

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 18 November 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), T. Cave, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Pickering, Platts and Tattersall

28 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

29 **Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 16th September, 2019 (Nac.18.11.2019/2)**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th September 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 16th September 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

30 **RVS Grant Project Overview - Ali Kaye (Nac.18.11.2019/3)**

Ali Kaye from the RVS 'Move it or Lose it' project was welcomed to the meeting. The project is an exercise-based programme for older people and can be either on a one-to-one basis or group work in a range of locations across the area. It is part of a large evidence-based national network of registered instructors with a number of aims, including: helping older people to become physically fit through active ageing; falls prevention; reducing social isolation; promoting the independence of older people so that they can remain in their own homes and helping to address mental health problems. The exercises are simple but effective and tailored to the needs of the individual. The majority of participants fall within the 75-84 age group. Two further groups are planned in the New Year at New Lodge Community Centre and at the church. A Member expressed concern that the sessions may not be accessible to all due to their location. It was explained that the organisation are looking to recruit volunteer drivers to help people attend sessions which they might otherwise not be able to get to

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Ali be thanked for her attendance and contribution;
- (ii) that the update be noted; and
- (iii) Contact details, referral pathway and full details and timetables of organised sessions will be distributed to Members

31 Neighbourhood Services Overview - Mel Fitzpatrick & Anthony Devonport (Nac.18.11.2019/4)

The Area Council Manager explained that Neighbourhood Services will not be attending Area Council meetings as originally envisaged, but will brief Members via a Member briefing.

RESOLVED that Members note the information.

32 Area Council Action Plan (Nac.18.11.2019/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, explaining that In April 2019, the Area Chairs Liaison Group requested that a review be undertaken of the work of the Area Councils over the 6 years of their existence to enable a future development plan to be written, to take them to the next stage in their development. A series of workshops was held with the Area Chairs and Senior Officers which explored the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats pertinent to the Area Councils, from which a detailed action plan was developed.

RESOLVED that the North Area Council notes the update with regards to the future action plan for Area Councils.

33 Performance Management Report - Commissioned Projects & Grant Summary - Q2 (Nac.18.11.2019/6)

The Area Council Manager provided Members with a comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report for the period July –September 2019 (2019/20 Quarter 2). It was highlighted that Part A of the 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 of the report.

Part B provides North Council members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services together with RAG ratings plus updated information from all North Area Council Providers, following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings.

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 case studies with photographs for each contracted service.

It was reported that the Housing Migration Officer post had been advertised in conjunction with Dearne Area Council. Three applicants were interviewed, one of which was successful. The candidate had decided to take up the post with the Dearne Area Council. As a result, a further request to recruit has been submitted and will be advertised shortly. The post will be based in Royston.

A discussion took place around excess winter deaths data, as the trend appears to be worsening, with Darton East Ward experiencing the worst levels across the

Borough. It was suggested that a presentation with Public Health and DIAL would be useful to increase understanding of the issues and what can be done about it.

Members' attention was drawn to the performance of a number of grant projects, including the Emmanuel Church Ignite Project, which works with children and young people in school to encourage them to discover their strengths, make positive choices and promote individuality through good mental health; YMCA Youthwork; Ad Astra Barnsley CIC (New Lodge) and the Fit Reds Healthy Lifestyle Programme which works to improve the health and wellbeing of both young people and adults in the North Area through the delivery of structured physical activity sessions coupled with lifestyle workshops.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Members note the contents of the Performance Management report; and
- (ii) The Area Council Manager make enquiries about the possibility of a joint presentation from Public Health and DIAL around excess winter deaths data.

34 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance (Nac.18.11.2019/7)

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, providing Member of the North Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed and drawing their attention to the budgeting workshop recommendations within the report. It was explained that community magazines are now going to be at whole Council level rather than at Area Council level.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The North Area Council note the existing budget position and existing funding commitments.
- (ii) Members note the information regarding the Housing Migration Officer post
- (iii) Members agree to combine the budget allocated for the youth participation officers with the budget for the young people's project, and
- (iv) Members agree the forward commissioning profile and associated budget implications for 2020/21 and 2021/22 recommended at the budget workshop.

35 Young People's Health and Wellbeing Project Specification (Nac.18.11.2019/8)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, reminding Members of the discussions that took place at a recent workshop which explored the opportunity for a North Area Council funded young people's project. Detailed information was provided around business intelligence, pupil premium information, indices of deprivation and individual needs in schools together with the scope of services, transition work and provision during holidays. Members felt that provision should be offered to children and young people across all age groups, not just those in Years 7 and 8, but it was acknowledged that this would require a much larger budget and Pupils in Years 7 and 8 had been identified as those most in need. There is a need to target younger pupils, as the older they are the more costly any intervention becomes.

A discussion took place around the future development of a Youth Hub which Members were made aware of via a Member Briefing, but this will not be available for around 3 years. A Member also queried whether any information was available around the link between self harm and deprivation, with risky behaviour mapped at ward level. However, it was felt that the Area Council could not be responsible for addressing these issues at Area Council level. The project will target 6 schools out of 12 that are most in need.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Members noted the risks identified in section 10 of the document
- (ii) Members agreed to the specification
- (iii) The Area Manager be tasked with developing the specification for a competitive tender process, and
- (iv) Members agreed to the financial implications of this contract, including the duration and proposed start date.

36 Stronger Communities Grant Budget and Process (Nac.18.11.2019/9)

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, detailing the Stronger Communities Grant Panel's recommendation to make the grant funding available for 2020/21 together with dates for advertising the grant funding opportunity. A discussion took place around the possibility of reducing the level of grant as large bids can drain resources but it was felt that there needs to be a balance between the projects being meaningful, sustainable and qualitatively analysed.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Members approved the recommendation to run the grants programme in 2020/21, with individual bids fixed at an upper limit of £20,000
- (ii) Members agreed to the terms of reference within the report;
- (iii) Members agreed the value of the grant funding pot for 2020/21, and
- (iv) Members confirmed Councillor representation from each ward on the grants panel 2020/21.

37 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds (Nac.18.11.2019/10)

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council regarding the financial position of the Ward Alliance budgets for each ward for the 2019/20 period.

RESOLVED that each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2019/20, in line with the guidance on spend.

38 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances (Nac.18.11.2019/11)

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance meetings held on 10th September and 8th October 2019, from the Darton West meetings held on 16th September and 7th October, Old Town held on 10th September and 7th October 2019 and St Helens held on 5th September and 10th October 2019. Members were reminded of the requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

Further information was provided as follows:

Darton East Ward Alliance has supported the installation of Christmas lights in Mapplewell for the very first time, with the switch on planned for 29th November. In addition, four Christmas trees are to be provided around the Borough.

It was reported that Darton West Ward had funded poppies on lamp-posts as part of the Remembrance Commemorations. This will now be an annual event. Bulb planting has taken place in Darton Park (it was wet and muddy). The Stars of Darton awards are being planned for March next year.

Old Town Ward Alliance has funded replacement fencing for Pogmoor Parks, the Emmanuel church knitting group and a function at St Pauls church.

St Helen's Ward Alliance will fund four Christmas events this year, with the memorial tree event at the Chapel on 28th November involving school choirs. The Ward Alliance funded a bench to commemorate Remembrance Day. The Crime and safety group have received £1000 to mark property, £1200 was contributed towards fireworks at Athersley Recreation Ground. The recent health event was very well attended and included 'sloppy slippers', eyesight checks and 'cancer safe' advice. The Community Shop is an excellent resource and it was suggested that Members pay a visit to it to find out more.

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

Chair