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MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 5 June 2020
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests
- 2 Welcome and Introductions

Minutes

- 3 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 14th February, 2020
(Pages 3 - 8)

Items for Discussion

- 4 Covid-19 Presentation (Pages 9 - 36)
 - a. Strategic Approach to the Recovery Phase – Paul Castle
 - b. Role of Area Councils and Ward Alliances in Recovery – Phil Hollingsworth
 - c. Implications for the Area Council Planned Approach – Lisa Lyon
- 5 Discussion: reflections on the presentation and how the Area Council can assist our communities in recovery
- 6 Close of the meeting

To: Chair and Members of South Area Council:-

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

Area Council Support Officers:

Diane Lee, South Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
 Lisa Lyon, South Area Council Manager
 Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities
 Peter Mirfin, Council Governance Officer

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Thursday, 28 May 2020

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TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Andrews BEM, Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, Lamb, Smith and Sumner.

34 Election of a Chair for the meeting

As Councillor Daniel Griffin was unavailable, nominations were taken from the floor for someone to act as Chair for the meeting.

RESOLVED That Councillor Andrews acts a Chair for the meeting.

35 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Frost declared an non-pecuniary interest in minute number 38 due to his position as a trustee of Age UK.

Councillor Andrews declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 38 in so far as discussion related to his position as spokesperson for Public Health.

36 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 17th January, 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 17th January, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

37 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.14.02.2020/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance held on 8th January, 2020; Wombwell Ward Alliance held on 20th January, 2020; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 16th January, 2020.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

38 Public Health Update (Sac.14.02.2020/4)

Diane Lee, Head of Public Health, Christus Ferneyhough, Senior Public Health Officer, Alec Tinker, Senior Public Health Officer, and Ged Savva from Magpie were welcomed to the meeting.

Members were reminded of the previous discussion about options to improve strength and balance. Those present were made of interventions currently available including those for falls prevention, strength and balance, and exercise groups.

Also noted was the data relating to falls and proportion that had occurred in care homes, however it was noted that these could be due to a number of reasons. Members acknowledged that initiatives such as sloppy slippers would help to reduce falls, but questions were raised about whether checks were carried out in homes.

Members heard that 'Safe and Well' delivered by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service provided home checks, which covered fire safety but also would consider slips, trips and falls and issues such as fuel poverty. It was noted that the service did operate proactively but also would respond to referrals from such as the Private Sector Housing Officer. Members heard that there was an information sharing protocol in place in order to pass information between the Council and Fire Service to aid the identification of residents who may benefit from such services.

Following on from the previous meeting where Members had decided to fund the training of 24 individuals to be able to undertake Functional Fitness MOT (FFMOT) assessments, those present discussed various options for ensuring assessments were undertaken. These included paying for assessor time, and providing appropriate resources such as leaflets and flyers. Suggestions were made to offer the training free as part of continuous professional development with a preference to those who would be willing to contribute time to undertake assessments free of charge.

Consensus was that larger Health and Wellbeing Events, with a variety of providers being in attendance may be the preferred way to engage with potential beneficiaries.

Members went on to consider 'Move It Or Lose It' and proposals to train provide level 2 fitness instructors to engage people over 65 years old in strength and balance exercises. Members noted the cost of providing such a service, and the associated variables including room hire costs, and discussed the potential of charging a contribution to attend the sessions.

Those present heard how Fit Reds had been operating in the area for approximately 8 weeks with the highest rates of engagement in the borough and the lowest rate of drop outs. This served to highlight the lack access to health and wellbeing activities in the area.

Members were supportive of the FFMOT and 'Move It Or Lose It' proposals but wish to receive more fully developed costings at a future meeting prior to any approval.

Members then went to consider information relating to food access and underweight children. The weight and height of all children in reception and year 7 of primary school are measured, their body mass index (BMI) calculated, and children are categorised as underweight, healthy weight, overweight or obese.

For reception, Members heard how the percentage of underweight children in Barnsley significantly exceeded both national and regional figures. However data related to very small numbers across the borough. For year 6 Barnsley was not statistically higher than the regional or national average. In addition to those underweight obesity also remains a concern for both reception and year 6 years, emphasising the need for a healthy, balanced, portion controlled diet.

Members considered data by ward and by school, and although numbers were relatively small, they did cause some concern.

Ways in order to address the issue were considered, which included food banks, promoting the take up of free school meals, encouraging healthy packed lunches, and providing breakfast clubs at schools.

Members discussed food banks and the requirement for a referral from a health professional for one off support. It was noted that donations of formula were being discouraged as often the formula required was tailored to the needs of a baby. A position statement on this issue was being drafted by colleagues in Public Health and would be provided to Members.

The take up for free school meals was debated, and a request was made for rates to be broken down further if possible to explore whether take up reduced in year 3 onwards. Members discussed whether low take up may be down to the eating habits of some children or stigma attached in applying for free school meals. Members asked to be provided details of the process to apply for free school meals.

With regards to the lunchbox toolkit it was noted that although this had been developed, it had yet to be piloted. Members heard that the Wombwell Ward Alliance was working with Park Street School and with parents using donated food to construct balanced packed lunches for the week.

Members noted the importance of breakfast for children and the impact this had on learning. Those present were made aware of support from Magic Breakfast in establishing breakfast clubs, with a view to them becoming self-sustaining in the longer term.

Members recognised the role of schools, and supported the interventions and campaigns being undertaken but also acknowledged the need to encouraging parents to make the right choices, and a suggestion was made that parents could be engaged through summer events.

The meeting went on to consider the issue of air quality, especially around schools. It was acknowledged that some resource is available to support interventions, and that South had been suggested as a pilot area to reduce car idling around schools. Similarly to the Smoke Free Schools campaign, this would be based on encouragement, rather than enforcement. This will include producing signage outside schools, and will feature on social media to raise awareness of the issues. This work will tie in with promotion of road safety and active travel to school, the Beat The Street campaign, and also Clean Air Day on 18th June.

Members were supportive of the approach, and discussed the issues of buses idling for extended periods. It was noted that this had been raised with bus providers, and although this issue was hard to enforce, Members were encouraged to continue to report the issue to the relevant bus provider and to Regulatory Services.

Ged Savva from Magpie provided feedback on Smoke Free Hoyland. Members were reminded of the previous discussions on the subject and the fact that research had highlighted that 96% of visitors to Hoyland Town Centre did not smoke which was something to be celebrated. It was noted that the rates quoted included vaping.

As part of the work events had been held in order to ascertain what was the spirit of Hoyland and develop a place identity. This work would culminate in a launch of Barnsley's first smoke free place, promoting a better shopping experience.

As part of developing a place identity an artist was to be engaged, with a local panel to shortlist 3 artists and a community vote on final designs.

It was noted that Hoyland Place Champions would be recruited and these volunteers would also have a budget to keep the momentum of the work going. In addition a marketing plan would be developed to encourage new users and business growth in the area.

Members heard that prospective dates for a launch event would be circulated to Members and coverage for the area was expected to be extremely positive. Those present commended the work of Magpie.

RESOLVED

- (i) That thanks be given to those giving presentations;
- (ii) That a future meeting of the Area Council receives fully developed and costed proposals to increase strength and balance provision in the area;
- (iii) That a position statement of the issue of the provision of infant formal at food banks be circulated to Members;
- (iv) That details of the procedure for parents to apply for free school meals be circulated to Members together with more data relating to take up;
- (v) That the work to improve healthy eating as part of reducing numbers of underweight children be supported, and that Members provide support where possible to encourage parents and schools to raise awareness around this subject;
- (vi) That the work on 'Smoke Free Hoyland' be commended and that Members provide feedback on prospective launch dates.

39 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.14.02.2020/5)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the item, referring to previous discussions at the Area Council in relation to the use of income from Fixed Penalty Notices. To date the Area Council had received £32,523 in income. Members heard how the Parks Manager had been contacts to ascertain which play equipment and play areas required improvement. It was noted that play areas in Wombwell and Darfield Ward had received investment more recently but there was need for improvements to be made at Birdwell Rec, Milton Forge and Cloughfields sites.

Members noted that three of the contracts held by the Area Council were due to come to an end shortly, but had been procured with the option to extend for a further year. As performance against each contract had been satisfactory, the extension of each was supported.

Those present were reminded of the discussion at the previous meeting regarding the possibility of increasing the patrolling hours of Environmental Enforcement staff in order to provide additional resource to target parking issues outside of the two areas

of focus of Hoyland and Wombwell town centres. Extra resource could also provide enforcement of littering and dog fouling.

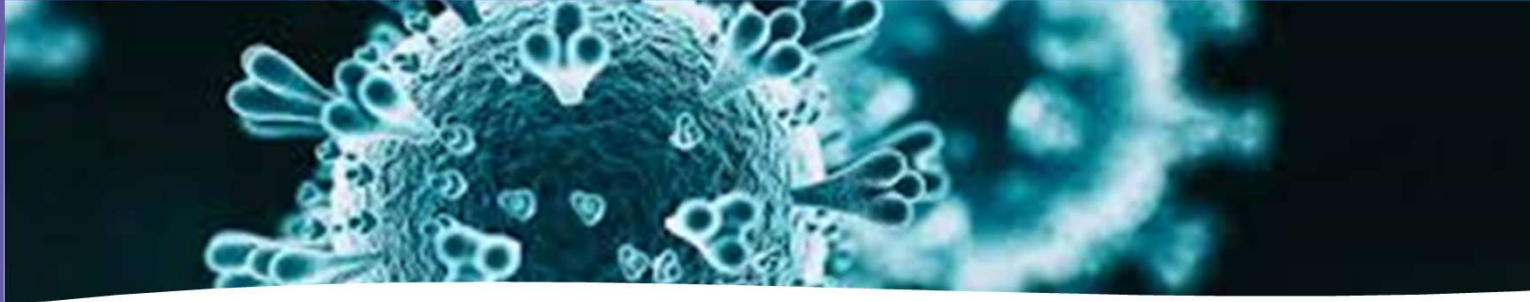
The Area Council Manager made Members aware that, following discussion with District Enforcement, extra capacity could be made available for additional enforcement of dog fouling and littering, but not for parking. However, it was noted that additional enforcement of dog fouling and littering may free up some of the existing officers' time in order to undertake further parking enforcement. It was suggested that this course of action be undertaken, and that demand be monitored to inform the service in the future. In addition it was suggested that an estimation of the income expected from Fixed Penalty Notices be provided to inform future discussions about the service.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That £31,343.13 be allocated to the refurbishment of the Birdwell Rec, Milton Force and Cloughfields Play Areas with approval of final details of any refurbishment to be delegated to the Executive Director, Communities;
- (ii) That the South Area Tidy Team Environmental and Educational Service contract be extended until 31st March, 2021 at a cost of £181,721;
- (iii) That the One Stop Shop Advice service contract be extended until 30th June, 2021 at a cost of £79,572;
- (iv) That the Environmental Enforcement Service contract be extended until 31st March, 2021 to provide 22.5hours per week of enforcement of parking, dog fouling and littering, at a total cost of £18,179.96; and
- (v) That the demand associated with the Environmental Enforcement Service be monitored, and that estimated levels of income from Fixed Penalty Notices be provided, to inform future discussions about the service

Chair

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BMBC Area Councils Covid19 Recovery Presentation June 2020

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Metropolitan Borough Council

Presentation Content

- Strategic Approach to the Recovery Phase – David Robinson
- Role of Area Councils and Ward Alliances in Recovery – Phil Hollingsworth
- Implications for the Area Council Planned Approach – Area Council Manager

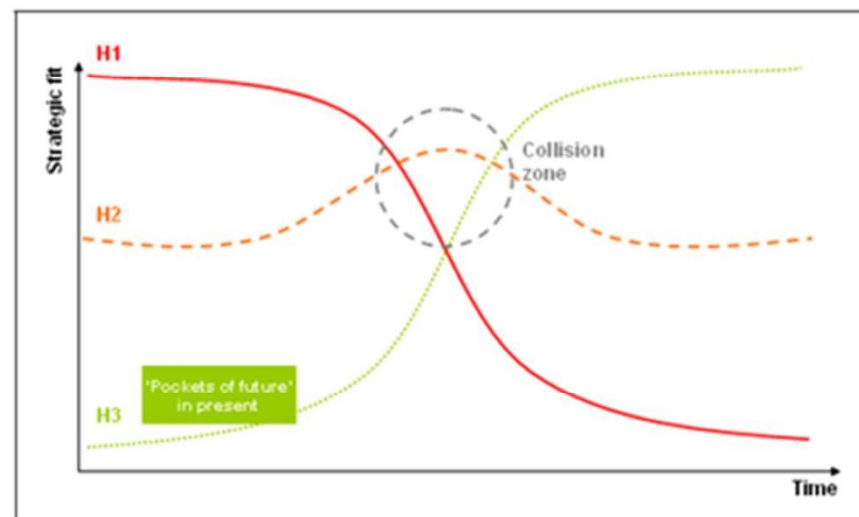
Strategic Approach to the Recovery Phase

David Robinson

Recovery, Renewal, Restarting, Restoring, Rebuilding, Moving on.....

- Its complicated, multidimensional requiring an agile and adaptive approach
- It is also an opportunity to realign with peoples values - build back better and give a sense of Renewal to communities
- To create a 'new normal' that sets a path towards longer term strategic goals and aligns with strategic phases of the virus containment.
- This 'new normal' will require dedicated, collective and focussed leadership alongside our communities, our businesses and our public services for some time.
- An emerging, developing Government Recovery & Renewal Strategy which requires aligning with our local strategies to meet the needs of the people and businesses of the borough.
- An agile and iterative arrangement is required to accommodate: -
 - Fluctuating restrictions depending on future peaks and outbreaks
 - Services may be need to be 'switched on and off' within the recovery period
 - The recovery period may be at least 12-18 months or until widespread immunity via a vaccine
 - Different population segments will have different need for restrictions i.e. Shielded population may have greater restrictions for longer.

- **Horizon 1 (H1):** Immediate Recovery steps (April – June 2020)
Horizon1 is the existing business as usual or the dominant way of doing things today.
- **Horizon 2 (H2):** Post Peak Recovery Foundations (July 2020 – December 2020)
Horizon 2 is the part of greatest innovation and disruption where new innovative thinking and new ways of doing or being emerge. A good example is the digital transformation of the past decade i.e. smartphones.
- **Horizon 3 (H3):** Realising the Recovery Objectives (2021 onwards)
Horizon 3 is the future we want; pockets of the future are already in existence and we want to see this grow and become the new future.



Proposing a 5-point Recovery / Renewal Strategy

1. Humanitarian - Health & Wellbeing

To help heal and restore the health of wellbeing to reduce and suppress infection across the borough.

2. Business Economy

To ensure that the boroughs' communities and businesses positively move on from COVID-19. To bring back public and investor confidence in our local economy.

3. Building Resilience

To improve resilience across the borough in preparation for potential future waves of the COVID 19; to continue to shield and protect the vulnerable.

4. Education & Attainment

To safely open and reinstate educational activity to catch up and minimise impact on children, young people's development and outcomes pre-birth to 25 years old through both traditional educational establishments and digital means.

5. Infrastructure & the Environment

To safely reinstate infrastructure and transport networks as soon as practicable.

Underpinning all these themes

To achieve financial stability of key anchor institutions.

To develop and deliver a concise, balanced, achievable and affordable recovery plan.



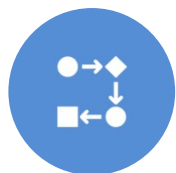
Develop the Recovery Strategy



Conduct Impact Analysis



Identify what's stopping, starting, continuing...



Set out key recovery actions & plan



Implement 100-day Recovery Plan



**Monitor & Learn
Test & Adapt**

Moving on.....

Role of Area Councils and Ward Alliances in Recovery

Phil Hollingsworth

A Valuable Framework to Build Upon

Through the Response phase we have seen:

- Commissioned service and community organisations flexed to adapt their service models and continue support for communities
 - New support networks and groups become established
 - The deployment of 'Community Responders' to support those in need
- As we move more towards Recovery, there is also a valuable role for our area governance arrangements to continue to provide.

Council's Overall Funding Position

- Uncertainties caused by Covid19 mean we need to review assumptions that were made for all budgets in 20/21.
- Furthermore, a re-focussing of priorities needs to take place to ensure we are addressing the new challenges brought about by Covid19.
- In line with this, on the 8th of April guidance was issued in the Members daily bulletin in respect of a cessation of all 'non-essential' expenditure.
- We need to explore what this means for Area Council's as we re-establish our schedule of meetings.

Area Council's Budgetary Position

- The funding allocation into Area Councils for 20/21 has not changed.
- Therefore the amount available to your Area Council is unaffected (we will look at this in detail shortly).
- We do however need to consider whether the planned priorities and commissioning intentions remain the right ones in the context of Covid19 long-term impact.

Anticipated Challenges for Communities

- Exacerbated impact on poverty & worklessness.
- Educational impact due to disruption to schooling.
- Economic impact on local high-street.
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing.
- Re-establishing the fabric of society – informal support networks through clubs/groups/organisations.
- Health & wellbeing impacts from lack of service access & people not seeking help.

Opportunities to Build Upon?

- Our strategic direction of travel priorities that still remain relevant:
 - digital agenda
 - inclusive economy
 - Zero40
 - Barnsley 2030
- More agile working as a result of Covid19 so people working closer to home – opportunities for local district centres?
- Changing support networks with greater insight of those who we would consider are our most vulnerable.
- Examples of greater community spirit e.g. Thursday night support for NHS & care workers.

Ward Alliance's Budgetary Position

- The base budget allocation into Ward Alliances has not changed.
- We had intended to delegate a further £210k into Ward Alliances in 20/21 but, in line with all additional investments, this remains on hold until we have a clearer picture on the overall financial position for the Authority.
- Therefore the base amount available to your Ward Alliance is the base budget of £10k/ward, plus any carry-forward.
- Area Council's may still choose to delegate additional funds to Ward Alliances if they feel that it where the Recovery effort is best served.

Ward Alliances – Covid19 Recovery Guidance

- Ward Alliance projects should be relevant to directly assisting our communities with their Recovery efforts in relation to Covid-19.
- All other projects should be considered 'non-essential' in the current financial climate and crisis response phase.
- Any projects that come forward should demonstrate how they benefit our recovery efforts and have taken current Covid-19 guidance into account in their proposals.
- As an exception, where a local business has already committed resources, we will honour these agreements for projects which may otherwise be considered 'non-essential' spend. However, no new projects of this nature should be commenced.
- We know there is an ambition to get back to normal and have community events and celebrations. At the current time we do not know how long social distancing restrictions will apply but in all likelihood these will continue in some form for most of the year, if not longer. It would therefore not seem appropriate to be planning any events at this time that would bring people together in large numbers – including outdoor events.

Ward Alliance - Update to Volunteer Match Funding

- The volunteer match is written into the Ward Alliance Fund requirements which means that at least 50% of the funding available to Ward Alliances requires a match in volunteering time, resources or income. This was included to ensure that the funding is used to facilitate greater volunteering and social action, and not to just buy goods or services without community involvement.
- Due to some volunteers socially isolating it has been acknowledged that the volunteer match element will be harder to meet this year.
- Moving forward it has been agreed that we will relax the volunteering element for 20/21 and we will amend the guidance to indicate that this is still strongly encouraged where safe and practical to do so, but that the 50% match would not be enforced.
- A review for 21/22 will take place to see whether it is sensible to reintroduce it at this time.

Grass Cutting Recovery Steps

- Covid-19 has presented a number of service delivery challenges across Neighbourhood Services
- Service delivery protocols have been amended in line with government guidance
- Staff from service have been redeployed to support domestic waste collection priorities
- Safe systems of work developed including maximum Driver plus 1 Operative in vehicles
- Grass cutting on partial delivery due to available staff resource

7 April 2020

Priority areas continued to be maintained – in line with available resource

28 April 2020

Mobilised skeletal team to cut residential high-risk areas i.e. sheltered housing

8 June 2020

Staff returned from waste to substantive grass cutting duties

8 – 12 June 2020

Re-induction and safe system of work briefing - staff returning to work

16 June 2020

Re-commence grass cutting core offer – backlog addressed in phased approach

Green Waste Collection Recovery Steps

- Covid-19 has presented a number of service delivery challenges across waste and recycling
- Service delivery protocols have been amended in line with government guidance
- Staff have been redeployed from across the council and partners to support high priority services
- Safe systems of work developed including maximum Driver plus 1 Operative in vehicles

1-5 June 2020

Recruitment and induction of additional staff

1-5 June 2020

Re-induction and safe system of work briefing – staff returning to work

1-5 June 2020

Source additional support vehicles to support reinstatement of green collections

6-15 June 2020

Comms campaign – variety of media streams to support green collection re-start

9 June 2020

Re-commence green collections

Implications for the Area Council Planned Approach

Lisa Lyon

Private Sector Housing Officer

- Tackling poor quality private rented housing stock
- Internal Service Level agreement with BMBC
- £32,580 per year up to Sept 2021
- Property inspections and support for landlords and tenants
- Powers to issue formal notices
- No need for a referral
- Speak to Lucy Raynor on 07769246239



Boiler
Broken?

Overflowing
Bins?

Can't get hold
of your
landlord?

Does your
Private rented
house need
repairs?

Initial Response: Community Mobilisation and South Area Team Support

- Community Response – Mapping support and community & voluntary capacity



- Communications and promotion of support via social media



- Early help – flexing Area Council contracts to meet evolving community needs at a local level; Age UK Barnsley, Tidy Team, District Enforcement, CAB, Private Sector Housing

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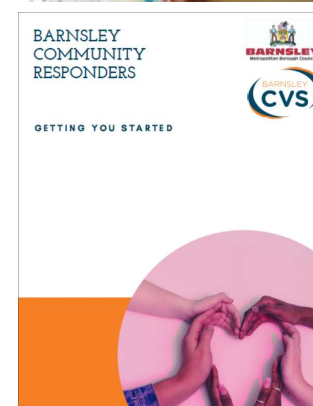


Additional Support

- Additional support via wellbeing boxes, educational packs, advice and support packs, healthy holidays packs and physical activity support



- Localised support and coordination to BMBC emergency contact centre –postcards delivered, guidance developed, training of staff and community responders, IT management system in place, Community Responders deployed to South team for befriending and shopping support and matching in place.



Community Volunteer Responder Scheme Summary of Requests by Area Council



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South Area Council
Darfield, Hoyland Milton, Rockingham, Wombwell



Community Responder numbers per area

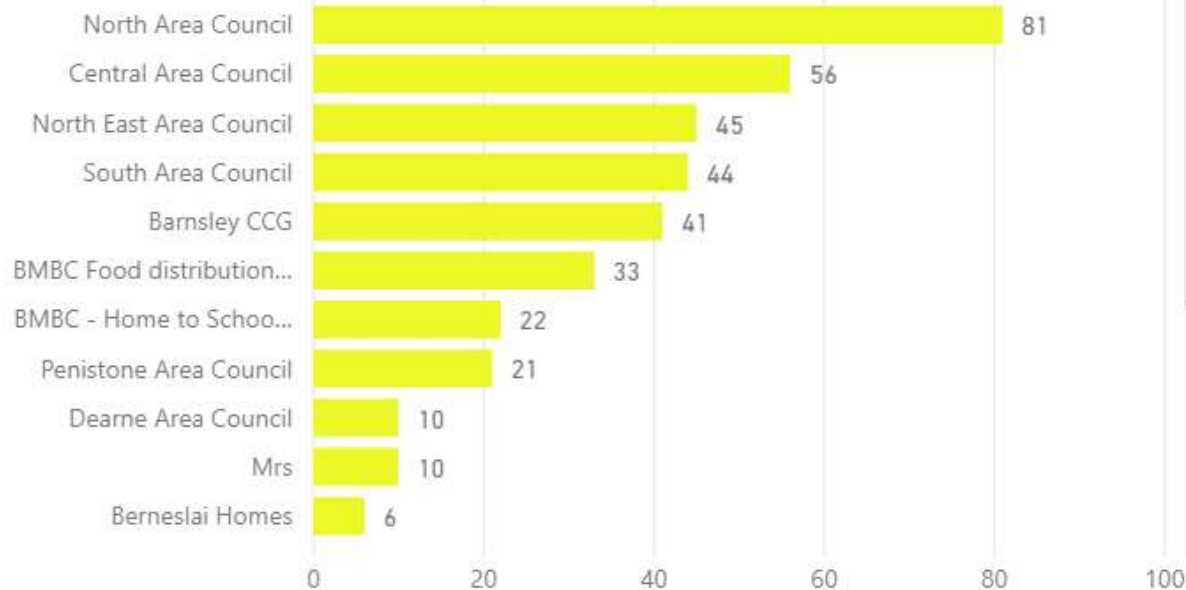
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24/03/2020

27/05/2020

Lisa Lyon

Assignments



Community responders in the South Area = 44

South Befriending requests = 44

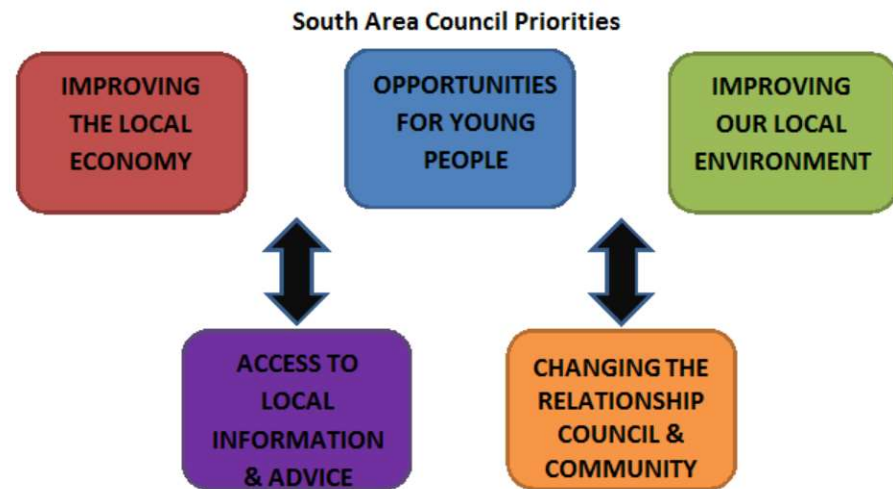
South shopping requests = 30

Active request = 35

Completed = 29

South Area Council Budget

- Total spend for 20/21 is £382,453
- Unallocated South Area Council commissioning budget = £54,318 which includes carry forward from 19/20.
- Remaining Kingdom enforcement income = £1179.87
- £9,062.49 remains in the South Area council budget for grants.



South Area Council Priorities & Commissioning Intentions

Contract	Start date	End date	Total Contract Value
South Tidy Team	01/04/19	31/03/2021	£189,955 + £181,721
Advice service	01/07/2019	30/06/2021	£79,572 + £79,572
Environmental enforcement	01/04/2019	31/03/2021	£14,956 + £18,220
BMBC Environmental enforcement	01/04/2019	31/03/2021	£2735 + £5000
Private Sector Housing officer	02/09/2019	30/09/2021	£26,480 + £26,480
Tackling Social Isolation	01/09/19 Contract review TBC	31/08/21	£59,960 + £59,960
Healthy Holidays – WA top up	01/02/19	Ongoing	£10,000 (£2500 per ward)
Functional fitness MOT Training	TBC	TBC	£1200
South Health and Wellbeing Fund:			£24,870 public health, £938 SAC
- TADS for Wellbeing	01/07/19	30/06/2020	£4,110
- Young Wellbeing Ambassadors	01/07/19	30/06/2020	£4,450
- DIAL Community workshops	01/07/19	30/06/200	£2,400
- Fairshare Yorkshire, Step forward programme	01/12/19	30/06/2020	£4,850
- Reds in the community	01/11/19	30/06/2020	£4998
- Wombwell men in sheds	01/11/19	30/06/2020	£5000

South Area Council Priorities & Commissioning Intentions

In addition to commissioned services the South Area Council have been supporting, exploring and developing the following areas of work:

- Smoke free Hoyland
- Strength and Balance training – options for investment and potential for contribution from partners including summer roadshows
- Road Safety and Air Quality around schools
- Food Access
- Healthy and wellbeing roadshows

Area Council Discussion

Against the 5 recovery priorities:

- Humanitarian – Health & Wellbeing
- Business & Economy
- Building Resilience
- Education & Attainment
- Infrastructure & Environment

What are aspects of the Area Council plan that:

- Aligns and can continue (may need adapting)
- Doesn't align and needs to cease
- What are the gaps that need addressing