

<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 16 March 2020
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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### Items for discussion

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Darton West – held on 15<sup>th</sup> January and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Old Town – held on 29<sup>th</sup> January and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
St Helen's – held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

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, 6 March 2020

<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 27 January 2020
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

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

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

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

### 40 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 18th November 2019

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 41 Violence Reduction Unit - Mark Miller

Mr Mark Miller (Community Safety Team Leader) attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the establishment and operation of the Violence Reduction Unit.

He explained that in October, 2019 he had been seconded to the Unit which had been established by the Police and Crime Commissioner as a partnership between the Local Authority and the South Yorkshire Police. The Unit had been borne out of previous government initiatives aimed at reducing serious violence and knife crime. South Yorkshire Police and other key stakeholders had been allocated £1.6m from the Government to establish the Unit which had been based on a model originally piloted in Glasgow. It was hoped that early investment and intervention using a multi-agency approach could assist in tackling the root causes of violence and thereby prevent problems escalating.

A profile was being developed for each area which would set out the current position with regard to violent incidents as well as the key issues for that area. A draft had been prepared and would be launched shortly. From the profile, a strategy for violence reduction would be developed which would outline the actions to be taken by multiple agencies who were all to be asked to 'buy in' to the approach. Agencies to be involved included the Local Authority, Police, Fire as well as other providers/services including the Youth Offending Team, schools, the Crime Commissioning Team as well as the Health Service.

Members of the Area Council welcomed this approach and in response to questioning Mark Miller gave a brief outline of the type of work to be undertaken and particular mention was made to:-

- work with schools and early intervention proposals
- gun and knife crime, domestic violence, assault and drug related offences

- the ways in which Elected Members could refer issues identified within their community
- issues related to the night time economy and work being undertaken with bars, clubs and other venues

Mark Miller commented that the development of the strategy was an extensive piece of work which would include the views and concerns of local residents following a consultation exercise.

The Chair and Members of the Area Council thanked Mark Miller for his most informative presentation.

#### **42 Environmental Education Contract (Clean and Green Service) - John and Wendy Twigg**

John and Wendy Twigg gave a presentation on the background to and current position with regard to the Environmental Education Contract (Clean and Green Service). The presentation included, amongst other things:

- The work undertaken since the commencement of the contract and the issues of which they were most proud. It was pleasing to note the amount of encouragement and support they now received as well as the direct links forged with schools and with businesses
- The shift of culture/attitude to self-sufficiency and a move away from reliance on council services to a partnership approach
- Information was circulated showing 'before' and 'after' photographs together with statistics relating to work undertaken
- The return on investment in terms of volunteer hours and the number of work placements offered.
- Information was also provided on the work undertaken with school pupils with varying abilities and particular reference was made to the work undertaken with Greenacre school and with Barnsley College students
- Work with businesses to reduce waste particularly plastic and glass and work with pharmacies to encourage safe disposal of sharps
- Liaison that was undertaken with organisations including the Woodland Trust, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and the Recovery College

Members of the Area Council welcomed the progress made and in response to questioning information was provided on:

- The specific work undertaken over the last couple of months
- The challenges encountered during the transition from reliance on the authority to a partnership and volunteering approach
- The improvements in liaison and partnership approach with external bodies and organisations
- the improvement in the environment for wildlife

The Chair and Members thanked both John and Wendy Twigg for their most encouraging presentation.

### **43 Excess Winter Deaths - Julie Tolhurst, Anna Stobbs and Sharon Brown (DIAL)**

The Area Council received three presentations under the banner of tackling Excessive Winter Deaths.

The first presentation by Julie Tolhurst (Public Health Principal) gave a general overview of the current position with regard to the number of winter deaths within the borough (with statistical comparisons to national data) and the steps being taken to tackle issues identified. Particular reference was made to the following:

- The trends (national and local) from 2001 – 2017 which indicated that the number of winter deaths was higher in Barnsley. Information was also provided for the Area Council
- The reasons for the increase in the number of deaths together with the underlying causes. Within this context reference was made to the number of people living with underlying health conditions, access to services to manage conditions, social isolation and fuel poverty
- The actions of DIAL in promoting the warmer homes project
- The development of an action plan in association with partners to start to address issues
- The work of partners and volunteers
- The importance of disseminating key messages to vulnerable residents about ways of avoiding excessive cold and about remaining healthy

In the ensuing discussion the following matters were raised:

- It was important to undertake a further in-depth analysis of the data in order to identify the root causes for the increase in deaths and the ways in which such matters could be tackled. Once this analysis had been undertaken it would be shared with members of the Area Council. It was noted that the Business Intelligence Team was currently undertaking an analysis for the previous quarter and a further report could be provided in the spring
- Reference was made to the work of the Task and Finish Group on poverty. Arising out of this, reference was made to the housing commission stock survey which was to be undertaken and to the issue in some wards in relation to housing conditions and energy efficiency

The second presentation by Sharon Brown of DIAL, supported by Margaret Richardson (Caseworker – Warm Homes) focused on the Warm Homes, Warm Connections initiative. The initiative provided emotional and practical support and advice to isolated and energy vulnerable residents.

Sharon Brown briefly outlined how the initiative operated and made particular reference to the following:

- The social return on the investment and how this was calculated. It was noted that since last January 304 home visits had been made to residents who were socially isolated or who were living in cold homes or both
- The ways in which stakeholders and residents were identified
- The way in which the added value of the initiative was calculated and determined

- The intended changes introduced, what the performance measures were and how this was measured
- The number of volunteers participating in the initiative and the financial value this equated to. It was noted that for every £1 spent the social return value had been calculated to be £11.86
- Other external factors that had impacted or affected the changes that had occurred

In the ensuing discussion particular reference was made to the following:

- Detailed statistical information on the operation of the scheme would be provided on a ward by ward basis at a future date. It was noted, however, that there would be a lag between the implementation of the initiative and the impact that the service had on the number of winter deaths in the locality
- Margaret Homes explained the action taken to refer residents for first time central heating or boiler replacements. Work was also undertaken to assist residents to undertake price comparisons and to change their energy suppliers to reduce costs. This was not always easy as some residents were reluctant to change suppliers for a number of reasons but there were, in many cases, significant savings to be made
- It was noted that in some instances grants for certain energy efficiency improvements were available. Assistance was also available from various energy suppliers. Information on the number of residents assisted in this respect would be made available for the Area Council Manager for distribution

The third presentation by Anna Stobbs (Public Health) focussed on Social Isolation. She explained the initiatives and commissioned services that had been introduced to tackle this issue and made reference to other activities within the North Area Council area which, whilst not 'labelled' social isolation, nevertheless contributed to addressing that issue.

At a national level, a strategy had been agreed to tackle social isolation and loneliness and a number of commitments had been identified, however, there was currently little clarity nor a single solution identified. Such a strategy would bring together local government, public services, the voluntary and community sectors, businesses together with public health which it was hoped would address the root causes of social isolation. She then made reference to the various strands under consideration which included social prescribing, employee pledges, improving public spaces as well as other innovative solutions to loneliness. The Government now wanted to receive reports on the progress of schemes to tackle loneliness. There would be a combination of solutions and in order to ensure a successful outcome it was particularly important to ensure that they were all fully evaluated.

Anna Stobbs then gave a brief overview of current actions. A Task and Finish Group was currently examining a borough wide approach and an all Member Information Briefing was to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

She then went on to refer to specific Foundation, Direct and Gateway Services and the ways in which these impacted on and contributed to reducing social isolation.

A meeting was to be held with all Area Managers to look at a collective review and the outcome of these discussions would be fed into the wider review which would determine an appropriate approach.

In the ensuing discussion, particular reference was made to the following:

- The reasons for social isolation, the types of groups available, the reluctance of some (men in particular) to join such groups and the ways in which these issues could be overcome
- The ways in which Area Councils could assist in reducing social isolation by highlighting gaps in provision
- The role of Public Health and the NHS in identifying and addressing issues
- The role of 'social prescribers' in signposting individuals to various groups as well as the links with the Stronger Communities Partnership
- It was anticipated that the outcome of the review would be available towards the end of the year

The Chair and Members of the Area Council thanked Julie Tolhurst, Sharon Brown, Margaret Richardson and Anna Stobbs for their most informative presentations and for answering Members questions.

#### **44 Young People's Health and Wellbeing Project Specification - procurement update**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item and asked Members to reflect on the discussions that had taken place recently at the workshop which had explored the opportunity for a North Area Council funded young people's project.

Members were reminded of the background and intended focus for the project and were given an overview outlining the current position with the development of the project.

The project was currently out to tender, however, the advertisement had been delayed which meant that it would not be possible for the service to commence until May 2020 at the earliest. It was noted that a provider presentation was scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

**RESOLVED** that the procurement update be noted.

#### **45 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance - to include update from budget profiling workshop**

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

It was reported that the specification for the Environmental Education contract was to be reviewed at a workshop planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020. The Grants Panel was to meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 for the Evaluation Panel and it was particularly important that the Area Council Manager was alerted to any proposed commissioning profile variations so that feasibility considerations could be made at the earliest opportunity. It was also noted that decisions on the continuance of various projects

would have to be taken at the March meeting so that there was sufficient time to advertise tender opportunities.

The Area Council Manager reported that whilst the Housing Migration Officer post was currently vacant a successful recruitment exercise had been undertaken and following interviews on the 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 the post had been filled (subject to the usual background checks). Details of the commencement date would be provided once this was known.

It was also reported that the closing date for applications for the Stronger Communities Grant was 12.00 noon on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020.

The forecast for 2019/20 showed that whilst there was a significant underspend (including underspend from previous years,) this would be reduced to £156,433 and the reasons for this were outlined. In addition, there were some sizeable projects upon which decisions were required in March 2020 which meant that there was unlikely to be any further underspends going forward.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the existing budget position and funding commitments be noted;
- (ii) That the current position regarding the recruitment to the Housing Migration Officer post be noted; and
- (iii) That a Workshop be arranged to review the Environmental Specification prior to a decision on whether or not to re-commission the project.

**46 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds**

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

It was particularly noted that in September 2019 an additional £10,000 of devolved ward budget had been allocated to each Ward Alliance. This finance would roll over into the following financial year.

**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.

**47 Notes from the area's Ward Alliances**

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019; Darton West Ward Alliance held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019; Old Town Ward Alliance held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2019; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

Further information was provided as follows:

Within the Darton East Ward, the Christmas Lights switch on had been well supported at Woolley Colliery, however, the Darton Christmas Tree had been vandalised for the second year in succession so consideration was to be given to



whether or not provision should be made next year. It was also reported that the Christmas Disco had been a success and there had been good attendance for the Father Christmas event.

In the Darton West Ward work was progressing on the first phase of the Park development, footpath works and bulb planting etc. In addition, the Christmas lights switch on, Remembrance Day and poppy events had been successful.

The Old Town Ward has supported the St Paul's Christmas Community Celebration which had been a success. The Christmas events had been well attended. A number of issues had been raised in relation to Traffic Regulation Orders and investigations were progressing into the feasibility of undertaking a summer project for children.

In the St Helen's Ward investigations were being undertaken in relation to the possible provision of a defibrillator. The Ward Alliance had provided support for the Caterpillar Club and the Junior Tykes and the Christmas events had been successful. Thanks were extended to all who had rallied round to address vandalism issues. The Memorial service at Laithes Chapel had been successful and schools were thanked for participating in events. Moving forward, the Alliance was looking at developing the Ward Plan and specific reference was made to the development of happy healthy eating events. Information was also referred to in relation to forthcoming projects/bids and specific reference was made to, amongst other things, the provision of a bench in memory of soldiers from the Yorkshire Regiment. Reference was also made to the provision of funding for smart water marking.

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

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# Item 3

## BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Agenda Item: 3

Report of North Area Council  
Manager

### North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant Update

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members about the North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant application and allocation process.
- 1.2 To update members on the outcome of the grant panel meeting and the projects approved for funding.
- 1.3 The report also outlines the performance management and monitoring arrangements for successful projects.

#### 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the NAC Stronger Communities Grant update.
- 2.2 Members note the projects that have been approved for funding.
- 2.3 Members agree the performance and monitoring arrangements outlined in Section 7.

#### 3. Background

Having noted the success of the Stronger Communities Grant funded projects which have been delivered throughout 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 it was agreed at the Area Council Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 that the North Area would run the Stronger Communities Grant funding opportunity for the project delivery in 2020/21.

The NAC Stronger Communities Grant was established as a grants programme totalling £50,000 (2020/21) to address the identified North Area Council priorities. It is aimed at developing the capacity of community groups and organisations, social enterprises and not for profit organisations, with a view to enabling them to bid for future procurements.

The grant opportunity was advertised at the beginning of December 2019 and the final date for submission of applications was the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. A total of 7 applications were received before the deadline totalling £107,554.00.

The Grants Panel Member received their panel packs w/c 10<sup>th</sup> February. This included an information sheet, paper copies of all the applications and 'Scoring Matrix' top sheet for each application which needed to be completed prior to the panel meeting.

The Wards were represented by the following Councillors.

Darton East	Cllr Steve Hunt
Darton West	Cllr Sharon Howard
Old Town	Cllr Phil Lofts
St Helen's	Cllr Jenny Platts

#### **4. Recommended Projects**

The Members had an opportunity to independently score each application before meeting for the Evaluation Panel on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. The scoring matrix provided a robust qualitative and quantitative basis upon which to identify suitable applications. All applications required a majority recommendation from the panel in order to be successful. The panel was independently chaired by the North Area Council Manager and supported by the North Area's Senior Link Officer, Public Health Colleagues and the Area Team. The approval process can found as Appendix 1.

The panel also considered the Five Ways to Wellbeing as part of the scoring and moderation process.



4 applications were recommended for funding. At the time of writing the projects have yet to be submitted for approval by the Head of Stronger Communities. The total allocated amount for these 4 projects was £50,000.00

**The recommended projects are as follows (they are in no particular order):**

**Emmanuel Methodist Church – Connections - £19,996.00**

A project working with older people to help combat isolation. The project aims to promote and support the promotion of physical health; connections with others through various social groups and activities, specifically designed to stimulate the mental capacity of an aging generation. The project will also seek to network older people, provide transport through volunteers and maintain regular phone contact with those who are socially isolated or housebound.

Offering regular activities and one-off events to promote a holistic service to the local over 55+ population which will promote healthy eating, physical exercise and mental stimulation. These activities will include things like healthy cooking workshops, healthy exercises for the over 55's, chair fitness, craft groups, IT groups, afternoon teas, talks and demonstrations as well as other groups shaped by the steering group.

The project will include the development of a buddy system to maintain contact with isolated people and encourage volunteers to form a local network of support.

**YMCA – YMCA Youthwork: £10,576.00**

Extract from application form: Providing a regular weekly open access detached programme of community development youth work in Kexborough and Darton together with weekly centre-based provision as a feeder and entry platform into our more focused programmes.

Promoting family engagement, intergenerational and cultural activities, volunteering, arts, sports and games social play, environmental activities, low level bush craft and outdoors cooking. Building on the environmental aspects of our previous working with young people to develop open access events that seek to improve local green spaces, eg. litter picks, nature walks, low level bush craft and green crafts all within a wellbeing framework that seeks to improve emotional, mental and physical health. Creating opportunities and activities for participants where appropriate to share experiences and build more positive relationships and understanding between all ages of their community.

## **Making Space / Barnsley Dementia Gateway – Information, Advice and Wellbeing Café – £10,000.00**

Application form extract: This project would provide a weekly Dementia Café, a Barnsley Dementia Gateway Wellbeing Café, at Barugh Green WMC. The wellbeing Café would be modelled on other successful cafes currently operating in Barnsley and outside Barnsley in Rotherham and North Yorkshire. The aim is not to clash with other cafes offered by BIADS, The Alzheimer's Society, Making Space, Butterflies Dementia Activities and Support Group and the Snap Tin in Goldthorpe. The intention is to plug a gap and offer more choice to people living with Dementia and their carers.

Although the planned café is for the aforementioned groups, other older people in the area would be most welcome. We know that 12.8% of people over 65 years live alone in the North Area and this resource could help some of these people be less socially isolated.

This café aims to be self-sustaining after the first year. Volunteer recruitment and development will be key to success.

## **Citizens Advice Bureaux – North Area Debt Advice Service - £9,428.00**

This project will run as a 6-month pilot, providing a specialist debt worker to help people from the North Area to address financial difficulties caused by problem debt. The service will be delivered face-to-face, drop in advice, twice per week from accessible community venues.

## **5. Lessons Learned**

- 5.1. The inclusion of the Five Ways to Wellbeing in the scoring criteria have helped the Panel understand how the North Area Funding contributes to the wider determinants of health and wellbeing.
- 5.2. The fund was heavily oversubscribed. Several of the organisations have been offered an allocation below the amount they applied for and have been asked to consider operational implications before accepting the grant. This presents considerable challenges for the organisations affected.
- 5.3. This situation shows the growth financial pressures that the voluntary and community sector are currently facing.

## **6. Project Development Work**

The Area Manager will now meet with all the successful project leads to ensure that all the projects are robust: deliverable within the timescales, and outcomes/outcome indicators and targets developed.

In some cases the panel have attached conditions to the grant funding.

## **7. Grant Awards and Performance Monitoring/Management**

Once approved, all organisations will be notified and asked to sign Grant Agreement which, together with the detailed Stage 2 application form, will form the basis of the contractual agreement between the Council and the organisation for the grant awarded.

Those projects under £10,000 will receive a one-off grant payment for the full amount and will be asked to submit their monitoring information at the end of the project.

Those projects over £10,000 have submitted a monitoring/performance framework and quarterly payment schedule as part of their application. Quarterly payments will only be released once the North Area Council Manager is satisfied that monitoring/performance targets for the previous quarter have been met, or if not met, a satisfactory reason is given as to why this is the case and revised targets for the following quarters agreed.

Progress on projects will be reported back to North Area Council on a regular basis and a full evaluation report about the NAC Stronger Communities Fund process and projects will be presented to North Area Council on completion of all projects, anticipated early 2020/21.

## **8. Next steps**

8.1. Members are asked to note that this year's grant funding was over prescribed. This led to greater scrutiny of the applications in accordance with the scoring criteria. This pressure will be felt even more acutely in 2021/22 when the funding allocation is projected to reduce to £40,000, when maximum applications will be £10,000.

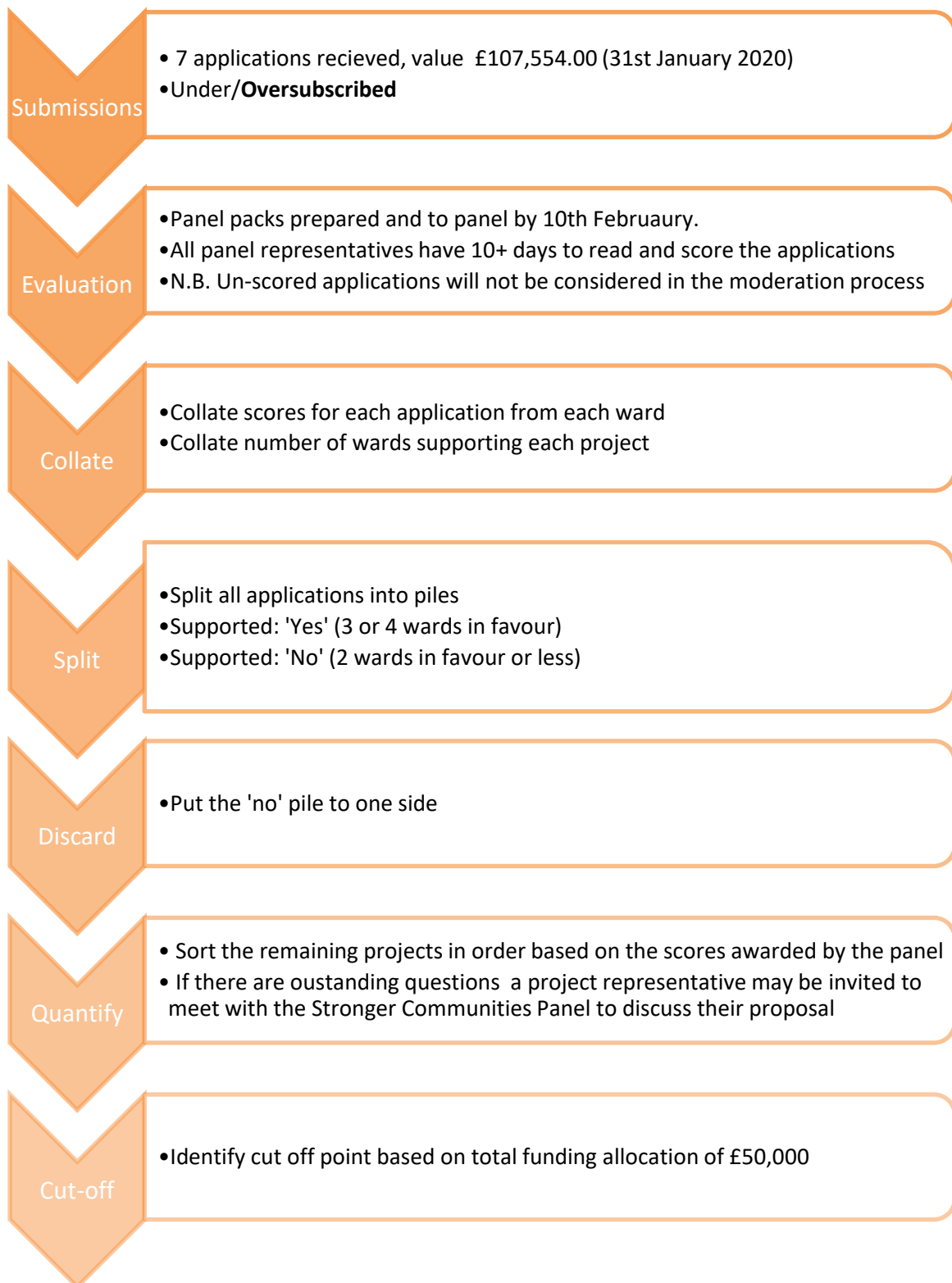
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## Appendix 1: North Area Council

### Stronger Communities Grant 2017/18 onwards - Approval Process





# Item 5

## BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Agenda Item: 5

Report of North Area Council  
Manager

### Environmental Education Contract Specification - Refection and Refinement

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report summarises the project development activity that has taken place regarding the North's Environment Priority and associated Environmental Education Contract. The report asks the North Area Council to consider next steps regarding the future investment in this priority area.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note key points identified at the priority workshop held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**
- 2.2. **The North Area Council should indicate if they wish the Area Council Manager to proceed with the refinement of the specification of the project designed to improve the overall environmental appearance of the four wards that make up the North Area Council area and increase volunteering and engagement specifically associated with this priority area. A further workshop, provisionally planned for the 14<sup>th</sup> April, will be integral in this process.**
- 2.3. **Councillors give some consideration to the educational outcomes they wish the redefined specification to include.**

#### 3. Background

- 3.1. The Clean and Green Service commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. This was a two-year contract delivered by Forge Community Partnership. In 2017 the contract opportunity was retendered and was awarded to Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd. commencing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 on a term of two years, plus one year extension option.
- 3.2. The project has been live for 29 months and will reach the end of its contractual lifespan on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

- 3.3. In November 2019 the North Area Council agreed funding for a continuation of a similar project for the remainder of 2020/21 and 2021/22.
- 3.4. On the 5<sup>th</sup> March the following Environmental priority working group representatives (hereafter referred to as the 'working group') of the North Area Council met to reflect on the existing service and discuss possible refinements to a future specification. The workshop was attended by Cllr Leech, Cllr Trevor Cave, Cllr Tattersall, Cllr Lofts, Cllr Howard, Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Hunt and Cllr Pickering. The group conducted a SWOC (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges) Analysis on the existing service provision.

#### **4. Existing Service's Aim and Objectives**

- 4.1. To improve the physical appearance of the North Area in partnership with local residents and/or local community groups/organisations.
- 4.2. Contribute to maintaining a clean, safe, well presented and welcoming physical environment through the provision of both proactive and reactive work as agreed with Ward Alliances.
- 4.3. Inspire local people and encourage sustainability through engagement with volunteers, residents, local community groups and organisations.
- 4.4. Reduce the amount of littering, dog fouling in the area through education in schools and within local communities.
- 4.5. N.B. THE PROVIDER DOES NOT have a maintenance contract for North Area. BMBC Neighbourhood Services retain this function and every effort must be made to prevent duplication.

## 5. Findings from the SWOC Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engagement with volunteers is fantastic</li> <li>2. Developing a volunteering culture</li> <li>3. Establishing positive relationships with local people</li> <li>4. Approachable and supportive</li> <li>5. Explain technical aspects in a way that can be understood by others</li> <li>6. The team is hard working and good to work with</li> <li>7. Open and flexible to new ways of working</li> <li>8. Easy to contact</li> <li>9. Quick resolutions to issues</li> <li>10. Starter finishers</li> <li>11. Ability to remove waste at the end of a task</li> <li>12. Right Equipment for the job</li> <li>13. Referral process generally works</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project start times aren't as punctual as they could be – always on site at the time but not ready to begin at stated time</li> <li>2. Not enough forward notice of activities (commissioner and volunteers can't attend at short notice)</li> <li>3. Short notice means opportunities can't be widely publicised eg Chronicle</li> <li>4. Forward planning dates are not routinely logged with central team</li> <li>5. Delivery across the area is not consider equitable</li> <li>6. Not all activities that the Ward Alliances want to complete are included in the contract</li> <li>7. Responding to work requests without insisting that the referrer goes through the referral process</li> <li>8. Synergy with Neighbourhood Service could be improved</li> <li>9. More feedback on completed work is needed.</li> <li>10. More before and after reporting on social media and beyond</li> <li>11. Use of the North Clean and Tidy Facebook Page has reduced</li> </ol>
Opportunities	Challenges
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work more closely with local stakeholder inc YWT.</li> <li>2. Increase communication with local Councillors to ensure that projects can be promoted</li> <li>3. Opportunity to develop a programme of work with groups to maintain engagement over a longer time period</li> <li>4. Refine project coordination skills to rally and to rally and direct volunteers</li> <li>5. Include weed spraying in the contract (consider contract purpose and cost)</li> <li>6. Actively look for more volunteers</li> <li>7. Support the planting of '10,000 trees'</li> <li>8. Could be used to help and do projects around climate emergency – education worker?</li> <li>9. Education around pot to plate, recycling, growing skills, tool use, climate change etc. could link with Incredible Edible</li> <li>10. Identify opportunities and support NCS and Princes Trust projects</li> <li>11. Support strategic priorities: 2030 vision and planning, carbon reduction, Integrated health and wellbeing</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Producing a programme of work ( a forward plan of activities)</li> <li>2. Weekend working - missing opportunities to work with volunteers at weekends</li> <li>3. Attracting brand new volunteers to avoid working with the same people repeatedly</li> <li>4. Setting up new groups</li> <li>5. In St Helen's there are a lack of groups willing to engage and will only do so with additional incentives e.g. a meal</li> </ol>

## **6. Redefining the service specification**

6.1. A further workshop will take place that will enable further discussion about the new specification prior to a decision being made on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. It is suggested that this workshop is broken down into 6 sections.

- Adding Value
- Function
- Education
- People and Organisation
- Process (How the service is delivered)
- Performance Monitoring (Data)

## **7. Next Steps**

7.1. Councillors have been asked to give consideration to the education outcomes and outputs they wish to see included in the redefined specification. Essentially, what do we want to achieve (how will we know that we have made a difference) and what actions are required to achieve the outcomes.

7.2. The Area Manager has arranged a further workshop (provisionally) on the 14<sup>th</sup> April with colleagues from Neighbourhood Services and representatives from the Procurement Team to discuss refinements to the current service offer. This will be influenced by the BMBC core offer, strategic properties and local priorities. It will also enable Councillors to discuss the practicalities commissioning a refined service for the North Area.

7.3. The revised specification will be submitted to the Area Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

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# Item 6

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Agenda Item: 6

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 agree to fund the Anti- Poverty IAG contract for two years (+1yr) from September 2020.**
- 2.3. **That Members agree to fund the environmental education provision for two years (+1yr) from October 2020 will meet for a 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop to redefine the environmental specification prior to a decision to re-commission.**
- 2.4. **That Members note 3.2 regarding the Housing Migration Officer**
- 2.5. **That Members agree to the final year's extension of the Warm Connections Project (Sept 2020 – Aug 2021)**

#### 3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

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

The decision was taken to retender the opportunity for a further 2 years (+ 1 year) at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. The provider commenced service delivery on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017. This contract will run until at least September 2019 provided the conditions of the contract are met. On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

***N.B. The Area Council will need to agree if they wish to continue to fund this type of service provision and advertise the tender opportunity. Recommendations based on budget workshop is that this will have a contract value of £95,000 p.a. and a contract length of 2 years (+1yr extension), from September 2020.***

- 3.1 The Clean and Green Service commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. On the 25<sup>th</sup> 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. The Area Council will need to agree if they wish to continue to fund this type of service provision and advertise the tender opportunity. Recommendations based on budget workshop is that this will have a contract value of £85,000 p.a. and a contract length of 2 years (+1yr extension), from October 2020.***

- 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> October. There were 8 applicants, following shortlisting 3 applicants have been invited to attend interview on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. The recruitment process was unsuccessful. **The post was re-advertised on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, shortlisting took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. Two candidates were be interviewed on the 17<sup>th</sup> January. A preferred candidate has been identified and is undergoing police vetting.***

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 took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April which informed the specification that was signed off at the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. The contract will go live from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. The service will be called 'Warm Connections'. A soft launch took place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 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. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 – four organisations have been awarded funding**

- 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.

**N.B. The opportunity was advertised on the YORTender system and closed on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.** However it has failed to identify a provider. At the time of writing the Area Manager is scheduled to meet with the procurement panel on the 12<sup>th</sup> March to identify a solution.

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:

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Annual Value</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£458,200</b>

**5. Commissioning programme from April 2020**

- 5.1. A workshop took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. Redefine the specification for the Environmental Education contract at workshop in April 2020.
- 8.2. 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:**

<b>Project / Service</b>	<b>Annual Value</b>	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.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	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		458,200.00	460,000.00	460,000.00	430,000.00	390,000.00



# Item 7

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Agenda item: 7

Report of  
North Area Council Manager

**North Area Council – 2019/20 Quarter 3 (Oct - Dec 2019)**  
**Performance Management Cover Report for Commissioned Projects and**  
**Stronger Communities Projects**

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

- 1. Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report Attached, Appendix 1.**

### **Background**

A comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report for the period October – December 2019 (2019/20 Quarter 3) has been produced and is attached, Appendix 1.

### **Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)**

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

The information provided in Part A reflects information gathered from each contract for the period October – December 2019.

#### **Contracted Service Providers:**

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

#### **Area Council Funded Posts**

- Housing Migration Officer (post currently vacant)

**Part B** provides North Council members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2019/20 Quarter 3 (October – December 2019). The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from all North Area Council Providers, following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings.

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

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

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

### **Performance Report –Issues**

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

### **Appendices**

**Appendix 1:** North Council Performance Management Report - Quarter 3 2019/20 (October - December).

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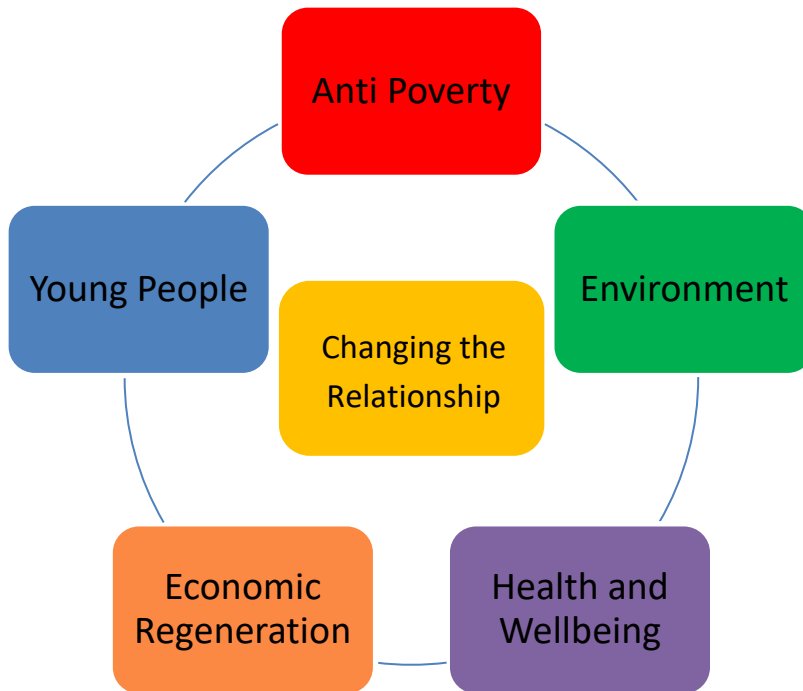
**Project Performance Report**

**Q3 2019/20 (October – December 2019)**

**February 2020**

**INTRODUCTION**

**North Area Council Priorities**



**Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:**

<b>THRIVING &amp; VIBRANT ECONOMY</b>	<b>PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL</b>	<b>STRONG &amp; RESILIENT COMMUNITIES</b>
<p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1: Create more and better jobs</li> <li>2: Increase skills to get more people working</li> <li>5: Create more and better housing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7: Reducing demand through improving access to early help</li> <li>8: Children and adults are safe from harm</li> <li>9: People are healthier, happier independent and active</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities</li> <li>11: Protecting the borough for future generations</li> </ul>



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

	Service	Provider	Contract Value/length	Contract start date	Updates
<b>Anti-Poverty</b>	Financial Inclusion Service	CAB & DIAL	£148,120 2 years	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Contract Concluded
<b>Anti-Poverty</b>	Financial Inclusion Service	CAB & DIAL	£190,000 2 years (+1yr)	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	<b>Contract Live – Performing well</b>
<b>Young People</b>	Summer Holiday Internship 2014	C&K Careers	£39,410 9 months	April 2014	Contract Concluded
<b>Young People</b>	Summer Holiday Internship 2015	C&K Careers	£45,000 18 months	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Contract Concluded
<b>Young People</b>	Summer Holiday Internship 2016	C&K Careers	£31,550 18 months	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	Contract Concluded
<b>Environment</b>	Environmental enforcement	Kingdom Security	£ 54,771 1 year + £81,844 8 months	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2014  August 2015 – March 2016	Contract Concluded
<b>Environment</b>	Environmentenforcement	Kingdom Security	£120,640 per annum (1yr+1yr+1yr)	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	Contract Concluded
<b>Environment</b>	Clean & Green Community Development	Forge c/o Anvil CIC	£150,192 2 years	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Contract Concluded
<b>Environment</b>	Clean & Green Community Development	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd	£169,932 2 year (+1 year)	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2017	<b>Contract Live</b>
<b>Economic Regeneration</b>	Small Business Development Survey	Barnsley Business and Innovation Centre	£2,250  £5,000 - 6months	Aug 2016  April 2017	Survey  Biz Surgeries
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	Healthy Eating Project	South & West Yorkshire (NHS) Foundation Trust	£98,893 18 months	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	Contract Concluded - April 2016
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	Social Isolation and Cold Homes	DIAL	£150,000 2 years (+1year)	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	<b>Contract Live</b>

## PART A - OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

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

- Twiggs – Year 3, Q1
- CAB & DIAL - Contract 2, Year 3, Q1
- DIAL (Social Isolation) – Year 2, Q1

The North Area also funds 3 contracted posts:

- Housing Migration Officer (post currently vacant)

## Anti-Poverty

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
CAB & DIAL Contract		
Number of financial / debt settlements negotiated	Q1	20
Cases of homelessness prevented	Q1	5
Overall benefit gain (in £)	Q1	£465,322
Debt Managed (in £)	Q1	£112,055
Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation & Cold Homes		
Savings derived as a result of energy switching (in £)	Q1	£3,890

## Young People

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
Number of young people engaged by Youth Participation Officers (11-13yrs)	NA	46
Number of young people engaged by Youth Participation Officers (14-19yrs)	NA	89
Number of sessions delivered by Youth Participation Workers	N/A	36

N.B. New performance indicators will be developed when the young people's project is defined.

## Environment: Education & Support

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
<b>Public Spaces - Twiggs</b>		
Number of local businesses supported at planned events	9	15%
Number of new groups formed with support of Twiggs	0	0%
Number of hours of volunteering generated	557	46.3%
Number of volunteers trained in horticultural skills	17	53%
<b>Private Rented Homes - Housing Migration Officer</b>		
Number of vulnerable households identified	Total	-
Number of properties improved because of service intervention	Total	-
Number of requests to landlords (both formal and informal)	Total	-
Number of community protection written warnings issued	Total	-
<b>Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation &amp; Cold Homes</b>		
Numbers of household receiving heating and energy efficiency measures. (Energy Switching)	100	17%
Number of volunteers trained to deliver home energy advice and energy switching sessions	5	0%

## Health and Wellbeing

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
<b>Anti-Poverty – CAB &amp; DIAL</b>		
Local residents experienced improved health and wellbeing	N/A	75%
Local people feel more able to manage their own affairs	N/A	86%
<b>Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation &amp; Cold Homes</b>		
Individual needs assessments completed	20	69%
Reduction in feelings of loneliness and isolation within the client group	N/A	7
Improvement in Mental Wellbeing of residents	N/A	30
Number of new social networking groups	4	50%

## Twiggs Grounds Maintenance

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

Extract from the providers quarterly narrative report:

Performance Indicator	Yr 3 Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Cumulative
Twiggs social action events	12	34				34
Community groups supported	12	10				10
Areas adopted by residents	4	0				0
Volunteers recruited to Twiggs events	48	137				137
Areas of blight targeted	100	45				45
Local business engagement	60	9				9
Restorative justice sessions	4	0				0
Local spend	90%	95%				95%

Hot Spots - The following areas have been identified:

1. Old Town Ward – Honeywell Lane
2. Old Town – Walton Street Ginnell
3. Darton East Ward – Layby towards the bottom of Spark Lane
4. Darton West – Darton Park
5. Darton West – Brookhill/ Birthwaite Road
6. Darton West – Barnsley Road, One Stop Shop area
7. Darton West – Dearne Hall Road
8. Darton West – Walton Street ginnel
9. St Helens Ward – Mansfield Road ginnel, Athersley North
10. St Helens Ward - Stoney Road Footpath
11. St Helens Ward – Laxton Road ginnel
12. St Helens Ward – Lindhurst Road
13. St Helens Ward – Carlton Road

#### Supported Projects – Details for Evidencing

##### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Smithies Lane/Old Canal Carpark, Old Town**

Working with 25 Barnsley College Public Service Students. We worked on the carpark to cut back the green that was growing down from the overhanging trees. Then we worked with the students to scrape the carpark free of any weeds or moss. We strimmed back the overgrowth from the entrance to make the carpark tidy upon entering it. 7 sacks of litter were cleared from the area. Approx. 1 hour and 15 minutes giving a return on investment figure of £486.36 for one session delivered with three group.

Number of New Young Volunteers – 25

**Total Volunteer Hours – 29.15**



##### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Priestly Avenue Park, Darton West**

##### **Working with Kexbrough Primary School**

We started the activities collecting 1 sack of waste from around the area. We then organized the 400 bulbs into 5 sacks of 80. Before we began planting we split into 5 groups so that they had a sack of bulbs each. Once the groups were sorted we gave each one a demonstration on how to properly plant the bulbs and then let them make a start. We monitored the groups and helped out when needed. When all the bulbs were planted we had a chat with the children who said they loved it and want to do it again. The bulb planting fully completed, and are looking cleaner and tidier.



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Laithes Lane, Athersley**

### **Supporting Happy Hour Group (Mens Group)**

We met and introduced ourselves, including our new office administration apprentice, to the newly created group's members. We worked with the new group members to make bird feeders using recycled plastic bottles, pencils, cello tape and string. After giving them a simple tutorial on how to make a bird feeder they all had a go themselves and made one to keep for their garden. Once everyone had made their own feeder we filled them up with seed that got donated to us earlier on in the year. This was a very successful introduction, and future events are planned.



**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Mapplewell Park, Darton**

### **Working with Mapplewell Bowling Club**







We worked with 8 bowling club volunteers to clear the green of fallen leaves. There were so many leaves that we filled up the van twice and took them to our company compound for composting. We were donated a large sack of leaf mold by the club for our future edible projects and seed sowing.



**\*TWIGGS contribution to Public Health Outcomes**

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

## CAB & DIAL 2

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	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	
	Milestones achieved	
	Outcome indicator targets met	
	Social value targets met	
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	

### Extract from Performance report

In the period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, advisers from both organisations have provided information and advice to 434 client contacts, supported clients to claim £465,322 of welfare benefits and manage £112,055 of debt.

As in previous reports, the majority of clients for both organisations accessed the service for help with benefit related issues. The generalist adviser from CAB has also supported clients with a range of other issues including debt, relationship and family issues, employment and legal support.

Of the 434 client contacts this quarter 237 have required help with form filling – a total of 55% of the clients, majority of which are related to the benefits system.

Through the work that the caseworkers are doing, clients are more able to deal with their issues themselves and so residents are becoming more resilient and educated as to their rights. Results from client feedback collected this quarter indicates that 96% feel less anxious as a result of seeing the adviser, 75% have improved health and well being and 86% feel more able to manage their own affairs.

This quarter, clients who do not qualify for the service due to where they live, account for 3% of the total number of clients (15 out of 434).



## **Case Study 1**

DIAL - Twilight

Client attended the twilight outreach at Athersley. Client was getting standard rate daily living component on Personal Independence Payment award and was also in the support group for Employment and Support Allowance which is income related. Client also lives alone.

DIAL undertook a comprehensive benefit review and found that the Employment & Support Allowance was not being paid at the correct rate. A severe disability premium was not included in the Employment & Support Allowance award. The severe disability premium is included in any calculation for means-tested benefit where a person gets clients rate of Personal Independence Payment and is technically classed as living alone. DIAL contacted the Department for Work and Pensions in order to rectify the situation. They believed that the client was living with a partner for the past 4 years. DIAL challenged the information and provided evidence that for the entirety of this period client was living alone and that the Local Authority's Council Tax department and the Employment & Support Allowance Unit had been informed.

The decision was overturned and the client was awarded almost 4 years backdated Employment & Support Allowance (severe disability premium) .Client received a one- off payment of £10,908 and extra £65.85 per week Employment & Support Allowance.

Client has now more money to live on and feels less anxious as well as being more optimistic about the future. The client is able to get out more now and engage more with the community.

## **Case Study 2**

CAB

Client attended the Citizens Advice at Mapplewell for help with financial difficulties.

The client had been struggling to manage their finances after their marriage broke down and they became unemployed at the age of 62. They had been living off some savings from selling the marital home but when these ran out the client had no idea about the benefits system and that they may be entitled to anything and instead applied for a loan so they had some money to live off.

Eventually they heard about Universal Credit and a claim was successfully made.

After the marital breakdown, the client moved into privately rented accommodation but Universal Credit didn't cover all the rent, despite being able to clear these arrears the landlord still applied to court for a bailiff to come and carry out a warrant of eviction. Luckily, they were able to get re-housed by Berneslai Homes.

Due to the loss of their job and drastic reduction of income the client had become unable to pay the bills and credit they'd previously had no issues repaying, this amounted to over £10,000 worth of debt and the client was now extremely anxious over their predicament and didn't know where to turn for help.

The first action taken was to reassure the client that free, confidential debt advice was available from us. We then carried out a benefit check to ensure they were getting the correct amount of Universal Credit and Council Tax Support.

The adviser went through their income and outgoings identifying they could potentially save money on their energy bills; an appointment was made for the client to see an adviser from our Energy Best Deal project for help finding a cheaper tariff and switching supplier.

By working together with the client through their income and outgoings we were able to empower them by providing them the financial capability skills to manage their budget more effectively, thus helping prevent them getting into debt again in the future.

We contacted BMBC Council Tax and negotiated a hold in recovery on the clients Council Tax arrears and made a direct referral to our money advice team at Wellington House.



The client has now successfully applied for a Debt Relief Order with CAB help which will give them relief on their debts and enable them to make a fresh start in their new home.

The client's wellbeing has improved significantly as they feel more able to manage their finances going forward. They feedback the importance of being able to access locally available face to face advice that was easily accessible without having to pay to come into town. They are now focusing again on other aspects of their life such as getting back into the workplace.

\*CAB and DIAL's contribution to public health outcomes

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

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	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	
	Milestones achieved	
	Outcome indicator targets met	
	Social value targets met	
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	

## Purpose of Post

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

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

## **Extract from Performance Report**

*N.B. This post is currently vacant*

### **CASE STUDY**

*N.B. This post is currently vacant*

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.01i	Children in low income families (all dependent children under 20)
1.06ii	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services who live in stable and appropriate accommodation
1.15	Statutory homelessness
1.17	Fuel Poverty
1.18i	Social Isolation: Percentage of adult social care users who have as much social contact as they would like
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.23	Self-reported well being
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
4.13	Health related quality of life for older people
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## Youth Participation Officers







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	Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.	<span style="color: green;">●</span>
	Milestones achieved	<span style="color: green;">●</span>
	Outcome indicator targets met	<span style="color: green;">●</span>
	Social value targets met	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	<span style="color: green;">●</span>
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>

### Purpose:

*N.B. This post is currently vacant and will be replaced by the Resilient Transitions project*

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

## DIAL (Social Isolation) – Contract commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018

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	Milestones achieved	
	Outcome indicator targets met	
	Social value targets met	
	Satisfactory spend and financial information	
	Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract	

### Service Outline

The service will include two social isolation workers who will conduct home visits and assess the needs of both the individual and their home environment. Support and advice will be offered to help people become more social integrated, leading to greater resilience. There will also be advice given regarding energy switching and varying behaviour patterns within the home to maximise warmth and ventilation. The model will also include recruiting a team of volunteers who will be trained as home energy champions.

### Delivery Update – Extract from performance report

#### **At a Glance – Service Highlights**

- 104 home visits undertaken by Social Inclusion Workers /Volunteers
- 25 Individual Needs Assessments undertaken
- 25 Home Energy Assessments undertaken
- 124 volunteering hours were contributed
- 3 Energy Saving Events held
- £33,723 of financial gain was generated

### **Narrative**

We have continued our outreach sessions throughout the community for energy switching and energy advice. We will be reviewing the venues where they are held in January to make sure we have outreaches covering the whole of the North area and increasing our presence in Old Town.

We held a winter warmth event with the Ad Astra Ladies Group that meet on a Monday afternoon at New Lodge Community Centre. They had raised money and wanted to put this

back into the community. We created winter warmth packs together and invited the residents of New lodge for refreshments in the community centre and to find out more about Warm Connections.

Winter warmth items were also handed out at the Athersley Cares winter swap event. Items were made available at the event to anyone who expressed an interest in the service and took further information or arranged a home visit.

We have now finished our Happy Café in the Mapplewell Village hall and will be starting our new one in January at Teacakes and Cupcakes in Darton, working in partnership with the café's owner Leanne. This will be initially supported by the staff at Warm Connections but we already have a volunteer who lives local to the café who has expressed an interest in taking it on as her own.

We have worked with Danni at Athersley Cares to set up a local men's group which meets at St Helen's Church Hall and will be joining their focus groups in order to develop future support for local men.

Our Good Neighbours scheme will launch on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Honeywell Community Centre and the scheme which we envisaged initially has grown into a much more ambitious project. We will be recruiting champions for the project called "street stars" who will take a lead for their street, or a section of their street for larger streets.

## **Case Study-Reducing Social Isolation**

### **Before Warm Connections**

Ms B was referred to the service by her friend that has moved out of the area. She was concerned after talking with her friend over the phone as Ms B said she had been feeling lonely and she does not leave the house for long periods.

Ms B has a daughter that has recently left home so when she doesn't leave the house she has been going days without seeing anyone and did not like to call her friend too much as she feels she is putting on her.

She had recently been diagnosed with depression and anxiety. She feels her anxiety is linked to issues with debt.

### **Interventions provided by Warm Connections**

We discussed what Ms B had enjoyed doing in the past and if she had any social groups or hobbies she had previously enjoyed. She had always been very social and although she didn't have any hobbies in particular she had enjoyed spending time with friends and meeting new people.

She had started an adult learning course at Barnsley College in September but she didn't return after the first day as she had thought someone she knew would also be on the course but they never showed up and she did not feel comfortable due to how busy it was.

We discussed Northern college and the recovery college. As a smaller venue Ms B felt she would be more comfortable with the recovery college. At a second visit we looked through the prospectus and she was able to identify some courses she was interested in.

We discussed how she would feel about attending the college for the first time as her first impressions of Barnsley College had caused her not to feel comfortable returning. We talked about her going with a volunteer befriender and upon contacting the college to arrange for her to have a visit to sign up to a course we were informed that the college has peer mentors to offer extra support to students who need it. We arranged that for her first visit to the college we would go with her and we would have a review after the meeting where she would let us know if she felt comfortable enough to work with the peer mentor or need extra support from a befriender.

We also discussed more social activities and any groups in the area that she might be interested in attending. She has a neighbour who she occasionally speaks to when she is out walking her dog. Her neighbour had previously mentioned that she goes to the Monday afternoon club at Darton along with another neighbour. Ms B's friend that has moved out of the area will be visiting her soon and we discussed that having an activity planned that they could attend together that she could carry on after her friends visit.

### **After Warm Connections**

Ms B has enrolled at the college and through the peer mentor has been introduced to others who are enrolling on the same course as her. They have been able to meet before the course and when the course starts she feels she will be more comfortable that she knows people.

She has attended the Monday afternoon club with her friend and has been since with her neighbour. Her neighbour has told her she goes every week so she is welcome to go with her.

### **Ms B said**

"I feel like I'm in the beginning stages of rebuilding my social life. What I have enjoyed most about working with Warm Connections is I never feel pushed out of my comfort zone. I know some people need more of a push but if I don't feel comfortable with something I'll usually just stop doing it".

### **Acknowledged Outcome**

Reduced social isolation

Part of community

Increased confidence







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Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.23	Self-reported well being
2.24	Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people 65 and over
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
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**PART C – COMMUNITY GRANTS SUMMARY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT****APRIL 2019 – MARCH 2020**

<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>START</b>	<b>END</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>
<b>Emmanuel Church</b>	Young People	Ignite	£ 13,205.67	April 2019	March 2020	Report submitted July 2019
<b>YMCA</b>	Young People	YMCA Youth Work	£ 19,315.00	April 2019	March 2020	Report submitted July 2019
<b>Ad Astra</b>	Young People	SWAG & MAD	£ 19,730.00	April 2019	March 2020	Report submitted July 2019
<b>RVS</b>	Health and Wellbeing	Looking out for older people	£ 19,557.00	April 2019	March 2020	Report submitted July 2019
<b>Darton Cricket Club</b>	Health and Wellbeing	Cricket Practice Facility	£ 19,000.00	April 2019	March 2020	Report submitted July 2019
<b>Reds In The Community</b>	Health and Wellbeing	Health Lifestyles Programme	£ 8,551.38	April 2019	March 2020	Report submitted July 2019

## Emmanuel Church - Ignite

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

### Project Summary:

Ignite Barnsley

Since the release of the green paper on ‘Transforming Children and Young Peoples Mental Health Provision’ in 2017 there has been a sharp increase in the awareness of schools to provide mental health awareness within their setting. Unfortunately, schools across the area are struggling to fulfil this due to the increasing strains on the already limited school budgets. This has meant that even though schools are aware that they need to provide this, they are having to compromise the safeguarding of students’ mental health due to limited funds.

Ignite works with children and young people to encourage them to discover their strengths, make positive choices and promote individuality through good mental health. The project works with small groups of children and young people in both school and community group settings to help spark aspirations and enable them to children and young people reach their potential.

### Performance Summary (extract from quarterly report):

This quarter was a lot more intense in session delivery. During this quarter the Ignite Barnsley team delivered new weekly sessions in Holy Trinity (with selected year groups) and Kexborough primary school. They also continued to deliver weekly sessions at the Smithies Caravan Site.

The sessions in Holy Trinity have been well received by both the students and the staff at the school. Some of the feed back that we have received include;

‘Ignite have really helped me to understand that it is ok not to be ok all the time and that if I continue not to be ok where to get help from’

‘I really enjoyed making the mocktails, I learnt that as I grow older that if I choose to experiment with alcohol how to stay safe and drink responsibly.’

‘Ignite has helped me to get more help with the problems I am having in my life’

‘Ignite has helped me to feel happier at school.’

We are currently waiting for the written feedback from the school, however brief conversations with the staff indicate that the school really value the work of Ignite Barnsley and that they can see a real difference in the young people across their school life.

Similarly the sessions at Kexborough Primary School have been well received. The team worked with the whole of year 6 in small groups to help them in their preparations of transitioning to secondary school. The team, using the film 'Inside Out' helped the children to learn about different emotions and what they look like and help them to explore appropriate ways of showing and dealing with these emotions in a secondary school environment. The team also offered helpful advice and practical help for the children as they begin to think about their move to secondary school next summer. Some of the feedback that we received from the children include;

'It was really helpful and I feel less scared about moving to secondary school in the summer'

'The sessions was really fun and I would tell other schools that they need to do them.'

'The Ignite team were fun and showed me that its ok to feel different things'

'I enjoyed making the stress balls, it taught me how to calm down when I am angry.'

Again we are currently awaiting the written responses for the staff at the school, however the verbal responses indicate that the staff at the school found the sessions very helpful for their students. So helpful that they are recommending the sessions to the other schools in their academy trust.





Project Outcome	Intervention/ activities that will contribute to achieving project outcome	Target	Progress so far
<b>Outcome 1</b>	Improve self-esteem amongst people to raise aspirations and ambitions. Giving them the skills and resilience during the transition from yr 6 to yr7.	5 primary schools  Approx. 30 in each therefore 150 children	Completed in one school (Laites)  Kexborough booked in after October half term  In progress of booking another 3 schools
<b>Outcome 2</b>	Improve self-esteem in young people to raise aspirations and ambitions.	2 Secondary schools with 2 courses per yr 7, 8, 9,10 therefore 16 courses of 15 students – approx. 240	<b>Holy Trinity</b> 4 x yr 7 sessions completed 2 x yr 8 sessions in completed 2 x yr 9 booked in 2x yr 10 booked in 2x yr 11 booked in  <b>Darton College</b> 4 x yr 7 sessions booked in 2 x yr 8 sessions in booked in 2 x yr 9 booked in 2x yr 10 booked in 2x yr 11 booked in

## **Case Studies**

G. is a student at Holy Trinity. We first met him last summer during a transition workshop at his primary school. G has recently moved to England from Poland and often finds it difficult to engage socially with his peers. The Ignite team worked with G at Holy Trinity, as the school identified that he was struggling to settle into his new environment. During the sessions G told the team that although he was still struggling to find friends the transition workshops he had had in year 6 had really helped him to prepare for secondary school. The team worked with G in a group setting for six weeks and by the end of the sessions the groups confidence had grown and the young people were engaging more with not only the academic side but also the social side of school life. G told the team that the sessions had given him the confidence to try new things like afterschool clubs.

M is a student at Kexborough Primary School. M has autism and struggles to express his emotions. At the beginning of the block of sessions M was only able to stay for the beginning of each sessions as he found it too difficult to interact with the sessions. By the end of the block of sessions M was fully engaging in the sessions and was contributing to the larger group discussions.

## YMCA – YMCA Youthwork

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

### **Project Summary:**

Provide opportunities for children and young people in the North Area to engage with and explore activities, information and guidance that equips them to make better lifestyle choices and less likely to engage in behaviour detrimental to the health of themselves, their families and the wider community. Through the provision of generic open access and detached youth work, targeted outreach, and specialist community engagement events and initiatives.

Building on previous and existing programmes in this area we intend to work alongside communities to explore some of their expressed and perceived wellbeing needs, some of which are already identified as priorities within local Public Health frameworks.

We will be offering a regular weekly open access detached programme of youth work together with weekly centre based provision as a feeder and entry platform into our more focused programmes.

### **Performance Summary (extract from quarterly report):**

‘Y Stay In’ youth club has continued to flourish and embrace transition as new members become established and have real impact in shaping their youth club. Older members continue to encourage and develop relationships with newer members. They are part of this transition too as they see the impact their younger peers have on the day to day running and future development of their youth club.

Along with older members including 1 existing young volunteer / peer supporter, we have identified a further session that focuses on volunteering, peer supporting, developing youth club ideas etc. Currently once per fortnight 6 older members attend these sessions. Each session is split into 2 parts, 1 that explores and develops their skills as young volunteers / peer mentors, the other to act on ideas brought to them by the members of Why Stay In. Liaising with our Board of Trustees to effect physical change to their space and environment. Repurposing a seldom used room into a bolt-hole / safe room for those experiencing anxiety or recovering from seizures (both frequent occurrences within Y Stay In youth club.) is their current focus. Our board have welcomed this process and are very

encouraging, they have tasked the group with putting together costings for alterations to the room, furnishing and decorating. The wider membership are informed every step of the way and know they can access their volunteers / peer supporters at any time throughout youth club sessions.

#### North area detached

The North Area detached programme continues to maintain relationships throughout the locality, specifically within Kexborough (park and Priestly Av areas)

It is unfortunate that we haven't been able to secure an indoor space thus far, both the Methodist Church and Berneslai homes premises on Priestly Avenue currently cannot accommodate us. That said, Berneslai homes have been very supportive and are keen to work alongside our programme. We have discussed perhaps hosting occasional weekend and February half term daytime sessions from the premises that involve the wider community, parents / grandparents / older residents etc. Of course this is being negotiated with the young people as it is essential they are part of any wider developments that impact on their provision.

It is not unusual for weather to impact on detached models of working and as expected, numbers contacted have decreased. None the less we have maintained a weekly presence in these communities with only 2 complete wash outs. In recent weeks we have held regular litter picks and activities including shelter building in an attempt to 'beat the rain'. Young people embraced these sessions. Learning how to tie different knots and working with different ropes for different purposes, figuring out appropriate angles for tarpaulins when dealing with wet conditions etc have introduced essential skills into the sessions in an informal setting. Staff provided hot drinks and healthy nibbles for these sessions as the weather turned cold.

Older members of the Kexborough park group, those 16+, maintain contact with our team and we have had recent requests for sexual health information and condoms. Our staff team are trained in the local C-Card scheme and are confident in delivering this service.

Despite inclement weather we have felt it imperative to maintain our presence in and around the North Area. We are known and we are often engaged in conversation about the locality, the changes to its landscape, the positive impact litter picking has on their communities and more so the perceptions of older residents on young people and how these can shift, for the better.

Activity/Intervention	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Project Total	
	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A
Number of Sessions delivered	34	34	32	36	34	36	37		137	112
Number of Youth Work Opportunities	26 3	263	249	288	263	39 6	285		1160	947
Number of Attendances	21 3	248	202	460	213	35 2	231		859	1060
Number of Unique attendees	40	55	15	50	6	53	6		67	158
Number of Unique attendees with sustained participation of 6 hours or more	20	42	7	37	3	35	3		34	114
Number of Peer Support & Volunteering Opportunities	18	18	20	29	19	31	21		78	77
No of local people employed (part time workers)	4	4				0			4	4
No of work experience/apprenticeship opportunities created	1	1	1		1	1			2	3
No of volunteers	4	4	2	2	2	7	2		10	13

### Case Study:

#### **Maddy - anonymised**

Maddy is a regular attendee to our weekly detached sessions, 13 years of age and the middle child of 3 siblings.

Initially Maddy appeared reluctant to join our weekly gatherings on Kexborough park, she often passed through with friends or family and looked interested but appeared shy or less confident to approach, despite our 'hello's' and encouragement.

Maddy's mum was always encouraging and would hang around in our vicinity in the hope her daughter would engage and join in our activities.

Some weeks passed and staff bumped into Maddy's mum who was happy to sit and chat to us about our work. She talked to us about Maddy and some of her behaviours and how she struggles to get Maddy involved with things aside from school.

Mum explained that Maddy is quite caring and often adopts a nurturing role with her peers, 'mother hen' being mum's description.

Staff spoke with mum about how we could make more attempts to encourage Maddy, and perhaps tweak our delivery. Mum went away with dates and times and what plans had been discussed with the wider group of young people in Kexborough.



Some weeks passed and Maddy and mum would continue to pass by, saying hello, occasionally stopping to chat. Staff would make attempts to encourage Maddy to participate in activities and whilst she still appeared reluctant at times, she did begin to share and talk about things she'd been part of in the past, and activities she'd enjoyed through school. It was a very gentle shift, none the less mum and staff felt there was progress.

Throughout summer, staff held 4 wellbeing events on top of usual detached sessions. 2 sessions were scheduled for Kexborough daytime delivery and were designed to engage the wider community, ie parents, grandparents etc. Staff felt at this time that they had become embedded to some degree within the community and feedback from older residents was very encouraging.

Each wellbeing event started with a litter pick of the park and a talk about safe and proper use of equipment etc. To our welcome surprise Maddy and mum took part and became 'champion litter pickers' in that they competed against each other to fill the most bags, or gather the most plastic bottles. This led to Maddy and mum fully participating in circus skills, rounders and basketball as well as the conversations and info sharing sessions around mood and food and keeping sun safe etc.





Maddy has become a regular and valued member of our detached sessions. As predicted she takes on a very nurturing role and in particular ensures that new members are fully up to speed with the YMCA, what we do and how we do it.

Mum has reported that the sessions have given her greater confidence and mum welcomes the opportunity to be part of the sessions from time to time so she can observe her daughter taking part. Mum has also become a good contact within the wider community, ensuring parents and older residents know of our work and who we are.

Our work in Kexborough, whilst maintaining the ethos of traditional detached youth work, often feels almost like a grass roots community development project. Our staff team played cricket with 3 generations of the same family this summer, that never happened before, certainly not in our experience.

**Jeff Platts – Jan 2020**

## Ad Astra Barnsley CIC – New Lodge

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

### Project Summary:

#### SWAG – STRONGER WOMEN AND GIRLS

The core of our company’s philosophy is about raising the aspirations of everyone we work with from children and young people to their extended families and the wider community. When we are working with a group we aim to raise their aspirations, raise their confidence and self-esteem and enable the individuals we work with to share their skills and strive towards helping and enhancing their local community.

This individual project is about empowering and building on the above-mentioned skills with women of all ages. The intention is to run two groups in two wards.

- One for young women (aged 12 +) – MIND AND DANCE (MAD)
- One for ladies of all ages - WELL WOMENS GROUP.

MAD is a dance project to nurture and promote positive mental health for young women aged between 13 to 18. The physical movement of dance helps reduce stress, anxiety and depression, dancing with others also helps us feel more connected and social. Dancing can encourage social bonds and friendships which are key factors in improving our mood and mental health.

WWG is a discussion group for women to promote positive mental Health. This group is to encourage positive role models and peer support for women to share information and skills. To create a safe environment for women to start intimate important conversations – to help resolve issues and nurture positive relationships.

Both groups will aim to promote positive mental health and a sense of well-being for all participants. In the MAD group the additional action will be improved physical health which in turn can enhance improved Mental Health

These groups will run in two wards Old Town and St Helens.

## **Performance Summary (Extract from performance report):**

It seems to have been a very busy term especially for the WWG both groups are very different with some overlapping issues around confidence and self-esteem.

The idea of a wellness group for women is still very popular and as previously mentioned we have had enquiries for an evening group for women who are working. Both groups have gained new members, but the Old Town Group has had more new women attending. Our Old Town Group made crafts for the St Pauls Christmas Fair and decided they would like to donate the money to the Up Lift Choir which runs after our session on a Thursday in St Pauls Church – we made £60 on the day and they were thrilled to be handing the money over to help support the group. The Old Town group are certainly opening up much more now they have trust in the group and the discussions are wide ranging from alcohol and drug use to historical sexual abuse and how this affects relationships. The ‘fuddle lunch is still a popular part of the afternoon at both sessions.

Our New Lodge group decided they wanted to use some of the money they raised on the afternoon tea to help the elderly isolated and more vulnerable residents in St Helens so we held a partnership event with DIAL Warmer Connections and we made up Winter Warmer Prep Bags to give away in December – each bag consisted of a blanket – warm socks and gloves, Soup cheese biscuits and a packet of scones which one of the group had donated from a local company. Each bag also contained information leaflets. We gave out 30 on the day and the group are going to hand deliver more on the estate early next year. These were very well received. The group also held a Christmas Fuddle party and invited all our volunteers to allow us to say a big thank you to everyone for their continued support. We had another trip away for just a few of the women from New Lodge we went to London overnight and we hope to do a larger group trip next year.

We are still running the two MAD groups together each week where some of the New Lodge group come to Old Town to dance in studio with the Old Town group, they have developed some lovely relationships and formed a great Peer Support network for each other. We have a few young women this quarter who have been admitted to hospital through the A & E department which has meant that the sessions have become more important to the young women to get additional support.





A few of the young women have been asked to attend CAMHs or TADs or Mindspace and have refused to go on their own as they feel more anxious going into another fresh environment to explain themselves so in December we invited TADs to come and join us to help build bridges and ensure the young women could see a friendly face and learn to trust more. We have only had one session due to the Christmas break, but we will continue this next year.

Several of the young women spoke about ‘eating out’ and we picked up that several had never been to a restaurant, so we took the group out for a meal to celebrate their commitment to the project and to celebrate friendships and Christmas. We had a Chinese meal and the group really enjoyed their evening

## Outputs

Activity/Intervention	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Total Project target
	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	FINAL TARGET IN RED
WWG and MAD Groups set up in Old Town and St Helens Wards	4	4							4 Achieved All projects up and running
Women participating in the WW Groups ( New each quarter)	15	13	5	22	10	34	10		40 individuals 34 unique to date
Young Women participating the MAD sessions ( New each quarter)	15	17	5	22	10	30	10		40 individuals 30 unique to date
Women participating in Ad Astra other programmes	5	5	5	13	5	23	5		20 individuals 18 to date
Volunteers participating in Community Events (During each quarter)	5	13	10	18	5				20 individuals 23 to date
Volunteers added to the team (On a regular basis)		5	5	1			5		10 individuals 6 to date

## RVS – Looking Out for Older People

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

### **Project Summary:**

Our aim is not to replace, but to complement existing provisions. The project will work to develop links with existing service provider to help fill in any gaps in provision relating to older people while being aware that older people are part of a wider family unit. Focussing on developing our Move it or Lose it groups to offer more access to exercise routines target at those with mobility problems. We have held trial sessions in a number of care homes and sheltered schemes. The benefits of this are to increase access to exercise for residents and at the same time utilising under used premises by offering access to carers, families and other members of the public at a low cost, enabling the project to be increasingly sustainable in time.

### **Performance Summary (extract from report):**





From April 2019 the service has introduced chair-based exercise sessions across the area. We are running 3 new social groups and are always happy to see new faces.

On **Wednesday** morning from **10.30-12noon** come and join us at **Priestly Avenue community centre. Kexborough**. Where you will find a range of activities from quizzes and board games to reminiscence sessions and gentle exercise.

**Wednesday** afternoon from **1.30-3pm** you will find us at **Athersley North Community Shop**. Where we are teaming up with other local organisations **Twiggs** and **Dial** to offer Community Wednesday. There will be refreshments available and lots of activities to try. Including quizzes, reminiscence sessions, crafts, gardening, and exercise.

**Mapplewell Manor** will host a weekly chair-based Move it or Lose it session every **Friday** from **10.30-12noon**. This is fun, gentle chair-based exercise.

## Darton Cricket Club – Training Facility

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





### **Project Summary:**

To install a brand new, outdoor cricket practice facility at Darton Cricket Club. Providing a state of the art training opportunity that will encourage existing club members to participate in further training and encourage more members to join the club over the coming years. This facility is intended to enhance the training provision for the junior members giving them the best possible opportunity to succeed in this iconic British summer time sport.

### **Performance Summary (Extract from performance report):**

- The practise facility was installed in September, at the very end of the cricket season.
- To measure the impact of this project the Area Manager has requested a report from the club at the end of Q1 2020/21 when the club member will have begun to reap the benefits.

## Reds in the Community – Healthy Lifestyles

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

### Project Summary:

#### The Fit Reds Healthy Lifestyle Programme

The programme will 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, we will encourage and empower participants to adopt more active and healthier lifestyles. To ensure the programme reaches a broad cross-section of local people and achieves maximum impact, delivery will take place under distinct strands aimed specifically at men, women and young people aged 7 to 11 years. These strands are as follows:

#### Healthy Kicks

We will engage with pupils from years 3 to 6 during the school day with each school receiving 8 hours of delivery time over a two-day period. Pupils will have the opportunity to extend their learning and sports participation through our pathway programmes including Friday & Saturday Coaching Clubs, Premier League Kicks, Street Games and Fit Red Family Hubs.

#### Fit Reds Mens and Fit Reds Womens

We will deliver Fit Reds Men and Fit Reds Women’s programmes to male-only and female-only groups in community-based settings. These 8-week programmes consist of weekly sessions involving 60 minutes of exercise and a 45 minute healthy lifestyle workshop. The exercise sessions include a warm up and circuit-based exercises incorporating boxercise, football and conditioning. Each workshop covers different aspects of nutrition and diet.

#### Performance Summary (Extract from performance report):

February 2020 - The current men’s course is running on a Monday evening at Honeywell Sports Centre.

#### Case Studies

##### Alex – Fit Red Participant Feedback Video

<https://www.facebook.com/RedsintheCommunity/videos/1555386544600968/>

##### James Wood - Fit Red Participant Feedback Video

<https://www.facebook.com/RedsintheCommunity/videos/460983988095446/>

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# Item 8

## BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:  
16<sup>th</sup> March 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>£2,399</b>	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£10,000	Additional Funding
<b>£32,399</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining <b>£32,399</b>
			<b>£16,199</b>	
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
Staincross Rifle and Pistol Club	£2,000	£81	£9,599	£12,703.42
Staincross and Darton Community Venture	£518.72	£1459	£9,599	£12,184.70
Hanging Baskets	£2300	£0	£7299	£9884.70
Recreational Group – Tools and equipment	£1800	£25,331	£7299	£8084.70
Defib in the community - lidl	£500	£702	£7299	£7584.70
Darton East Working Budget	£600	£0	£6699	£6,984.70

## 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
£1,000	Hanging Basket income

<b>£33,525 total available fundingProject</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Match funding element of allocation</b>	<b>Non Match funding allocation remaining £16,262.50</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining £33,525</b>
DWWA - Dog Fouling Sign	£197.59	£0	<b>£16,064.91</b>	<b>£33,327.41</b>
DWWA - Hanging Baskets	£2200	£0	£13,864.91	<b>£31,127.41</b>
Kexborough Local History Group - Heritage Board	£406	£1760	£13,864.91	<b>£30,721.41</b>
DWWA - Planters	£1570	£0	£12,294.91	<b>£29,151.41</b>
DWWA - AED Locator (Defibrillator) Annual Monitoring	£49	£0	£12,245.91	<b>£29,102.41</b>
Barnsley Youth Choir - International Weekend	£286.20	£10,132	£12,245.91	<b>£28,816.21</b>
Richard Haigh Ward Alliance Payment	£125	£0	£12,120.91	<b>£28,691.21</b>
Kexborough Noticeboard	£824	£0	£11,296.91	<b>£27,867.21</b>
Nova Theatre Group	£451	£2999.22	£11,296.91	<b>£27,416.21</b>
Darton West Working Budget	£600	£0	£10,696.91	<b>£26,816.21</b>
Remembrance Day Celebrations	£1575.07	£553	£10,696.91	<b>£25,241.14</b>

Christmas in Darton West	£1380	£0	£9,316.91	<b>£23,861.14</b>
Spring Blubs	£400	£1000	£9,316.91	<b>£23,461.14</b>
Stars of Darton West Awards – Working Budget	£1000	£0	£8,316.91	<b>£22,461.14</b>
Darton Noticeboard	£169	£0	£8,147.91	<b>£22,292.14</b>
Secretary Payment – Richard Haigh Q2	£125	£0	£8,022.91	<b>£22,167.14</b>
Memorial & Improvement to the Community Garden	£100	£1080	£8022.91	<b>£22,067.14</b>
Gawber History Group	£100	£1945	£8022.91	<b>£21,967.14</b>
Q3 Secretary Payment	£125	£0	£7897.91	<b>£21,842.14</b>
Darton Welfare Bowling Club	£1200	£1202	£7897.91	<b>£20,642.14</b>
Darton Church Choir	£600	£2,837	£7897.91	<b>£20,042.14</b>
Play Equipment	£5611	£0	£2,286.91	<b>£14,431.14</b>
Hanging Baskets	£2200	£0	£86.91	<b>£12,231.14</b>
Stars of Darton West	£300	£0	£0	<b>£11,931.14</b>
Wilthorpe and Redbrook afternoon club	£310	£216	£0	<b>£11,621.14</b>
Kexborough Memorial Garden	£1175	£405	£0	<b>£10,446.14</b>
Defibs in the Community	£500	£1405	£0	<b>£9,946.14</b>

## 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 <b>£42,048 total available funding Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Match funding element of allocation</b>	<b>Non Match funding allocation remaining £21,024</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining £42,048</b>
Old Town News - OTWA Newsletter	£1,086.95	£0	£19,937.05	<b>£40,861.05</b>
Renewing MAMA equipment and costumes	£1213	£23,858	£19,937.05	<b>£39,648.05</b>
Pogmoor Residents Ass. Outline Whitley Bomber with plants	£758.45	£1000	£19,937.05	<b>£38,889.60</b>
OTWA - Brierfield Close Bollards	£400	£0	£19,537.05	<b>£38,489.60</b>
Barnsley Youth Choir - 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend	£486.54	£2702	£19,537.05	<b>£38,003.06</b>
Pogmoor Area Residents Association - Afternoon Social Club	£326.43	£4,539	£19,537.05	<b>£37,676.63</b>
Barnsley Retirement Fellowship Group	£524	£3,186	£19,537.05	<b>£37,152.63</b>
Fleets Information Lecterns	£2516	£270.20	£19,537.05	<b>£34,636.63</b>
The Big Cooking Challenge	£1090	£108	£19,537.05	<b>£33,546.63</b>



Christmas Trees 2019	£2519	£0	£17,018.05	<b>£31,027.63</b>
TRO – Warner Road	£6,000	£0	£11,018.05	<b>£25,027.63</b>
Emmanuel Baby & Toddler Group	£1205	£16,333.59	£11,018.05	<b>£23,822.63</b>
Federation of TARA monies given to Old Town	-£500			<b>£24,322.63</b>
Ad Astra Christmas Lights Switch on	£145	£202	£11,018.05	<b>£24,177.63</b>
Newtown Allotments and Garden Association	£1290	£1432	£11,018.05	<b>£22,887.63</b>
Emmanuel Methodist Church	£650	£4053	£11,018.05	<b>£22,237.63</b>
Willowbank Community Partnership	£335	£1641	£11,018.05	<b>£21,902.52</b>
Barnsley Writers Workshop	£275	£162.12	£11,018.05	<b>£21,627.52</b>
Community Planter	£1,000	£702	£11,018.05	<b>£20,627.52</b>
Barnsley Central Writers – Prize Support	£100	£972	£11,018.05	<b>£20,527.52</b>

## 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
<b>£33,850</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

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	<b>£16,925</b>	<b>£33,550</b>
PALS Colours	£500	£10,132	<b>£16,925</b>	<b>£33,050</b>
ST Helens Gala	£1500	£600	<b>£16,925</b>	<b>£31,550</b>
Romero Support	£329	£290	<b>£16,925</b>	<b>£31,221</b>
Secretary Payment - Rebecca Leech Q1	£125	£0	<b>£16,800</b>	<b>£31,096</b>
Spring Blubs 2019	£1500	£0	£15,300	<b>£29,596</b>
Christmas Events	£2500	£1132	£15,300	<b>£27,096</b>
Selecta DNA	£1000	£270	£15,300	<b>£26,096</b>
Renovation of Church Garden area	£1114	£1188	£15,300	<b>£24,982</b>
Next Steps	£1000	£0	£14,300	<b>£23,982</b>
Secretary Payment – Rebecca Leach Q2	£125	£0	£14,175	<b>£23,857</b>
Hanging Baskets	£1705	£0	£12,470	<b>£22,152</b>
Health Event Working Budget	£750	£0	£11,720	<b>£21,402</b>
Wingfield Road Roundabout	£2,000	£0	£9,720	<b>£19,402</b>

Athersley Annual Community Bonfire	£1200	£2431	£9,720	<b>£18,202</b>
Secretary payment Q3 – Rebecca leech	£125	£0	£9,595	<b>£18,077.00</b>
New Hope Methodist Church	£960	£500	£9,595	<b>£17,117.00</b>
Round House Defib	£1221.52	£0	£8,374	<b>£15,895.48</b>
Caterpillar Club	£950	£5404	£8,374	<b>£14,945.48</b>
Environmental Working Budget	£5,000	£0	£3,374	<b>£9,945</b>

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# Item 9

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Agenda Item: 9**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

### **North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

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

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

#### **3.0 Introduction**

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

#### **4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings**

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held primarily during January and February 2020.

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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3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

## **Appendix One:**

**Darton East Ward Alliance**  
**‘CAN DO-WILL DO’**  
14<sup>th</sup> January – 6 PM  
Mapplewell & Staincross  
Village Hall

### **Present:**

Clr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team  
Helen Altun – Minutes  
Caroline Haigh – Village Hall Assistant Manager  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
David Hilton – Green space  
David Oates - Local Business Man  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

### **Apologies:**

Clr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor  
Clr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor  
Janine Williams – Local Resident  
Pauline Brook - Methodist Church  
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

#### **2. Declarations of Interest – None**

- 3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.** The rifle club cannot be publicised. Members of the rifle club need to invite new members. They do need to show they are recruiting new members. The maximum number of members is 75. If someone comes to the village hall to enquire about the rifle club, they will put them in touch with a member of the rifle club.

The previous minutes suggested the community garden application had not been approved it had been deferred.

#### **4. Matters Arising – None**

#### **5. Financial Update**

WAF projects supported - £2,246.92

WAF allocation not requiring match funding - £11,436.50

## 6. Applications for Funding

**Staincross and Darton Community Pantomime - £518.72 Approved.**

**Mapplewell Community Garden - £1425 Not approved.** Questions raised were. Is it sustainable? Will the local community maintain it? No maintenance plan in place. What are local businesses contributing? Will schools get involved? 4 votes against. 3 votes to defer.

## 7. 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 at the last meeting a member had said the community notice board was going up at the co-op Mapplewell. It is still not in place. The village hall manager explained if it is not in place by March he would pay to have it fitted at the village hall.

The neighbourhood network has been set up for a while any events or info can be sent to Rebecca Battye for her to send out to all on the neighbourhood network.

**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, hopefully this will be available next month.

**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 but the stencils are available to borrow from Bernaslei homes. It was agreed the stencils needed to be put down asap. A member explained that when dog competitions are put in the chronicle they need to also remind owners to clean up the dog muck left behind by their dog in the park and the streets.

### **Highways, footways and Transport –**

Section 106 money will be spent on Swallow Hill Road.

A member explained the road on Carr Green Lane had been set out wrong and vehicles were doing anything they can to turn in and out of the estate.

### **Environment –**

The existing contract for Twiggs need to be re-looked at and needs amending. The councillors will be having a workshop about it. A member explained that volunteer hours need looking at because it is hard to get volunteers Monday to Friday. A member explained that it seemed like all the organisations were not joined up together.

**The Crime and safety –** A member explained they had been to the pact meeting yesterday and 3 main issues had been brought up. The Christmas tree in Darton had been vandalised between Christmas and The New Year. It would be lovely to continue putting a tree in Darton but if this continues it may be difficult to justify. There has been a Speight of white van's being stolen by keyless technology.

A shoplifter who regularly visits the Co-op. PC Bev Frisbee will get more involved who works for the neighbourhood police team.

If you do see a crime committed it can be reported via 101 and it can be also be brought to the attention of the neighbourhood police team.

**Children and Young People** – The Christmas disco went really well. There are more discos to come. The next one will be at Easter. There is money left over from the last disco to support the next disco.

**Community Events** – The Village Hall is holding a table top sale on 25/01/20.

**2020 events** – Member's agreed it would be a good idea to put on the summer holiday camps in the summer holidays. A councillor needs to lead it and a member of the group will need to help. Helen offered to help.

Village hall disco to continue. Helen, Janine, Nick and Caroline are the lead community members.

Christmas light up events to continue. Members agreed it would be a better event if it was more tied in with other local community light switch on's. A member asked if it would be possible for the road to be closed off for the event. David Lockwood, David Hilton and David Oates will be the lead community members.

Everyone agreed plans needed to be developed and events planned correctly.

Hanging baskets are £55 per unit including maintenance. A member asked if the hanging baskets could be sponsored. Signs for hanging baskets are £25 each. Local community businesses could sponsor the hanging baskets.

VE Day. Local community event to be arranged. Lead councillor Steve Hunt and Lead member David Lockwood.

Do members still want to put on an hospital sing and summer gala?

Local history board – Anita Hill is interested in getting involved with a local history board. Lead Councillor Steve Hunt and Lead community member David Oates.

All councillors will need to speak about all the events at the Ward Briefing.

David Oates explained he was happy to help with any posters and graphics needed as part of the ward alliance group.

## **8. AOB – None**

Meeting closed.

**Next meeting 11/02/20 6 pm.**



**Darton East Ward Alliance**  
**‘CAN DO-WILL DO’**  
11<sup>th</sup> February – 6 PM  
Mapplewell & Staincross  
Village Hall

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor  
Pauline Brook - Methodist Church  
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

**5. Declarations of Interest – David Hilton**

**6. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.**

**7. Matters Arising – None**

**5. Financial Update**

WAF projects supported - £1,728.20

WAF allocation not requiring match funding - £11,436.50

**9. Applications for Funding**

**Darton East working budget - £600 Approved**

**Greenspace group tools and equipment - £1800 Approved**

**Defibrillators in the community (Lidl supermarket) - £500 Approved**

**Hanging Baskets - £2300 Approved**

**10. Ward Action Plan**

The group agreed to decide four priorities for the year.

The four priorities are:

Ears and voice of the community

Health and wellbeing

Environment

Young people

A member of the group explained it would be a good idea to get a website set up for the village but it was also explained that more people do use social media. Access rights are still needed for the Facebook page and it was agreed if access rights were not given by the end of February a new Facebook page would be set up.

### **11. Sub group for events**

Members discussed what events they would like in the village. It was agreed it would be nice to do something for VE day. The village hall may do an afternoon tea.

All businesses are encouraged to do their own special events to mark VE day.

A member explained they had spoken to Chad Wall and he had explained there was loads of leftover bunting available for businesses to use.

A member also asked if some fun Easter sessions could be arranged for children during the Easter holidays. It was agreed this would try to be set up.

### **12. AOB**

The village hall explained that they were going through the process to apply for national lottery funding and had got through to the next round. They also thanked Rebecca Battye for completing a video on their behalf for the national lottery.

A Greenspace member explained that up to December 2019 over 700 bags had been picked and over 1200 volunteer hours had been given. In 2020 so far 110 bags had been picked and around 100 hours of volunteering. The Greenspace group are trying to co-ordinate with Twiggs and Barnsley council workers and are trying to recruit more volunteers.

A big thank you was given to greenspace and everyone who volunteers with them.

A resident has been in touch from Swallow Hill Road to ask for a litter pick to be taken place and they wanted to be part of it. The road is a high risk zone and to close it off would need a permit and can take up to six weeks. A request was made for an update on the improvements and it was agreed that everyone was very keen to get it cleaned up and chase up section 106 money for Swallow Hill Road.

Due to the number of break ins in the area a councillor had got in touch with the neighbourhood police team and requested a police presence in the area. They agreed they would send in additional resources for the area.

Meeting closed.

**Next meeting 10/03/2020 6 pm.**

## **Appendix Two:**

### **Darton West Ward Alliance**

#### **Minutes of Meeting.**

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

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

Apologies: Dominic McCall.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

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

2 The notes of the meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and Action Points were reviewed.

#### **Action Points.**

Jason to meet Twiggs to look at future development of the Darton Wildlife Area and report.

Jason to consider ideas for Darton West in Bloom 2020 at the College and report.

Cllrs A Cave, S Howard, T Cave, to meet with Sharon Thompson (Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Centre) to discuss application for Defibrillator at the site. Cllrs to update.

Cllr A Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to meet with Jo Birch to discuss future development of Kexbrough Recreational Ground.

Tom to liaise with Barugh Green Primary School and update as and when appropriate.

Cllrs A Cave, S Howard, T Cave, to email John Twigg for update re Dearne Hall Road fencing issues.

Cllr A Cave to discuss with Mel Fitzpatrick resiting of litter bin at Claycliffe to Barugh Green Road.

3 Ward Alliance Fund.

A 2019/2020 Budget was discussed.

B WAF Applications.

Darton Welfare Bowling Club.                      Approved.

Voice for Darton, Longfields River Bank.      Declined.

Darton, Church Street Bench.                      Declined.

4 Ward Alliance Action Plan.

This was discussed, updated and amendments made.

5 North Area Council.

Nothing to Report.

6 Darton Project Update and Progress.

CLlr T Cave updated members of current progress.

Date and Time of next meeting of the Darton Sub Group Project.

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.**

7 Additional Funding for future projects.

Possible Projects were suggested for funding and will feature as a future Agenda Item.

Yorkshire in Bloom.

Darton College Community Garden Development.

Defibrillator provision across the Ward.

Summer Hanging Basket provision (including sponsorship).

Replacement Seating Benches across the Ward.

8 Darton West Ward in Bloom.

CLlrs A Cave, S Howard, T Cave to discuss with Jo Birch and report.

9 A.O.B.

CLlrs A Cave, S Howard to look at provision of 2 large Double litter bins to replace small bins at Redbrook Road Shops at Gawber, outside Pantry, Chippy and report.

Jason to select 2 Students to attend Ward Alliance, next meeting if possible.

Richard updated Group of removal of Graffiti and litter from Telecommunications boxes in the Gawber Area.

CLlr T Cave thanked Tom West and the Students of Horizon College for their great success with their 2019 Christmas Hampers Appeal.

**Darton Stars Awards Sub Group, next meeting,**

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, 2.30 pm at the Darton Centre.**

**10 Date and Time of the Next Meeting.**

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the Darton Centre, 5.00 pm until 7.00 pm.**



**Darton West Ward Alliance.  
Minutes of Meeting.**

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

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

Apologies: None.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

Visitors: Bobby Medlam, Nicole Whitford. (Darton Yr10 Students).

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2 The notes of the meeting Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and Action Points were reviewed.

**Action Points.**

Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard and Cllr Trevor Cave to monitor progress of funding for Kexbrough Recreational Ground children's play equipment and update as and when required.

Rebecca to monitor movement of litter bin from Chestnut Tree bus stop to Barugh Green Road bus stop and report.

Rebecca and Cllrs Alice Cave, Sharon Howard and Cllr Trevor Cave to monitor situation of fencing at Dearne Hall Road and update.

Rebecca to undertake survey of Hanging Basket provision, move things forward and report.

Rebecca to contact Twiggs for availability and assistance with litter pick at Harry Road Recreational Ground, **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 10.00 am** and report. Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard and Cllr Trevor Cave to be kept updated.

Rebecca to liaise with Tom and Dominic re: Horizon Students and local Residents involvement at the Harry Road Litter Pick.

Cllrs Alice Cave, Sharon Howard, Trevor Cave and Rebecca to monitor provision of 2 large replacement litter bins at Gawber shops.

Jo Birch to contact Cllr Trevor Cave re: next year's 2021 Darton Village in Bloom Project.

Jason to speak with Jo Birch re: development of Darton Community Garden.

Jason to investigate additional funding for Darton Community Garden using Better Barnsley Bonds provision.

Ann to send invite to Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Organisers, for visit to share excellent practice of Darton Afternoon Club when convenient.

CLlr Trevor Cave to include on Ward Action Plan, for Darton Church Choir to assist at Christmas Event at Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre, pending Choir Christmas engagements.

Richard to send Hugh Polehampton's email to Rebecca.

**Ward Defibrillator Siting, Promotion and Signage.** Following members agreed to take the lead on the following and report,

**John** to look into Barnsley Chronicle (Darton Column) promotion.

**Trevor** to look into Ambulance provision and Poster availability.

**Tom** to investigate Social media provision.

**Dominic** to look at locations and distribution of future Posters.

**Rebecca** to look at poster provision availability for Ward Noticeboards.

**Bobby** to look at Instagram and Snapchat provision.

#### **End of Action Points.**

3 Ward Alliance Fund.

A. 2019/2020 Budget was discussed.

B. WAF Applications.

Darton Church Choir. Approved.

Redbrook/Wilthorpe Defibrillator. Approved.

Kexbrough Rec Play Equipment. Approved.

Stars of Darton Awards. Approved.

Redbrook/Wilthorpe Areobic Activities. Approved.

Hanging Baskets across the Ward. Approved.

Darton Memorial Garden. Approved.

4 Ward Alliance Action Plan.

This was discussed, updated and amendments made.

5 North Area Council.

CLlr Trevor Cave updated Members of the meeting and questions taken.

6 Darton Project Update and Progress.

CLlr Trevor Cave will be meeting the Darton Sub Group on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and will update any issues next Ward Alliance Meeting if required.

7 Additional Funding for future projects.

All covered in earlier Action Points.

8 Stars of Darton West Ward Alliance Update.

Cllr Sharon Howard and Rebecca updated the Group of all arrangements. Everything proceeding well.

Statement from the Chair (Cllr Alice Cave).

Cllr Alice Cave, (Chair) wished to clarify to group members that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Interpretation Board, supplied to the Darton/Kexbrough History Group had been fully funded by the Darton West Ward Alliance.

As such, the representation of a Cllr, at the unveiling of the History Board was in accordance with protocol and goodwill across the Ward.

It was agreed by members, that any unveiling of projects across the Ward should, out of respect and protocol, invite Cllrs and any Ward Alliance Members, where prior funding has been granted by the Ward Alliance.

A.O.B.

Ann reported continued litter issues at the seating area on Barnsley Road.

Ann gave support of the Darton Afternoon Club for Darton Academy Charity Fund Raising Event.

Nicole updated Group of Darton Academy, Children Air Ambulance Charity Fund Raising.

All members wished the School fund raising event success and would welcome invite to Support.

Date and Time of the next Meeting.

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 5.00 pm at The Darton Centre.**



## Appendix Three:

### Old Town Ward Alliance

Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywel, Old Town and Pogmoor  
Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

1. In Attendance  
Cllr Phil Lofts, Cllr Clive Pickering (Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), John Love, Bill (W) Gaunt, Lee Swift, Sheila Lowe.
2. Apologies  
Cameron Stirk and Lee Holmes.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting, to be ratified at the next W.A. meeting.
4. Funding Applications,
  - a. Willowbank Community Partnership, insurance for £335.11. Approved.
  - b. Writers workshop event, taking place this weekend , further event at the end of March where Joanne Harris (Barnsley Author) will attend. Discussed W.A. offering a prize for this workshop event, to put on agenda for discussion at next meeting.
  - c. Gate and light for the Car Park at Stocks Lane.
5. AOB.
  - a. Christmas Trees, concerns expressed regarding the lights on the trees, which some residents felt were not as bright as previous years, Lee explained this was due to using battery lights as opposed to mains operated lights. Cllr Newing highlighted that the Old Town Residents Association had expressed a wish to purchase a tree and possibly lights this year. Cllr Lofts to look into the costings for mains lights, Lee Swift to advise Cllr Lofts on this.
  - b. Discussed buying more real trees, which could be planted at the appropriate time to ensure they survive and grow.
  - c. Agreed for meeting to be monthly from now on.
  - d. John Love and Bill Gaunt to liaise with Lee Swift regarding the installation of information boards at The Fleets.
  - e. Bill Gaunt and John Love to survey the land across from the River Dearne and the Canal and liaise with Yorkshire Wildlife and Trevor Maine.
6. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7pm in meeting room 5 at the Town Hall.

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

Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

1. In Attendance  
Cllr Phil Lofts, Cllr Clive Pickering (Chair), Luke Holmes, John Love, Bill (W) Gaunt, Lee Swift, Sheila Lowe.
2. Apologies  
Cameron Stirk and Cllr Jo Newing (Sec)
3. Minutes of November 2019
  - a. The November minutes were read through and ratified
4. Minutes of January 2020
  - a. It was noted that the apologies should have read Luke Holmes, not Lee Holmes
  - b. The survey of the land in Old Town needs to have noted the inclusion of Wilthorpe Marsh. Bill Agreed to speak to Pete Wall and Lucy Brown from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust about this. Cllr Lofts agreed to pass on Lucy's details to Bill
  - c. With these amendments, the minutes were ratified.

5. Matters arising

*Information Boards*

- a. The information boards have not been put up yet at the Fleets, as Bill and John have been busy with funerals and the weather has been bad.
- b. The boards are in John's garage and will be installed next week
- c. Bill and John agreed to contact Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to ask for assistance.

*Christmas Trees*

- d. Cllr Pickering has investigated and determined that the Northern Fir can be planted in Old Town successfully and knows the time of year to plant. He suggested purchasing one tree and seeing if it survives, then can look at planting one tree per year
- e. Cllr Lofts suggested tying this in with Parks' planting of trees as part of the BMBC pledge
- f. As for the tree lights, it will be between £85 and £200 to connect. The Ward Alliance felt this to be unreasonable and Cllr Lofts agreed to raise this system with the Council and see what can be done

## 6. Funding

### *Emmanuel Kitchen Re-development*

- a. After discussion, it was felt that the bid was not as fitting of the funding criteria as it involved building renovation and would set a precedent around more commercial projects. It was agreed to decline this bid in it's current state, but to encourage Emmanuel to submit another bid that would instead request contributions towards free standing white goods.

### *Community Planter*

- b. The bid was agreed to be successfully funded for £1,000. In addition, the Ward Alliance members agreed to meet at the planter in summer to see if it has been successfully upkept and use it as press for a future newsletter. If the planter has been upkept, then the Ward Alliance can encourage more to be purchased and used elsewhere in the Ward.

### *Writing Competition Prize Support*

- c. The bid was agreed to be funded for £100. It was felt to be a positive project and the Ward Alliance members were keen to add a larger amount to the bid next year.

## 7. Great British Spring Clean

- a. Lee explained that the North Team will be undertaking the Great British Spring Clean from March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Team are encouraging all the groups in the Ward to be part of this and the aim is to have one or two big events in the Ward that include food related rewards at the end.
- b. The Fleets is aimed at one of the big events, and perhaps Brettas Park with the use of the Full House pub. Cllr Lofts suggested Maggie's Café as a possible venue for the "after party".

## 8. Any Other Business

- a. Cllrs are looking at developing further information boards for Pogmoor Parks area (Hollingworth Park, Sugden's Rec, etc.) to show the wildlife in the area. It was agreed to refer to the various parks collectively as Pogmoor Parks to avoid confusion
  - b. Bill asked everyone to provide information for the next newsletter – especially around the work of the Ward Alliance, as well as information on the local parks of the Ward (Pogmoor parks, Wilthorpe, Fleets, Burton Bank etc.) Cllr Lofts agreed to look at wording on the parks, and to send Bill a picture of Cllr Newing for inclusion
  - c. Lee explained the Holiday hunger project aimed at providing activities in the holidays with food provision for low-income families. Prospective areas include the Fleets and Honeywell Sports Village
9. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm in meeting room 5 at the Town Hall.

## Appendix Four:

**St. Helen's Ward Alliance  
Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 4:00pm, Mansfield Road TARA**



**Present:** Cllr Jenny Platts (Chair), Cllr David Leech, Cllr Tattersall, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Madge Busby, Freda Stenton, Tony Lowe, Kath Bostwick, Michelle Cooper, Pooja.

**Apologies:** Neil Wright, Clyde Black, John Hallows.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Welcome and introductions given for our new member Pooja. Due to other commitments Cllr Platts was running late so Cllr Leech opened the meeting as chair until Cllr Platts arrived.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Concerns were raised that the Caterpillar Club hadn't received their funding money. Lee Swift checked, and the bid has been accepted they are just awaiting the money. Lee to ask for an estimate of when it will arrive.

Junior Tykes – Cllr Leech is meeting with Paul to discuss planning for the toilet.

Madge said that there were enough baubles for last year's Christmas events and will be enough for 2020 events. They will be kept in the TARA office.

Madge also reported that the Memorial service was a great success, and everyone enjoyed it. Christmas events – all events were a great success with a fantastic attendance. The selection boxes that were left over were donated to the Children's centre. Cllr Leech read out a Thank you email from them.

Secretary to email everyone involved and thank them for making the events a success.

The secretary was thanked for organising the Christmas Hampers that were raffled off during the events.

Cllr Leech thanked Lee Swift for all his help and guidance.

The rest of the minutes were passed as a true record.

**St Helens Ward Alliance Performance Report:** Lee Swift showed the members the Performance Report that the North Area Team have put together to show the achievements of the Ward Alliance over the financial year. This report was for the 2018/19 year and was a visual picture of what the Ward Alliance has done over the year. Successful funding applications, case studies, our volunteers, the priorities of the ward alliance. Lee said there would be another report soon once the 2019/20 financial year had ended.

Cllr Platts arrived.

### **Funding Applications:**

- St Helens Ward Traffic Safety Measures – Cllr Platts gave a report on this application. She explained that it was to reduce the height of the bollards on Carlton Road as they are obstructing traffic view which could cause accidents to

happen. This bid is for £365. The members discussed the bid and agreed to pay the full amount.

- Environmental Working Budget – Cllr Platts explained that this would be an ongoing working budget for work to be carried out in the community quickly and efficiently. Individual bids wouldn't need to be submitted and projects being held up by time taken to agree the bids. The bid is for £5,000. The members agreed the bid and to pay the full amount.

**Events:** St Helens Summer Gala 2020 – Cllr Tattersall said that due to her upcoming election in May she would be unable to organise the Gala this year. It was decided that along with a working group, Rebecca would take over the organising. Cllr Tattersall to send all information to Rebecca to begin the planning.

**Ward Plan:** As a group we looked at the Ward Plan and focussed on the Health and Well being section. We agreed that we would focus on the following

- Feeding families in the community
- Healthy holidays
- The Summer Gala
- Health deprivation and disability.

Lee to update the Ward Plan to show this.

Mental Health – Michelle gave an update on the number of self-harming cases in the community. We also discussed oral hygiene in the community.

The Ward Alliance is to publicise the groups that are available in the community to help anyone who needs support.

It was suggested that we run two Health and Well Being events per year rather than one. This was agreed and arrangements to be made for two events.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lee reported that there would be £10,252 in the funding pot when all funding applications had been accepted.

There would also be a working budget for the Gala to come out of the budget when costings have been obtained.

**Forthcoming Projects/Bids:** Working budget for Gala to be arranged.

**Any Other Business:** Lee read out an email regarding the Barnsley Pals funding bid to restore the flags. It said the flags would go on display in early March and the Ward Alliance was welcome to visit to see the work that had been done.

Lee Swift also mentioned that the Great British Spring Clean will take place again this year between March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that this would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Date and time of next meeting:**

The next meeting will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm in the TARA office.

The meeting closed at 17.40pm.

