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| MEETING: | North Area Council |
| DATE: | Monday, 20 July 2020 |
| TIME: | 12.30 pm |
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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, 10 July 2020

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| MEETING: | North Area Council |
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MINUTES

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

57 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

58 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed participants, the Press and the public to the meeting, highlighting that this meeting was to be streamed live over the internet and that a recording would be available on the Barnsley MBC website shortly after the conclusion of the meeting.

59 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 16th March, 2020

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th March 2020. It was highlighted that the waiver for the anti-poverty steering group has now been progressed and is awaiting sign-off.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 16th March 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

60 Covid-19 Presentation

David Robinson, Service Director Customer Information and Digital Services, and Phil Hollingsworth, Service Director Stronger, Safer and Healthier Communities were welcomed to the meeting to deliver a presentation on BMBC's Covid-19 Recovery Plan.

An overview of the strategic approach was provided, acknowledging that Covid-19 was different to previous incidents due to its length and ongoing impact and the requirement for responses to be agile and adaptive.

The pandemic also offered opportunities to realign values and to create a new 'normal'. Members heard how the Government had drafted a recovery and renewal strategy, and a recovery plan was also in development at a South Yorkshire level, with Barnsley plans aligned and complementary to this. It was noted future plans needed to be interactive, agile and iterative in order to respond to the need for services to be turned on and off in relation to further peaks and that responses would

be different depending on the needs of particular groups of people, including those shielding.

Three horizons were considered – H1 immediate recovery steps (April-June 2020), H2 post-peak recovery steps (July-December 2020) and H3 realising the recovery objectives (2021 onwards). It was suggested that Barnsley was moving into H2, with lockdown being lifted, and that this was a period of innovation. As Barnsley moves forward the H3 horizon will be the future that we want with the outcomes Barnsley desires. Barnsley is Currently in the 'collision zone' where all 3 horizons meet.

A 5 point recovery and renewal strategy is proposed, encompassing: Humanitarian (Health and Wellbeing), Business Economy, Building Resilience, Education and Attainment and finally Infrastructure and the Environment. This will go to Cabinet over the next few weeks. An impact analysis will be conducted, what's stopping, starting and continuing will be identified, the key recovery actions and plan will be set out, a 100 day recovery plan will be implemented alongside ongoing monitoring, learning, testing and adapting. It was recognised that all of these need to be underpinned by the financial stability of the Council.

It was highlighted that we have already seen how commissioned services and community organisations have flexed to adapt their service models and continue support to local communities. However, there is a need to review funding assumptions made for all budgets in 2020/21. Funding allocations for area councils remain unchanged but there is a need to consider whether the planned priorities remain the same. There is likely to be an exacerbated impact on poverty and worklessness, education, mental health and emotional wellbeing, economic impact, coupled with a need to re-establish the fabric of society and the health and wellbeing impact from lack of service availability.

There is an opportunity to build on the digital agenda, inclusive economy, more agile working, changing support networks and examples of greater community spirit as exemplified by the Thursday night support for NHS and care workers.

Members were reminded of the guidance issued in relation to Ward Alliance Funds, and that the base budget of £10,000 per ward would remain but plans for an additional £10,000 had been paused due to the current financial situation. It was emphasised that Ward Alliance expenditure should support recovery efforts, with the only exception being where finance has already been approved and local businesses have committed resources.

Although there was an interest in re-establishing community events, it was acknowledged that this was not appropriate in the current climate, but that this position would be reviewed during the remainder of 2020/21.

Members noted the previous requirement for Ward Alliance Funds to match 50% of their budgets with external finance or volunteer time was to be relaxed until it is possible to hold public events.

An update was provided in relation to the provision of grass cutting, which had been impacted on from prioritising domestic waste collection. It was noted that that this would now recommence as staff return to substantive grass cutting duties from 8th June and the backlog being addressed in due course.

The North Area Council Manager outlined the North Area Team's Response to the crisis, which initially was community mobilisation with Area Team support. Over 5000 leaflets were delivered across the area, Nestle Easter eggs were distributed to those in need and Community Responders stepped up, answering 84 requests for support.

Area Council contracts and grants have been flexed, including the Warm Connections Project, DIAL, Twiggs, CAB and YMCA and detailed information was provided of what this 'flexing' looked like. The Dementia Café and Emmanuel Churches Older Person Inclusion projects have had their start dates deferred. They will reopen when it is safe to do so in accordance with national guidance. The Area Council manager highlighted that it is a delicate balance of practical support and nurture and that the current North Area Priorities and Commissioning Intentions have a strong synergy with the 5 point plan outlined earlier.

Members were provided with detailed information on the North Area Council Budget. Those projects rated as 'Green' are continuing, those rated 'Amber' are being revised and those rated as 'Red' are being discontinued.

RESOLVED that Members note the presentation.

61 Discussion: reflection on the presentation and how the Area Council can assist our communities in recovery

Following the Covid-19 presentation, a discussion took place regarding how the Area Council can assist our communities in recovery and specifically what they would like to continue to do. Members were of the view that they wanted to use community groups and Ward Alliances to assist with the recovery but were unsure how to do this going forward with the requirement for social distancing etc. Reassurances were given that government guidance would be issued when available and that it may be possible to hold 'virtual' Ward Alliance meetings until such time as face to face meetings can recommence.

Members thanked Council staff and volunteers for all their hard work in supporting the community together with NHS staff, care home workers and all Council key workers. The Area Council Manager highlighted that there is an increasing number of vulnerable individuals in the community who may not meet threshold for statutory support and the Area Council and volunteers have been instrumental in identifying and supporting them. It is now a case of 'surviving', not thriving, and there is a greater awareness of pressures in the community, particularly amongst older and vulnerable people who have needed support. This greater depth of contact into communities should definitely be seen as a positive.

Existing contracts will help with the recovery and are closely aligned to the Recovery Strategy. Throughout the crisis there has been a food parcel service, medication

delivery and community befriending. The South Yorkshire Resilience Forum is in place to manage those individuals who are shielding. An exit strategy will be put in place for those who are shielding so that appropriate plans and step-down arrangements can be put in place for those who have become reliant on the service. The Befriending service will look at what is appropriate to sustain, using existing organisations and volunteers and building on it. Recovery planning is still in the early stages and will take 12-18 months.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Contract waiver arrangements will be put in place for existing contracts which were due for retendering (Environmental Education until March 2021 and a 12 month waiver for Anti-Poverty Outreach).
- (ii) A new start date will be agreed with the Community Cohesion and Housing Officer and the Young People's project.

62 Environmental Education Contract Specification

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, summarising the project development activity that has taken place regarding the North's Environment Priority and associated Environmental Education Contract. Next steps regarding the future investment in this priority area were also presented to Members for consideration.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The North Area Council should note key points identified at the priority workshop held on the 16th April 2020;
- (ii) The North Area Council agreed the content of the specification at Appendix1; and
- (iii) The North Area Council agreed to proceed with the procurement of the revised specification following a 6 month waiver of the existing contract

63 Close of the meeting

The Chair declared the meeting closed.

Chair

Item 3

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
20th July 2020

Agenda Item: 3

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Commissioning, Project Development and Financial Update

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position the existing the funding commitments.**
- 2.2. **That Members note 3.2 regarding the Housing Migration Officer**
- 2.3. **Members are asked to consider if they wish to defer the funding for the Stronger Communities Grant Funded Dementia Café until 2021/22, reference 3.4**
- 2.4. **Members are asked to note point 7.1 of this report (supporting older people) and consider this in respect to Item 5 of today's agenda.**
- 2.5. **Members are asked to note 7.2 of this report and consider if they wish to extend the grant agreement with CAB to help AID Covid-19 Recovery**

3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project

Contract 1 commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one-year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 in total. The initial contract has now concluded.

Contract 2 commenced on the 14th September 2017 for a two-year term at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the 13th September 2020.

N.B. The Area Council have agreed to continue to fund this project. Due to procurement pressures during Covid-19 the decision was taken to submit a waiver and extend the existing contract by 12 months until 13th September 2021.

3.1 The Clean and Green Service

Contract one was delivered by Forge Community Partnership commenced on the 14th September 2015. The initial two-year contract has now concluded.

The second environmental contract commenced on the 2nd October 2017 at a value of £85,000 per annum. The provider commenced service delivery on the 2nd October 2017. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the end of September 2020.

N.B. The Area Council agreed in March 2020 that they wish to continue with an Environmental Education commission. Due to procurement pressures during COVID-19 a waiver has been submitted to extend the contract by 6 months to allow for a full procurement exercise to commence in the autumn of 2020 for an April 2021 start date.

3.2 Housing Migration Officer Private Sector Housing Officer – At the November meeting 2017 it was agreed that the North Area would offer a Housing Migration Officer post at Grade 6 for 12 months fixed term. The successful candidate started on the 22nd January 2018 and proved to be a great asset to the area. The officer left the North Area council at the end of June 2019 for a promotion within BMBC.

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

*Please be aware that the Housing Migration Officer post is currently vacant. A the post was advertised in July however following a shortlisting process it was agree that none of the applicants were suitable for the position. The role profile was subsequently reviewed and amended to include relevant experience, rather than relying solely on qualifications. The post was re-advertised October, and closed for applications on the 25th October. There were 8 applicants, following shortlisting 3 applicants have been invited to attend interview on the 11th November. The recruitment process was unsuccessful. **The post was re-advertised on the 22nd November, shortlisting took place on the 9th December. Two candidates where be interviewed on the 17th January. A preferred candidate has been identified and is undergoing security vetting. The start date has been postponed due to home working arrangements for BMBC staff during Covid-19. Community Safety have offered reassurance that they are implementing a return to work rota, and this should allow for the preferred candidate to be inducted.***

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 10th of April which informed the specification that was signed off at the 14th May meeting.

The procurement process for this project was conducted during June and July 2018. DIAL Barnsley was the preferred provider when the process concluded. This contract is valued at £75,000p.a. (with a ceiling of £85,000) for two years, with the option to extend a third year. The contract commenced on the 3rd September 2018 and the project went live from 1st January 2019. The service is be called 'Warm Connections'.

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 have agreed to extend the funding for the final year of the contract. This would enable service to continue until 2nd September 2021. A decision if they wish to recommission the service will need to be made no later than March 2021.

3.4 Stronger Communities Grant –

The total funding available for 2020/21 is £50,000. A total of 7 applications were received, totalling £107,554.00

At the Grant Panel on Friday 28th February 2020, four projects were recommended for funding however only one of the projects received the full grant amount that they originally applied for.

Successful projects:

Emmanuel Methodist Church – Connections (postponed until September 2020 due to COVID-19)

YMCA – Youthwork

Making Space – Dementia Café (start date postponed)

Citizens Advice Bureaux – Specialist Debt Advice

N.B. Members are asked to consider if they wish to defer the funding for the Dementia Café until 2021/22 (only feasible if Making Space/ Dementia Gateway is funded in 2021/22)?

There is alternatively the option to support the Freephone Dementia Help Line and provide training for carers from October to March?

3.5 Devolved Funding to Ward Alliances

The Area Council has not devolved any additional funds to Ward Alliances during 2020/21.

3.6 Health and Wellbeing – 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' was advertised as a competitive grant in early 2020. The process was unsuccessful. It was agreed in on the 16th March that the opportunity should be chunked down to allow the VCS to respond.

N.B. Please refer to Item 5 for a full update. Not that this opportunity will have to be tailored to help address the fall out of COVID-19 lockdown and aid in the delivery of the COVID-19 Recovery Strategy.

4. Financial Position

- 4.1. At the end of 2019/20 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 for 2020/21 exceeds the annual budget by approximately £32,595.
- 4.4. The Area Council acknowledged that although annual spend is above the annual budget there was still opportunity to develop and new project to address the area priorities. Keen to have a young people's specific project in place a project has been developed. £90,000 per annum has been allocated to this project for the next three financial years, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23.
- 4.5. Outlined annual commitments from April 2020:

| Contract | Annual Value |
|--|---------------------|
| Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach | £95,000 |
| Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People | £85,000 |
| Housing Migration Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone) | £35,000 |
| Stronger Communities Grant | £50,000 |
| Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+ hOurbank) | £75,000 + £10,000 |
| Children and Youth People Resilience Grant | 90,0000 |
| Fleets Nature Park | 20,000 |
| TOTAL | £460,000 |

5. Commissioning programme from April 2020

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

6. Risks

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

7. Opportunities

- 7.1. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a widespread impact on communities across the world. Barnsley is no exception. Older people in the community who are being asked to shield for far longer than the rest of the community are particularly susceptible to indirect consequences of the COVID-19 virus. Isolation has caused great instability, both emotionally and physically. It has been proposed in Item 6 that an older peoples grant is awarded on a temporary basis to aid the COVID recovery.
- 7.2. Citizen Advice Bureaux are currently funded until the end of September to deliver additional specialist debt advice through the Stronger Communities Grant. In light of COVID-19's wider inequality implications Member may wish to extend the funding until the end of the financial year.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1. Consider in the Area Council 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: North Area Council Proposed expenditure April 2020-March 2023

| Project / Service | Annual Value | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | 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 |
| 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 |
| Housing Migration Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone) | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| Stronger Communities Grant | 80,000.00 | 50,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 20,000.00 | - |
| 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 |
| Devolved funding to Ward Alliances (where March 2019 balance is less than £10,000) | 40,000.00 | - | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | - |
| Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing - Resilient Transitions | 60,000.00 | 90,000.00 | 90,000.00 | 90,000.00 | 90,000.00 |
| The Fleets - Nature Park | 30,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 10,000.00 | - | - |
| TOTAL | | 460,000.00 | 460,000.00 | 430,000.00 | 390,000.00 |

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
20th July 2020

Agenda Item: 5

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Young People's Priority Emotional Resilience Grant Opportunity Approval

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To apprise Members of the current position regarding the Young People's Emotional Resilience priority. Following a failed procurement exercise in early 2030 the opportunity has been modified to a grant opportunity.

2. Recommendations, that:

- 2.1. **Members note the priority update, points 11, 12 and 13.**
- 2.2. **Members are requested to review the attached guidance. Appendix 1.**
- 2.3. **Members are requested to give permission for the Youth Resilience Grant to be advertised.**

3. Background and intended focus

- 3.1. Workshops were held with Members on 26th February 2019 and 17th April 2019. It was agreed that the North Area Council wished to focus their resources on a young people based programme following a workshop held on the 26th February.
- 3.2. Two subsequent mapping and consultation workshops were held, one on the 24th June 2019 and subsequently on the 12th September 2019. Officers were also asked to produce a film capturing the views of young people.
- 3.3. Following which a tender opportunity was advertised for service provider that could provide children and young people aged 8-14 years with the resources they need to transition healthily and happily into adolescent. This should include increasing the confidence, self-esteem, attitudes and aspirations of the children / young people involved. It is envisaged that this offer will include provision that is both school and community based and incorporates a light touch whole family element.

- 3.4. The local provider feedback is included in section 11 of this report. Subsequently it was agreed that the opportunity should be made available as a competitive grant, enabling providers to bid in for smaller 'chunks' of an Area wide offer.
- 3.5. The grant opportunity is focused on emotional resilience and transition ages. It is an opportunity that could play a huge part in the COVID-19 recovery for children aged (8-13) in the North Area.

4. Project Development Overview

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

5.1. Workshop Summary – Identified Gaps and Opportunities

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

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

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

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

- 6.1. On the 12th of September a co-design workshop was held at Barnsley Town Hall. This was the biggest workshop ever host by the North Area Council with 31 stakeholders in attendance. Councillors in attendance were: Cllr Leech, Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr T Cave, Cllr Newing and Cllr Tattersall
- 6.2. To set the tone the workshop started with a vision that a participant from the 24th June contributed:
- “Every young person, regardless of background, education or family circumstances would have relevant access to service and opportunities that would inspire motivate and enhance their current health, wellbeing and aspirations to improve their future self.”

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

Emotional Resilience

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

Transition ages 8-14

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

Empowerment

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

Raising Aspirations:

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

Risky Behaviour

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

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

Emotional Resilience

- 6.4..1. Use youth work model of engagement to provide education and support to young people.

- 6.4..2. Engage families in an informal setting (community hub/café) so that they relax and can discuss emotional wellbeing in a supported environment.
- 6.4..3. Develop a public health led educational digital campaign that can be used in schools, GPs and public buildings.
- 6.4..4. Develop universal package of support that schools can buy in.

Transition Age (8-13)

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

Empowerment

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

Raising Aspirations

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

Risky Behaviour

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

6.5. Lightbulb moments, stakeholders repeatedly stressed:

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

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

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

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

8. Risks

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

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

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

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

8.3. Needs based commissioning

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

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

9. Procurement Update

- 9.1. The original intention was to advertise this opportunity as a contract. However, this decision was challenged, and the opportunity was advertised as a competitive grant. The opportunity was advertised throughout January and February 2020. This is a much longer period than is usually recommended to enable local providers to begin the formation of a consortium and collaborate on a submission.
- 9.2. On the 28th February 2020, submission deadline, there was only one grant application. However, the provider did not meet the pass/fail criteria and the process was aborted.
- 9.3. The Procurement Panel (including representatives from the schools and public health) met on the 12th March 2020 to discuss the outcome and way forward.

- 9.4. Local provider feedback regarding non submission included:
- The contract value would not cover the work specified, particularly in school and community provision
 - The outcomes are too broad
 - The beneficiary groups need to be more targeted
 - Insufficient resources to complete an application by the deadline
 - The application process is too complicated for smaller voluntary and community organisations to respond adequately
 - For smaller organisations investing the time in an application is too risky without there being a guarantee of a grant award at the end of the process
- 9.5. To enable the voluntary and community sector to respond it is recommended that the opportunity is chunked down into lots; converting the opportunity into a more accessible grant. This suggestion has been explored with legal and procurement who have given permission for the Area Manager to proceed with this course of action. This intention was agreed at the Area Council on the 13th March 2020.

10. Adapting the model

- 10.1. Schools were asked what provision would be most complimentary to their provision. The junior school representative felt that support in schools with earlier intervention, support with mental health and support for children who would be referred to Mindspace at Key Stage 3.
- 10.2. From a secondary school perspective support that would encourage students in Years 7 and 8 to be more independent and provide them with the tools and skills they need to be more resilient.
- 10.3. It was also mentioned that opportunities that enable young people from different junior schools to meet pupils from other schools on an activity day prior to transitioning up to senior school would be beneficial.
- 10.4. It was explained that a large proportion of any work delivered would need to be in a community setting to ensure that children with extra support needs had more contact time with positive role models, in addition to in-school provision. This could take the form of targeted afterschool and school holiday provision. Forming a bridge between schools and community provision would enhance communication and networking between professionals.
- 10.5. The Principal of Kexborough Primary School explained that they have recently introduced Beyond Words training and resources for use by their Teaching Assistants. Beyond Words is a charity who have designed books for children with special educational needs. The books are pictorial and allow children the opportunity to share their own life experiences based on the images. This helps to empower children and young people to explain their experiences and understand that others are going through similar experiences. Kexborough School has trailed the use of the books with children with additional emotional needs and observed a marked success.
- 10.6. It was suggested that Beyond Words could provide a valuable golden thread for delivery if both schools and the voluntary and community sector providers were trained to use the resources. Enabling for enhanced support for young people that addresses the main outcomes of the Resilient Transitions project and utilises a consistent approach.
- 10.7. Provision could be targeted to benefit young people who do not meet the threshold for additional support but school staff are able to identify early

indicators that a young person will struggle to transition to senior school successfully and would benefit from additional support both in school, out of school time and school holiday provision.

- 10.8. As young people complete each year group they could become peer mentors for the year below, increasing a nurturing and compassionate culture of support amongst pupils.
- 10.9. Risk to schools regarding the project being time limited as discussed. A school representative felt that the benefits outweighed the risks and that the work would leave a cultural legacy of cooperation and good practise between the local stakeholders in addition.
- 10.10. It was suggested that with Public Health's support to evaluate this project it would make a suitable 'action research project'.

11. Grant Opportunity

- 11.1. The grant is designed to support the delivery of a range of positive after school and holiday provision (interventions/ projects/activities/sessions) that will contribute to building the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people (aged 9-13).
- 11.2. It is intended to provide children and young people with additional tools to help them transition smoothly between junior and senior school and make positive choices.
- 11.3. The grant is designed to enable the voluntary and community sector to for a bridge of support between schools and the community. This will be particularly important as part of COVID-19 recovery.
- 11.4. The grant has chunked the original proposal down to enable the voluntary and community sector to bid for lots.
- 11.5. The intention to utilise the Beyond Words resources has also been included the grant guidance material but it is acknowledged that schools are facing a challenging time and this opportunity may need to be delayed.
- 11.6. Due to the complexity of this piece of work it is recommended that the grant panel representatives are the same as for the original procurement exercise
- 11.7. Please find the DRAFT North Area Council Youth Resilience Grant Guidance document attached, appendix 1.

12. Financial Implications

- 12.1. The financial implications are £90,000.00 p.a.
- 12.2. For a grant opportunity the grant agreements will be 12 months in duration for the first year.
- 12.3. The original contract opportunity was planned to run for 3 years (April 2020-March 2023). It is recommended that the grant is run for 3 years to allow for the benefits to be monitored, recorded and reported.
- 12.4. It is proposed that the provision should start from 1st October 2020.

13. Recommended next steps

- 13.1. Members are requested to review the attached guidance. Appendix 1.
- 13.2. Members are requested to give permission for the Youth Resilience Grant to be advertised.

North Area Council Youth Resilience Fund General Guidance

1. What is the North Area Council Youth Resilience Fund and who is it for?

The COVID-19 Pandemic has caused unprecedented disruption across society; throughout lockdown schools have been a rock for many keyworker and vulnerable families. The North Area Council aims to support children and young people who have been adversely affected by the break from routine and contribute to their well-being by providing additional support. By providing a grant opportunity the North Area Council hopes that a bridge can be formed between schools and the community.

The North Area Council Youth Resilience Fund has been established by North Area Council for the academic year 2020/2021, to support the delivery of a range of positive after school and holiday provision (interventions/ projects/activities/sessions) that will contribute to building the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people (aged 8-13). This resilience building will prepare children in years 5 and 6, who are displaying additional emotional support needs, with extra skills that will prepare them to successfully transition to senior school. Participating young people should live in the four wards that make up the North Area Council area. The 4 wards are Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St. Helen's.

Any Youth Resilience Fund proposals should complement existing provision funded by the North Area Council and the core offer delivered in schools and by BMBC targeted youth support. Six junior schools have been identified for extra support based on additional levels of need presented by their students (pre-COVID-19). (*1xDE, 1xDW, 1xOT and 3xSt.H)

The Youth Resilience Fund is available for a 12 month delivery period only (October 2020 to September 2021), and will be used to support projects that contribute to building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people (aged 9-13 years), who live in one of the 4 wards** that make up the North Council area.

*Please liaise with the Area Council Manager for further information.

**Delivery in each Ward does not have to be covered in each application. The area has been broken down into lots based on the dispersal of the senior schools. Six junior schools have been identified for support.

2. Who can apply to the Youth Resilience Fund?

- Any voluntary or community group which is locally led and run
- Registered Charities
- Social Enterprises & not for profit organisations
- Any group or organisation applying must have a good knowledge and understanding of the demographics and needs of the 4 wards that make up the North Council area.

3. What is the application process for the Youth Resilience Fund?

- Application packs to be distributed in late July 2020
- Deadline for submission of Youth Resilience Fund application forms– Wednesday 26th August 2020.
- An initial assessment will be undertaken to ensure that each organisation is eligible and able to deliver the project proposed (questions 1 to 6 of application form)
- All project proposals meeting the above will be evaluated by the North Area team against the 23 North Youth Resilience criteria (outlined in Section 5 of this guidance document)
- Organisations that meet the criteria will be invited to present their proposal to a Youth Resilience Fund Panel on **Thursday 3rd September 2020**. The presentation will be considered alongside the application form submitted.

4. How much money is available in the Youth Resilience Fund and how much can be applied for?

- The Youth Resilience Fund Panel will want to ensure that successful proposals will provide coverage and a spread of provision across the four wards. This is likely to be a mix of different projects from different local organisations/groups. Different organisations will be asked to communicate with one another about their delivery to ensure that delivery across the whole area is complimentary.
- Grants to be awarded in mid-September 2020
- Youth programme delivery to take place from October 2020 for a maximum of 12 months
- A total of £90,000 is available for the Youth Resilience Fund Panel to allocate, ensuring that successful proposals provide coverage and a spread of provision across the five wards that make up the North Council area.
- The funding is available based on the number of junior schools that the project will support. Therefore each application should be for a minimum of £15,000 and maximum of £45,000.

5. What does a Youth Resilience Fund proposal/application need to cover?

We are looking for Projects and ideas from local providers and community organisations that will contribute to building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people aged 9-13 years, who live in the 4 wards that make up the North Council area. A key part of their development is the ability to adapt and transition successfully.

All applications/project proposals must address the following principles **and link to the resilience framework attached at Appendix 1 and consider the Five Ways to Wellbeing attached Appendix 2:**

1. Provide exciting and stimulating out of school interventions/activities that will encourage belonging, learning, coping and build the core self of children/young people (see Resilience Framework attached at Appendix 1).
2. Activities/interventions proposed should have an evidence-based rationale for building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people.
3. Delivery should take place in outside school hours, either in school or in a community setting.
4. Provide information about how you will work with the school(s) to ensure that those children and young people who need it most, access your project/sessions.
5. Provider will need to show willing to participate in introductory training and use of the Beyond Words resources. (Opportunity TBC)
6. Demonstrate a working knowledge of about the specific school/wards/areas/neighbourhoods your proposal will support should be provided.
7. Describe the school holiday provision you plan to deliver
8. School holiday provision should be community-based and/or outreach/detached setting
9. Use innovative ways to contribute to the five ways to wellbeing. (Please refer to Appendix 2)
10. Actively encourage parents to engage in provision
11. Demonstrate how your proposal contributes to building the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people aged 9-13 years.
12. Support successful transitions
13. Inspire young people to become more confident and esteemed individuals.
14. Enable young people to take ownership and make positive life choices.
15. Highlight and celebrate achievements.
16. Organisations/Groups applying should preferably be based within one of the five wards that make up the North Council area; or be able to evidence that they have a well-established working knowledge of the North Area and the schools identified for support.
17. Complement existing service provision for this age group in the area.
18. Link with other North Area Council procured services.
19. Promote and/or facilitate youth volunteering opportunities and youth social action activity and projects.
20. Where possible, work experience placements and the recruitment and deployment of new adult volunteers should be built into proposals.
21. Clarity about when and over what period of time your proposal will be delivered should be provided.
22. Ensure children and young people are involved in developing and evaluating your project.
23. Demonstrate your ability to develop, implement and effectively manage your project, including financial management.

6. What else do I need to know?

- Successful applicants will be required to attend briefing sessions as and when needed.
- Successful applicants will be required to attend meetings with other successful applicants and other Providers commissioned by the North Area Council, to ensure all activity to be delivered is complementary to each other, and any potential duplication is avoided.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit their programme of delivery to North Area Team on a regular basis.
- In liaison with the North Area Council Manager successful applicants will be required to develop and agree their outcome indicators and targets with the North Area Manager prior to the first instalment of grant funding being released.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit a quarterly monitoring report and attend a quarterly contract management meeting.
- As part of the quarterly monitoring report, you will be required to provide case studies and/or examples of where young people have developed their emotional resilience.
- It is proposed that participating schools and the providers identify staff to attend introductory training in the Beyond Words resources (<https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/>) who have written several books related to COVID-19. It is hoped this will help to form a common language between schools and the grant providers. (TBC)

7. How to apply

- To request an application pack please contact the North Area Team on 07971 079979 or e-mail: RosemarieAdams@barnsley.gov.uk
- A Youth Resilience Fund application form should be completed and submitted by 12 noon on Wednesday 26th August 2020.
- Submission of applications forms is via email to NorthTeam@barnsley.gov.uk
- All organisations that meet the criteria will be contacted by Friday 28th August and invited to present their project proposal to the **Youth Resilience Fund Panel via MSTEams on Thursday 3rd September**. The presentation will be considered alongside the application form.
- All applicants will be notified of a decision by **Friday 11th September 2020**.
- If successful you will work with the North Area Council Manager to agree monitoring outcome indicators/targets to permit a formal approval to be granted.
- Formal grant letters will be sent out once monitoring information is finalised.
- Youth Resilience Fund proposals to be delivered between October 2020 and September 2021.

8. Is there support to help groups to complete their application form?

Yes, support is available. For further information please contact the North Area Team on 07971 079979 or e-mail: RosemarieAdams@barnsley.gov.uk

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| Resilience Framework (Children & Young People) Oct 2012 – adapted from Hart & Blincow with Thomas 2007 | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| BASICS | | BELONGING | | LEARNING | | CORE SELF |
| Good enough housing | | Find somewhere for the child/YP to belong | | Make school/college life work as well as possible | | Instill a sense of hope |
| Enough money to live | | Help child/YP understand their place in the world | | Engage mentors for children/YP | | |
| Being safe | | Tap into good influences | | Being brave | | Support the child/YP to understand other people's feelings |
| Access & transport | | Keep relationships going | | Solving problems | | |
| Healthy diet | | The more healthy relationships the better | | Putting on rose-tinted glasses | | Help the child/YP to know her/himself |
| | | Take what you can from relationships where there is some hope | | Fostering their interests | | |
| | | Get together people the child/YP can count on | | Calming down & self-soothing | | |
| Exercise and fresh air | | Responsibilities & obligations | | Help the child/YP to organise her/himself | | Help the child/YP take responsibility for her/himself |
| Enough sleep | | Focus on good times and places | | Remember tomorrow is another day | | |
| Play & leisure | | Make sense of where child/YP has come from | | Lean on others when necessary | | |
| Being free from prejudice & discrimination | | Predict a good experience of someone or something new | | Develop life skills | | There are tried and tested treatments for specific problems, use them |
| | | Make friends and mix with other children/YPs | | Have a laugh | | |
| SPECIFIC APPROACHES | | | | | | |
| NOBLE TRUTHS | | | | | | |
| ACCEPTING | | CONSERVING | | COMMITMENT | | ENLISTING |

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The Five Ways to Wellbeing



Connect... with the people around you. With family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. At home, work, school or in your local community. Think of these as the cornerstones of your life and invest time in developing them. Building these connections will support and enrich you every day.



Be active... Swap your inactive pursuits with active ones. Go for a walk. Step outside. Cycle. Play a game. Garden. Dance. Walk or cycle when making short journeys. Being active makes you feel good. Most importantly, discover a physical activity you enjoy and that suits your level of mobility and fitness.



Take notice... Be curious. Catch sight of the beautiful. Remark on the unusual. Notice the changing seasons. Savour the moment, whether you are walking to work, eating lunch or talking to friends. Be aware of the world around you and what you are feeling. Reflecting on your experiences will help you appreciate what matters to you.



Keep learning... Try something new. Rediscover an old interest. Sign up for that course. Take on a different responsibility at work. Fix a bike. Learn to play an instrument or how to cook your favourite food. Set a challenge you will enjoy achieving. Learning new things will make you more confident as well as being fun.



Give... Do something nice for a friend, or a stranger. Thank someone. Smile. Volunteer your time. Join a community group. Look out, as well as in. Seeing yourself, and your happiness, linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and creates connections with the people around you.

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Item 6

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
20th July 2020
Agenda Item: 6

Report of North Area Council
Manager

COVID-19 Recovery Supporting Older People in the North Area

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is a proposal to fund a project that will support older people in the COVID-19 Recovery Phase.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note the background explaining Age UKs contribution in the North Area during COVID-19 Lockdown**
- 2.2. **That members discuss the benefits of Age UK supporting older people in the North Area.**
- 2.3. **Confirm if they wish to fund Age UK Barnsley to provide support for older people in the North Area during the COVID-19 Recovery phase.**

3. Background

- 3.1. On the 11th March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak as a global pandemic. Lockdown in the UK was introduced on the 23rd March 2020 in an attempt to control the spread of the virus. People in at risk groups, the over 70s and people with underlying health conditions were required to 'shield' to reduce the risk of contracting the virus.
- 3.2. Barnsley was quick to set up and establish a Covid-19 Emergency Contact Centre. This dealt with emergency food aid, prescriptions, essential shopping and befriending. The response was coordinated by BMBC officers and largely supported by Community Responder Volunteers.
- 3.3. In the North Area all of the commissioned providers flexed their contract so ensure that those in need were supported. Much of the provision was adapted to online and telephone support. However, the North Area doesn't have a specific commissioned service for older people.
- 3.4. During lockdown the North Area has benefited from the existing relationship that North East, South and Penistone Area Council's currently have with Age UK who is commissioned in these three areas. Age UK have supported over 50 elderly residents in the North Area who do not have support networks in place

during lockdown. This has included telephone befriending, shopping delivery, prescription collection, wellbeing boxes and the delivery of a menu of home-based activities. 8 volunteers have been regularly active on this service. Age UK have reported that only 35% of the people that they are supporting are online.

- 3.5. In the UK approximately 88% of the deaths from Covid-19 has been of people aged over 65. The chances of the older person dying from the virus increase in proportion to their increasing age and many of Age UK's service users are 80+. The risk from the virus is still potentially much more serious for older people and so they are wary of getting back to normal. Some of these people have lost confidence and mobility, compounded by the fact that social norms have changed while people have been shielding.
- 3.6. As lockdown eases BMBC officers are gradually returning to their substantive roles and will not be able to maintain the volunteer coordination role. However, there are many older people in the community who would benefit from ongoing support.
- 3.7. It is therefore suggested that Age UK are funded through the North Area Council to continue to support older residents as lockdown eases and many of the Community Responders return to work.

4. Benefit of having Age UK's ongoing support for older residents of the North Area

- a) Age UK specialise in providing support to over 55s, although a large proportion of their clients are 80years+.
- b) Support is focussed on people who do not have local support networks.
- c) Support with low mood and wellbeing
- d) Age UK have the capacity to form individual plans to help each person get mobile, providing them with encouragement, and exercises to strengthen and prevent falls.
- e) Stimulating activities will be provided to help residents stay engaged and keep their minds active.
- f) Introduce telephone based social groups until community groups can open up again
- g) The support offered by Age UK will help those who have been shielding to reintegrate into all aspects of community life when it is safe for them to do so.
- h) Help to introduce elderly residents to community-based groups/events/activities when these are reinstated.
- i) The service will aim to ensure that older people will feel valued, 'better' in themselves, more resilient and better able to deal with the restrictions and anxieties they currently face.
- j) Community Responders who have been working with older people and wish to continue to participate, would have an opportunity to continue their volunteering role under the guidance of Age UK.

5. Risks

- 5.1. If the opportunity to work with Age UK is not taken it could mean that older people in the North Area are disadvantaged as lockdown is eased.
- 5.2. Age UK would need to be fully appraised of the work delivered by other North Area Council commissioned services to avoid duplication.

6. Proposed Investment by the North Area Council

- 6.1. Age UK originally approached the North Area Council Manager with a Ward Alliance application, with the intention of submitting the application to the four Ward Alliances.
- 6.2. Given the delay in a start date for the Housing and Cohesion Officer post it would be appropriate to allocate some of the North Area Council budget to ensure that Older People in the North Area are catered for.
- 6.3. Proposal: That the Area Council allocate £10,000 to Age UK to deliver the benefits listed in section 4 for a period of six months.
- 6.4. The members of the North Area Council Health and Wellbeing Priority Working Group and the Area Chair have been consulted on this proposal and have given it their support, prior to this being included in the meeting agenda.

7. Next Steps

- 7.1. Members are asked to confirm if they wish to fund Age UK to support elderly residents in the North Area as lockdown eases.

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Item 7

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
20th July 2020

Agenda Item: 7

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 2020/21 period.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Ward Alliances pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid-19 Recovery Plan document when developing project during the remainder of 2020/21, appendix 1.
- 2.2 That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2020/21, 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 to the Ward Alliances between 2014/15 and 2020/21.
- 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.
- 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 2020/21 Financial Position

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2020/21 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

4.2 Budget allocations for 2020/21

| Ward | Base Allocation | Carried forward from 2019/20 | Additional DWB (Announced 10/2019) | Total available |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Darton East | £10,000 | £7,704.70 | £0 | £17,704.70 |
| Darton West | £10,000 | £11,276.69 | £0 | £21,276.69 |
| Old Town | £10,000 | £16,533.52 | £0 | £26,533.52 |
| St Helen's | £10,000 | £14,254.73 | £0 | £24,254.73 |

4.3 Please note that the additional £10,000 per ward that was due to be awarded following a briefing in October 2019 has been pulled back due to help address COVID-19 impact.

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

4.5 Please refer to Appendix 2 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 2020/21. 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. Due to COVID-19 many of these meetings will need to be held virtually.

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 early March usually the 2nd Friday (for 2021 this is 12th March 2021) to allow for timely processing.

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Appendix 1:

COVID19 WARD ALLIANCE RECOVERY PLAN

There is a desire for Ward Alliances to continue to conduct business in support of their community and residents. This recovery plan is intended to show the steps we will take to allow business to continue.

Whilst this plan is being issued to illustrate and inform our direction of travel, it is necessary to keep this fluid and under review. Progression through each step will only occur when the government guidance and local data tells us that it is safe to do so.

| PHASE | MEETINGS | PROJECT DECISIONS |
|---|--|---|
| 1 (current position) | No meetings held – projects agreed via email. | <p>Decisions taken on any projects via email objection (consensus assumed unless objection raised).</p> <p>Projects should be relevant to helping communities to recover. Initiatives involving public gatherings (including outdoor) should not be progressed.</p> <p>50% volunteer match is relaxed.</p> |
| 2 (explore this now for individual WAs) | <p>Where possible, Ward Alliance meetings to be held virtually using IT.</p> <p>Guidance and support can be provided to facilitate this.</p> | <p>Applications discussed and decided via virtual meetings. Ward Alliance members unable to join the virtual meeting are given chance to comment in advance.</p> <p>Projects should be relevant to helping communities to recover. Initiatives involving public gatherings (including outdoor) should not be progressed.</p> <p>50% volunteer match is relaxed.</p> |
| 3 (not currently possible) | <p>Ward Alliance meetings to be held observing social distancing.</p> <p>Larger venues may be necessary to facilitate this.</p> <p>Refreshments should be avoided.</p> <p>Where possible, WA Members should have the option to 'dial in' via IT.</p> | <p>Applications discussed and decided via the meetings. Ward Alliance members unable to join the meeting are given chance to comment via the 'dial in' option.</p> <p>Projects should be relevant to helping communities to recover. Initiatives involving public gatherings (including outdoor) should not be progressed.</p> <p>50% volunteer match is relaxed.</p> |
| 4 (not currently possible) | Ward Alliances begin to meet as pre-Covid arrangements. | <p>Applications are discussed and decided at the meetings.</p> <p>Projects begin to broaden out.</p> <p>Public events begin to be planned.</p> <p>The volunteer match element is reviewed.</p> |
| 5 (not currently possible) | <p>Ward Alliances return to a standard way of operating.</p> <p>As part of our 'new normal' the option for members of the Ward Alliances to 'dial in' may wish to be retained.</p> | <p>Ward Alliance applications can be considered as pre-Covid arrangements including indoor and outdoor public events.</p> <p>Volunteer match element is reintroduced to ensure we facilitate volunteering and social action.</p> |

Appendix 2:

2020/21 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2020/21 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.

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 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2020/21 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 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£7,704.70 carried forward from 2019/20

£17,704.70 total available funding

| Project | Allocation | Match funding element of allocation | Non Match funding allocation remaining £8,852.35 | Allocation Remaining £17,704.70 |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Hanging Baskets 2020 | £1705 | £0 | £7,147.35 | £15,999.70 |
| | | | | |

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£11,276.69 carried forward from 2019/20

£21,276.69 Total

| Project | Allocation | Match funding element of allocation | Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,638.35 | Allocation Remaining £21,276.69 |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Hanging Baskets 2020 | £2,200 | £0 | £8,438.35 | £19,076.69 |
| | | | | |

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation
 £16,533.52 carried forward from 2019/20
 £26,533.52 Total

| Project | Allocation | Match funding element of allocation | Non Match funding allocation remaining £13,266.76 | Allocation Remaining £26,533.52 |
|----------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
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ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation
 £14,254.73 carried forward from 2019/20
£24,254.73 total available funding

| Project | Allocation | Match funding element of allocation | Non Match funding allocation remaining £12,127.37 | Allocation Remaining £24,254.73 |
|---|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Athersley Carers – Blooming Men | £707 | £200 | £12,127.37 | £23,547.73 |
| Ad Astra – Free school Meals – Covid 19 | £500 | £0 | £11,627.37 | £23,047.73 |
| Hanging Baskets 2020 | £1650 | £0 | £9,977.37 | £21,397.73 |

Item 8

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 20th July 2020**

Agenda Item: 8

**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 during March 2020.

Appendices:

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

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

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Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance 'CAN DO-WILL DO'

10th March – 6 PM
Mapplewell & Staincross
Village Hall

Present:

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

Apologies:

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Janine Williams – Local Resident

2. Declarations of Interest – David Hilton and Helen Altun

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising – None

5. Financial Update

WAF projects supported - £0

WAF allocation not requiring match funding - £7,964.70

6. Applications for Funding

Children's Easter activities £450 – Approved
Bowling Club moss removal £240 – Approved
Bedding Plants £285 - Approved

7. Ward Action Plan

The group agreed to decide four priorities for the upcoming year

The four priorities are:

Ears and voice of the community

Health and wellbeing

Environment

Young people

A member of the group will be setting up a new facebook page called The Darton East Ward Alliance. Members who agreed to be admin who already have a personal facebook page will be added as admin for the page.

The council is going into purdah from the 26/03/2020 to 07/05/2020. Nothing should be put on the facebook page regarding the councillors during this time.

A bench and the noticeboard will be going up at the co-op shortly.

Environment – A dog fouling stencil was brought to the meeting. A member is planning to put the stencil on every footpath in the ward weather permitting.

11 hanging baskets have been sponsored for Mapplewell so far and the sponsors for Darton have also been popular. The Ward Alliance will be sponsoring a hanging basket. Not all lamp posts can have hanging baskets on due to signs etc already on the lamp posts. All sponsors need to be in by the beginning of May.

An update was given regarding Swallow Hill Road, a member had been liaising with Matthew Holdroyd from the council and the council will be doing a litter pick next week. A community litter pick is not allowed due to safety reasons.

A member asked if a sign could go up in the area regarding not dropping litter and how many bags have been picked up.

A member also asked if cctv camera's could be put up in the Swallow Hill road area. The section 106 money is also being chased up for Swallow Hill Road.

On Saturday the litter picking attracted 18 volunteers and on Bloomhouse Lane alone around 20 bags of rubbish were picked.

Young People – Easter Activities will be provided for children in the Easter holidays. More disco's will go ahead.

A member explained it would be a good idea to put on a healthy holiday programme for the summer holidays.

Health and Wellbeing – A winter warmer event was held at the village hall in December. Lots of other events are also happening at the village hall each week for health and wellbeing. A member asked if the village hall activities could be advertised in the local magazine that goes out so more elderly people could see the activities available as although the activities are advertised online most elderly people do not have social media accounts.

A fitness event has been started in the park in Mapplewell on a Saturday morning. Then ward alliance could promote this on their facebook page. 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 with music and dancing on 08/05/20.
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 lots of leftover bunting available for businesses to use.
Chad will need to know where the bunting needs to go.
It will cost around £800 - £900 for the bunting to be put up and there will also be costs for taking it down.
The bunting from the council is free but a cost is involved to putting it up and down.
The village hall asked for some bunting for them to put up themselves in the hall.
Friends of Mapplewell and Staincross which has 12 members in total has some surplus funds which they are willing to put to funding the bunting being put up. This is a separate group from Greenspace and it will provide financial clarity.
Bollards will be painted in red, white and blue outside the Wentworth. They are also hoping to put on their own event for VE day. They have capacity for 60 people.

8. AOB

Christmas plans need to be discussed from July onwards.

Local history boards – Members have made communications with local history people and have also made contact with local history people who have completed the boards for Darton and Kexborough. A public meeting could be held to look at subjects and where boards would be located. It would be nice to promote the local history in the area.

The Great British spring clean will take place between 20/03/20 and 13/04/20. Lots of events will be on in the area to support this.

A lady got mugged last year between Kingsway and Oakwood estate she has been informed that Berneslai homes will now be putting some lighting up in the area in the next twelve weeks.

Remedial works Mapplewell – The council are chasing up Harworth Estates. Once remedial works are carried out the council will be able to sign off the village centre. Once signed off any other work will be taken on by the council. A member explained where the bollards had been taken out it should be block paved to match with the rest of the area not tarmaced.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 14/04/2020 6 pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance. Minutes of Meeting.

Wednesday, 4th March 2020.

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

Apologies: Ann Plant, Dominic McCall.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

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

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

2 The notes of the meeting Wednesday, 5th February 2020 and Action Points were reviewed.

Action Points.

Rebecca to look at 2 extra hanging baskets for Darton and finalise basket provision for all other areas of the Ward and report.

Rebecca to send an order to Mel Fitzpatrick for the removal of 2 litter bins and replace with 2 larger litter bins at Gawber. (Outside The Pantry and The Chippy).

Rebecca to contact Twiggs for availability and assistance with litter pick at Harry Road Recreational Ground, **Saturday, 28TH 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.

Rebecca to organise date for Cllrs A Cave, S Howard, T Cave to meet with Twiggs personnel, to discuss issues at Darton Community Garden and Dearne Hall Road. **Urgent.**

Cllrs A Cave, S Howard, T Cave to meet with Jo Birch regarding future planning for Darton in Bloom 2021.

Jason to speak with Jo Birch re: development of Darton Community Garden and report when appropriate.

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 a Sub Group to assist with Christmas Event at Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre.

Richard to place on April Agenda, item re: Ward Alliance Priorities 2020/2021.

Cllrs A Cave, S Howard, T Cave to consider any pending applications for Ward Alliance membership.

Cllr S Howard to email Russ Bowland re: Drainage and Flooding at Darton Park.

Bobby to look at Instagram and Snapshot Provision to keep younger audience informed of Ward Alliance Initiatives.

Tom to meet with Bobby and Nicole to discuss how facebook and other forms of Social media can be developed for the Ward Alliance.

Dominic to look at locations and distribution of future Ward Promotion Posters.

Rebecca to look at poster provision availability for Ward Noticeboards.

End of Action Points.

3 Ward Alliance Fund.

A. 2019/2020. Budget was discussed.

B. WAF Applications.

Gawber Primary School Eco Warriors. Approved.

Priestley Ave, Defibs in the Community. Approved.

Darton History Group. Display Boards. **Further Clarification required.**

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 Trevor Cave will be meeting the Darton Sub Group on Thursday, 5th March 2020 and will update any issues next Ward Alliance Meeting if required.

7 Additional Funding for future projects.

Future Agenda Item.

8 Stars of Darton West Ward Alliance Update.

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

A.O.B.

John reported his concerns of recent drainage issues resulting in flooding at Darton Park.

John circulated his Chronicle write up re: Defib promotion.

Cllr T Cave circulated information re: defib sign and poster information for Members attention.

Rebecca asked for 2020/2021 Ward Priorities to be item on April Agenda.

Christina raised pending applications re: membership of the Ward Alliance.

Nicole and Bobby informed Group of Darton Academy fund raising event and circulated Sponsorship Forms.

Date and Time of the next Meeting.

Wednesday, 22nd April 2020 at 5.00 pm, at The Darton Centre.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and
Pogmoor
Minutes of 10th March 2020

1. In Attendance
Cllr Phil Lofts, Cllr Clive Pickering (Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Bill (W) Gaunt, Lee Swift, Sheila Lowe.
2. Apologies
John Love, Cameron Stirk and Lee Holmes.
3. Minutes of February meeting, point 5.4 - Should read Nordman Fir, not Northern. Point 7.1 – From not form.
4. Remaining minutes agreed with the above amendments.
5. Funding Applications,
 - a. Pinfold Pumas, Discussed the request by the above group for funds. Agreed to ask for names and addresses of Old Town Players to confirm residence. Approved in principle if above is provided to Lee. It is noted that Councillor Lofts voted against the descision.
 - b. Friends of Wilthorpe Park. Bluebell bulbs purchase, agreed.
 - c. Emmanuel Church Kitchen, agreed to give towards refurbishment.
 - d. Great British Spring Clean. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust will clear out Wet Woodland 9th April 10 - 1pm.
 - e. Information board in above bid.
 - f. AOB
 - g. Thank you to Luke for getting the rubbish out of The Fleets, supermarket trolley's and other rubbish.
 - h. Thanks to Bill Gaunt and John Love for the Information Boards at The Fleets.
6. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 14th April 2020 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Appendix Four:

St Helen's Ward Alliance Meeting Decisions 14th April 2020

Members Name: _____

Could you please express your views on the topics listed below?

1. Membership, 2020/21

Are you willing to continue as a member of the Ward Alliance for the next twelve months, or would you prefer to step down at this point?

Retain/Resign

2. Priorities for 2020/21

The priorities for this forthcoming year should be approved or changed according to what people's preferences are. Please look at the priorities we currently have for the Ward Alliance and indicate if you agree that these are acceptable:

- Information, Advice and Guidance
- Health and Wellbeing
- Children and Young People
- Environment
- Community Engagement

**Approve/
Decline**

3. Finance

There is currently a budget of **£9,330.48** (£4,022 in matched funds, £5,308.48 in non-matched funds) with several bids to be considered. Each bid will be placed in the email alongside this document. If all proposed bids are approved, it will bring the total down to £4,848.48.

Blooming Men – Men's Group £707

Approve/Decline

Athersley Cares requesting funding for a men's group to be run out of St Helen's Church Hall

Ad Astra £1,500

Approve/Decline

Ad Astra have submitted a bid to look at supporting a number of their key projects

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| Hanging Baskets | £1650 | Approve/Decline |
| Secretary payment Q4 | £125 | Approve/Decline |
| Coronavirus response | £500 | Approve/Decline |

Looking at diverting some funds to New Lodge Comm Centre
 To enable them to deliver some free food to children eligible for
 Free school meals if the shut down continues past the Easter hols

Gala 2020

Given the current situation at the moment, it's highly likely that this will need to be postponed
 if not cancelled, therefore the bid will not be considered here