chair and Area Manager attended a meeting on the 29th November 2017 with colleagues from Housing and Energy and Public Health to explore the opportunity of a strategic piece of work that would splice with the work we are considering for the North Area with the preventing excess winter deaths work. It was a very positive meeting with the opportunity to do some joined up delivery and pilot a new approach in the North Area.
- 3.7 Shortly after meeting mentioned in point 3.6, the Group Leader for Housing and Energy provided an update that the National Grid and Affordable Warmth Solutions have opened their second bidding window for the Warm Homes Fund and that the Council proposes to bid for category two funding which is to enable 'specific energy efficient / health related solutions – bringing together relevant organisations and charities'. Housing and Energy Colleagues have teamed with Public Health officers to develop a core offer with borough wide partners and linked closely to the Independent Living Review. This would complement the community based provision that the North Area are considering funding to reduce loneliness and isolation which would service the North Area only. It is proposed that this service would include home assessments as part of the service.
- 3.8 An email update regarding points 3.6 and 3.7 was circulated to the North Area Council Members on the 20th December 2017.
- 3.9 BMBC were successful in the Warm Homes Fund Expressions of Interest stage of the bidding and were invited to submit a formal bid. This is completed in time for the 9th February deadline, led by Housing and Energy colleagues.
- 3.10 At the Area Council meeting held on the 22nd January it was agreed in principle to fund a Loneliness and Isolation project for the North Area with a housing and energy focus. The project would cost at least £75,000 per annum. An investment of 3 years is recommended. This would fund two social inclusion officers who would have to receive specialist training to offer home energy assessments and advice.
- 3.11 The Area Manager recommends that this work should include building a network of trained volunteers with knowledge of how to identify and address fuel poverty. This will ensure that there is active community capacity building within the community that will lead to increased resilience and leave a positive legacy once the project concludes.
- 3.12 A prospective project funded by Warm Homes presents an opportunity to develop a universal offer for the borough that will help to address need regarding housing and energy. It is hope that the North Area can develop an offer that will offer a complimentary service.

4. Developing a service for North Area

- 4.1. On 10th April 2018 representatives of the North Area Council met for a workshop to receive information from service specialists from Business Intelligence, Housing and Energy and Public Health.
- 4.2. Information received included demographics, health and causes of mortality, deprivation, fuel poverty and excess winter deaths. The group also considered the factors contributing to fuel poverty, cold homes and the groups most at risk of fuel poverty, excess winter deaths and social isolation.
- 4.3. The group also considered the provision that already exists to help address the issues listed above and officers talked through examples of national best practise.
- 4.4. As the discussions concluded the group agreed on the following points in section 5 that would help to define the specification.

5. Workshop (10th April) Conclusions:

Beneficiaries

There was a discussion about whether this project should be specifically for older people or available to everyone. The workshop participants agreed that this should be a universal service; befitting people experience fuel poverty as well as those at risk of excess winter deaths (under 5s and over 65).

Aims and Objectives

- Reduce loneliness and isolation
- Reduce fuel poverty
- Reduce the number of times a person has to tell their story in order to benefit from support services
- Identification of personal needs and home environment needs so that both can be addressed holistically
- Provide solutions to improve the living conditions of local people
- Increase the knowledge and understanding of the local community regarding energy. This early intervention and prevention model will encourage community resilience through empowering residents and communities to address fuel poverty by tackling the root causes such as income maximisation, energy efficiency improvements and seeking out cheaper tariffs.

Suggested Outcomes

- Reduction in feelings of loneliness and isolation within the community
- Isolated and vulnerable people having a much greater involvement in designing services and actively participating in improving their lives and Barnsley
- Highlight the health and wellbeing of individuals as a 'whole community issue'.
- Inclusion and support of Volunteers in the delivery providing opportunities to use their skills , knowledge and expertise to help others to live independently

- Reduction in the number of households that have poor insulation, inadequate heating systems, are a poor energy deal
- Increase in local knowledge about energy efficiency solutions

Project Outputs (not exhaustive)

- No. Individual Needs Assessments
- Increase in No. of isolated people accessing local amenities and community provision
- No. of new community groups established
- No. Home Energy Assessments completed
- No. of homes benefiting from warm homes discount
- Savings derived as a result of energy switching
- No. Community Energy Champions Recruited and Trained
- Number of households switching to a better value energy deal.

Resourcing / Area Council Input

- Contract Length (3 year commitment aiming to achieve medium term outcomes)
- Contract Value (£75k per annum has been agreed at Area Council)
- **In May 2018 the Area Council approved the recommendation to increase the maximum £85K per annum)**
- Price / Quality Split for procurement evaluation purposes – 20/80

6. Procurement and Implementation

6.1. The timelines for procurement and project implementation were as follows:

EVENT	DATE
Publication of Tender	01/06/18
Deadline for Clarifications – through YORTender only	04/07/2018
Submission Deadline	11/07/2018 – 12:00 Noon
Evaluation of Tenders	11/07/2018 – 30/07/2018
Provider Presentations	25/07/18 and 26/07/18
Notification of Intent to Award (Start of Standstill period)	30/07/18 – 09/08/18
Contract Award – Issue of contract for signature	10/08/18
Start Date	01/09/18

- 6.2. The procurement panel included the following representatives and will be supported by strategic procurement:

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Role</u>
Cllr David Leech	Area Chair
Jen McPhail	Senior Health Improvement Officer, Housing and Energy
Kate Ripley	Health and Wellbeing Officer, Social Isolation
Rosie Adams	North Area Council Manager

7. Procurement Update

- 7.1. Thirty organisations registered their interest for this opportunity.
- 7.2. Seven organisations submitted tender responses.
- 7.3. Six organisations were interviewed on the 25th July and one on the 26th July.
- 7.4. Tenders were evaluated based on a split of 20% price, 80% quality.
- 7.5. The moderation process was completed on the 26th July.
- 7.6. The preferred provider is DIAL Barnsley who scored 73.1% overall.
- 7.7. The total contract value for three years is £224,210.00

8. Next Steps

- 8.1. DIAL Barnsley's contract will commence on the 1st September 2018 and run till 31st August 2020, with the opportunity to extend for a final year until 31st August 2021.
- 8.2. DIAL Barnsley's project includes an inception period and the project will be fully operational from December 2018.
- 8.3. DIAL Barnsley already receive NAC Stronger Communities Grant Funding and due to their hOurbank project are becoming well established in the North Area.
- 8.4. It is recommended that the provider attends Area Council meeting on the 17th November 2018 to enable Members to fully understand the service that will be delivered within the North Area.

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council:
17th September 2018**

Agenda Item: 6

**Report of the
North Area Council Manager**

NAC Priority Working Groups

1.0 Purpose of Report

To ensure highlight the purpose and function of the *Priority Working Groups* and ensure that each ward is represented on each of the working groups.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North Area Council Members consult with their ward colleagues and adopt at least one priority or project per member.**
- 2.2 In doing so the representative agrees to participate in priority working groups to ensure that each ward is represented in planning, development and delivery of projects that benefit the North Area as a whole.**

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The working groups have proved invaluable to ensure that each ward is represented in the planning, development and delivery of Area Council service design and projects designed to benefit the North Area as a whole.
- 3.2 The priority working groups allow responsibility for Area Council work to be shared across all the Members of the North Area Council, increasing understanding and ownership.
- 3.3 It also means that Area Council members can act as project sponsors and/or advocates when sharing learning with their Area Council colleagues.
- 3.4 As a result local member should have a better understanding of how the Area Council is contributing to BMBC's Corporate Priorities.
- 3.5 The Priority Working Groups defined in Appendix 1 provides the updated list of responsibilities.

4.0 Working Groups

Volunteers are sought for the following priorities and projects:

- a) Opportunities for Young People
- b) Health and Wellbeing
- c) Environment
- d) Anti-Poverty
- e) Economic Regeneration
- f) Community Magazine Editorial Group – both Autumn/Winter and Spring/Summer editions

g) Stronger Communities Grants 2019/20

5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 Area Council Members are requested to confirm with their ward colleagues that they are happy to be aligned to a specific priority/project. This decision should be strengths based and inclusive.
- 5.2 Should there be a change in the representatives, the Stronger Communities Grants Panel 2018/19 are requested to work with a newly formed panel to help refine the eligibility criteria and the scoring process.

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4th September 2018

NORTH AREA COUNCIL COMMISSIONING

PRIORITY WORKING GROUPS

Each working group will include a Member representative from each Ward within the North Area. The representatives will be instrumental in the development and monitoring of projects that will address North Area Priorities. (Agreement sought at the 17th September 2018 Area Council Meeting.)

Young People

DE Cllr Duerden
DW Cllr Burgess
OT Cllr Lofts
StH Cllr Tattersall

Health and Well-being

DE Cllr Spence
DW Cllr Cave
OT Cllr Newing
StH Cllr Platts

Environment

DE Cllr Spence
DW Cllr Howard
OT Cllr Newing
StH Cllr Tattersall

Anti -Poverty

DE Cllr Miller
DW Cllr Burgess
OT Cllr Pickering
StH Cllr Leech

Community Magazines – Editorial Group

Chair Cllr Burgess
DE Cllr Miller
DW Cllr Cave
OT Cllr Pickering
StH Cllr Leech

SCG Grants Panel 2016/17

Chair Rosie Adams
DE Cllr Spence
DW Cllr Howard
OT Cllr Lofts
StH Cllr Tattersall

Support, facilitation and specialist advice:
North Area Team and Tom Smith

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Item 7

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
17th September 2018**

Agenda Item: 7

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

Procurement Update, Financial Position and Forecast

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments.**
- 2.2. **Members are required to make a decision regarding the contract renewal of the Housing Migration Officer – 3.3**
- 2.3. **Members should note that the recruitment update for the Youth Participation Support Worker.**
- 2.4. **Members should note the update on the Social Inclusion and Fuel Poverty Reduction project proposal. (This is covered in detail in Item 5)**
- 2.5. **Members should note the current financial position.**

3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

- 3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 in total. The initial contract has now concluded.

The decision was taken to retender the opportunity for a further 2 years (+ 1 year) at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. The provider commenced service delivery on the 14th September 2017. This contract will run until at least September 2019 provided the conditions of the contract are met.

- 3.1 The Clean and Green Service commenced on the 14th September 2015. This was a one year (plus one year) contract valued at £150,000 per annum. The initial contract has now concluded.

The decision was taken to advertise an enhanced tender opportunity for a further 2 years (+ 1 year) at a contract value of approximately £85,000 per annum. The provider commenced service delivery on the 2nd October 2017. This contract will run until at least September 2019 provided the conditions of the contract are met.

- 3.2 Environmental Enforcement contract commenced in April 2016. This was a one year (+ one year + one year) contract, with financial implications of up to £146,000 per annum. The decision was taken at the September 2017 meeting NOT to utilise the final year of the contract extension. This will mean that the contract concluded on 31st March 2018.

The recycled income value for 2017/18 totalled £33,818.00.

- 3.3 Housing Migration Officer Private Sector Housing Officer – At the November meeting 2017 it was agreed that the North Area would offer a Housing Migration Officer post at Grade 6 for 12 months fixed term. The successful candidate started on the 22nd January 2018. In addition to the salary fees the Area Council agreed to fund uniform, PPE including IT, phone and bodycam, plus a £5k annual working budget.

For Decision: Members are required to make a decision regarding the extension of the Housing Migration Officers contract which will be due for renewal from 18th January 2019 on a fixed term basis for a period of 12 months.

- 3.4 Opportunities for Young People – Two 18hr Youth Participation Support Worker Grade 4 posts were advertised in May 2018. Interviews were conducted on 12th June 2018. References and DBS checks have been received. The officers started at the beginning of August. The posts are 12 months fixed term.

The funding for this project includes staff salaries and on-costs plus a mobile phone and laptop each. A working budget of £5,000 has also been agreed.

- 3.5 Health and Wellbeing – At the November 2017 meeting The North Area Council agreed to consider a Social Inclusion Project with a Prevention of Winter Deaths focus. This would complement the work of Housing and Energy Colleagues who are looking at developing a Housing and Energy Advice Hub with housing energy advice. Aligning a 3 year pilot in North Area would be a fantastic opportunity to combine resources and realise positive outcomes for residents in the North Area. A workshop took place on the 10th of April which informed the specification that was signed off at the 14th May meeting.

The procurement process for this project was conducted during June and July 2018. DIAL Barnsley was the preferred provider when the process concluded. At the time of writing the tender is live and there has been considerable interest in the opportunity from a range of providers. This contract is valued at £75,000p.a. (with a ceiling of £85,000) for two years, with the option to extend a third year. The contract commenced on the 3rd September 2018.

- 3.6 Stronger Communities Grant – The total funding available for 2018/19 is £80,000. A total of 7 applications were received. The grant is oversubscribed

by in excess of £44,000. At the Grant Panel on the 15th March 5 projects were recommended for approval delivering a broad range of services up until March 2019.

- 3.7 Community Magazine – The Area Council fund the distribution costs of the North Area Magazine. This is a twice yearly distribution costing approximately £3,200 per issue. Please refer to the table below for the production timescale for the autumn 2018 issue.

	North
Articles to communications (5 working days)	17/09/2018
Info to Barnsley Card for design	24/09/2018
First proof	27/09/2018
Final proof approvals	02/10/2018
Magazine to print	05/10/2018
Delivery to Distributers	19/10/2018

4. Financial Position

- 4.1. At the September 2017 meeting The Area Council took the decision to reconfigure its annual financial commitment to ensure that the annual spend is in-line with the budget allocation. It was agreed to cease the Environmental Enforcement Service and proposed to introduce a Participation Worker for Young People.
- 4.2. It is forecast that there will be an **underspend of approximately £156,278 for 2018/19 (this includes underspend from previous years). However the in-year balance exceeds the annual budget by £54,726.**
- 4.3. This is a significant excess caused by the decisions to stop the Positive Progressions project £55,000, the delay in recruiting to the Private Sector Housing Support Officer role, and recycled FPN income of £31,073 for 2017/18 now received.
- 4.4. The decision to terminate the Environmental Enforcement contract from March 2018 provided an opportunity to develop the social isolation project.

4.5. Outlined annual commitments from April 2018:

Contract	Annual Value
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£95,000
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	£85,000
Housing Migration Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£35,000
Stronger Communities Grant	£80,000
Magazine Delivery (x2 deliveries p.a.)	£7,200
Support Worker - Youth Participation Grade 4 – two officers working 18hours (+laptop and phone) (+participation budget)	£26,000 & £5,000
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project	£75,000
Devolved funding to Ward Alliances	£40,000
TOTAL	£447,400

5. Risks

- 5.1. Members please note that the Area Council has benefited from £112,294.00 in recycled FPN income since 2014. This ceased in March 2018 following the decision to decommission the service.
- 5.2. Members please note that the financial position of the Area Council has altered significantly and there was a substantial sum currently unallocated from 2017-18.
- 5.3. The proposed budget would take the Area Council £47,400 over budget pa for the next 3 years. However taking into account the current under spend of £167,183, the investment profiled in 4.5 would be feasible for the next three years and still leave approximately £25,000 unallocated.

6. Next Steps

- 6.1. Ensure that the Area Manager is alerted to any proposed commissioning profile variations so that feasibility considerations can be made at the earliest opportunity.

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Date:
03/09/2018

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
17th September 2018**

Agenda Item: 8

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

FRESH Street Project Match Funding Proposal

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with an update on Sheffield University's FRESH Street Project which has been active in Athersley North since March 2018.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **Members refer to appendix 1 tabled by Clare Relton, Sheffield University at the July 2018 meeting.**
- 2.2. **Members approve the further 6 months funding, valued at £8,500 as per the in principle agreement at the July 2018 meeting.**

3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitments

- 3.0 Representatives from Sheffield University attended the Anti-Poverty Delivery Group to introduce the FRESH Street Project in 2017.
- 3.1 The project was designed to increase the participants' consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables, leading to a change in behaviour and contributing to improved health and wellbeing of voucher recipients.
- 3.2 The project for Athersley North has meant that 78 households have benefited from 5 x £1 Rose Vouchers per week for 6 months.
- 3.3 Everyone (adults and children aged 2+) normally resident in the selected 'voucher streets' will be eligible, regardless of income/benefit status etc.
- 3.4 Appendix 1 was presented by Clare Relton, Sheffield University, at the July 2018 Area Council meeting.
- 3.5 It has been proposed to extend the project for 6 months. This would require additional funding of £8,500 to purchase Rose Vouchers. Sheffield University have secured additional funding to cover the research posts required to run the project.

- 3.6 Since the July meeting the Area Manager and Cllr Platts have consulted the Food Access Steering group to ensure that this proposal does not negatively impact on or detract from other projects and initiatives that are planned on a borough wide basis.

4. For decision

- 4.1. It is proposed that due to the positive impact observed to date that the project should be extended by a further 6 months. This was agreed in principle and The North Area Council pending approval at this meeting.
- 4.2. This extension to the project requires a further investment of £8,500. All funding allocated must be spent within the designated time period.
- 4.3. The North Area Council are request to confirm the in principle agreement made in July 2018 to fund the project for a further 6 months.

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Appendix 1:

Brief interim report on the FRESH Street project 12.7.18

www.sheffield.ac.uk/scharr/sections/ph/freshstreet

Purpose of the FRESH St Research project

To develop and feasibility test an intervention to help create sustainable and healthy diets, eating behaviours and food systems in areas of high deprivation.

The intervention – FRESH Street

- **Area based** – Athersley North selected in consultation with Barnsley council, as suitable area (high deprivation, low fruit and veg consumption, stable population, local fruit and veg shop)
- **4 streets** selected at random – 99 households (total properties in Athersley North = 1811)
- **Every household** on the 4 streets eligible to receive vouchers
- Every household offered **5 x £1 vouchers per week** for minimum of 6 months
- Vouchers redeemable for **fresh fruit and veg only** at selected outlets (Laithes Lane 5 a day fruit and veg shop & Barnsley Market fruit and veg stalls x 6)

Recruitment process

Pre-launch (mid-February to mid-March 2018):

- Knocked on every door at least twice at different times of day and had a face to face conversation with residents who answered. Households where no answer – flyer invited residents to contact research team

Post-launch:

- Researchers continued to knock on doors of all households that had not been contacted on a weekly basis for first 7 weeks of the scheme.
- Returned to households that had previously declined to ask again if they were interested in joining the scheme now that majority of their neighbours were receiving vouchers.
- Flyers posted each week to households where there was no answer.

Joining FRESH Street

- To join **the voucher scheme**, one member of the household had to answer a series of verbal, free-text eating habits questions:
 - *Describe your main meal yesterday? (to elicit if meal was: Home-cooked from scratch, home-cooked with ready-made ingredients, takeaway, ready-meal, or other)*
 - *Did you eat this alone or with friends/family?*
 - *How often do you eat fruit? How often do you eat vegetables?*
- **Joiners were then** asked if they were willing to 1) provide information on household make up, and 2) fill in the Yorkshire Health Study Health Questionnaire. It was made clear that they would receive vouchers whether or not they answered questions 1 and 2.

Number of households joining FRESH Street

- Total households recruited = 78 (79%)
- Reasons for not joining (21 households): property empty (n=2); carer refused on behalf of elderly/disabled householder (n=2); away much of the time (n=2); does all shopping in same place and doesn't want to change that (n=1); eats no fruit and very little veg (n=1); no reason given (n=8); concerns about data collection requirements (n=1); Unable to contact (n=4)

- **Scheme launch**
- First vouchers distributed 21.03.18 to 37 households
- Total households rising to 78 by week 8.
- Household size ranged from 1 – 8 people
- 33 households include children under 18 years of age
- 14 single occupancy households

Voucher delivery

- Vouchers are delivered each week in a bright green envelope, accompanied by a letter. The content of the letter varies but always includes a message about health benefits of increased fruit and veg consumption and (from week 3), a simple, healthy vegetable-based recipe
- Vouchers delivered weekly by hand. From week 12 onwards vouchers sometimes sent by post.

Voucher spending patterns

Redemption rates by household: NB Voucher redemption rates are for weeks 1-8 only as accurate redemption rates cannot be calculated until vouchers have expired (expiry date set at 6 weeks)

- Over 90% of all vouchers distributed in the first 8 weeks were redeemed
- All week 1-8 vouchers were redeemed for 58 households, most for 18 households
- No week 1-8 vouchers were redeemed for 2 households

Where vouchers are being redeemed: (Total vouchers redeemed 22.03.18 to 28.06.18 = 3428)

- Laithe's Lane '5 a day fruit and veg shop' = 2294 (66.9%), Barnsley Markets = 1134 (33.1%)

Impact – emerging findings (note small numbers)

- **Local fruit and veg shop:** Initial feedback from the local fruit and veg shop is that existing customers are buying more fruit and veg, and that they are seeing new customers.
- **Shopping patterns:** some started to buy fruit and veg locally instead of at the supermarket
- **Social interaction:** residents talking to one another about the voucher scheme, interacting with neighbours at the local fruit and veg shop, sharing vouchers with family and friends
- **Eating habits:** voucher users reporting positive impact on eating behaviour e.g.
 - Exchanged morning coffee and biscuit for coffee and piece of fruit
 - Used to eat almost no fruit and veg, now has salad every day
 - Have had fruit salad nearly every day since receiving vouchers
 - Have tried varieties of fruit and veg that had not tried before
 - Started cooking healthy soups
- **Children's eating habits:** children are now eating more fruit and veg
- **Recipes:** comments that the weekly recipes have been helpful
- **Weight loss:** comments that lost weight since the start of the voucher scheme
- **Finances:** vouchers have helped financially, enabling them to buy more fruit and veg.

What next?

- Current funds for vouchers will run out end of September 2018
- Testing idea in Sheffield
- Interest in scheme nationally
- Longer term test
- Future research plans

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**Report of
North Area Council Manager**

North Area Council – 2018/19 Quarter 1 (April – June 2018)
Performance Management Cover Report for Commissioned Projects and
Stronger Communities Projects

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1. Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report attached at Appendix 1.**

Background

A comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report for the period April to June 2018 (2018 Quarter 1) has been produced and is attached, Appendix 1.

Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)

Part A of the North Council Performance report provides North Council members with an aggregate picture of how all the North Council contracted services contribute to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives.

The information provided in Part A reflects information gathered from each contract for the period April to June 2018.

Contracted Service Providers:

- CAB & DIAL – Community Outreach Project
- Twiggs Grounds Maintenance – Creating a cleaner, greener environment in partnership with local people

Part B provides North Council members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2018/19 Quarter 1 (April – June 2018). The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from all North Area Council Providers, following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings.

The report provides a link between the commissioned services and the Public Health Outcomes: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/public-health-outcomes-framework>

Part C provides a summary of performance information from the Strong Communities Grants Projects.

In addition to the information provided in the summary reports, more detailed information is available on request, including at least two case studies with photographs for each contracted service, and some performance data on a ward basis.

Please note there are two start dates for the grant projects from 2017/18. The second round did not start until October 2017 and will run until the end of October 2018. The projects are grouped in the report based upon their start date.

Performance Report –Issues

Two of the North Area Council contracts continue to perform well. One is over capacity.

Appendices

Appendix 1: North Council Performance Management Report- Quarter 1 2018/19 (April to June 2018).

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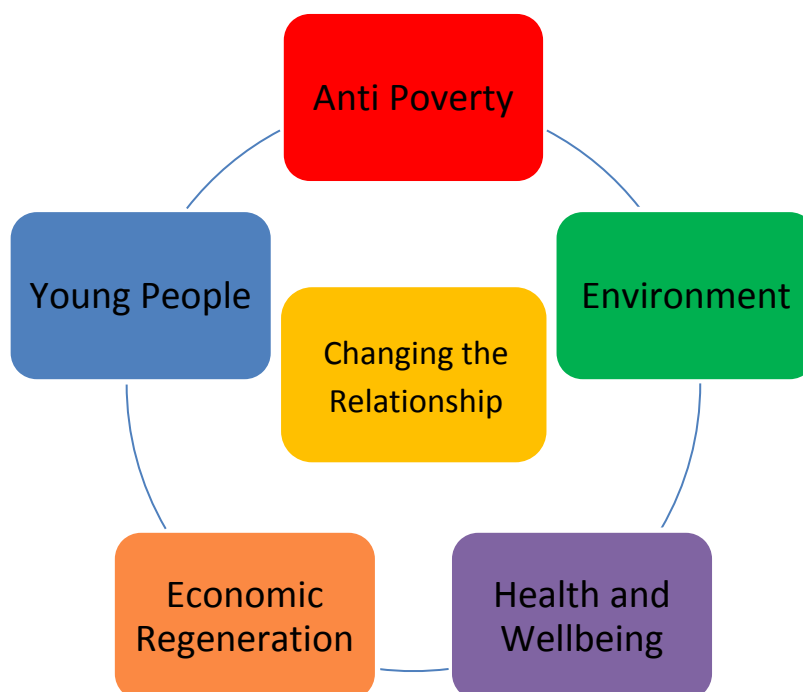
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NORTH AREA COUNCIL
Project Performance Report
Q1 2018/19 (April – June 2018)

July 2018

INTRODUCTION

North Area Council Priorities



Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

THRIVING & VIBRANT ECONOMY	PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL	STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES
Outcomes: 1: Create more and better jobs 2: Increase skills to get more people working 5: Create more and better housing	Outcomes: 7: Reducing demand through improving access to early help 8: Children and adults are safe from harm 9: People are healthier, happier independent and active	Outcomes: 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities 11: Protecting the borough for future generations

Table 1 below shows the Providers that have now been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the North Area Council. A number of projects are still in the development phase.

	Service	Provider	Contract Value/length	Contract start date	Updates
Anti-Poverty	Financial Inclusion Service	CAB & DIAL	£148,120 2 years	14 th September 2015	Contract Concluded
Anti-Poverty	Financial Inclusion Service	CAB & DIAL	£190,000 2 years (+1yr)	14 th September 2017	Contract Live – Performing well
Young People	Summer Holiday Internship 2014	C&K Careers	£39,410 9 months	April 2014	Contract Concluded
Young People	Summer Holiday Internship 2015	C&K Careers	£45,000 18 months	9 th March 2015	Contract Concluded
Young People	Summer Holiday Internship 2016	C&K Careers	£31,550 18 months	1 st March 2016	Contract Concluded
Environment	Environmental enforcement	Kingdom Security	£ 54,771 1 year + £81,844 8 months	4 th August 2014 August 2015 – March 2016	Contract Concluded
Environment	Environmental enforcement	Kingdom Security	£120,640 per annum (1yr+1yr+1yr)	1 st April 2016	Contract Concluded
Environment	Clean & Green Community Development	Forge c/o Anvil CIC	£150,192 2 years	14 th September 2015	Contract Concluded
Environment	Clean & Green Community Development	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd	£169,932 2 year (+1 year)	2 nd October 2017	Contract Live
Economic Regeneration	Small Business Development Survey	Barnsley Business and Innovation Centre	£2,250 £5,000 - 6months	Aug 2016 April 2017	Survey Biz Surgeries
Health and Wellbeing	Healthy Eating Project	South and West Yorkshire (NHS) Foundation Trust	£98,893 18 months	16 th October 2014	Contract Concluded - April 2016

PART A - OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

2 contracts have formally completed their contract monitoring/contract management reporting for Q1 2018/19. The following tables therefore reflect the overview of performance of **3 live contracts only**. These contracts are:

- Twiggs – Year 1, Q3
- CAB & DIAL Contract 2, Year 1, Q3
- DIAL (Social Isolation)

The North Area also funds 3 contracted posts:

- Housing Migration Officer
- Youth Participation Officer (x2)

Anti-Poverty

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
CAB & DIAL Contract		
Number of financial / debt settlements negotiated		9
Cases of homelessness prevented		1
Overall benefit gain (in £)		£909,58
Debt Managed (in £)		£73,294
Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation & Cold Homes		
Savings derived as a result of energy switching (in £)		

Young People

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
Number of young people engaged by Youth Participation Officers		
Number of sessions delivered by Youth Participation Workers		

N.B. New performance indicators will be developed once the role of the young person's participation workers are established.

Environment: Education & Support

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
Public Spaces - Twiggs		
Number of local businesses supported at planned events	60	48%
Number of new groups formed with support of Twiggs	4	50%
Number of hours of volunteering generated	1200	65%
Number of volunteers trained in horticultural skills	32	171%
Private Rented Homes - Housing Migration Officer		
Number of vulnerable households identified		40
Number of properties improved because of service intervention		4
Number of requests to landlords (both formal and informal)		21
Number of community protection written warnings issued		15
Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation & Cold Homes		
Numbers of household receiving heating and energy efficiency measures.		
Number of volunteers trained to deliver home energy advice and energy switching sessions		

Health and Wellbeing

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
Anti-Poverty – CAB & DIAL		
Local residents experienced improved health and wellbeing		85%
Local people feel more able to manage their own affairs		70%
Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation & Cold Homes		
Individual needs assessments completed		
Reduction in feelings of loneliness and isolation within the client group		
Improvement in Mental Wellbeing of residents		
Number of new social networking groups		

PART B - SUMMARY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR EACH SERVICE

Twiggs Grounds Maintenance - Q1 report received July '18

Clean and Green		RAG
	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	●
Health and Wellbeing	Milestones achieved	●
	Outcome indicator targets met	●
	Social value targets met	●
Changing the Relationship	Satisfactory spend and financial information	●
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	●

Extract from the providers quarterly narrative report:

Performance Indicator	Yr Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Cumulative
Twiggs social action events	12	48				48
Community groups supported	12	25				25
Areas adopted by residents	4	2				2
Volunteers recruited to Twiggs events	48	364				364
Areas of blight targeted	100	57				57
Local business engagement	60	29				29
Restorative justice sessions	4	2				2
Local spend	90%	95%				95%

Hot Spots - The following areas have been identified:

1. Old Town Ward – Honeywell Lane, litter issue. There is no bin as it was removed.
2. Old Town Ward – Stocks Lane footpath leading to West Road. A well-used pathway with no litter bin present, also needles are found in this location.
3. Darton East Ward – Birkinshaws Green, Darton Lane. Litter on greenspace and also at the bottom of School Street.
4. Darton East Ward – Bus stop at greenside Mapplewell in front of Bowling Club issue with litter.
5. Darton West Ward – Huddersfield Road, Darton – From Darton Centre to bottom of Ballfield Lane. Litter discarded from passing vehicles

6. Darton West Ward – Bence Lane, issue with litter.
7. Darton West Ward – Medina Way footpath, litter and dog fouling issue.
8. St Helens Ward – Lindhurst Road, Athersley North. Issue with litter.
9. St Helens Ward – New Lodge Park, issue with litter and flytipping

Supported Projects – Details for Evidencing

We have had contact and offered support with many existing groups, businesses and schools throughout the North Wards this Quarter.

We not only physically support local existing groups/ businesses, but we also utilise our capabilities with Facebook, Twitter and our contacts, to promote their events and/or information relevant to the wards.

Saturday 5th May 2018 – Wooley Colliery Road, Supporting Greenspace Group and The North Area Team

Activities included: Litter picking surrounding the road and surrounding areas, we removed a huge amount of litter on this event. (27 sacks)



Friday 8th June 2018 and Saturday 9th June 2018 - Supporting Darton West Ward Alliance at Harry Road Recreational Ground

In preparation for the event that weekend our team strimmed the ground for the bug hotel to be built on. Materials for the creation of the bug hotel were collected by the team overtime, from various clean up and improvement activities throughout the North Wards this quarter.

On Saturday 9th June our team worked with volunteers clearing up the area, litter picking and creating the wildlife habitats.



Twiggs Led Projects Delivered

Friday 6th April 2018 – Athersley Community Shop/ Café, St Helens Ward

Activities Included: Litter picking up and down either side of Lindhurst Road. (13 sacks of litter collected)

Number of Adult Volunteers- 3

Number of Young Volunteers – 7

Total Number of Volunteers – 10

Number of New Adult Volunteers – 2

Number of New Young Volunteers – 7

Total Volunteer Hours - 20

Signature/ details obtained for evidencing purposes



Tuesday 10th April 2018 – Laithes Lane (Athersley Cares)

Activities Included: Fruit planting and hanging baskets with members of Athersley Cares.

Following a very unfortunate overnight theft at the Athersley Cares Centre, it did seem like these activities were going to be cancelled. However, the team placed efforts into visiting local businesses with the hope that donations could be gathered to enable the plans to go ahead.

5-A-DAY Fruit & Veg on Lathies Lane generously donated plants and compost for the activities, meaning the session could still go ahead.

Tesco Stores also very kindly donated a selection of gardening equipment, seeds, compost and plants to be utilised across a few groups currently being supported in the North Area.

Number of Adult Volunteers- 4

Number of Young Volunteers – 4

Total Number of Volunteers – 8

Number of New Adult Volunteers – 1

Number of New Young Volunteers – 1

Total Volunteer Hours - 21

Signature/ details obtained for evidencing purposes



Thursday 19th April 2018 – St Mary's Primary School, Old Town

Activities included: Supporting the gardening club move 6 tonne of top soil into the raised beds, to enable the group to carry out their planting activities.

Number of Adult Volunteers- 3

Number of Young Volunteers – 7

Total Number of Volunteers – 10

Number of New Adult Volunteers – 3

Number of New Young Volunteers – 7

Total Volunteer Hours - 30

Signature/ details obtained for evidencing purposes



Friday 18th May 2018 – The Quarry Event promoting new volunteer group, St Helens Ward

Activities included: Our team and volunteers from Burton Road Primary and the local area made a massive impact in one session at the Quarry at Monk Bretton – in total 32 large sacks of waste were collected and removed from the area. Local businesses such as Iceland and Factory Foods donated refreshments and sweets for the volunteers who took part. We are planning to work alongside this new volunteer group in the future who are wanting to lead with the cleanups of predominantly The Quarry and Brettas Park in Monk Bretton.

The fantastic volunteers even took on the responsibility of promoting the event, advertising through Dearne FM,

BMBC intranet, handing out flyers, and creating a sign to walk around the local school playground that afternoon, recruiting new volunteers on the day. The children involved are working together to decide a name and logo for this new group to help identify and

promote their plans and activities in the area. The next meeting will be arranged for during the Summer holidays.

Number of Adult Volunteers- 15 Number of Young Volunteers – 16

Total Number of Volunteers – 31

Number of New Adult Volunteers – 10 Number of New Young Volunteers – 11

Total Volunteer Hours – 77.5

Signature/ details obtained for evidencing purposes



***TWIGGS contribution to Public Health Outcomes**

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.04	First time entrants to the youth justice system
1.16	Utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons
Health Improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.13	Proportion of physically active and inactive adults
2.23	Self-reported well being

CAB & DIAL 2 - Quarter 1 report received 2018

<div>Health and Wellbeing</div> <div>Anti Poverty</div> <div>Changing the Relationship</div>		RAG
	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	●
	Milestones achieved	●
	Outcome indicator targets met	●
	Social value targets met	●
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	●
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	●

Extract from the providers project summary report:

During Quarter 3 of this project period the service provided advice to 486 client contacts. As is usual for this project the largest proportion of these have accessed the service for benefit related advice.

This quarter we have generated an estimated £909,058 in benefit gains for clients that accessed support through this project and helped to manage £73,294 of debt. The year-to-date estimated benefit gains have now reached £1,841,312

The number of out-of-scope clients that have accessed the service this quarter has dropped again – this quarter we recorded 21, which equates to 4% of total client contacts. YTD the percentage of out-of-scope clients remains at 5%. Going forward, advisers will not be seeing out-of-area clients unless there is an emergency situation.

There is still high demand from clients for help with form filling. This quarter 291 clients/60% of people accessing the service received support to complete forms.

Case Studies

Case Study 1

Client attended St. Helens Ward Outreach, Athersley Library, in a state of distress. Client was tearful and said they felt suicidal due to being mistreated and wrongly advised by the DWP, which had placed them in severe hardship and unable to manage their finances and physical and emotional health and wellbeing.

Client was brought to outreach session by a close friend due to the distressed state they were in. Client found it difficult to engage at first and it took time to reassure the client so they could inform me of what had occurred.

Client was on Employment & Support Allowance (ESA), Income Based, and was in the Support Component, including Severe Disability Premium & Enhanced Disability Premium. Client was also in receipt of Housing Benefit (HB), and some Council Tax Support.

Client contacted ESA, to inform them that they were moving house, from one council property to another council property in the same area.

However, client was informed by ESA that due to the move, they would now have to claim Universal Credit (UC), and that their ESA claim was now closed.

Client visited the Job Centre and they supported the client to make a UC claim. Client would have to wait 5 weeks for any payment, which excluded premiums. Their Housing Benefit claim was also closed.

The client was now without income and was going to be much financially worse off on UC.

The guidance states that when a HB Claimant moves into a 'full service' area – same Local Authority – they remain on HB and have the choice to stay on 'legacy benefit' or claim UC, if better off.

I contacted both ESA and UC, made official complaints and appealed the decision to place the client on UC. I also made complaint to the Job Centre, as they should have also picked up on this mistake and therefore they had also provided incorrect advice and support.

I spoke with senior case managers and quickly got the situation resolved. Client was subsequently placed back on ESA, with all premiums, and the HB claim was reopened. The client received back payments and an apology from ESA.

Quote from client:

'I can't believe what you've done Mick, I can't thank you enough. Wish I'd have gone to Dial in the first place'.

Case Study 2

Client attended Emanuel church outreach as they were having £47.67 deducted from their Universal credit payment which was causing financial hardship.

They had received a letter saying that the deduction was towards an outstanding tax credit overpayment of £145.66 from when they had been part of a joint claim.

Our client had tried to sort this out themselves but when they had spoken to UC they were told that the debt was actually £1817.96

We checked the tax credit guidance which states that the entire debt cannot be recovered from 1 party of a joint claim unless there is fraud or negligence that can be proved to have only come from one party. Otherwise only a maximum of half of the debt should be recovered but for some reason our client had been held responsible for the full overpayment.

We wrote to tax credits who have now responded and have agreed that it was their fault and have now written off our client's balance and have refunded all the payments that they had already paid.

*CAB and DIAL's contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.09	Sickness absence rate
1.15	Statutory homelessness
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.23	Self-reported well being
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
4.13	Health related quality of life for older people
4.15	Excess Winter Deaths

Housing Migration Officer – Contract commencing on 18th Jan '18

<div>Health and Wellbeing</div> <div>Anti Poverty</div> <div>Changing the Relationship</div>		RAG
	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	●
	Milestones achieved	●
	Outcome indicator targets met	●
	Social value targets met	●
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	●
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	●

Purpose of Post

To ensure compliance with the legislation and statutory obligations of the Council dealing with poor housing and environmental conditions in the Private Rented Sector, ensuring effective regulation with a balanced proactive and reactive approach through the discharging of informal, formal and legal actions. Contribute to improved standards in the local private rented sector and stability for both tenants and landlords.

- Provide advice, guidance and support in accordance with approved Council policies, procedures and statutory responsibilities pertaining to private sector housing and the environment.
- To pro-actively engage and liaise with internal and external stakeholders including tenants, landlords, members of the public and partners, developing strong and cohesive working relationships.
- Respond to requests for service, investigate complaints and provide advice on sub-standard housing conditions in the private rented sector.
- Contribute to the development and delivery of a highly visible proactive approach to raising standards of poor quality private sector housing across the Borough.

Performance Update

CASE STUDY NO. 1 - OLD TOWN AREA

This concerns were raised during an area walk about, a local resident had environmental concerns for their property as they felt that the damp in their dwelling was being contributed to by the neighbouring property, the concerns initially were with pest and vermin in the area.

The initial concerns were:-

- **The welfare of the occupants** to the dwelling. Occupants are believed to have enduring mental health issues. The occupants are known to the police but services have never been able to gain access over the last 5-10 years.
- **Environmental Issues;** Overgrown gardens impacting upon others in the residential area, the property being a blight on the area as well as issues with pest & vermin.
- **Housing disrepair** issues; the property has been neglected over a number of years
- **Impact upon others within the immediate area.**
- The adjoining dwelling may also have housing disrepair issues due to the neglect of the dwelling in this case study.

Interventions

I carried out a full property check to ascertain occupation and ownership of the dwelling.

- I liaised with our local SNT & the Community Mental Health Practitioner attached to the SNT team to ensure local health & Safety guidelines were met - ensuring the safety of myself and others.
- I carried out an initial site visit to the property to carrying out a dynamic risk assessment to identify the issues in terms of the housing disrepair & to collate photographic evidence.
- I identified the dwelling as Filthy & Verminous with significant signs of hoarding and housing disrepair internally & externally.
- I also made contact with the local residents to identify any current issues as well as being able to confirm that the property was actually occupied.
- I made three attempts to make contact by attending at the property as I was concerned for the health and welfare of the occupants.
- I requested a briefing with SNT and a decision was made to attend at the property with them with a view to immediate access.
- I made contact with the occupier building rapport quickly with the occupier they agreed to further interventions from S.Y.F.R, & Social Care,

Outcomes Achieved

- I made referrals to Social care and South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
- I co-ordinated all visits with Social Care and South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue with the consent of the occupier.
- I Referral to case Pest control.
- Yorkshire Water were contacted to look at potential Damage to the drains to the property due to root intrusion caused by poor garden maintenance., Yorkshire Water re-attended at the property to ensure that there were no leaks from the property that could be contributing to the damp issues with the neighbouring property.
- The Occupier was supported to appoint approved contractors to remove the waste from the property.

Before:



After:



Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.01i	Children in low income families (all dependent children under 20)
1.06ii	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services who live in stable and appropriate accommodation
1.15	Statutory homelessness
1.17	Fuel Poverty
1.18i	Social Isolation: Percentage of adult social care users who have as much social contact as they would like
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.23	Self-reported well being
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
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Youth Participation Officers – contract commenced on 1st Aug '18

<div>Young People</div> <div>Health and Wellbeing</div> <div>Economic Regeneration</div>		RAG
	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	●
	Milestones achieved	●
	Outcome indicator targets met	●
	Social value targets met	●
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	●
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	●

Purpose:

The participation support worker will develop, plan, coordinate and deliver a needs based engagement and participation plan for young people that is empowering and fosters self-reliance for both individuals and groups. They will cultivate and support structures that allow young people to articulate their needs and encourage them to be active citizens and make a positive contribution to community life.

The Youth Participation Support Workers will establish and maintain informal positive and professional relationships with young people aged 11 -19 years via events and face to face sessions in schools, youth groups and outreach work in the community. Delivery will be linked with the locality based governance structure which requires you to establish progressive working relationships with the Ward Alliances for the following electoral wards: Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helen's.

Performance Update:

Will be included in the subsequent performance report.

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.01i	Children in low income families (all dependent children under 20)
1.03	Pupil Absence
1.04	First time entrants into the youth justice system
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.09	Smoking prevalence at age 15

DIAL (Social Isolation) – Contract commencing on 1st September

<div>Health and Wellbeing</div> <div>Anti Poverty</div> <div>Changing the Relationship</div>		RAG
	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	●
	Milestones achieved	●
	Outcome indicator targets met	●
	Social value targets met	●
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	●
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	●

DIAL's contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.01i	Children in low income families (all dependent children under 20)
1.17	Fuel Poverty
1.18i	Social Isolation: Percentage of adult social care users who have as much social contact as they would like
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.23	Self-reported well being
2.24	Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people 65 and over
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
4.13	Health related quality of life for older people
4.15	Excess Winter Deaths





PART C – COMMUNITY GRANTS SUMMARY

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

OCTOBER 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 2018

SERVICE	PRIORITY	PROJECT TITLE	COST	START	END	REPORTS
Ad Astra	Changing the Relationship	New Lodge	£ 19,500	October 2017	September 2018	Report submitted June 2018
Emmanuel Methodist Church	Health and Wellbeing	Stage Lighting	£ 5,000	October 2017	December 2018	Report submitted June 2018
Homestart	Health and Wellbeing	Lifeline Project	£ 19,811	October 2017	September 2018	Report submitted June 2018

Ad Astra Barnsley CIC – New Lodge

Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted	
Project milestones achieved	
Project indicators / targets met	
Overall project progress & achievements	

Project Summary:

The Community Interest Company aims to use their management of New Lodge Community Centre to provide activities to involve a wide range of New Lodge and St Helens residents. These activities aim to provide a variety of volunteering opportunities, health benefits and improve community cohesion.

In addition Ad Astra will continue in its primary aim of raising the aspirations of young people throughout the North Area by providing and involving themselves and their volunteers in a wide range of community activities. These will be Family Fun days, After School Clubs, Peer support and Anti Bullying workshops and events to help improve the local environment.

Performance Summary:

Extract from Ad Astra's Quarterly Report -

Our Current programme for New Lodge Community Centre is as follows:

Mondays

AM– We run a Coffee Morning with Food Distribution –this is food we have from FareShare. We used to have food brought from that was donated from local supermarkets donated by Sarah Café but unfortunately due to poor health of the individual who brought this donation we don't have as much food to distribute. We are now in talks with TESCO who are willing to donate food, which will support our Monday Morning session.

Afterschool – We have an Afterschool club which was originally going to be a Homework Club but we have found over the last term that there isn't a great deal of Homework set so we are changing this to a straightforward afterschool club with an education slant to it where we can still the young people with literacy and numeracy.

Tuesdays

AM – We have a Toddler Craft Session

PM – We have our Bingo session

Afterschool – We have our 5 – 8 Group

Eve – We have our Youth Club for 8 – 13years

Tuesdays are running well and the numbers for these sessions are growing nicely.

Wednesday

We have Tinky Tots, which is our Pre School Dance and Movement group – this started quietly and has now grown to capacity – we may need to look at adding an additional slot because the children and parents love this session.

Thursdays

AM/PM - Thursday was originally our Coffee Lodge Brunch Club but we have changed the remit of this session, as the numbers were quite low. We now have Thursday mornings is running as a support Café for different agencies/ organisations. The third Thursday is now up and running as our Shared Memories Support Café for families living with Dementia and loneliness and isolation. In May we will start with the first Thursday of the month a Parkinson's Support Café. In June we start with the forth Thursday as a Support Café for parents with SEND children. The final Thursday is yet to be decided.....

Eve – We have an Adult Dance and Fitness class which has picked up very well with 12 regular attendees

Social Action and Volunteering - Hours are recorded:

Session delivery (average only - 2.5 hours per session)

Mondays - 2 session with 3 volunteers

Tuesdays – 4 sessions with 10 volunteering throughout the day

Wednesday – 1 session with 1 volunteer

Thursday – 1 session with 5 volunteers

We have had one Individual Supervision this quarter with all volunteers this term = 24 hours

Emmanuel Methodist Church – Stage Lighting

Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted	●
Project milestones achieved	●
Project indicators / targets met	●
Overall project progress & achievements	●

Project Summary:





Emmanuel Church hosts a number of concert and performing arts events during the year. The church has been advised by concert users that the lighting in the concert space is not fit for purpose. The grant funding will contribute to larger financial commitment to replace the stage lighting in the main concert area.

Performance Summary:

The lighting system was replaced on 10th November 2017. 5 volunteers have been trained to operate the lights and a new drama group has now been started spurred on by the opportunity to preform productions in The Sanctuary.



Homestart – Lifeline Project

Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted	
Project milestones achieved	
Project indicators / targets met	
Overall project progress & achievements	

Project Summary:

Homestart intend to deliver a project to provide unique and proven support to isolated and vulnerable families in north Barnsley, building on the work we have delivered in other areas previously.

Homestart have use a volunteering model to support their delivery and they intend to recruit and specifically train local people on their accredited course to become volunteers and undertake home-visits, where they can provide practical help, emotional support and parenting advice to families who are struggling.

Performance Summary:

Referrals

The project is progressing well, with 4 new referrals received this quarter, 1 from a Social Worker, and 3 from the Health Visiting team. Families are presenting with a range of issues including anxiety and depression, physical health problems, coping with the demands of young children and premature babies. Of the 4 referrals, 2 are in St Helens ward, 1 in Darton East and 1 in Darton West.

One family referred in March have particularly complex needs including former substance misuse, alcohol issues and chronic mental ill health. The 2 children in the family display signs of delayed development and are both on CIN plans. Further information was sought from the Social Worker to ensure that substance misuse and domestic violence mentioned on the referral form was historical and that there are no safety concerns for HS staff and volunteers. Following reassurance from the social worker, we have agreed to take on the family subject to an initial visit and assessment by the coordinator- scheduled for 1st May. This illustrates how complex some of the referrals are, and the factors we need to consider before accepting a family for home visiting support. We do not want a volunteer to feel overwhelmed by the issues facing the family, and we recognise that it can be quite daunting to undertake work with a family who are subject to other interventions- there are at least 6 other agencies or professionals involved. If there were any remaining concerns following the initial visit, we would have no hesitation in rejecting the referral.

Additional Support

During this quarter we have been successful in an application to the Home- Start Family Support Fund for a North Area family whose hoover had broken. With 4 young children who all eat in the living room, we felt this was a priority for them and the application was approved and a hoover delivered by Argos to the family home within a week! We also provided a referral to the clothes bank at Kendray for a family struggling to make ends meet. During the visit, the Church identified that they needed more specific help with school uniforms and winter coats for both mum and her 5 year old child- they applied on her behalf and a grant of £70 was awarded for this purpose.

PLEASE NOTE - *Home-Start South Yorkshire went into liquidation on the 1st June 2018. Up until this point they had achieved some fantastic results in the North Area and their volunteers were working well with local families. Please refer to the case study below.*

Case Study

Corporate Outcomes

Outcome 2: Increase skills and get more people working

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

How did you hear about Home start & what inspired you to get involved?

David Potts was Christmas shopping with his daughter in Barnsley town centre, and they came across a Home-Start rep. who was requesting donations for £5 presents for families who couldn't afford to buy gifts for their children. Looking at his own arms full of gift bags, it hit him with an understanding that there were families facing this crisis. David said he knew he had to do something, so he put his own shopping in the car, returned to the shops and spent a "small fortune" on £5 gifts to donate to Home-Start.

After that, he researched the organisation, and signed himself up as a volunteer. David went through their training programme and from the beginning, Home-Start said they had a family in mind they wanted to pair him with.

Where does the family you're working with live (neighbourhood)?

He lives in Pogmoor, and the family he's currently working with comes from Athersley. First he was asked to help an asylum seeking family, the second family he visited were very resistant to support initially, wouldn't answer the door, wouldn't respond to calls, but David was confident. Through persistence (but not being too pushy) he got through to them.

What challenges are they / were they facing?

The Dad in the family was really struggling to engage with the kids, and needed to be more active. They needed things like raising self-esteem and confidence, brokering new relationships, having access to services, and sometimes help with transport. David has found more than anything, families just need someone to talk to who doesn't judge them.

How are you supporting the family through your volunteering role?

David is an active person, quite sporty with a background in cricket and rugby, so he's able to help build new relationships through the local clubs. One of the Dads in particular responded well and was linked up with Barnsley Cricket Club. They enjoyed it so much that they've started playing competitively for the Club itself.

Home-Start are keen to have a male role model, particularly a professional.

What impact has your involvement had on the family?

The Dad has become more engaged, this relieves the pressure on mum, so she's not doing all of the childcare and she's able to do more things for herself. This lifts the mood in the house and the family benefit from having a wider social circle and having more contacts.

David said "it's so rewarding, knowing you've made a good connection with a family, especially where you have to overcome a resistance to engage. It's great when the family now look forward to his visits and actively say so."

I get the impression that you have a successful career that takes you out of the country. How do you find the time to volunteer?

David can't do any volunteering in the week, which he finds slightly frustrating because he can't make peer support or training in the week. From his point of view, volunteers are typically retired or not working, so all those opportunities are usually arranged to be delivered during the week.

For David, he's made volunteering his Saturday morning routine. His children are older and the commitments in his family have changed, so he has more time.

What have been your personal rewards resulting from your time with family X?

Volunteering acts as a stress reliever for David, and gives a different perspective you have a greater understanding of different parts of the community that you wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to see. "It does make you more positive about yourself as you know you're having an impact, and it's infectious. Once you start, you just want to do more."

Would you recommend volunteering to friends and family?

David says he already does. His wife's a community sector worker, so he wanted to do his bit. He knows there's a shortage of male volunteers, so he has particularly recommended volunteering to his male friends as their children are growing up too.





"It's a bit like the gym. You don't want to go beforehand, but once you're there and doing it, you love it and can't wait to go again. "Would recommend to anyone. It's brilliant."

Home Start has benefitted from North Area Council funding and have been consulted for the upcoming Warmer Homes scheme

APRIL 2018 – MARCH 2019

SERVICE	PRIORITY	PROJECT TITLE	COST	START	END	REPORTS
YMCA	Opportunities for Young People	Youthwork	£16,056	April 2018	March 2019	Submitted July 2018
DIAL Barnsley	Health and Wellbeing	hOurbank	£14,662	April 2018	March 2019	Submitted July 2018
Ad Astra	Opportunities for Young People	Taking Young People Seriously	£19,925	April 2018	March 2019	Submitted July 2018
Woolley Miners Welfare	Opportunities for Young People	Tractor Project	£9,800	April 2018	October 2019	Due Nov 2018
RVS	Health and Wellbeing	Looking out for older people	£ 19,557	April 2018	March 2019	Submitted July 2018

YMCA – YMCA Youthwork

Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted	
Project milestones achieved	
Project indicators / targets met	
Overall project progress & achievements	

Project Summary:

The project aims to maintain and further develop the YMCA Youth Work project in the North area, based on needs assessed and consultation with stake holders, staff and young people; enabling children and young people from the localities to access a range of positive activities which provide alternatives to risk taking and anti-social behaviour and contribute to improving their overall health and wellbeing.

To maintain and expand a programme of open access positive activities, provision, and opportunities for young people in the locality; including centre based youth work and weekly detached youth work in the area.

Performance Summary (extract from quarterly report):

The project is providing a flexible programme of activities with 2 weekly, age specific, open access youth club sessions during term time at YMCA Barnsley, along with holiday provision, 1 weekly detached session and engagement activities in the locality area.

The level of participation in this reporting period is positive and reflects the consultation and outreach activity, the weekly youth clubs are very well attended and retaining a high level of participants from the North Area and the detached programme is successfully engaging with a wide range of young people in and the Area. The 355 attendances are broken down as follows:

Detached: 46 Junior Youth Club: 87 Y stay In: 202.

These are only young people from the North Area we have included a map of participants to illustrate this.

The programme of activities in the youth clubs during this quarter has included:

- Regular consultation and engagement with young people about programme of activities.
- Opportunities for peer support and youth volunteering within each centre based sessions.
- Senior Youth group programme opportunities around health and wellbeing, belonging, personal safety, self-image, relationships, sexual health, sports, games, arts and crafts. Specific projects include exploring identity and image, health and wellbeing and planning for democracy week. Members have also worked alongside the staff team exploring ideas on how to deliver messages around alcohol use / misuse to their peer group. This will form part of our core provision moving through the summer months and importantly in the lead up to the school summer holidays.
- Junior Youth Group programme opportunities around health and wellbeing, belonging, team development and facing new challenges. Along with the usual programmes of seasonal activities, sports, games, horticulture, arts and crafts.

The Y Stay In youth worker is continuing to support the group of young women who are in care who are now confident members of the youth group.

We continue to welcome new members to Y Stay In and this quarter has seen a number of young people attending who experience challenges within the mainstream education system. We provide a friendly less formal environment that hopefully gives opportunity for these young people to build alternative relationships, express themselves freely (within certain parameters and in accordance with our ethos and values) without fear of ridicule, and hone life skills that will accompany them through their transition into adulthood.

The detached programme commenced this quarter. Staff have reconnoitred the North area and have had some positive engagement with groups of young people. Conversations around who we are and what we do as an organisation are currently ongoing and we encourage young people to take photographs of our ID badges and leave them with a flyer about our presence in their area.

We have found residents and older members of these neighbourhoods very encouraging and supportive. We have weekly conversations with dog walkers, footballers etc that we have found very useful in terms of young people and their whereabouts. One referral to Y Stay In has come about as a result of these chance conversations with one particular parent worried about her son and his reluctance to engage with his peers outside school.





We have met with one small group in Darton Park who were keen to share ideas about summer holidays and activities we may be able to facilitate. It is likely we will be bringing sporting and creative activities to the locality, including quick tennis, circus skills and visual art.

There is currently 1 active Peer Supporter and 1 Young Volunteer from the North Area supporting the project.

The project has regular engagement with other providers to facilitate opportunities for young people including Social Services, Targeted Youth Support, the Youth Offending Team, local PCSO's, and IDAS.

A very successful initial quarter in terms of numbers and contact, we are looking forward to the next quarter.

DIAL – hOurbank

Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted	
Project milestones achieved	
Project indicators / targets met	
Overall project progress & achievements	

Project Summary:

"hOurBank" is a pilot project to explore and develop a 'person to person' timebank within the North Area Council. The project aims to address both the financial and social exclusion being experienced by local residents within deprived communities in Barnsley and to encourage community involvement by promoting and facilitating people to support each other. This project builds work previously delivered in the Dearne area.

Performance Summary:

hOurbank North commenced mid May and has made significant progress to-date. Whilst still in its early days, strong links have been made with key partners in the area and the recruitment of members has begun. Please note that at this very early stage, I can only make a comment against Outcomes 1 and 2.

One member has expressed interest in becoming a steering group member and is keen to undertake training and development for the role in the future. This member has also made suggestions for 'swap' events and activities which is encouraging news.

Nine members have been recruited to-date with many stating how excited they are with the project and having the opportunity to join in with something different, with a view to making new friends in the area. The idea of 'swap' events has been met positively and plans for these events are taking place with a calendar of events being published soon.

The launch event for the project is planned for Friday July 20th and involves several swap activities, skills exchanges and an opportunity to learn something new. There will also be the chance to sign up new members, scout for potential steering group members and to get ideas and inspiration from members for new activities and events. The media is invited, as is the Lord Mayor and should make for a very exciting morning. This event has been brought forward to the first quarter due to the positive early impact hOurbank North has made to-date.





Case study – Volunteer Sarah

Member Sarah has joined hOurbank North to get involved in community activities, make friends and learn new skills. As a Mum of four, she has little time for herself, money is tight and sometimes she feels lonely. The idea of 'swap' events will save her money, help her make friends and get her out of the house.

'It's a great idea and I really want to be involved in something which is totally different and which saves me some money'

Sarah is happy to become a steering group member as soon as her children are in school in September and she brings lots of skills herself to hOurbank North. She is excited about the opportunity to get involved in 'swap' events around Christmas which could also help her to socialise and meet new people.

Ad Astra Barnsley CIC – New Lodge

Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted	
Project milestones achieved	
Project indicators / targets met	
Overall project progress & achievements	

Project Summary:

Ad Astra aims to raise the aspirations of children and young people and bring wider benefit to communities. They aim to do this by giving children and young people opportunities and experiences, which will help raise confidence, self-esteem and a sense of ownership and independence.

With the funding they receive they will be offering two afterschool sessions for children and young people aged 6 to 16 years with activities including Homework Support, creative activities plus fun and fitness activities in Old Town. They will also deliver detached youth work in the Old Town and St Helens Wards that will include some consultation with young people about services they would like in their areas.

Ad Astra hope to develop a Youth Council to link into other agencies in Barnsley to help give young people another voice in our communities.

Performance Summary (Extract from performance report):

The project has got off to a flying start. The families of the children and young people we work with were thrilled to hear that we had been successful in gaining grant aid to continue the work we deliver in Old Town.

We are already above target for the number of young people we are working with on our Afterschool club and we have had to create a waiting list for the many families who want to access our provision.

We had a slight change to our Fun and Fitness Sport session for the first half term. Several of the Y11 pupils we work with came to us after they had failed their Science Mock Exams for the second time and asked if we could run a revision session for them to help them through their real GCSE exams – after failing twice they were very concerned and completely stressed about facing the final exams.

We ran a six-week course to try and help support a small group of young people with exam stress and science revision. We were supported by a local teacher and we purchased revision guides and exam papers to help them and ran Chemistry Biology and Physics revision classes for 8 Y11 and 1 Y10 pupil. The young people attended Darton CC – Horizon and Holy Trinity we will follow their progress when the results are published in August.

The Monday Afterschool club is full of life and lots of noise... the children and young people are enjoying a range of creative activities outdoor play and some homework – although the homework has dropped off substantially as they are not being given any.

The Tuesday evening Fun and Fitness Sports session is building and currently has 12 regular young people attending – this fine weather has supported this terms challenge of running – the group start at St Pauls for a warm up run/jog to Wilthorpe Park and complete a series of exercises in the park and then jog/run (a little slower) back up the hill to St Pauls for refreshments and to meet their parents.

The detached provision has also had a great start in Old Town we started with a recci around the area and visited the reported 'hot spots' for the area. Wilthorpe Park – Sugden's Rec – Poggie Field (at the side of Glendale) The Canal and Willowbank Tinkers Pond and the Fleets Footpath, the other area visited was Carlton Hill near the Tesco and Brettas Park. The team have been out for the last 5 weeks and visited Wilthorpe Park - Tinkers - the canal –





Fleets path – Sugden’s Rec / Stocks Lane and Poggy Field. They have spoken to over 60 young people some were introductions and others they are starting to see more often and have spoken at length to small groups.

In St Helens the team have spent quite a lot of time on the Muga / Park area in New Lodge as this is a main congregation area for young people in New Lodge. One other congregation area the team have visited is the park on Wakefield Road. They have spoken to around 30 young people already and are building positive relationships with the young people they have encountered.

Our Young Members Youth Council have had their initial meetings to talk about ‘what is Youth Council’ and what it means and we have arranged a meeting in July with Chelsea who is the Targeted Youth Support (TYS) Youth Engagement/Youth Council Worker for our area.

We have also spoken to the TYS team in St Helens/Old Town about possible partnership work in both areas.

Woolley Miners Welfare –Tractor Project

Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted	
Project milestones achieved	
Project indicators / targets met	
Overall project progress & achievements	





Project Summary:

Extract from application form: ‘The aim of the tractor project is to purchase a tractor. We are a charity which manages sports facility in Barnsley. We have three separate football clubs playing at the venue consisting of 11 teams and one cricket club consisting of 14 teams. We are also working with the clubs to start a women’s softball team in the summer of 2018 as well as the existing clubs within to expand. The grounds hold a lot of surface water without aeration regularly and this can damage the pitches, consequently stopping a lot of people from playing. We want to buy a tractor and aerator to manage this better so we can let more people play sports and enjoy the facilities in our area.’

Performance Summary:

Due to the nature of the project, a report has been requested at the end of October 2018.

RVS – Looking Out for Older People

Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted	
Project milestones achieved	
Project indicators / targets met	
Overall project progress & achievements	

Project Summary:

Our aim is not to replace, but to complement existing provisions. The project will complement existing services such as social prescribing and general medicine practice by working with older people to reduce loneliness and isolation whilst Increasing mobility, strength and independence.

The Royal Voluntary Service has a successful partnership with Move It or Lose It! A targeted exercise routine that seeks to address muscle loss (e.g. sarcopenia) for those with balance and mobility problems, aiming to build muscle mass and reduce sedentary behaviour. This will form a cornerstone of the delivery model.

The project aims to create 20 new volunteering roles, create two new groups promoting fitness and wellbeing and encourage 80 older people to become more engaged in social activities.

Performance Summary (extract from performance report):

The project was delayed in starting due to the departure of the previous Service Coordinator towards the end of the last funding period. This meant we were unable to start immediate delivery of the service while we carried out a recruitment process. This has inevitable led to a drop in projected figures for the first quarter.

The new Service Coordinator started with RVS on 18 June and after an induction period has begun to deliver the service as planned. She has been visiting groups and talking to members, introducing herself to possible referrers and making herself familiar with local facilities and the local geography. We are confident that as she develops into the role she will be able to recover the earlier shortfall and by the end of the project we will have delivered the projected outcomes.

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council:
17th September 2018**

Agenda Item: 10

**Report of the
North Area Council Manager**

Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2017/18 period.

2. Recommendation

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.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition the Area Council has devolved £10,000 for the financial year 2017/18.
- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Finding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocate to projects where there is match funding.
- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:
- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
 - it is in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
 - it represents value for money.

4.0 2017/18 Financial Position

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2016/17 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2017/18 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.
- 4.2 All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

4.3 Budget allocations for 2018/19

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2016/17	Devolved from Area Council	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£2,785	£10,000	£22,785
Darton West	£10,000	£4,060	£10,000	£24,060
Old Town	£10,000	£7,000	£10,000	£27,000
St Helen's	£10,000	£1,904.37	£10,000	£21,904.37

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

- 5.1 Due to a project from 2017/18 being progressed Old Town Ward has received additional devolved funding in line with the other wards. This is reflected in the table above.
- 5.2 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2018/19 (during the first quarter is recommended). This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities.
- 5.3 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.
- 5.4 Proactive promotion of the Ward Alliance Fund to local not for profit groups and organisations is highly recommended to ensure efficient expenditure over the financial year.

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Appendix 1:

2018/19 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2018/19 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2017/18 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2018/19 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

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

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£2,785	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£22,785	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £11,392	Allocation Remaining £22,785
DEWA - Working budget	£600.00	£0	£10,792	£22,185.00
DEWA - x 31 Hanging Baskets	£2,000.00	£0	£8,792	£20,185.00
M&SGRG - bedding plants for Mapplewell War Memorial	£220.00	£220	£8,792	£19,965.00
St Johns PCC - St John's Community Drop In	£545.00	£545	£8,792	£19,420.00
DE Qtr1 secretary expenses	£125.00	£125	£8,792	£19,295.00
DEWA - New bin for Wakefield Road	£2,500.00	-	£6,292	£16,795.00
Barnsley Metropolitan Band	£300.00	-	£5,992	£16,495.00
Mapplewell Singers - Choral singing	£1,500.00	£1,500	£5,992	£14,995.00
DEWA - Spring bulbs	£700.00	£700.00	£5,992	£14,295.00
DEWA - Christmas in Darton East	£1,500.00	-	£4,492	£12,795.00

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£4,060	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£24,060	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £12,030	Allocation Remaining £24,060
DWA - TDY Working budget	£2,000.00	£0	£10,030.00	£22,060.00
DWA - Hanging baskets	£3,500.00	£0	£6,530.00	£18,560.00
Darton Voice - Darton Park Graffiti project	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	£6,530.00	£16,810.00
St Thomas Church - improvements to Community Centre	£940.00	£940.00	£6,530.00	£15,870.00
DWWA - AED Heartsafe Defib monitoring	£50.00		£6,480.00	£15,820.00
Darton Voice Community Garden G - Kexbrough Community & Memorial Garden	£172.00	£172.00	£6,480.00	£15,648.00
Kexbrough Local History Gp - Heritage trail board design for 6 boards	£550.00	£550.00	£6,480.00	£15,098.00
Kexbrough Local History Gp - Interpretation Board	£438.80		£6,041.20	£14,659.20

Darton Voice - Kexbrough Community & Memorial Garden	£200.00	£200.00	£6,041.20	£14,459.20
DWWA - Spring bulbs	£600.00	£600.00	£6,041.20	£13,859.20

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£7,000	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£27,000	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £13,500	Allocation Remaining £27,000
Emmanuel Methodist Church - Community volunteer coordination	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£13,500.00	£26,000.00

ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£1,904.37	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£21,904.37	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,000	Allocation Remaining £20,000
SHWA - Feeding vulnerable families in St Helens	£550.00	£550	£10,000	£19,450.00
SHWA - St Helens Ward Gala	£1,245.00	£1,245.00	£10,000	£18,205.00
Crafty Crafters - teaching & learning craft skills for the local community	£404.27	£404.27	£10,000	£17,800.73
StHWA - Distribution of What's On St Helens	£225.00	-	£9,775.00	£17,575.73
StHWA - Spring bulbs 2018	£1,560.00	-	£8,215.00	£16,015.73
StHWA - Clean & Climb	£725.00	-	£7,490.00	£15,290.73

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BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 17th September 2018**

Agenda Item: 11

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to 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 (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during March and April 2018, plus St Helen's notes from January and February.

Appendices:

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

The reporting into the North Area Council, of the Ward Alliance notes is in line with the approved Council protocols. The notes are for information only.

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Appendix One:

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

Present:

Cllr Roy Miller - Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Jonathan Harrison - Local Business Man
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
David Oates - Local Business Man
David Hilton – Green space
Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Helen Altun – Minutes

1. Apologies:

Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor

2. Minutes from previous meeting.

Approved.

3. Matters Arising

The youth worker interviews have been completed. Two youth workers have been appointed – Rebecca to invite to attend the September meeting.

4. Financial Update

Rebecca explained there was £14,995 remaining in the budget. Of which £8,827.50 requires match funding (volunteer hours) and £6,167.50 is non match. Rebecca asked the group to pass on the information about the funding to any groups in the area. It was suggested an advert could be placed in the arrow. It was also suggested that more people should have access to the Facebook account to update the page more frequently. David Hilton also suggested advertising on his Facebook page. The group is not allowed to pay to advertise. David Oates said he was happy to advertise the group on the Facebook page and is also happy to design some posters.

5. Declarations of Interest.

None.

6. Applications for funding

Spring Bulbs - £700 working budget – Approved.

Christmas - £1500 – Approved.

7. Area Ward Plan

Network Rail has been contacted to cut back the overgrown hedge across from The Royal Spice and dig out along the bottom of the wall. A lot of work is happening in Darton at the moment. Cllr Spence explained he would like to have a look at all the work in Darton. He said he had looked at it in April and would look at it again in September.

Ward Plan to be looked at and discussed at the next meeting.

8. Village Centre

Cllr Miller ran through the Village Centre improvements presentation, to give a refresher to the group. Cllr Miller explained the council is not paying for any of this work. It is being paid for by the developer from the housing estate off Carr Green Lane.

Jonathan Harrison raised the issue regarding bollards going outside his shop and Cllr Miller confirmed this had been discussed and made public knowledge prior to the plans being implemented.

Jonathan said that he felt aggrieved by the plans and that the bollards were not in the interest of the shop keepers. Jonathan subsequently expressed his wish to resign from the Ward Alliance and left the meeting.

Cllr Miller and Cllr Spence went on to say there had been a drop in session about the village centre improvements and they had also spoken to businesses' in Mapplewell. Cllr Miller and Cllr Spence also went on to say they had dropped out leaflets twice to local businesses. David Oates explained he had also been round all the shops and shown the plans to everyone.

David Hilton asked about the car park on Spark Lane and said it was an eyesore at the minute and he would like to see the car park being pushed forward. Cllr Miller explained he had been pushing for it to be started and the council had been dealing with CISWO and are hoping to lease it from them. The council have said the budget will need to be increased and once the budget is increased the car park should go through ok.

9. Christmas

A Christmas tree will be placed at Birkinshaws at Darton and one at the Co-Op in Mapplewell. The councillors are hoping for drinks to be served this year at Darton.

10. AOB

David Hilton explained a man who completed voluntary work with Green space is also the rotary chairman. The man had asked if the ward would mind if the rotary club sponsored Christmas lights in the village. Rebecca explained neighbourhood services would need to put the lights up and down and the brackets for the lights and the light motives would need to be paid for. The group were happy for this.

David Hilton also explained that Rotary has been working with the Yorkshire regiment association and they have been putting up memorial benches. Rotary have asked if the ward alliance would be happy for a bench to be put up in our area. The group agreed they were happy for this to happen.

Cllr Miller also asked to call a meeting with the Royal British Legion. Cllr Miller explained the back wall at the war memorial looks a bit tatty and this needs to go through The Royal British Legion.

David Hilton raised he would like to thank the councillors regarding the tennis courts in Mapplewell Park. David explained it was well received and is being well used.

David Hilton also asked about the football pitch in the park. He explained the old team no longer use the pitch so could it be used by other teams in our ward. David Hilton explained another team from another area have been using the pitch. The Councillor's will speak to Janet Sutton to see who is currently using the pitch.

The councillor's wanted to thank Greenspace for all the work they have completed in the park. They have been asked for cycling proficiency to be put in the park and they agreed they were not happy with the finish of the old tennis courts at the moment. Greenspace said they would be happy to do a consultation. The councillor's explained that Park Road residents had sent a petition about the park but the councillors had responded to say it was a recreation ground.

David Hilton from Greenspace said his group finds certain tasks hard to do and would like Twiggs to help with some of these tasks on a Saturday. Helen Altun raised concerns regarding the rubbish around the Park bus stop and asked if a bin could be placed there. A consultation on the bins in the area is still on-going and the department will respond after the consultation.

Next Meeting 11/09/18 6pm

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Notes of Meeting 9th July 2018 at the Darton Centre.

Members present: Cllr Sharon Howard (Chair), Cllr Linda Burgess, Cllr Alice Cave, Jason Gardener, Ann Plant, Dominic McCall, Richard Haigh.

1 Welcome and Apologies.

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and apologies were received from Tom West, Louise Oxley and Christina Carroll

2 Notes of meeting on 11th June 2018.

The notes were discussed.

ACTION POINTS

Rebecca to contact Twiggs for update on path and broken fence at Wood View, Gawber.

Rebecca to clarify movement of dog bin at Harry Road Recreational Ground.

Rebecca to invite NAC Youth Workers to the September meeting.

Rebecca to contact Twiggs re the damaged grass area at Lynton Place.

Linda to contact Dean at Signs Extra re storage of TDY bike signs.

Dominic to contact Tom re: monitoring of Darton defibrillator.

Dominic to update Ward Action Plan and supply to Rebecca.

Dominic to undertake survey of seat benches across the Ward and report..

Ann and Louise to check possibility of sponsorship for Christmas lights at Barugh Green.

Linda to email Antony Devonport re: Wood View grasscrete provision for car parking.

3 WAF Update.

A 2018 / 2019 update

Budget update discussed and noted.

B Applications.

Redbrook TARA, Mawfield Lane Park. Approved.

Darton College Community Garden, Recommended for email consultation

4 Ward Alliance Action Plan.2018/19.

The plan was discussed and updated.

ACTION POINTS:

Dominic to send update of plan to Rebecca,

Rebecca to order Autumn Bulbs as discussed.

Rebecca to order Christmas Tree for Redbrook as agreed.

5 North Area Council.

The appointment of NAC Youth Workers was discussed.

ACTION POINT: Rebecca to invite Youth workers to September meeting.

6 BMBC Darton Project.

Linda gave an update on developments.

7 Communications

Rebecca presented a draft Annual Ward Alliance Review which was approved.

8 AOB

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting.

Monday, 10th September, 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance

Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor

Minutes of Meeting 03 Jul 18 – Edith Perry Room BDGH

Present

Cllr C Pickering, Cllr P Lofts, Luke Holmes, Sheila Lowe, Bill Gaunt, John Love, Gill Nixon, Kate, Lee Swift.

Apologies

Kirstie Summerfield, Rev. Cameron Stirk.

Election of Secretary

Gillian Nixon proposed by S Lowe. Seconded by L Holmes.
Elected unopposed/unanimous.

Minutes

It was raised that the minutes were agreed to be a correct record except:
'Skills and economy . . . information [out]dated.'

Matters arising

Chair agreed to circulate a copy of the ward Alliance constitution.

The Youth Council was discussed in relation to young people becoming members of the Ward Alliance. It was proposed that the Youth Council would be approached with a view to forming a Youth Shadow body to the ward Alliance with a notional budget to be used for projects brought forward by the young members.

Action Cllr Lofts to contact Youth Council and invite Chair and Secretary to next Ward Alliance meeting.

Grant Aid applications

It was agreed that past minutes would be scrutinised by chair and funding trends would be noted.

It was agreed that future bids would be assessed qualitatively and that representatives of funded projects would be invited to report to ward alliance meeting.

It was reported that Traffic Regulation Order was being progressed and consultations would take place within the work scheme/timescale of Highways Dept.

Funding Application

It was agreed that Cllr Lofts would speak to Emmanuel Church to seek clarification before potentially signing application for 'Community Volunteer Co-ordination project – 19/06/2018'

Any Other Business

Lee Swift **agreed** to obtain ref. no. for payback of surplus funding from Wilthorpe Park Tour de Yorkshire event.

B.G. reported analysis of visitors to web-site – average 60 per week.

Time and Venue of next meeting

7pm, 04 Sep 18; Edith Perry room BDGH

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 5th July 2018, 4:00pm, Mansfield Road TARA

Present: Cllr Jenny Platts (Chair), Cllr Dave Leech, Cllr Sarah Tattersall, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Tony Lowe, Neil Wright, Kath Bostwick, Madge Busby, Ruth and David Gammon
Apologies: Freda Stenton, Clyde Black.

Welcome and Introductions: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: Cllr Jenny Platts brought up the issue of dog fouling and was pleased to report that the issues seemed to have gotten better and there weren't as many dogs fouling on the village green.

David and Ruth Gammon thanked everyone for their good wishes on their resignation. They in turn were thanked for all their hard work and commitment over the years.

Funding Applications: There were 4 funding applications submitted for this meeting.

The first was for the distribution of the 'What's on St. Helens' leaflets. The application was for £225 and it is to distribute 5,000 leaflets to houses in Athersley and New Lodge. It was discussed between the members and a question was asked regarding knowing if the leaflets had been delivered or not. Lee Swift assured the members that the delivery people would be wearing trackers to identify which streets they had delivered to. The members agreed to the full amount.

There was a funding application from the Barnsley Metropolitan Band for a replacement Tuba but when secretary contacted the main contact to invite them to the meeting an email was received stating that they wished to withdraw the funding application. Cllr Platts read out the email to the members.

The next was for the St Helens Clean and Climb project. The application was for £725 and is to pay for a mobile climbing wall and for 'Fit Reds' to come and do a soccer skills workshop after a community clean up on the Memorial field. Lee Sift gave a report and explained there would be two sessions taking place in August and both activities could only be accessed after volunteers had given their time to take part in a clean-up. It was discussed and agreed the full amount would be paid.

Lee Swift also said he was looking into having toilets and getting refreshments on the field also.

Secretary to send letter/email to 5 a day company for donations of water/fruit.

The last was for the Annual Spring bulbs. The application was for £1,560 and is to purchase 1,000 daffodil bulbs and have 100m of crocus' planted. Lee Swift explained where the crocus bulbs would be planted and where the daffodils would be distributed. The full amount was agreed upon.

Events: Working group for St Helens Gala. Cllr Tattersall gave an update on arrangements made for the gala. She discussed all the different groups attending including face painter, rides, bouncy castles, disco magician, etc. She also said there would be two toilets, 18 community stalls including a stall from Barnsley Hospice, a tombola and the Mayor of Barnsley would be in attendance.

The Romero centre had also contacted the Ward Alliance to ask if they could attend the gala with a survey for the attendees to fill in. It was discussed between the members and it was asked if they could see a copy of survey before the gala.

Secretary to contact Romero and ask for a copy of the survey.

It was also discussed that volunteers would be needed to help set up the gala. Cllr Leech to take and set up gazebo on Tuesday morning.

The grass is to be cut Monday.

Shared Lives have also volunteered to do a litter pick before the gala.

Secretary to email Shared Lives with times for the litter picks.

Thanks, were gives to Cllr Tattersall for all her input into the gala.

Ward Plan: Due to the time taken discussing details for the gala the Ward Plan wasn't discussed during this meeting. It will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Treasurers Report: In the absence of Clyde Black, Lee Swift gave a report of £19,514.99 as of the 4th July. He also stated that if the proposed funding applications were approved the budget would decrease to £16,654.99. Lee was thanked for his report.

Cllr Tattersall left the meeting at 5pm.

Secretary's Report: It was discussed that the Ward Alliance meeting due to take place on 16th August 2018 would be cancelled due to quite a few members of the Ward Alliance being on holiday. This was agreed upon. The next meeting will take place on the 27th September 2018.

Forthcoming Projects/bids: It was discussed that in the September meeting we would discuss the Christmas events, trees, lights, etc.

The members suggested getting solar powered lights for the Memory tree. Kath Bostwick volunteered to look into prices for these lights.

Secretary to add Christmas events to the agenda for next meeting.

Any other business: Lee Swift read out two monitoring forms that the Ward Alliance had received regarding previous funding applications. These were both from Michelle Cooper from Ad Astra and they were monitoring and evaluation forms on how funding had been spent on specific events.

Secretary to email Michelle Cooper and thank her for submitting these forms.

The meeting closed at 17.15pm.

Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on the 27th September at 4pm at the TARA office, Mansfield Road.

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