

<b>MEETING:</b>	South Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Friday, 17 January 2020
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, The Hoyland Centre

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Daniel Griffin (Chair), Andrews BEM, Eastwood, Franklin, Lamb, Markham, Saunders, Shepherd, Smith, Stowe and Sumner

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

No Member wished to declare an interest in any item on the agenda.

### 28 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 25th October, 2019 (Sac.17.01.2020/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 29 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.17.01.2020/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019; Wombwell held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

### 30 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.17.01.2020/4)

Members considered the allocations made from each of the Ward Alliance Funds in 2019/20 and the amounts remaining. It was noted that an additional £10,000 had been made available in the current financial year and this would be replicated for 2020/21. It was confirmed that the additional finance would not require match funding.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### 31 Performance Report Q2 (Sac.17.01.2020/5)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager who made Members aware that the report format had been updated slightly to reflect the targets included in a number of new contracts. Feedback on the revisions was invited from Members.

Those present were made aware that the performance of the Tidy Team contract had been rated as 'red'; this was due to the difficulties in recruiting apprentices. It was

noted that more recently there had been more success with two apprentices now recruited, which would result in the rating likely to be 'green' in the next quarter.

Age UK Barnsley had successfully completed their first quarter of delivery, and although there had been staff changes, this had not result negatively on performance. 114 individuals had been engaged, with 24 one-to-one interventions, with some individuals having complex needs.

With regards to volunteer car journeys, 2 volunteers had been engaged, but consideration was being given to whether there was the ability to scale up this activity in the area. Age UK colleagues felt that transport did impact on isolation, and evidence of this had been requested.

Figures of fixed penalty notices issued by District Enforcement were still as high as in the previous quarter, despite warnings being issued for parking on the approach to Christmas, with tickets only being issued for dangerous parking or those unwilling to move their cars. It was noted that District Enforcement had been successful in issuing high numbers of notices for dog fouling elsewhere in Barnsley. Members discussed the current focus of the commission on parking in the town centres of Hoyland and Wombwell. It was noted that decisions about the extension of the project would be required shortly, and this may be an opportune time to consider any changes to the contract. It was acknowledged that extra resource to cover additional geographical areas or include dog fouling may incur an additional cost.

In addition Members noted that some support could be available through Public Health to improve air quality around schools, and this could be part of a package of support to reduce issues around schools, which included parking.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the report be noted;
- (ii) That a future meeting of the Area Council considers the issues of environmental enforcement and car parking around schools, together with possible solutions.

**32 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.17.01.2020/6)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, referring to the financial situation of the Area Council. £41,654 remained within the 2019/20 budget and £28,344 within that for 2020/21.

Within the Health and Wellbeing Fund budget, around £9,000 remained. Members considered whether to advertise the fund and invite a further round of applications, and a suggestion was made to use some of this finance to fund interventions proposed in minute 33. Whether further finance would be forthcoming from Public Health for 2020/21 was unclear, but the Senior Management Team Link Officer agreed to seek clarity.

Members discussed the income from Fixed Penalty Notices issued previously, which was in the region of £32,500. It was suggested that some of this could be utilised to provide or replace play equipment in the area.

## **RESOLVED:-**

- (i)** That the report be received;
- (ii)** That the Senior Management Team Link Officer seeks clarity on whether further finance from Public Health is likely to be forthcoming;
- (iii)** That a future meeting of the Area Council considers a report on the use of Environmental Enforcement income for to improve play facilities in the South Area.

### **33 Public Health update (Sac.17.01.2020/7)**

Alec Tinker, Senior Public Health Officer, was welcomed to the meeting to discuss physical activity and falls prevention.

Members noted that 30% of over 65s have a fall each year, with 50% over 80 having a fall. Falls cost the NHS £2.4bn a year. Rates of emergency hospital admissions due to falls in those over 65 was highest in the area, and excess winter deaths had increased in Barnsley, being higher than the rates seen regionally and nationally.

Members heard that approximately 9,100 residents of South Area were aged 65, which equated to approximately 3,000 people falling every year. Members noted that the mortality rate from preventable causes was also higher than the Barnsley and England rates.

Members acknowledged that physical activity reduced the rates of hip fractures, and helped to tackle broader issues such as loneliness and isolation, which itself had a wider impact on such as dementia.

Those present heard that the Chief Medical Officer suggested older people undertake strength and balance exercises on at least two days a week.

Members noted provision already in the area, and the intentions of the CCG and Local Authority to provide more in the future. Also noted was the current process for falls assessment and treatment.

Those present considered a range of options for improving provision in the area, and the outcomes expected from these. Included were 'Move it or Lose it', Tai Chi, and seated exercise classes.

The suggested option was to provide a combination of 'Move it or Lose It', and the Functional Fitness MOT. The former provided would provide fun exercise with a view to improving flexibility, balance, strength and aerobic capacity, with the latter training individuals to provide mobility assessments and signpost to activities that improve strength and balance.

Members also considered ways to procure provision, which included the possibilities of going out to tender and also through establishing a grant scheme.

Whilst Members were supportive of interventions, questions were raised about whether economies of scale could be realised if other Area Councils were interested in providing a similar service. Also discussed was the potential of funding being provided through organisations such as the NHS or care homes, which would benefit

financially from such interventions. Councillor Lamb agreed to broach this issue with partners in his position as Chair of the Stronger Communities Partnership and the Senior Management Team Link Officer also agreed to broach this with colleagues in partner agencies.

Questions were raised as to whether the issue of falls was more prevalent within the community or with care homes within the area, and it was agreed to seek any data on this.

Following discussion, Members suggested that the Functional Fitness MOT training, at a cost of £1,200 to train 24 individuals, be approved. It was also suggested that the provision of further interventions be discussed at a future meeting of the Area Council once information on the potential contribution from partners, and potential for economies of scale were known.

Members noted the work as part of Smoke Free Hoyland had progressed quickly with fantastic engagement and research showing 97% of adults were not smoking within the town centre. A launch event would be organised in due course. Members wished to place on record their thanks for the work of Kaye Mann in implementing Smoke Free projects in Barnsley.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the report be received;
- (ii) That £1,200 be approved for the Functional Fitness MOT training be provided in order to train 24 individuals;
- (iii) That Councillor Lamb, as Chair of the Stronger Communities Partnership, and the Senior Management Team Link Officer broach the issue of contributing financially to any provision to reduce falls and improve strength and balance with colleagues in partner agencies;
- (iv) That a future meeting of the Area Council considers the issue of reducing falls through improving strength and balance in light of further information.

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Chair