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| MEETING: | South Area Council |
| DATE: | Thursday, 28 February 2019 |
| TIME: | 12.30 pm |
| VENUE: | Boardroom - Barnsley Town Hall |

MINUTES

Present Councillors Stowe (Chair), Andrews BEM, Franklin, Frost, Daniel Griffin, Saunders, Shepherd, Sumner and R. Wraith.

40 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

No Member wished to declare an interest in any item on the agenda.

41 Notes of the Inquorate Meeting of South Area Councillors held on 15th February, 2019 (Sac.28.02.2019/2)

The meeting considered the notes of inquorate meeting of South Area Councillors held on 15th February, 2019 as appended.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the update on the Junction 36 littering plan be noted;
- (ii) That the minutes of the South Area Council held on 14th December, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record;
- (iii) That the notes of Hoyland Milton and Rockingham, Darfield, and Wombwell Ward Alliance meetings held in January, 2019 be noted;
- (iv) That the report on Ward Alliance Funds be noted;
- (v) That thanks be given to the outgoing Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer for their hard work in the South Area and the impact seen from this;
- (vi) That the Performance Report for Quarter 3 be noted;
- (vii) That the work to make areas smoke free in the South Area be supported;
- (viii) That thanks be given to the officers for their continued hard work to promote Smoke Free areas;
- (ix) That the work of the Youth Voice Participation Support Work be fully supported by the Area Council and thanks be given for their attendance at recent meetings;
- (x) That the Procurement and Financial Update be noted including the current financial position for 2018/19 and 2019/20;
- (xi) That the update on South Area Council contracts, commissioning intentions and future work for 2019, including the intention to hold a workshop to discuss allocating remaining finance, be noted; and
- (xii) That £2,500 from Environmental Enforcement contract income be approved for repairs to the cycle path in Darfield Park.

Chair



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| MEETING: | South Area Council – Inquorate Meeting |
| DATE: | Friday, 15 February 2019 |
| TIME: | 10.00 am |
| VENUE: | Meeting Room, The Hoyland Centre |

Notes from the Inquorate Meeting of South Area Councillors

Present Councillors Stowe (Chair), Franklin, Frost, Daniel Griffin, Markham, Saunders and Shepherd .

31 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Franklin and Shepherd each declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute numbers 32, 36, and 39 due to their positions as directors of Forge Community Partnership.

32 Junction 36 Littering Action Plan (Sac.15.02.2019/2)

A brief update was provided about the work to address littering around M1 Junction 36 fast food outlets. Work continued with the Tidy Team and through Kingdom Enforcement, and Members were made aware that conditions to mitigate problems associated with litter were included as part of the granting of planning permission. Therefore, should the problem persist, enforcement on this basis could potentially be pursued.

RECOMMENDED that the update be noted.

33 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 14th December, 2018 (Sac.15.02.2019/3)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 14th December, 2018.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 14th December, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

34 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.15.02.2019/4)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 9th January, 2019; Wombwell held on 28th January, 2019; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 17th January, 2019.

RECOMMENDED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

35 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.15.02.2019/5)

Members were made aware of the Ward Alliance Fund finance remaining for allocation.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

36 Performance Report Q3 (Sac.15.02.2019/6)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who noted that the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer had secured permanent employment elsewhere and therefore the post was vacant. Thanks were expressed for their work in the area. Discussions were ongoing about the recruitment to the vacancy and the central team had agreed to continue to deal with outstanding cases, with consideration of any new cases being delayed until a new officer was in post.

The advice services contract was then considered, with the impact of the additional session being extremely positive. This had helped deal with a backlog of clients, and had made a significant difference to waiting times and to the lives of people receiving support.

Members noted the outcome of the recent exercise to procure a Tidy Team, post March, 2019, with Forge Community Partnership being successful. Contract negotiations had recently taken place to discuss targets and the soft launch of the new contract.

District Enforcement had been the preferred contractor to provide parking enforcement in the South Area, and the service would commence on 1st April, 2019. It was agreed that arrangements would be made for the staff to meet all Councillors in the South Area. As the contract with Kingdom for Environmental Enforcement was due to end shortly, Members were advised that their performance will continue to be closely monitored to ensure appropriate patrolling hours.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) That thanks be given to the outgoing Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer for their hard work in the South Area and the impact seen from this;
and
- (ii) That the report be noted.

37 Smoke Free update (Sac.15.02.2019/7)

Kaye Mann, from BMBC Public Health, and Ged Savva from Magpie were welcomed to the meeting.

A progress update was provided in relation to plans to make the whole of Elsecar Park smoke free. Members were made aware of designs for signage as part of the main notice boards at the entrances to the park, and it was suggested that the message be displayed on both sides of the boards. Smaller poster type signs would also be displayed throughout the park, including in the café. Members suggested that users of the park were used to seeing removable banners alongside the caged pitches, and it was suggested that a removable banner be produced to be displayed here.

A launch date in late spring was put forward and it was suggested that the Mayor be invited, and that community groups taking part in producing Tour De Yorkshire decorations be engaged as part of preparations.

Members then heard of preparations to pilot a smoke free area within Hoyland. Magpie had been engaged due to their expertise in health and behaviour change, working with communities to support co-creation of solutions.

Those present heard of the phases proposed within the project, starting with research undertaken in conjunction with the community of Leeds to provide an insight into the smoking habits of users of Hoyland Town Centre. The research was designed not to be intrusive, and would provide a useful baseline to measure any change.

Towards the end of February, and the beginning of March, co-creation sessions were planned to ask people for their opinions. Focus groups and online consultation were arranged, with this to have a positive tone. Members suggested that the Café within the Hoyland Centre could be a useful starting point to gauge opinion, as could the Youth Partnership and Business Forum to engage their respective audiences. The positive nature of any engagement was stressed, and the need for this work to be driven by the community.

Members discussed the impact on business, and it was thought useful to be able to evidence any research from areas that had implemented a smoke free policy where this had generated additional footfall from those preferring to shop in a smoke free environment.

The meeting discussed the emphasis of the pilot, which was to make smoking invisible to young people in order that they did not start smoking. The scheme would be voluntary with no enforcement.

Members discussed the current smoking habits of young people, noting the prevalence of vaping. It was noted that most primary schools were now promoting smoke free schools, and work would start shortly with secondary schools.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) That the work to make areas smoke free in the South Area be supported; and
- (ii) That thanks be given to the officers for their continued hard work.

38 Young People's Priorities (Sac.15.02.2019/8)

Adele Seywell, Youth Voice Participation Support Worker, was welcomed to the meeting. Members were reminded of the current Youth Council elections, and the recently undertaken Make Your Mark exercise. Around 11,000 young people had taken part in the latter, with ending knife crime/feeling safe, and mental health services emerging as high priorities.

It was noted that consultation had also taken place during mental health week. Young people had suggested that a video be put together increase awareness of the issue to help young people recognise what they are going through.

Neighbourhood Police were also considering what could be done to address the priority of knife crime/feeling safe, and a consultation group was being established to work with the Police to aid this.

Members heard of the campaign supported by the Police and Crime Panel called YOYO, which was free to secondary schools. This involved young people undertaking research on issues such as knife crime and domestic abuse. and producing blogs on the subjects.

Those present heard that Netherwood and Kirk Balk were now engaged with the Youth Voice and Participation work and praise was given by Members present for engaging the schools in the area.

Members questioned whether all schools engaged in the Youth Council, and it was noted that only the Dearne ALC was not fully represented.

Members noted the discussions between Public Health and the Youth Voice Participation Support Worker to ensure schools were aware of all the resources available to support schools in the rolling out of public health messages and campaigns.

Discussion turned to the pressure on pupils and schools to ensure high exam results, the impact on mental health, and the need to ensure appropriate support was available in schools.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) That thanks be given for the attendance of officers; and
- (ii) That the work of the Youth Voice Participation Support Worker be fully supported by the Area Council.

39 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.15.02.2019/9)

Members noted the update provided.

Acknowledged was the vandalism seen in Darfield Park with a fire damaging a section of cycle path, which was disheartening considering the recent refurbishment of the park. It was noted that this had been included in the planned maintenance schedule, though no indication was given as to when this could be undertaken. Members were therefore asked to consider whether to allocate £2,500 of income from the contract with Kingdom Security in order to expedite the repair.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) That the current financial position for 2018/2019 and 2019/20 be noted;
- (ii) That the update on South Area Council contracts, commissioning intentions and future work for 2019 including the intention to hold a workshop to discuss allocation remaining finance be noted;
- (iii) That £2,500 from Environmental Enforcement contract income be approved for repairs to the cycle path at Darfield Park.