

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 27 January 2020
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 18th November 2019 (*Pages 3 - 8*)

Items for Information

- 3 Violence Reduction Unit - Mark Miller
- 4 Environmental Education Contract (Clean and Green Service) - John and Wendy Twigg
- 5 Excess Winter Deaths - Julie Tolhurst, Anna Stobbs and Sharon Brown (DIAL)

Items for discussion

- 6 Young People's Health and Wellbeing Project Specification - procurement update (*Pages 9 - 14*)
- 7 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance - to include update from budget profiling workshop (*Pages 15 - 22*)

Ward Alliances

- 8 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds (*Pages 23 - 30*)
- 9 Notes from the area's Ward Alliances (*Pages 31 - 42*)
Darton East – held on 12th November 2019 and 10th December 2019
Darton West – held on 6th November 2019
Old Town – held on 12th November 2019
St Helen's – held on 14th November 2019

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Charlesworth, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Newing, Pickering, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

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Friday, 17 January 2020

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 (2029/20 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

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Item 6

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
27 January 2020

Agenda Item: 6

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Young Peoples Priority – Procurement Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To apprise 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.

2. Recommendations, that:

- 2.1. **Members note procurement update, point 10.**

3. Background and intended focus

- 3.1. On the 25th March the Area Council agreed that they wished to focus their resources on a young people based programme following a workshop held on the 26th February.
- 3.2. A further workshop was held on the 17th April. As a result the officer team were requested to conduct and mapping and consolation exercise with key stakeholders who work with young people. Two subsequent workshops were held, one on the 24th June and subsequently on the 12th September. They were also asked to produce a film capturing the views of young people.

4. Project Development Overview

- 4.1. **On the 26th February a Focus on Health workshop took place** lead by Cath Bedford and Cheryl Devine from BMBC Public Health. Supported by Jenny Grant from BMBC Procurement and the Area Manager
- 4.2. The working group consisted of: Cllr Platts, Cllr Tattersall, Cllr Spence, Cllr Charlesworth and Cllr Newing and concluded with the request for a young peoples specific workshop.
- 4.3. **On the 25th March the Area Council agreed that they would like to focus on young people that is innovative and helps to address risky behaviour, the following themes emerged in discussion:**
- Early intervention/ low level supportive provision
 - Providing young people with positive role models

- Safe space to talk and socialise
- Improve emotional intelligence and resilience
- Provides health advice: health checks, stop smoking, contraception, body confidence
- Coaching Model – similar to the Summer Internship / Fit Reds

4.4. Key points:

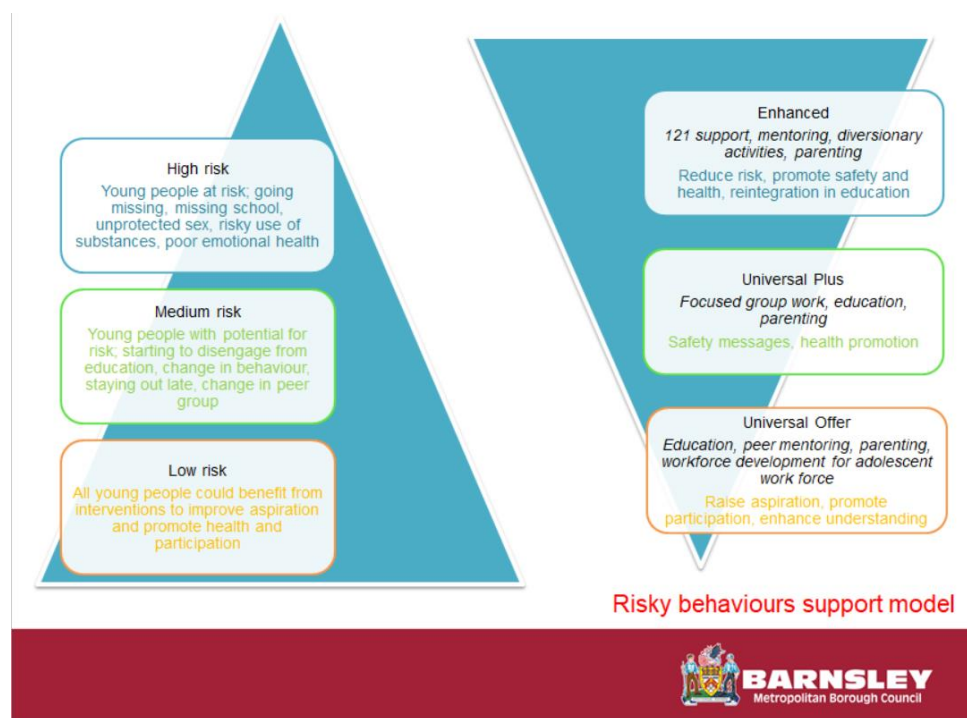
- The Area Council must use its resources to produce maximum impact for the community.
- They discussed long term investment in a project to deliver sustained change in behaviour. It was discussed that this could take 5-10years.
- They wanted to build resilience in the community.
- They wanted to raise aspirations for the young people of the North Area.
- That any offer developed should be available in the community rather than in schools.
- Focussed on preventing risky behaviour in young people and improved understanding of the long term consequences of participating in risky behaviour at a young age.
- The working group agreed with a 'Universal Offer' and 'Universal Plus', but felt that the high risk young people were already catered for by existing services Inc. Targeted Information Advice and Guidance (TIAG) and Targeted Youth Support (TYS).

4.5. **On the 17th April a second workshop was held.** This was led by Cheryl Devine and Cath Bedford.

4.6. The working group consisted of: Cllr Tattersall, Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr Cave, Cllr Burgess and Cllr Newing.

4.7. Public Health outcomes for young people were discussed.

4.8. Cheryl Devine introduced a Risky behaviours support model



4.9. The following themes were discussed:

- Safe
- Happy
- Healthy
- Achieve

Members were not able to identify which theme they wished to prioritise. It has been suggested that this work should tie into the Town Spirit themes.

5. On the 24th June a stakeholder workshop was held and the Roundhouse Lifelong learning Centre. 26 stakeholders including representatives from Carlton Academy, CHAMS, voluntary and community sector, Youth Justice Service, School Nursing attended. This was a large stakeholder workshop. Events like this are increasingly rare in the public sector and attendees were keen to point out how important the networking opportunity was for their work. Councillors in attendance were: Cllr Leech, Cllr Platts, Cllr Tattersall and Cllr Pickering

5.1. Workshop Summary – Identified Gaps and Opportunities

Gaps in provision and how stakeholders believe that the Area Council can add value:

- ❖ Emotional Resilience
- ❖ Transition age (8-13)
- ❖ Empowerment (Mentoring and Peer Support)
- ❖ Risky Behaviour

N.B. Family Centred approach was also raised repeatedly. It is felt that where intensive whole family support is required, resources are already in place to address need. However it may be worth exploring the possibility of some family centred activities as part of a wider model for commissioning.

6. Stakeholder Co-Design Workshop – 12th September 2019

6.1. On the 12th of September a co-design workshop was held at Barnsley Town Hall. This was the biggest workshop ever host by the North Area Council with 31 stakeholders in attendance. Councillors in attendance were: Cllr Leech, Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr T Cave, Cllr Newing and Cllr Tattersall

6.2. To set the tone the work shop started with a vision that a participant from the 24th June contributed:

“Every young person, regardless of background, education or family circumstances would have relevant access to service and opportunities that would inspire motivate and enhance their current health, wellbeing and aspirations to improve their future self.”

It is recommended that the North Area Council use this wording for their future specification.

6.3. It was clear from the first exercise that identifying outcomes is a challenging process. However the following aims, objective and outcomes came through:

Emotional Resilience

- 6.3..1. Increase the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people ages 8-14years.
- 6.3..2. Reduction in anxiety, stress and depression in children and young people
- 6.3..3. Increased confidence, self-esteem, emotional intelligence, attitudes and aspirations of young people
- 6.3..4. Reduce the number of inappropriate referrals to CAMHS
- 6.3..5. Reduce the numbers of young people attending BDGH for self-harm related incidents

Transition ages 8-14

- 6.3..6. Improve the experiences of young people as they transition from junior to senior school
- 6.3..7. Ensure that young people have access to good quality, frank information about the physical, emotional and social wellbeing. Complimenting PHSE provision schools.
- 6.3..8. Increase access to safe community spaces for young people in the transition ages between the times of 4pm and 7pm during the early evening.

Empowerment

- 6.3..9. Increased number of young people becoming active citizens
- 6.3..10. Increase the number of young people participating in voice and influence opportunities
- 6.3..11. Empower young people to make informed decisions

Raising Aspirations:

- 6.3..12. Broaden the horizons of young people so that they are more aware of self-development and employment opportunities that reach beyond the community norm
- 6.3..13. Increase access to careers information, advice and guidance for children and parents
- 6.3..14. Empower parents to support their children to aim high and be their best self

Risky Behaviour

- 6.3..15. Increase young people's understanding of the consequences associated with risky behaviour, short, medium and long term
- 6.3..16. Reduce the number of young people participating in antisocial behaviour
- 6.3..17. Reduction in the number of young people regularly using drugs (including alcohol to excess)
- 6.3..18. Reduce the levels of young people being diagnosed with an STI
- 6.3..19. Reduce the numbers of teenage conception

- 6.4. The second exercise required participants to identify what activities and intervention would be required to address the points raised in 6.5. This is what was discussed:

Emotional Resilience

- 6.4..1. Use youth work model of engagement to provide education and support to young people.
- 6.4..2. Engage families in an informal setting (community hub/café) so that they relax and can discuss emotional wellbeing in a supported environment.

- 6.4..3. Develop a public health led educational digital campaign that can be used in schools, GPs and public buildings.
- 6.4..4. Develop universal package of support that schools can buy in.

Transition Age (8-13)

- 6.4..5. Provide activities to support the transition from primary to secondary school, starting with year 5.
- 6.4..6. Provide training and development opportunities and a matching service to facilitate and supportive peer mentor structure.
- 6.4..7. Provide a non-targeted drop-in facility in schools to help reassure and address transition related questions/concerns.
- 6.4..8. Deliver activities that address gender specific issues linked to emotional resilience and wellbeing.

Empowerment

- 6.4..9. Provide opportunities for young people and families to participate in social action activities.
- 6.4..10. Actively encourage young people to participate in school councils and the youth council.
- 6.4..11. Deliver a summer holiday life skills course which benefits children, young people and their families.

Raising Aspirations

- 6.4..12. Provide a yearly conference with the 14-19 service to provide information about local employment opportunities, starting from year 6.
- 6.4..13. Provide opportunities for young people to go on field trips and have experiences that take them beyond their local neighbourhood.
- 6.4..14. Deliver whole family sessions that help parents to understand the range of opportunities available for young people and how they can support them to be their best self.

Risky Behaviour

- 6.4..15. Provide safe community hubs with positive role models
- 6.4..16. Provide after school activities between 4pm and 7pm
- 6.4..17. Provide a wide range of positive activities in sport, arts and crafts, music to engage young people and encourage cohesiveness in supported environment
- 6.4..18. Provide family friendly food based activities to start conversations about staying safe

6.5. Lightbulb moments, stakeholders repeatedly stressed:

- 6.5..1. To do meaningful community work with young people it was far more effective to make connections with young people in school.
- 6.5..2. To have the biggest impact on the family unit, whole family activities produce longer lasting more sustainable changes for children and young people.

6.6. The workshop demonstrated that production of a service specification is a complicated and time consuming process. Each person involved is viewing the priorities through a different life lens and therefore range of solutions were identified.

7. Project characteristics championed by the priority working group – learning from previous commissioning

- 7.1. Coaching Model – Intensive but with a legacy and peer support incorporated (Both the Summer Internship delivery model and Fit Reds delivery model were discussed).
- 7.2. 5 Ways to Wellbeing should be at the centre of a project (Connect, Be Active, Give, Take Notice, and Stay Connected).
- 7.3. Building resilience, particularly around emotional wellbeing and being able to handle the knocks that life throws at a person (this could include Mental Health First Aid training).

8. Risks

8.1. Duplication of the new Children's Mental Health Provision

The Area Manager is aware that the CCG have been doing consultation with regarding young people's mental health services over the past 6 months in order to design updated provision. The Area Manager has obtained a copy of the new Children and Young Persons Mental Health Service specification to ensure that there isn't any duplication.

8.2. Duplication of the town centre based 'OnSide Youth Zone'

The Area Manager has observed a presentation from OnSide Youth Zone's Partnership Development and Community Engagement Officer regarding the proposed service offer. The service suggested for the North Area will not duplicate the proposed offer.

8.3. Needs based commissioning

There are 12 primary/junior schools in the North Area and plus Darton Academy, Holy Trinity and Springwell. It is important to note that many young people from the North Area attend Outwood Academy Carlton.

To achieve the best outcomes with the budget envelope it is recommended that the proposed service is only offered to the six schools who demonstrate the highest levels of need. This recommendation is included in the specification, circulated November 2019.

9. Financial Implications of the contract

- 9.1..1. The financial implications are £90,000.00 p.a. the contract would be let on a two year, plus one year basis.
- 9.1..2. It is proposed that the contract should start on the 1st April 2020.
- 9.1..3. Total contract value based on the proposals equates to £270,000.00 over three years from April 2020.

10. Procurement Update

- 10.1. The opportunity is currently out to market. However the advertisement was delayed. This will mean that it will not be possible for service to commence until May 2020 at the earliest.

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Item 7

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

27th January 2020

Agenda Item: 7

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Commissioning, Project Development and Financial Update

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 the existing the funding commitments.**

- 2.2. **That Members note 3.2 regarding the Housing Migration Officer**

- 2.3. **That Members will meet for a workshop to review the environmental specification prior to a decision to re-commission.**

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 re-tender 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. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the 13th September 2020.

N.B. In March 2020 the Area Council will need to agree if they wish to continue to fund this type of service provision and advertise the tender opportunity.

- 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. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the end of September 2020.

N.B. In March 2020 the Area Council will need to agree if they wish to continue to fund this type of service provision and advertise the tender opportunity.

- 3.2 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 and proved to be a great asset to the area. The officer left the North Area council at the end of June 2019 for a promotion within BMBC.

Members agreed on the 27th June to commit to fund the post for at least 24 months (12 month contract, plus 12 months). It is hope that this will make the post more appealing to applicants. The delegated report has been approved.

*Please be aware that the Housing Migration Officer post is currently vacant. A the post was advertised in July however following a shortlisting process it was agree that none of the applicants were suitable for the position. The role profile was subsequently reviewed and amended to include relevant experience, rather than relying solely on qualifications. The post was re-advertised October, and closed for applications on the 25th October. There were 8 applicants, following shortlisting 3 applicants have been invited to attend interview on the 11th November. The recruitment process was unsuccessful. **The post was re-advertised on the 22nd November, shortlisting took place on the 9th December. Two candidates will be interviewed on the 17th January.***

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.

- 3.3 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 of 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. 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. The contract will go live form 1st January 2019. The service will be called ‘Warm Connections’. A soft launch took place on Thursday 31st January.

It has been recognised that the existing hOurbank project that DIAL deliver in the North Area would complement the Warm Connections Service. The North Area Council has agreed to contribute £10,000p.a. for the duration of the Warm Connections contract.

N.B. In March 2020 the Area Council will need to agree if they wish to extend the funding for the final year of the contract. This would enable service to continue until 2nd September 2021.

3.4 Stronger Communities Grant –

The total funding available for 2019/20 is £99,359.05. This includes a total of £80,000 from the Area Council and Wellbeing Grant funding, of value £19,359.05 was also made available to address the Five Ways to Wellbeing. A total of 6 applications were received totalling £106,152.38.

At the Grant Panel on Thursday 28th February all six projects were recommended for funding however one of the projects did not receive the full grant amount that they originally applied for. This will ensure that a broad range of services are delivered up until March 2020.

Please note that following the workshop on the 8th October 2019 it is recommended that the grant funding pot is scaled down over the next three years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.

2020/21 – the closing date for application is 31st January 2020, at noon.

3.5 Devolved Funding to Ward Alliances

The Area Council has consistently devolved funding to Ward Alliances. This equates to £10,000 per ward, £40,000 in total. This money is only devolved down to Ward Alliances where the Ward Alliance budget is less £10,000 at the end of March of the last financial year.

3.6 Community Magazine – The Area Council funds the distribution costs of the North Area Magazine. This is a twice yearly distribution costing approximately £3,200 per issue.

The Area Council is currently reviewing the options available regarding Community Magazines. The North Area Council did not release a Summer 2019 edition and it has come to notice that BMBC will be publishing a community magazine as part of the 2030 visioning process.

3.7 Health and Wellbeing 2019 – focus on Young People

In November 2019 the North Area Council agreed to fund a project for up to three years. The project entitled 'An Empowerment Programme Enabling Resilient Transitions for Children and Young People Aged 8-14 Years' has been advertised as a competitive grant. **The opportunity is currently live on the YORTender system until the 28th February 2020.**

4. Financial Position

- 4.1. At the end of 2018/19 there was a significant **underspend of £189,028 (this includes underspend from previous years)**.
- 4.2. This is a significant excess caused by the decisions to stop the Positive Progressions project £55,000, the difficulty in recruiting to the Private Sector Housing Support Officer role, and recycled FPN income of £31,073 for 2017/18 now received.
- 4.3. **The forecast for 2019/20 shows that the underspend** (including underspend from previous years) **will be reduced to £156,433**. This is because the in-year balance exceeds the annual budget by approximately £32,595.
- 4.4. The Health and Wellbeing Group acknowledged that there is an underspend at the January 2019 meeting. The Area Council are keen to put the budget to good use and have held a series of workshops during 2019 to explore project opportunities for the North Area. A specification for a young people's project has been developed. It is recommended to combine the £60,000p.a earmarked for this project with the youth participation budget of £30,000pa.

4.5. Outlined annual commitments from April 2019:

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 (Inc. 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 (+ hOurbank)	£75,000 + £10,000
Devolved funding to Ward Alliances (<i>where March 2019 balance is less than £10,000</i>)	£40,000
TOTAL	£458,200

5. Commissioning programme from April 2020

- 5.1. A workshop took place on the 8th October attended by Cllr Leech, Cllr Spence, Cllr T Cave, Cllr Lofts and Cllr Platts. Members were asked to give review the existing budget commitments, and plan ahead.
- 5.2. Appendix 1 lays out the proposed spend. On the 18th November 2019 the North Area Council agreed to the forward plan for the next two years 2020/21 and 2021/22.

6. Risks

- 6.1. The proposed budget would take the Area Council approximately £60,000 over budget pa for from 2020/21 and 2021/22. However taking into account the current under spend, the investment profiled in Appendix 1 would be feasible.
- 6.2. **The current vacant post of Housing Migration Officer will increase the underspend.**

6.3. **The introduction of the new service for children and young people will mean that the stronger communities grant will have to be scaled down. This will reduce the diversity of project that the North Area currently funds over the coming years.**

7. Opportunities

7.1. Based on the existing Area Council Priorities the recommend commissioning programme the only gap that remains in provision is around economic regeneration. This may be an area that the Ward Alliances could give some consideration to over the coming years.

8. Next Steps

8.1. Review the specification for the Environmental Education contract at workshop.

8.2. The Grants Panel will meet on 28th February for the Evaluation Panel.

8.3. 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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Appendix 1:

Project / Service	Annual Value	Projection - Sept 2019				Balanced
			2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach <i>Retender Anti- Poverty</i>	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00
Housing Migration Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Stronger Communities Grant	80,000.00	80,000.00	50,000.00	40,000.00	20,000.00	-
Magazine Delivery (Inc. x2 deliveries a.)	7,200.00	7,200.00	-	-	-	-
Support Worker - Youth Participation Grade 4 – two officers working 18hours (+laptop and phone) (+participation budget)£26,000 + £5,000	31,000.00	31,000.00	-	-	-	-
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+ hOurbank) 2018-2020 (+1year) £75,000 + £10,000	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00
Devolved funding to Ward Alliances (where March 2019 balance is less than £10,000)	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing - Resilient Transitions	60,000.00	-	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
The Fleets - Nature Park	30,000.00	-	20,000.00	10,000.00	-	-
TOTAL		458,200.00	460,000.00	460,000.00	430,000.00	390,000.00

Item 8

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
27th January 2020

Agenda Item: 8

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 2019/20 period.

2. Recommendation

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.

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 2018/19.
- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Funding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocated to projects where there is match funding. *(N.B. The additional funding allocated in October 2019 is the exception – this funding can be allocated to non-match funded projects.)*
- 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 2019/20 Financial Position

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2018/19 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2019/20 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.
- 4.2 *In September 2019 SMT approved an additional £10,000 of devolved ward budget per Ward Alliance.*

4.3 Budget allocations for 2019/20

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2018/19	Devolved from Area Council	Additional DWB (10/19)	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£2,399	£10,000	£10,000	£32,399
Darton West	£10,000	£2,525	£10,000	£10,000	£32,525
Old Town	£10,000	£12,048	£10,000	£10,000	£42,048
St Helen's	£10,000	£3,850	£10,000	£10,000	£33,850

4.4 Please note there is a time lag when writing the finance report. By the end of March Old Town Ward Alliance had signed off additional grant funding, reducing their allocation to below £10,000. However this was not processed immediately due to financial year end commitments. Therefore they have been eligible for devolved funding form the North Area Council, despite the information displayed in the table above.

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

4.6 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2019/20 (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.

5.2 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.

5.3 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.

5.4 **All Ward Alliance Funding forms for the year 2019/20 must be signed off by the Ward Alliance by the 13th March 2020 to allow for timely process.**

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Appendix 1: 2019/20 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2019/20 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 2018/19 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2019/20 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 2019/20 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£2,399	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£10,000	Additional Funding
£32,399	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining £32,399
			£16,199	
DEWA - Young People's Activities	£350	£0	£15,849	£32,049
DEWA - Working Budget	£670	£0	£15,179	£31,379
DEWA - Hanging Baskets	£1705	£0	£13,474	£29,674
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Rec Group - Bedding Plants	£285	£702	£13,474	£29,389
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Rec Group - TDY Land Art Project	£751	£990	£13,474	£28,638

PCC St Mary with St Paul - Barnsley Pals Colours Project	£500	£10,132	£13,474	£28,138
Barnsley Youth Choir - International Weekend	£257.58	£3,243	£13,474	£27,880.42
Staincross Mapplewell & Darton Community Venture St Johns Parish Hall	£1200	£405	£13,474	£26,680.42
First Stage Summer School	£451	£2,999	£13,474	£26,229.42
Secretary Payment - Helen Altyn	£125	£0	£13,349	£26,104.42
cash payment - working budget from event	£39	£0	£13,349	£26,143.42
Family Fun Sessions	£700	£0	£12,649	£25,443.42
Young Peoples Disco	£400	£405.30	£12,649	£25,043.42
Christmas in Darton East 2019	£2800	£0	£9,849	£22,243.42
Christmas Lights in Mapplewell	£5400	£2702	£9,849	£16,843.42
Spring Blubs	£600	£1000	£9,849	£16,243.42
Senior Citizens & Special Needs Winter Warmer Event	£1020	£354	£9,849	£15,223.42
Secretary Payment – Helen Altin Q2	£125	£0	£9,724	£15,098.42
Winter Bedding Plants – Mapplewell War Memorial	£270	£14,000	£9,724	£14,828.42
Secretary Payment	£125	£0	£9,599	£14,703.42

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2019/20 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£2,525	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£10,000	Additional Funding
£32,525	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £16,262.50	Allocation Remaining £32,525
DWWA - Dog Fouling Sign	£197.59	£0	£16,064.91	£32,327.41
DWWA - Hanging Baskets	£2200	£0	£13,864.91	£30,127.41
Kexborough Local History Group - Heritage Board	£406	£1760	£13,864.91	£29,721.41
DWWA - Planters	£1570	£0	£12,294.91	£28,151.41
DWWA - AED Locator (Defibrillator) Annual Monitoring	£49	£0	£12,245.91	£28,102.41
Barnsley Youth Choir - International Weekend	£286.20	£10,132	£12,245.91	£27,816.21
Richard Haigh Ward Alliance Payment	£125	£0	£12,120.91	£27,691.21
Kexborough Noticeboard	£824	£0	£11,296.91	£26,867.21
Nova Theatre Group	£451	£2999.22	£11,296.91	£26,416.21
Darton West Working Budget	£600	£0	£10,696.91	£25,816.21
Remembrance Day Celebrations	£1575.07	£553	£10,696.91	£24,241.14
Christmas in Darton West	£1380	£0	£9,316.91	£22,861.14
Spring Blubs	£400	£1000	£9,316.91	£22,461.14

Stars of Darton West Awards – Working Budget	£1000	£0	£8,316.91	£21,461.14
Darton Noticeboard	£169	£0	£8,147.91	£21,292.14
Secretary Payment – Richard Haigh Q2	£125	£0	£8,022.91	£21,169.14
Memorial & Improvement to the Community Garden	£100	£1080	£8022.91	£21,067.14
Gawber History Group	£100	£1945	£8022.91	£20,967.14

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2019/20 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£12,048	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£10,000	Additional Funding
£42,048	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £21,024	Allocation Remaining £42,048
Old Town News - OTWA Newsletter	£1,086.95	£0	£19,937.05	£40,861.05
Renewing MAMA equipment and costumes	£1213	£23,858	£19,937.05	£39,648.05
Pogmoor Residents Ass. Outline Whitley Bomber with plants	£758.45	£1000	£19,937.05	£38,889.60
OTWA - Brierfield Close Bollards	£400	£0	£19,537.05	£38,489.60
Barnsley Youth Choir - 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend	£486.54	£2702	£19,537.05	£38,003.06

Pogmoor Area Residents Association - Afternoon Social Club	£326.43	£4,539	£19,537.05	£37,676.63
Barnsley Retirement Fellowship Group	£524	£3,186	£19,537.05	£37,152.63
Fleets Information Lecterns	£2516	£270.20	£19,537.05	£34,636.63
The Big Cooking Challenge	£1090	£108	£19,537.05	£33,546.63
Christmas Trees 2019	£2519	£0	£17,018.05	£31,027.63
TRO – Warner Road	£6,000	£0	£11,018.05	£25,027.63
Emmanuel Baby & Toddler Group	£1205	£16,333.59	£11,018.05	£23,822.63
Federation of TARA monies given to Old Town	-£500			£24,322.63
Ad Astra Christmas Lights Switch on	£145	£202	£11,018.05	£24,177.63
Newtown Allotments and Garden Association	£1290	£1432	£11,018.05	£22,887.63

ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2019/20 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£3,850	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£10,000	Additional Funding
£33,850	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £16,925	Allocation Remaining £33,850
Barnsley International Youth Choir	£300	£1,621	£16,925	£33,550
PALS Colours	£500	£10,132	£16,925	£33,050
ST Helens Gala	£1500	£600	£16,925	£31,550
Romero Support	£329	£290	£16,925	£31,221
Secretary Payment - Rebecca Leech Q1	£125	£0	£16,800	£31,096
Spring Blubs 2019	£1500	£0	£15,300	£29,596
Christmas Events	£2500	£1132	£15,300	£27,096
Selecta DNA	£1000	£270	£15,300	£26,096
Renovation of Church Garden area	£1114	£1188	£15,300	£24,982
Next Steps	£1000	£0	£14,300	£23,982
Secretary Payment – Rebecca Leach Q2	£125	£0	£14,175	£23,857
Hanging Baskets	£1705	£0	£12,470	£22,152
Health Event Working Budget	£750	£0	£11,720	£21,402
Wingfield Road Roundabout	£2,000	£0	£9,720	£19,402
Athersley Annual Community Bonfire	£1200	£2431	£9,720	£18,202
Secretary payment Q3 – Rebecca leech	£125	£0	£9,595	£18,077.00

Item 9

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 27th January 2020**

Agenda Item: 9

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appries 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 the 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 primarily during November and December 2019.

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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10th January 2020**

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
12th November – 6 PM
Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Batty - North Area Team
Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Helen Altun – Minutes
Caroline Haigh – Village Hall Assistant Manager
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Janine Williams – Local Resident
David Hilton – Green space
David Oates - Local Business Man
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

1. Apologies

Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

2. Declarations of Interest – None

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Good attendance at the memorial service and thanks to Councillor Hunt for helping. Thanks to greenspace for planting the flowers.

4. Matters Arising - None

5. Financial Update

WAF projects supported - £4,246.92

WAF allocation not requiring match funding - £1,436.50

The council have been given £1 million pound extra to spend. £10,000.00 will be given to this ward alliance which will not require match funding which needs to be spent before April.

6. Applications for Funding

None. A member asked how to make an application. Another member said they would help them. A member mentioned it would be nice to put on something for VE day.

7. Ward Action Plan

Ears and voice of the community – A neighbourhood network which is a virtual body has been set up. You can advertise on it.

More member's need admin rights for the ward alliance Facebook page.

The village hall has asked members of the public for feedback for events for the hall.

A member asked if we could have a village website. A member explained they had previously submitted an application for a website but it was rejected. They may submit another up to date application for this.

A member agreed that the community notice board can go back up at the old police house.

Health and Wellbeing – The ward alliance have the highest statistics for winter deaths in the area. The area does have the most elderly people in our area. In the village hall 65 hours per week of activities and groups are on with 75% include health and wellbeing.

Litter and dog fouling – A member asked if the dog fouling stencils had been put down on the paths. A member explained they had not been put down yet. A member explained they can Berneslai homes for the stencils and a bid can be put in for spray paint.

Regarding the litter bins, a member is waiting for a response on phase 2 about the bins.

Litter picks are in the area every two weeks.

Highways, footways and Transport – The bollards in the village which have been hit have been taken out. A member asked if they could be taken out permanently or if an alternative could be put in.

Yorkshire water are currently in the area because of a water burst with the recent flooding.

Pachino's takeaway drivers are still parking outside the shop which is causing issues for motorists and making a mess with leaking oil to the path.

The road surface around Bentham Way has been brought up at the recent council meeting. Plans are also in place for the road along town gate. This work will be completed on a weekend either on the run up to Christmas or New Year.

The village centre remedial works need to be completed before it can be signed off.

Environment – A member explained that Twiggs had not been to the village hall since May. Their workload is too high. Twiggs need to have volunteers to work with them. When the contract is due to be renewed can be renegotiated. A member asked if the council had been out with the weed killer. It was confirmed they had been out.

Ibberson gardens have an overhanging hedge. A request will be put in to cut it back. The best solution would be to take the hedge out. Highways will have to come out and look at the hedge and give a quote to cut it out.

The Crime and safety – More antisocial behaviour at Hope Street allotments. This has been reported to the neighbourhood police team.

Funding – A member asked if there was an option for doing a village plan with a directory of businesses on to be put up in the village. A member explained they would be happy to plan this for the village.

Children and Young People – A Christmas disco has been arranged for The Village Hall on 20/12/19 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.
A member explained that the toddler group was trying to get more members and are in desperate need of toys.

Community Events – The summer gala was brought up and it was mentioned if the hospital sing could make a comeback.

Darton East Celebration Event – Moved to June.

8. Christmas

The co-op switch on is on 29/11/19 at 4.30 pm and The Co-op and Mapplewell Primary School will be getting involved. The Co-op will be offering free tea and coffee at the event. The Co-op have requested some barriers to be put up.

The Darton switch on is on 02/12/19 and Darton Primary have been invited. There will be a light switch on at windhill this year on the 05/12/19 and also an event at Woolley on 03/12/19.

9. AOB

A meeting will be held with The Beer Festival group about another possible beer festival to be held in October.

A member asked if a bonfire could be held in the village but it was suggested that a firework display would be a better option.

The defibrillator is up and working at Landons

Greenspace is one of the choices through the co-op for the good causes in the area.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 10/12/19 6 pm.

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
10th December – 6 PM
Mapplewell & StaincrossVillage Hall

Present:

Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Batty - North Area Team
Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Helen Altun – Minutes
Caroline Haigh – Village Hall Assistant Manager
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

Apologies:

Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
Janine Williams – Local Resident
David Hilton – Green space
David Oates - Local Business Man
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Councillor Harry Spence, Paul Marsh, Nick Hibberd, Caroline Haigh.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** – Approved
4. **Matters Arising** – A member explained they had found an article about the hospital sing and some history about it. They will bring it to the next meeting. A member explained it would be nice to host an event in the park with a band at the top and stalls around the edge. The bars in the village could do something in the evening. Higham still have a festival. It would be nice to get school's involved and a choir or some local singers. A sub group will need to be formed in January to start planning the event and put a date to it. A member explained it might be too much for the ward alliance to do something like the hospital sing and ve day. Maybe the village group who organised the beer festival could organise the ve day festival and the ward alliance could arrange something like an hospital sing. An open meeting could be arranged to discuss and it could be publicised in a local magazine.

5. Financial Update

WAF projects supported - £4,246.92
WAF allocation not requiring match funding - £11,436.50

10. Applications for Funding

Rifle and Pistol Club - £2000.00 Approved. Member's would like the club to be advertised more with leaflets and an open day. Member's would also like them to encourage youngsters to participate.

Mapplewell Community Garden - £1425 Not approved

11. Ward Action Plan

Ears and voice of the community –

More member's need admin rights for the ward alliance Facebook page. A member stated that the community notice board is going up at the co-op Mapplewell.

Health and Wellbeing – The ward alliance have the highest statistics for winter deaths in the area. The area does have the most elderly people in our area. Awaiting more info on winter deaths.

Litter and dog fouling – A member asked if the dog fouling stencils had been put down on the paths. A member explained they had not been put down yet and they are awaiting stencils.

Regarding the litter bins, the council are in the process of organising a clean and green conference for early in 2020. A cross section of the community will be invited. The majority of street bins in the borough are now asset tagged. They are also reviewing whether the in-cab solution could integrate with qr code technology.

Highways, footways and Transport – The bollards in the village which have been hit have been taken out, Harworth Esatates will replace one last time then it will be the responsibility of the council.

Section 106 money will be spent on Swallow Hill Road.

The village centre remedial works need to be completed before it can be signed off. The delay is due to Harworth Estates.

A member explained the way cars are parked around the windhill shop is causing disruption for traffic and residents in the area. The pcso will be asked to check the area.

Environment – The village hall now as a volunteer to helped with the raised beds at the Village Hall.

The Crime and safety – The One Stop Shop on Spark Lane got broken into this week and there has been an increase in burglaries in the area including 2 in 1 break ins where they break in to the house for the car keys and take the car.

A member also explained they think there is some drug dealing or drug drop off points around the co-op and China Court restaurant.

Children and Young People – A Christmas disco has been arranged for The Village Hall on 20/12/19 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

Community Events – The Windhill light switch on did not go ahead. The Woolley Colliery switch on went well. The Darton Switch on went well. The mapplewell switch on no school choirs turned up and a member explained that you could not hear anything the councillors were saying and a microphone was definitely needed for future events. The Mapplewell Christmas lights look amazing.

12.AOB

A member explained that the community garden was previously approved but was never completed so a quote was obtained from a local business. They have now withdrawn the application and will seeking funding from local businesses.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 14/01/20 6 pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting.
Wednesday, 6th November 2019.

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Tom West, Christina Carroll, Ann Plant, John Ryan, Jason Gardner, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Cllr Trevor Cave.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting and apologies given.

2 The notes of the meeting of the 7th October 2019 and Action Points were reviewed.

Action Points.

Jason to look at the seating provision across Kexbrough and report.

Jason to update any development of Darton College Wildlife Area.

Alice to update of any development of defibrillator provision at Redbrook/Wilthorpe Community Centre.

Alice to give any progress of playground equipment installation date at Kexbrough Recreational Ground.

Tom West to liaise with the Head of Barugh Green Primary School and update any issues.

Tom to bring pupils to the Redbrook/Wilthorpe Centre to assist at the Christmas Event.

Cllrs Alice Cave, Sharon Howard, Trevor Cave will pay visit to Barugh Green Primary School in the New Year to meet the New Headteacher.

Rebecca to meet new Headteacher at Gawber Primary School and report.

Cllrs Alice Cave, Sharron Howard, Trevor Cave to discuss involvement of Barnsley in Bloom Programmes with Jo Birch, area designated Redbrook, 2020 and report.

Rebecca to chase Highways and Neighbourhood Services for Dearne Hall Road fencing issues and report.

Rebecca to chase up litter bin removal from Claycliffe Roundabout to Barugh Green Road bus stop.

3 Ward Alliance Fund.

A 2019/ 2020 Budget was discussed.

NB The Group was informed a further £10, 000 has been allocated to all Ward Alliances for future spending.

B WAF Applications.

Darton Voice Community Club. Agreed.

Gawber History Group. Agreed.

4 Ward Alliance Action Plan.

This was updated and amendments made.

5 North Area Council.

Nothing to report.

6 The Darton Project.

Darton West Cllrs, A Cave, Sharon Howard, Trevor Cave, Darton Primary School Pupils and members of the Darton West Ward Alliance, with the help of Twiggs and BMBC Members planted Trees, Wild Plants according to the Darton Park Plan.

The next meeting of the Darton Park Development Sub Group is Thursday, 16th January 2020.

7 Cllr and new Executive Ward Walk About.

This was very well received by the Chief Executive who visited all areas of the Ward.

8 MU1 Update.

All consultations in place, Cllrs will update as and when required.

9 Christmas Arrangements.

All in place across the Ward. Members to visit where appropriate and support.

10 A.O. B.

Redbrook/Wilthorpe Christmas Event, Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 5.00 pm.

Darton Church Carol Concert 22nd December, Darton Church, 5.30 pm.

Social Media.

Jason offered to manage Face Book Account, contact Rebecca.

Tom offered to manage Twitter Account, contact Rebecca.

Future Health Event to be discussed.

Hampers Appeal for Horizon 2019.

Please supply items for Hampers and bring to Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre on Wednesday, December 4th 2019, where Tom will collect. 5.00 pm.

Tom and Richard to meet to discuss future environmental plans. 2020.

Date and Time of the next Meeting.

Wednesday, 15th January 2020 at the Darton Centre, 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance

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

Minutes of 12th November, 7pm.

Barnsley Town Hall.

1. In Attendance.

Cllr Phil Lofts, Cllr Clive Pickering (Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Bill (W) Gaunt, Lee Swift, Sheila Lowe, John Love, Cameron Stirk

2. Apologies. Dorothy Hayes, Luke Holmes

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, approved and agreed.

4. Matters Arising,

A brief update was given on the work of the Friends of Pogmoor Park group, The intent is to look at tree planting and the possibility of a bike track being installed in the future.

5. Funding Applications.

The following funding applications were discussed:

St Paul's Christmas Community Celebration

The bid for a community Christmas event was presented, proposed to be run by Ad Astra after conversation with Willowbank Community Partnership. Concerns were raised about the fundraising activities at the event, and therefore, the bid was successfully funded for £145.00, with the stipulation that no fundraising took part.

Emmanuel AWL

A bid for a proposed inter-generational project / social group at Emmanuel Church was presented to the group. The bid was successful for £650.00, but additional information was required around volunteering match funding numbers.

Safer Communities Allotments

The final bid was the previously deferred bid from the Creswell St Allotment group. After the provision of the quotes from the construction company, it was clear that the fencing on the long side was indeed prohibitively expensive, and therefore it was decided to fund the original request for the short side instead, at a cost of £1,290.00

6. AOB

6.1 Bill informed the group that the Website continues to have increased hits.

Because of the Christmas season, it was agreed to cancel the December meeting

Cllr Pickering suggested that wherever possible, the meeting should be over by 8pm as the caretaker needs to lock up by then.

Next Meeting – 14 January 7pm, Town Hall.

Appendix Four:

**St. Helen's Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday 14th November 2019, 4:00pm, Mansfield Road TARA**



Present: Cllr David Leech (Chair), Cllr Jenny Platts, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, John Hallows, Madge Busby, Clyde Black, Freda Stenton.

Apologies: Michelle Cooper, Neil Wright, Cllr Tattersall, Pooja, Tony Lowe

By Invitation: Amanda Hardcastle (Caterpillar Club), Paul Todd (Junior Tykes)

Welcome and Introductions: Introductions were given for those who were invited to the meeting. Everyone was thanked for their attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting: Cllr Platts to follow up on the progress of the De-fib. Health Event – Madge said it was well attended and went very well. She said it was a very beneficial event for the Ward Alliance members.

Madge to check to make sure there are enough baubles left for the memory tree event. The rest of the minutes were passed as a true record.

Funding Applications:

- Caterpillar Club – Amanda Hardcastle attended the meeting and gave the members information about the group. They are a playgroup for children from 0 – to school age. They encourage socialising, developing new skills, help with toilet training explained that the bid was for £960 and was to help buy resources, insurance, rent etc for the playgroup that is run every week and benefits families in the St Helens Ward. Amanda was thanked for attending. The members discussed the bid, some concerns were raised regarding the insurance, as to whether they needed additional insurance for the group and whether to pay the rent. It was agreed to pay the full amount on this occasion with the condition that if the extra insurance is not needed then the funding for that is returned to the Ward Alliance and also that they are not allowed to apply for rent again.
Secretary to inform Amanda of the decision and to explain the conditions of the bid to her.
- Junior Tykes – Cllr Leech gave some background on the bid. He explained that they are applying for £1,500 to provide toilet facilities / changing rooms for the girls who attend the club (mums, players, etc) as they currently have none.
Paul Todd arrived and explained that if the funding bid was accepted it would allow them to accept girls football teams to play and parents would have a toilet to use while supporting their children in the sport. Paul was thanked for his input. The Ward Alliance members discussed the bid and agreed it was a very good idea and agreed to the full amount. Secretary to inform Paul of the decision and to also pass on the number for Karen Walke for other funding options.

Events: Christmas events – a reminder that the Memorial service at Laithe's Chapel has been moved from 12th December to 28th November due to the Election. 5pm start time.
Secretary to buy refreshments for service using money from petty cash. Clyde offered to check that the lights were still on the tree and working.

New Lodge Community Centre – Monday 2nd December. Laithes Primary School choir to attend and sing. Event to start around 4pm. Santa to attend.

Selection boxes needed – Lee to sort.

St Helens Church – To start at 4pm. Fr Peter to meet and greet. Athersley South Primary School choir to sing.

Community Shop – To start at 4pm. Athersley North Primary school choir to sing.

Community shop to provide refreshments.

Secretary reported that all Christmas hampers are done and ready for the events.

St Helens Summer Gala – Cllr Tattersall asked that in her absences we make a start on contacting stall holders to confirm dates they can attend for our 2020 Gala. It was decided amongst the members that the Gala will be held the first Tuesday of the Summer holidays which will be 21st July 2020. Secretary to send initial emails to stall holders to confirm dates. Lee Swift to forward all stall holders numbers to Secretary.

Ward Plan: The Ward Plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lee reported that there would be £5,742 in the funding pot when all funding applications had been accepted.

Forthcoming Projects/Bids: Cllr Leech reported that the mosaics are in place near Poundstretcher and hopefully there will be a bench bought (paid for by Principal towns) in memory of the soldiers who fought for the Yorkshire Regiment. Cllr Leech is wanting to organise an event for the unveiling of this bench. Members agreed and there is a form for a working budget to be completed.

Any Other Business: The date of the next meeting is Thursday 2nd January 2020. Members asked if this date could be changed due to it being so close to the New Year. This was agreed by all and it was decided the next meeting would be held on Thursday 16th January 2020.

Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting will take place on the 16th January 2020 at 4pm in the TARA office.

The meeting closed at 17.30pm.