

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 28 November 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Cherryholme, Ennis OBE, Felton, Green, Houghton CBE, Makinson, McCarthy and Richardson

30 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Hayward declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 37 due to his position as Chair of Barnsley Community Build (BCB).

31 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 19th September 2019

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 19th September 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 19th September 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

32 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances held throughout September 2019. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – It was reported that the Winter Health Fayre on 23rd November was very well attended. 34 Christmas motif lights have been put up, with businesses in Cudworth contributing towards the costs of erection, dismantling and insurance alongside the Ward Alliance. The Local Businesses and Communities Together group picked up an award for their 'Bunny Run' project in the Proud of Barnsley awards. A number of local projects have been funded, including CAB and a parents' dance group. On 1st November an illuminated poppy was erected outside The Star public house, which raised £511.

Monk Bretton – It was reported that Monk Bretton Memorial Gardens achieved the Gold Award in Barnsley in Bloom. The flags at the War Memorial have been power washed and the tubs and flower beds have been planted up. The Winter Health Fayre was well attended. Christmas events are to take place at both Carlton and St Paul's Church. Lang Avenue had been affected by the recent floods and food donations and cleaning equipment had been provided by the Ward Alliance, which were gratefully received. Bow Street had been inundated with donations, all of which

have been delivered. Unfortunately some residents are still not back home. Area Council Staff were congratulated on a job well done.

North East – It was reported that flowering bulbs have been planted across the area. Brierley S106 money has been received and a meeting will be held to discuss what it should be spent on. It was reported that Grimethorpe now has a Residents' Association, with the first meeting to be held at the beginning of December. All 4 villages are to have Christmas lights this year. Next year the possibility of planting real trees will be considered as a greener alternative, incorporated within the Council's tree planting programme.

Royston – It was reported that the 6ft tree planted last year was used but that it is still quite small. The Christmas lights switch on took place last night and all 4 primary schools attended. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Richardson. Autumn planting has taken place in the park and other areas, which helped to achieve the Barnsley in Bloom Level 5 award and the Platinum award for the canal. The long awaited Albert Shepherd VC event was well attended. A Halloween event and various children's activities took place in the Royston Pavilion and provided a consultation opportunity regarding use of the facility, which NPS used to compile a 'snapshot' social value report.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

33 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, highlighting progress in regard to delivery of a number of projects aligned to the agreed outcomes and social value objectives of NEAC.

Members considered a summary performance management report for each service commissioned to provide services in the North East Area Council area together with individual case studies outlining the valuable work taking place which also contributed to these objectives. These included: car parking enforcement at Robert Street, Carlton Street and Bank Street, Cudworth; dog fouling enforcement at Shafton Green and High Street, Shafton; Barnsley in Bloom projects across the North East Area Council; Summer Holiday activities at Royston Pavilion and Older people meeting together to reduce loneliness in Great Houghton.

It was reported that £18,500 has been donated to the South Yorkshire Ambulance Service for defibrillators, with a request of match funding from Ward Alliances at £500 per defibrillator. The North East Area Team has taken a lead on this project, and match funding has been agreed by the four Ward Alliances for 11 defibrillators to be installed at community locations across the North East Area Council.

Members were made aware of a Mental Health Awareness Training session which is available. It is a half day course and is delivered free of charge, with a further opportunity to attend an advanced course. Members were asked to consider attending the training alongside the Area Council Team.

The social Isolation and dementia project has made a good start, with 34 people supported and 15 new referrals, signposted through Age UK Barnsley. Activities to

date have included afternoon teas and 'holiday at home' events. The initiative is encouraging local community groups to link in with Care Homes with activities such as the History Groups making a memory scrapbook, and the Gardening groups bulb planting with the residents. It was reported that 42 businesses and shops are now dementia friendly across the High Streets of the North East Area Council.

The Private Sector Housing officer has been working on several anti-social behaviour issues, attending various community events, litter picks, discussing recycling, and making referrals on to other teams and organisations.

District Enforcement continues to perform well, issuing 156 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)s this quarter and 27 Notices for parking (with a further 57 drive off's). 130 of the FPNs have been for littering offences and 26 for dog fouling offences, with cigarette litter accounting for 75% of the offences, which is well below the national average. This provides a valuable income stream for the Area Council. It was also highlighted that residents levels of information reporting have increased. Members were asked to let the Area Council Manager know of any further hot spot areas for litter.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

34 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update

The North East Area Council Manager reported on the current position in regard to the commissioning budget and financial analysis for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

35 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds

The North East Area Council Manager introduced this item, updating Members regarding the North East Area Council Budget and Ward Alliance Funds.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

36 Area Councils' Future Development Action Plan

The North East Area Council Manager introduced this item, outlining the Area Councils future action plan following on from the Area Council review. The first meeting of the Integrated Health and Wellbeing team has now taken place, and was an opportunity to share good practice and to promote the work of the Area Councils. It was reported that Health England was particularly impressed. It was reported that Health England was particularly impressed with the projects and initiatives happening across the North East Area Council communities. It was also reported that if a number of Area Councils are experiencing problems with the same issue, this can be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration as part of their 'check and challenge' function.

RESOLVED that the update with regards to the future action plan for Area Councils be noted.

37 Apprentices and Employability Programme Specification (with Appendices A, B and C)

Councillor Hayward, having declared a non-pecuniary interest, left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE took the position of Chair for this item only.

The North East Area Council Manager introduced this item, presenting the proposed North East Area Council detailed specification for the Apprentices and Employability commission. It was noted that this commission last went out to tender 4 years ago. The new commission will be for the same duration, with a break clause after each year. Councillors were asked to note that because of the value of the tender, the commission will have to go through the Official Journal of the European Union commissioning procedures. Members of the Environment Steering Group Panel will evaluate the tender applications, alongside the Post 16 Partnership Manager, who will provide technical guidance. A Councillor said he was pleased that the terms and conditions of employment are comprehensive and include the Living Wage, or Enhanced Wage, requirements.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the North East Area Council approves the Specification for an Apprenticeship and Employability Study Programme, and
- (ii) that the Contract price shall not exceed £215,000 per annum.

Chair