

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 14 September 2020
TIME:	2.00 pm
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Darton West – held on 15th July 2020
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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, 4 September 2020

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 20 July 2020
TIME:	12.30 pm
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Hunt, Lofts, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

64 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

65 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 5th June 2020

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th June 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 5th June 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

66 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, providing Members of the Area Council with a refresh report around the financial position and forecast for expenditure based on current projects. These included the Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach; Housing Migration Officer, Stronger communities Grant, Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project; Children and Youth People Resilience Grant and Fleets Nature Park.

It was highlighted that funding for the Anti- Poverty Community Outreach project was due to end at the end of September and a waiver to extend this contract for a further 12 months from 14th September 2020 to 13th September 2021 had been agreed, which would help with Covid-19 recovery. The service had been extremely well used during lockdown, with help needed on employment, debt and relationship breakdown. A significant increase in enquiries is predicted as the lockdown eases. Return on this project is excellent, with a £23 return on every £1 spent.

Citizens 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 Members were asked to consider extending the funding until the end of the financial year, which will not impact on other projects due to slippage.

The Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project continues to perform well. The Covid-19 situation has highlighted how those people who don't have internet access are additionally socially isolated, with many accessing services via telephone with

befriending support. It has been possible to do some of the welfare checks and needs assessments over the phone and positive feedback has been received from residents.

It was reported that the Making Space Dementia Café is unlikely to recommence, in its intended model, in October for practical reasons combined with the vulnerability of service users. However, it would be possible to use the funding for a freephone dementia helpline and training for carers from October to March 2021. There is a chance that the service could be used by people from outside of the North Area but it was felt that the sensitive specialist service provided to people with dementia, including those with early onset dementia, outweighed the risk of this happening. Age UK also deliver a universal service to a greater number of people, some of whom may not reside in the North Area.

The start date for the Housing Migration Officer 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. All safety checks have been carried out but the DBS for the postholder is outstanding, as delays have been experienced due to Covid-19.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The North Area Council should note the existing budget position and funding commitments and position regarding the Housing Migration Officer
- (ii) Members agreed to vary the model for the Stronger Communities Grant awarded to Making Spaces. The funding will not support three micro projects between October 2020 and March 2021: 1) Freephone dementia helpline, 2) Training and Support for Carers of people living with dementia, 3) Weekly Older People Café at Barugh Green compliant with Covid-19 safety guidelines.
- (i) Member note point 7.1 of this report (supporting older people) and consider this in respect to Item 6 of today's agenda (Covid-19 Recovery – Supporting Older People in the North Area).
- (iii) Members extend the grant agreement with CAB to help with Covid-19 Recovery

67 Verbal update on Emergency Response in North Area

The Area Council Manager provided a verbal update on the emergency response to Covid 19 in the North Area. There are currently approximately 40 live cases, comprising a mixture of shopping and befriending requests. Volunteer shopping is being wound down to concentrate on the recovery phase. Referrals have reduced to a couple of new cases a week from the initial 10 per day. Darton East and Darton West have the highest proportion of service users. Government food parcels were initially specialist, tailored to the specific needs of the recipient. These have now stopped. Barnsley was very much on the ball in ensuring people received their food parcels when lockdown was at its most challenging. It was felt that awareness of the Good Food Barnsley CIC should be raised as part of the recovery phase, as this will have a strong focus on food poverty in Barnsley.

There is a real mixture of provision throughout the North Area, with additional funding targetted to areas of greatest need across all Wards. This includes a 'holiday hunger' project in St Helens Ward. Darton East Ward is looking to join up with Fareshare and Old Town Ward Alliance have recommended YMCA and Yorkshire Wildlife as possible delivery partners. It was felt that the need for food parcels will increase in winter period and consideration should be given to providing slow cookers to those most in need. It was pointed out that free school meals vouchers can be spent at The Community Shops (Athersley and Goldthorpe) and company shop as well.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the update be noted; and
- (ii) that a presentation on the Good Food Barnsley CIC should be delivered to a future Area Council meeting.

68 Young People's Health and Wellbeing - Resilience Grant

The Area Council Manager updated Members on 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 somewhat smaller grant opportunity. This 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 8-13); providing them with additional tools to help them transition smoothly between junior and senior school and make positive choices.

A discussion took place with regard to the grant opportunity. Specific items of note included:

- The need for both a Public Health representative and a school champion to sit on the Youth Resilience Fund panel.
- Covid 19 will present further challenges to the project around space and safety. Advice should be sought from the National Youth Organisation around working with disengaged young people.
- Timescales may be pushed back until after the October half term to give more breathing space.
- Challenges around Covid-19 recovery will be 16+, parenting (key in term of resilience), peer support for parents and those children and young people with additional needs such as autism and challenging behaviour
- Post 16 support around Covid-19 will be covered with promised national, regional and local interventions.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Members note the priority update and guidance, and
- (ii) Grant permission for the Youth Resilience Grant to be advertised.

69 Covid-19 Recovery Older People's Resilience

The Area Council Manager introduced this report, outlining the proposal to fund a project that will support older people in the COVID-19 Recovery Phase, also explaining Age UKs contribution in the North Area during COVID-19 lockdown. Members discussed the benefits of Age UK supporting older people in the North Area.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The North Area Council should note the project proposal and background, and
- (ii) Age UK Barnsley should be funded to provide support for older people in the North Area during the COVID-19 Recovery phase.

70 Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council with regard to the financial position and the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2020/21 period. Members were asked to pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid-19 Recovery Plan document when developing projects during the remainder of 2020/21. There are still restrictions around safe working practices and volunteer matched funding requirements remain relaxed at the present time. It was reported that some funding bids have been received and Ward Alliances are starting to meet again by virtual means. It is vital that Ward Alliance Funding is utilised to enable Covid-19 recovery and to mobilise the community when it is safe to do so.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the update be noted; and
- (ii) that each Ward in the North Area Council area continues to prioritise the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2019/20, in line with the guidance on spend and taking into account the Covid-19 Recovery Plan.

71 Ward Alliance Updates

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 10th March 2020; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 4th March 2020; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 10th March 2020; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 14th April 2020. It was reported that Ward Alliances are starting to meet again by virtual means.

Darton East Ward Alliance decided to proceed with hanging baskets in the area to provide colour and it was noted that a number of local sponsors had offset the cost of these. Grab bags will be delivered from next week as part of the Healthy Holidays initiative. Work continues on establishing what is needed in the area, and applications may be brought to the next meeting.

St Helens also went ahead with hanging baskets. Ad Astra had also provided grab bags. The vulnerable mens' group is hoping to start up again soon. As they meet in a large hall, it will be possible to socially distance. The summer gala had been cancelled, which was a big disappointment. Discussions have taken place about Christmas.

Darton West Ward Alliance met last week. Funding for defibrillators was previously approved and they have now been delivered and are awaiting installation. Improvements to Darton Park are now in evidence, which will help with physical and mental health.

Old Town has an ongoing programme of projects to finance as soon as a meeting is arranged. Cllr Pickering has managed to secure funding for Christmas trees.

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

Chair

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Item 3

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
14th September 2020

Agenda Item: 3

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Young People's Priority Covid-19 Innovation and Adaptation Emotional Resilience Grant

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To apprise Members of the current position regarding the Young People's Emotional Resilience priority. The opportunity has now been advertised as a grant which will support Covid-19 Recovery in the short term and transition work in the longer term.

2. Recommendations, that:

- 2.1. **Members note the progress in this priority area**

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.

12. Financial Implications

- 12.1. The financial implications are £90,000.00 p.a.
- 12.2. An additional £10,000 was agreed by the Area Council in March 2020 to enable the Beyond Words training and resources to be made available to participating schools and successful grant providers.
- 12.3. For a grant opportunity the grant agreements will be 12 months in duration for the first year.
- 12.4. 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.
- 12.5. It is proposed that the provision should start from 1st November 2020.

13. Progress update

- 13.1. On the 5th August the Area Manager met with the CEO of the Every Child Matters Academy Trust. The grant and the opportunity it presents to improve the emotional wellbeing has the support of the CEO and work is underway to formalise which schools wish to participate based on the eligibility criteria.
- 13.2. On the 11th August the Area Manager attended the Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Meeting, which is a multiagency meeting chaired by Alicia Marcroft, Head of Public Health. There is a new Emotional Resilience Lead Officer starting in September, Lauren Nixon, who will be offering advice on the evaluation of the grant opportunity.
- 13.3. The grant opportunity was advertised on the 7th August 2020.
- 13.4. The closing date for applications is 4pm on Tuesday 21st September.
- 13.5. All organisations that meet the criteria will be invited to present their project proposal to the panel Tuesday 6th October.

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1st September 2020

Item 4

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
14th September 2020

Agenda Item: 4

Report of the
North Area Team

Covid-19 Recovery Community and Voluntary Sector Grant Funding Opportunities

1.0 Purpose of Report

To highlight the purpose and function of the available funding available to community groups to help recover from the difficulties COVID-19 has presented to regular operations and activities.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the North Area Council Members take note of the available funding and actively seek to ensure community groups and not-for-profit organisations are aware of it

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The UK went into official lockdown on 16th March 2020 in response to the growing threat of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.2 As a result, all public activity ceased, including any form of public gathering in groups outside of people's own personal family
- 3.3 These restrictions were in effect until 23rd June when some of the regulations were eased.
- 3.4 These regulations have meant that a large number of groups have been under strict regulations for 15 weeks and to this date (25 weeks overall) many are still inoperable.
- 3.5 The impact on groups has been significant, especially those that rent or own property, as the need to upkeep, pay bills etc. has eaten into groups savings and in some cases, threatens their continued existence due to lack of funding

4.0 Types of Funding

- 4.1 There is an acknowledgement from BMBC that the reinstatement of community groups and their activities is vital for the wellbeing of the local residents, as it will not only help the economy recover, but also to reduce local cases of isolation
- 4.2 To assist these groups who have had significant financial impact on their funds from the COVID crisis, there are two main local funding resources that can be called upon:
 - a) Ward Alliance Funding
 - b) BMBC Resilience and Recovery Funding for COVID

5.0 Ward Alliance Funding

- 5.1 As was the case prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ward Alliance Fund is available in each Ward for community groups and not-for-profit organisations to bid into.
- 5.2 In May 2020, there was an agreed mandate issued from BMBC that for the foreseeable future, all potential Ward Alliance bids should be weighed against the help it will offer to help groups and residents to recover from the impact of COVID-19. This does not mean that other priorities previously in place are null and void, but it does place a high importance upon using the funding to assist in the relief efforts.
- 5.3 This funding has been particularly helpful when used by groups to purchase and put in place safety equipment such as social distance signage, hand sanitiser, masks, gloves, and screens.

6.0 BMBC Resilience and Recovery Funding for COVID

- 6.1 This funding has been put in place since July 2020 to assist community groups in the recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic
- 6.2 The funding is specifically aimed at groups whose current financial situation is in jeopardy as a direct result from the lockdown restrictions, including loss of earnings from not being able to open or costs associated with deep cleans after identified contagions
- 6.3 The fund is fluid in that there is no specified limit to the amount groups can bid for, but there is a finite amount available overall.
- 6.4 The forms are submitted to the respective Area Managers, with them going to the Head of Service, should the bid be relevant to the entire Borough
- 6.5 There is no determined deadline for applications, or strict timescales on the processes, but given the fact that this fund is set up to relieve the burden on groups who are in financial crisis, the turnaround is aimed to be fast and effective
- 6.6 A copy of the application form can be seen in Appendix 1

7.0 Funding Advice

- 7.1 In addition to the above, there are other sources of funding available external to BMBC and Karen Walke, the dedicated Funding Advice Officer from South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau. Karen can offer further advice and support to complete applications.
- 7.2 Karen can be reached on 07774 771452 or email karen@syfab.org.uk

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Date:
2nd September 2020

Appendix 1:

Support through the crisis: Resilience and Recovery Funding for the Third Sector

This form is used to assess funding requests from VCSE organisations who are struggling financially. Reasons for this could include the inability to trade, hold events or fundraise as a result of COVID. This funding is not for organisations that are financially viable but for those who are in a precarious financial position.

Criteria	YES - comments	NO – comments
1. Name of your organisation		
2. Main contact person & details		
3. Are you a member of Barnsley CVS? If not, are you willing to access free membership?		
4. Have you accessed any support from Barnsley CVS before? Are you aware of the support you can access?		
5. Have you received any other COVID related funding? If yes, please highlight from which funding stream and the amount you were successful in obtaining:		
6. Do you have the necessary financial procedures and policies in place? What is your governance structure?		
7. What does your organisation usually deliver, pre COVID (activities, services, how often, communities served)		
8. What are you doing differently now to support the recovery of the COVID		

pandemic?		
9. How long can your organisation continue the work you deliver? E.g. 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6 months +		
10. What support do you require? E.g funding (how much), support to access volunteers (how many) etc.		
11. What will this funding be for? E.g rent, staffing, business rates etc.		
12. Are you able to provide a referee to provide a statement of support?		

Please return the completed form to your Area Council Manager: -

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If you are a Borough wide organisation please send the completed form through to:

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Item 5

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
14th September 2020

Agenda Item: 5

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. **Note 7.1, recommendation to hold an Economic Recovery briefing**

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 has undergone security vetting.***

The start date had to be postponed due to home working arrangements for BMBC staff during Covid-19. Safer Communities are currently implementing a Covid-19 compliant return to work rota. It is proposed that the candidate can start on the 14th September.

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 of 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 (***project has been remodelled to aid Covid-19 Recovery and will commence in October 2020***)
- Citizens Advice Bureaux – Specialist Debt Advice

3.5 Covid-19 Recovery

- Age UK – Supporting Older People in the North Area
To support Covid-19 Recovery the Area Council have awarded additional grant funding of £10,000 to Age UK to support older people who have been adversely affected by lockdown. The award is intended to provide an enabling service that will assist the local community to return to normal actively when it is safe to do so.

3.6 Devolved Funding to Ward Alliances

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

3.7 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) **reduced to £156,433**. This is because the in-year balance exceeded 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. An Economic Recovery Briefing has been offered to the Area Council. This aligns this the Area Council’s existing Economic Regeneration Priority. It is therefore recommended that this opportunity is taken and further consideration given regarding how the Area Council could help to address identified gaps in provision at a locality level.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1. Confirm if the Area Council wishes to host a locality focussed Economic Recovery Briefing.
- 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 <i>(where March 2019 balance is less than £10,000)</i>	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

Item 7

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

14th September 2020

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**Report of
North Area Council Manager**

North Area Council – 2020/21 Quarter 1 (April-June 2020)
Performance Management Cover Report for Commissioned Projects and
Stronger Communities Projects

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

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

Background

A comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report for the period April-June 2020 (2020/21 Quarter 4) has been produced and is attached, Appendix 1.

Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)

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

The information provided in Part A reflects information gathered from each contract for the period April-June 2020.

Contracted Service Providers:

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

Area Council Funded Posts

- Housing Migration Officer (post currently vacant)

Part B provides North Council members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2020/21 Quarter 1 (April-June 2020). The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from all North Area Council Providers, following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings.

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

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

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

Performance Report –Issues

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

Appendices

Appendix 1: North Council Performance Management Report - Quarter 1 2020/2021 (April - June).

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NORTH AREA COUNCIL

Project Performance Report

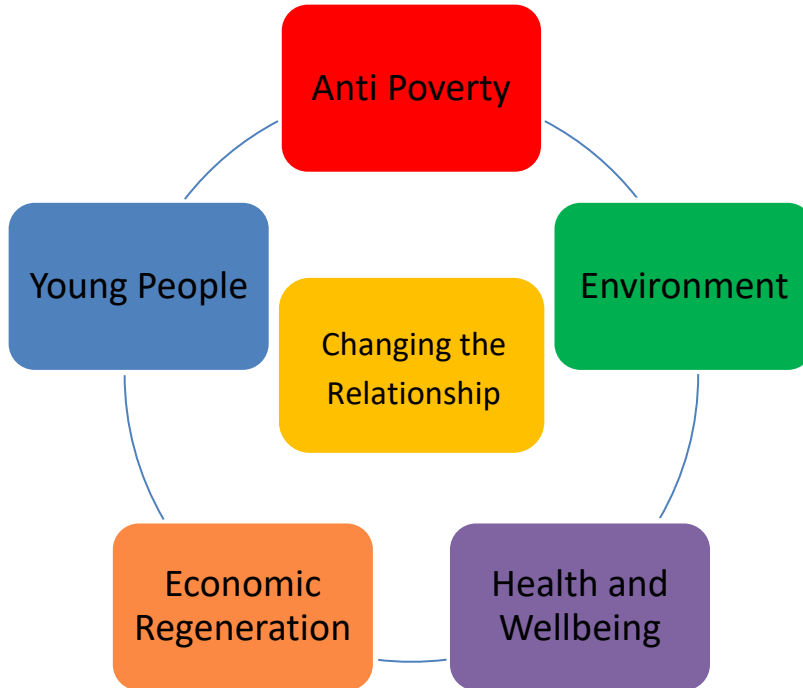
Q1 2020 (April – June 2020)

Covid-19 Innovation & Adaptation

August 2020

INTRODUCTION

North Area Council Priorities



Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

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

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

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

PART A - OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

3 contracts have formally completed their contract monitoring/contract management reporting for Q1 2020/21. The following tables therefore reflect the overview of performance of **3 live contracts only**. These contracts are:

- Twiggs – Year 3, Q3
- CAB & DIAL - Contract 2, Year 3, Q3
- DIAL (Social Isolation) – Year 2, Q2

The North Area also funds a contracted posts:

- Housing Migration Officer (post currently vacant)

Anti-Poverty

Performance Indicator	Target /Quarter	Achieved to date
CAB & DIAL Contract		
Number of financial / debt settlements negotiated	Y3	43
Cases of homelessness prevented	Y3	13
Overall benefit gain (in £)	Y3	£1,293,381
Debt Managed (in £)	Y3	£112,055
Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation & Cold Homes		
Savings derived as a result of energy switching (in £)	Q1,2&3	£5,545

Young People

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

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

Environment: Education & Support

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
Public Spaces - Twiggs		
Number of local businesses supported at planned events	19	31%
Number of new groups formed with support of Twiggs	0	0%
Number of hours of volunteering generated	825	68.75%
Number of volunteers trained in horticultural skills	36	112%
Private Rented Homes - Housing Migration Officer		
Number of vulnerable households identified	Total	-
Number of properties improved because of service intervention	Total	-
Number of requests to landlords (both formal and informal)	Total	-
Number of community protection written warnings issued	Total	-
Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation & Cold Homes		
Numbers of household receiving heating and energy efficiency measures. (Energy Switching)	21	30%
Number of volunteers trained to deliver home energy advice and energy switching sessions	1	20%

Health and Wellbeing

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
Anti-Poverty – CAB & DIAL		
Local residents experienced improved health and wellbeing	N/A	75%
Local people feel more able to manage their own affairs	N/A	86%
Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation & Cold Homes		
Individual needs assessments completed	55	55%
Reduction in feelings of loneliness and isolation within the client group (feeling more connected)	Q3	19
Improvement in Mental Wellbeing of residents	Q3	37
Number of new social networking groups	4	50%

Twiggs Grounds Maintenance

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

Extract from the providers quarterly narrative report:

Performance Indicator	Yr 3 Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Cumulative
Twiggs social action events	12	34	21	3		55
Community groups supported	12	10	12	C19		22
Areas adopted by residents	4	0	0	1		1
Volunteers recruited to Twiggs events	48	137	134	C19		271
Areas of blight targeted	100	45	75	161		281
Local business engagement	60	9	10	C19		19
Restorative justice sessions	4	0	0	C19		0
Local spend	90%	95%	95%	95%		95%

The Twiggs Team have worked hard during COVID-19 to remain active within the local communities. They have been able to support independent volunteers who have combined social action with their daily exercise. They have also adapted their service to support BMBCs Neighbourhood Services who have had pressure on their scheduled work during lockdown.

Support provided to Neighbourhood Services on a weekly basis, at the following location which were identified by Neighbourhood Services for specific attention:

School Street, Bridge Street

Barugh Green Road, Higham

Honeywell Street, Greenfoot Lane, Huddersfield Road

Laithes Lane, Carlton Road

Examples of project work completed:

16/06/2020 - Windhill Park, Darton East

Strimmed back the footpath and cut back some overhanging branches at the bottom end of the park that leads to Bluebell Wood/ Woolley.



18/06/2020 - All Saints Church, Darton West

After hearing about the church needing assistance in the overgrown graveyard, the team went along to support local volunteer's strimming the grass back around the gravestones. Our team strimmed the entrance/ gateway and a large section of the graveyard.

9 volunteers supported



21/05/2020 - West Road Bunding, Pogmoor.

Strimming and cutting the Grass around the trees and the roadside edge. Sadly we found a pile of fly tipping which had been dumped in the bushes recently, but on a positive note we were followed along by two amazing residents (keeping their safe distance) who work hard in their own time keeping this area litter free – “Pogmoor Pickers”.



Community Shop/ Café – Lindhurst Road

2/06/2020 – Strimming the overgrown grass to enable them to serve food as a takeaway option through the window.

5/06/2020 – Strimming the grass to keep on top of maintenance during lockdown restrictions.

8/06/2020 - Due the current lockdown measures the garden was in a really desperate need of some TLC. We attended to reinstate the footpath edges, cut the grass, weed the beds, and clear a sack of litter from the overgrowth. On a positive note the Broad beans, peas and potatoes we have planted with volunteers before lockdown are doing great. The cafe chef has harvested some of the beans to cook for the dinners which are served to the local community, and we are sure everyone will appreciate the nice tidy gardens to lift everyone's spirits a little.



*TWIGGS contribution to Public Health Outcomes

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

CAB & DIAL 2

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

Extract from Performance report

In the period 1st April to 30th June 2020, advisers from both organisations have provided information and advice to 659 client contacts, supported clients to claim £537,307 of welfare benefits and manage £16,782 of debt.

Since March 17th 2020 this service has now been delivered by telephone and EMail due to face to face services being suspended until further notice due to the Corona Virus. DIAL stats appear high due to them contacting all clients who they have assisted during the previous 12 months to enquire if they need any further help and support during the current COVID pandemic.

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

Of the 659 client contacts this quarter 35 have required help with form filling – a total of 5% of the clients, majority of which are related to the benefits system.

Home Visits

During Quarter 3 ,due to the Government guidelines for the Corona Virus crisis, no home visits took place.

Case Study - CAB

Client is 57 years of age and has worked for the same employer for 18 years. As part of the client's job he is required to work overtime every week to ensure that the company meets contractual deadlines.

Client has been selected for redundancy along with another employee. Client is happy to accept the redundancy as he has another job however, client's letter of redundancy notice, which includes their calculation of his redundancy pay has the average wages incorrect along with his length of service and furthermore the employer is seeking to pay the redundancy money over a 6 month period.

Client wanted assistance in calculating his correct redundancy payment along with having the payments made in a lump sum. After confirming client's legal position with ACAS, we drafted a letter on behalf of the client to his employer setting out the correct calculations along with the right weekly wage to use.

Also stated the legal requirements that the redundancy payments should be a single lump sum payment and highlighted the legislation covering this.

As a result of our intervention, client received the correct redundancy payment which was £3,314 which was more than their initial offer. Also, client received the payment in a single lump sum.

Client is extremely happy with the outcome we have supported him to receive.

Case Study - DIAL

Before DIAL

Client L is an older client from Pogmoor (Old Town). Client has severe mental ill health and the condition is getting worse. Client contacted DIAL for support to complete a Disability Living Allowance review claim form.

Advice provided by DIAL

Due to current Covid-19 and rules for social distancing, we arranged a telephone appointment to complete the form. We supported the client to complete the form over the telephone, allowing for breaks due to mental ill health. We also conduct regular safe and wellbeing checks to help the client's mental wellbeing, as the client is socially isolated. This contact gives the opportunity to have contact with the outside world, keep up to date with the changing social distancing rules announced by the government and provide useful information on support in the local community.

After DIAL

Client L's Disability Living Allowance claim was successful and client was awarded the higher rate of the care component. (£81.95 per week). This helped to increase the client's Pension Credit as the client was awarded a Severe Disability Premium on top of the existing award (£66.95 per week). We also supported in applying for a Blue Badge.

Client L said:

“I was recommended to use DIAL for the best benefits advice by a friend and I am now so glad that I did, I cannot believe the difference this will make to my life. Although I couldn’t see anyone in person, I was really pleased they could still help me. They have kept in touch with me which has been really lovely”.

*CAB and DIAL’s contribution to public health outcomes

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

Housing Migration Officer

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

Purpose of Post

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

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

Extract from Performance Report

N.B. This post is currently vacant

CASE STUDY

N.B. This post is currently vacant

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.01i	Children in low income families (all dependent children under 20)
1.06ii	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services who live in stable and appropriate accommodation
1.15	Statutory homelessness
1.17	Fuel Poverty
1.18i	Social Isolation: Percentage of adult social care users who have as much social contact as they would like
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.23	Self-reported well being
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
4.13	Health related quality of life for older people
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DIAL (Social Isolation) – Contract commenced on 1st September 2018

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

Service Outline

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

N.B. This service has had to adapt significantly in order to deliver a service to isolated people during Covid-19 lockdown.

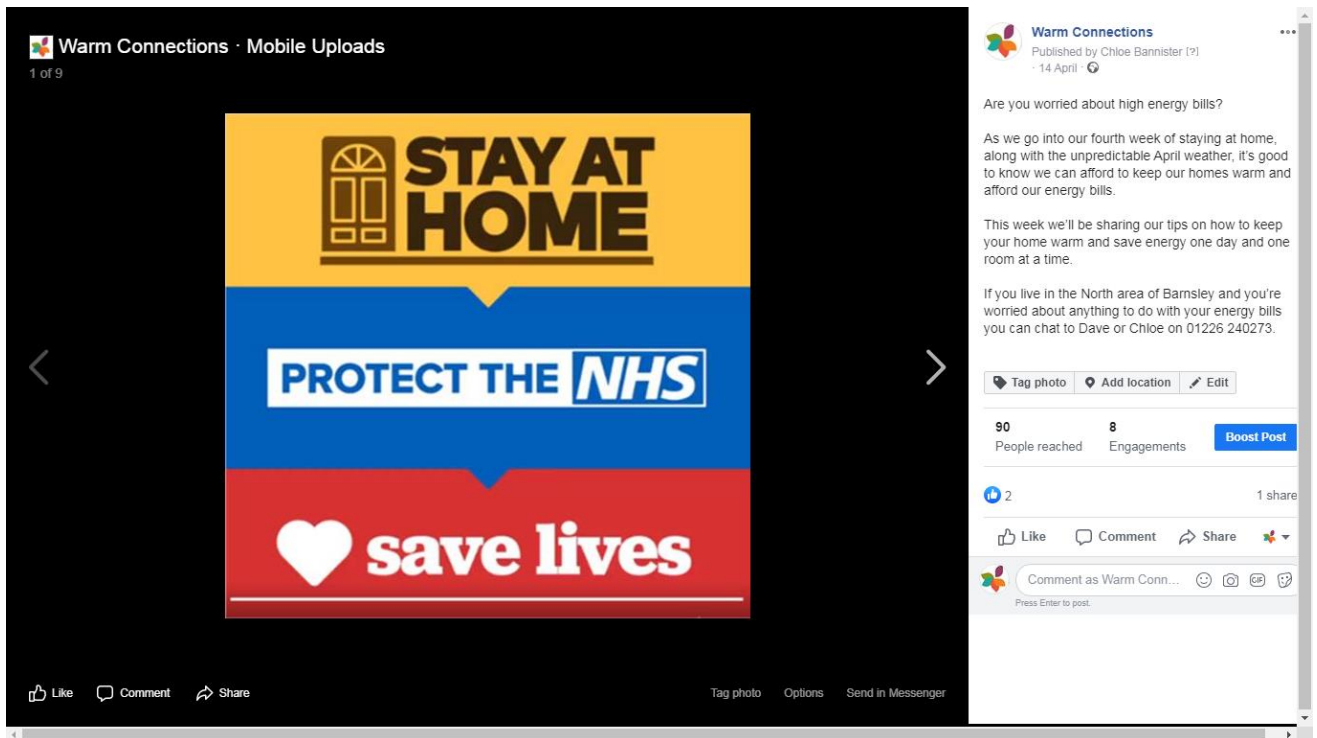
Delivery Update – Extract from performance report

At a Glance – Service Highlights

- 239 safe and well checks were undertaken
- 14 Individual Needs Assessments undertaken
- 3 Home Energy Assessments undertaken
- 48 volunteering hours were contributed
- Happy Café Online launched
- 16 residents joined Happy Café Online
- 40 Wellbeing packs delivered to socially isolated residents
- Volunteer Whatsapp Group launched

Narrative (quarterly report extract)

Since March 17th the service implemented alternative provision and suspended all face-to-face activity including promotional and networking activity. Our social media presence has continued to promote the service, encourage new referrals and stay in touch with the community.



For more posts go to <https://www.facebook.com/warmconnectionsdiabarnsley/>

Service Delivery

Since implementing alternative provision on 17th March our team moved to home working, providing safe and well checks and befriending calls for current Warm Connections clients as well as undertaking Individual Needs Assessments for new referrals. Volunteer befrienders have supported this through the provision of weekly calls to residents.

Our team has promoted energy awareness through social media and our team has undertaken some telephone based work with residents. Volunteers have also been able to access free online NEA training on fuel poverty and Covid 19.

In May, as a response to feedback from residents we launched our Happy Café Online. This provides members with the opportunity to meet up very week via Zoom and keep connected with people around them. There is a weekly Quiz, guest speakers and lots of chat and mutual support.

In June our team commenced the delivery of a target of 100 wellbeing packs for residents who are either shielding or self-isolating. Packs include books, puzzles, colouring books, pencils (kindly donated by Brooke Office Supplies on Summer Lane) as well as pamper gifts e.g candles, bath salts etc. All recipients of the wellbeing packs are encouraged to make their own for a neighbour or a friend and provided with one of our wellbeing bags to do this. Some of our Good Neighbours have also been out and about delivering packs to their neighbours.

DIAL launched Whatsapp Group specifically for volunteers to keep in touch with us and each other and the group has been very active. It is also used to share wellbeing tools and updates on what's happening across the organisation as well as at Warm Connections.

Case Study

We asked people to tell us their coronavirus pandemic story and here's what Shirley* told us.

How has the coronavirus pandemic affected your life?

I live alone and I have done for over 25 years. I suppose I could be considered socially isolated anyway but I've always enjoyed my routines, my own company and just the occasional social contact I have when I go shopping or for a walk.

Due to my ill health I was advised to completely isolate and this meant I lost all contact with the outside world. I do not have friends and family that I contact over the phone, I was faced with the prospect of my only social interaction being with my cat.

What are your biggest worries about the epidemic/lockdown?

I have poor health and if I caught the virus the prospect of going to hospital would make me think I'd never recover. Also as I live alone if I became too ill to call for help I don't know how long it would be before someone realised I was ill.

What difference has our service made to your life during lockdown?

I not only feel like Warm Connections has changed my experience of being in lockdown but it has also changed my entire life going forward. I have come to realise that, although I always enjoyed my own company and the little social interaction I had, that in the future I would like to make an effort to get out more. Chloe has already made plans with me of groups and places in the local area where I would be welcomed and fit in well once they start again. I am looking forward to being part of the coffee morning at Emmanuel Church.

Warm Connections have connected me back to my community by connecting me with a neighbour who has voluntarily done my weekly shopping. I cannot stand for long periods of time and I could not queue to get into a supermarket, also I am not online so I cannot do my shopping online.

I look forward to my weekly wellbeing checks. I usually have a big list of things that's happened over the week that I like to talk about. It's just nice to know someone is genuinely interested in how I am.

What do you think about how we have responded?

I think the support that Warm Connections has offered is invaluable.

Is there anything you would like Warm Connections to do differently?

No

• What are your biggest worries about life after lockdown?

I worry about going back out again. I have been quite inactive for some time. I have always been quite fearful of trips and falls and it took me a long time to build my confidence so I worry I'll need to do this again.

I also don't want to go back to feeling alone. I'd like more of a network around me in case anything ever happened in the future so it's been good to plan what I am going to do once I can get back out and about.

*Name has been changed





Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.01i	Children in low income families (all dependent children under 20)
1.17	Fuel Poverty
1.18i	Social Isolation: Percentage of adult social care users who have as much social contact as they would like
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.23	Self-reported well being
2.24	Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people 65 and over
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
4.13	Health related quality of life for older people
4.15	Excess Winter Deaths

PART C – COMMUNITY GRANTS SUMMARY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

APRIL 2019 – MARCH 2020

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

Emmanuel Church - Ignite

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

Project Summary:

Ignite Barnsley

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

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

Performance Summary (extract from quarterly report):

This quarter began the way the last quarter had ended, with intense deliver of sessions at Holy Trinity, Darton Academy, St Mary’s Primary school and Wilthorpe Primary School. Although the sessions had gain momentum and were all going well until the outbreak of Covid-19. From the week beginning 16th March, the Ignite Team were unable to go into schools due the social distancing measure put in place. This means that there are several groups which have a couple of weeks left to finish the course but at this moment it is uncertain when/if these can take pace before the end of the academic year. Due to this we also do not have the end of course evaluations but below are some of the comments that had been made by the children and young people through-out the sessions.

Holy Trinity - during the unique sessions; ‘today I have had the chance to think about what I want to do when I leave school. Ive never really thought about all the different possibilities and how I can make it happen before.’ ‘I never knew the law about drugs before and the effects drugs can have on our lives not just when we take them but in the future too.’

Darton Academy - during the unique sessions; ‘during the session today I learnt that it’s ok to be different, that people should accept me for who I am and that I should have the confidence to be the person I want to be.’ ‘In the past I’ve not always been the best

behaved out of school, however being part of this is making me realise that I should begin to act differently when I'm out with my friends.'

Wiltorpe Primary – during the Inside Out sessions; 'these sessions are amazing, I wish we could do them all day long.' 'Today I learnt that its ok to be sad but if I'm sad forever then I need to tell a grown up that I trust.' 'I really liked making the worry beads, I like to fiddle with them when I'm feeling scared.'

St Mary's Primary school – during the Inside Out sessions – 'I love slime, I learned that today some people find things disgusting and others don't.' 'I really liked making the beads.' 'Tuesday's is now my favourite day of the week because the Ignite team are so much fun.'

As this quarter sees the end of the funding from the North Area Council, it is clear to see that the project has been well received by both the primary and secondary schools that we have worked with. The projects' aim was to provide preventative mental health workshops in both primary and secondary schools in the area. The project achieved this and was able to work with 292 children and young people. Although this figure was lower than the original estimated figure it is still hoped that the project has had a massive impact on this community. The lower figure is due to the fact that after consultations with the secondary schools, they felt it would work better in smaller groups. We still delivered the number of courses that we set out to deliver with both primary and secondary schools.

Project Outputs:

Project Outcome	Intervention/ activities that will contribute to achieving project outcome	Target	Progress so far
Outcome 1	Improve self-esteem amongst people to raise aspirations and ambitions. Giving them the skills and resilience during the transition from yr 6 to yr7.	5 primary schools Approx. 30 in each therefore 150 children	Completed in two schools (Laithes (28) & Kexborough(28)) In progress at St Mary's(34) and Wiltorpe (54)but had to stop due to Corona-Virus Lockdown. Total 144
Outcome 2	Improve self-esteem in young people to raise aspirations and ambitions.	2 Secondary schools with 2 courses per yr 7, 8, 9,10 therefore 16 courses of 15 students – approx. 240	Holy Trinity Completed yr 7 – 4 courses (32) Unique 1 (9) Unique 2 (10) In progress Unique 3 (9) Unique 4 (5) Unique 5 (5)

			Darton College <u>Completed</u> Yr7 (13) <u>In progress</u> Yr 7 (6) Yr 7 (6) Yr 7 (10) Unique 1 (7) Unique 2 (6) Unique 3 (6) Total 124 16 courses
Outcome 3	Recruit a team of volunteers, assess the training needs and upskill volunteers. This will also improve the potential to reach ambitions and aspirations	10 volunteers	2 volunteers shadowing the paid workers at some of the sessions. Another 3 volunteers recruited this quarter to help with admin task and preparing for sessions Total 5
Outcome 4	To raise awareness of the promotion of good mental health and coping mechanism for children and young people	5 Primary schools 2 secondary schools	4 primary (One primary had a double intake so equivalent to 2) 2 secondary
Additional Outcome	We were asked by Bernsali Homes to deliver some preventative mental health sessions with the children and young people at the Smithies Caravan site	1hr sessions per week during term time from June 2019 to December 2019	Worked with 24 individuals over the weeks

Total number of children and young people worked with = 292





Case Studies

E. is a student at Darton academy. He was referred to the course by the year 10 pastoral person at the school due to the risky behaviour he had been finding himself in mainly outside of school but also in school. Over the weeks E became more and more engaged in the sessions. at the beginning he did not want to take part and thought it was a waste of his time. As the weeks went on E. found the sessions more helpful to him, especially the sessions on drugs and alcohol. E. gave some verbal feedback to the team and said that the

sessions had made him think about why he had been taking part in risky behaviour and that he would like to sort some of the mental health issues he had and was using risky behaviour as a coping mechanism. The Team were able to highlight this to the school and the school has begun to seek further help and services to support him through this.

L. is a student at Wilthorpe who finds it difficult to engage in conversations due to low levels of confidence. The teacher who was part of the sessions was amazed to how L had responded to the team as she often is selectively mute. The team had begun to work with L. to build her confidence through a range of activities hopefully giving her the life skills she could use in the future.

YMCA – YMCA Youthwork

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

Project Summary:

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

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

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

Performance Summary (extract from quarterly report):

Y Stay In - Throughout the last quarter, we have welcomed new members from the North Area. We are currently experiencing 40 + members every week. Y Stay In provides opportunity for members to cement and forge new relationships with peers from across our targeted areas and continue to network away from youth club sessions. Once again members have reported meet ups in cafes, local shopping centres and school / college break out spaces. Our staff team continue to encourage young people to network within their peer groups and to record their history together. Whilst welcoming new members is a positive experience generally, it can come with challenges and anxieties for some. Our peer supporters / young volunteers are encouraged to meet and greet and buddy up with new members until such a time the new member feels comfortable and safe.

Y Stay In continues to be young people led. Specific planning meetings with a cohort of existing members (young volunteers & peer supporters) happens on a fortnightly basis. As well as developing important life skills, understanding of volunteer roles etc. these meetings serve as a conduit for the wider membership to feed their ideas, suggestions and concerns into our board of trustees and wider organisation.

Our detached team have maintained weekly contact in the North Area throughout the past quarter.

Quieter periods due to dark nights and inclement weather has given our team the opportunity to explore housing estates and alternative green spaces to our usual haunts. Being more visible around the streets has meant that we have been able to speak to residents about our work and contact details have been passed on. One such conversation has offered up the potential to explore volunteering opportunities with one resident who frequently has care for her grandsons. The events of recent weeks have meant future meet ups to discuss opportunities further have been delayed, however our social media presence is ensuring that parents / carers and young people in the communities we serve remain connected. Whilst timelines are unknown at this stage, part of our 'reboot' strategy currently being negotiated within our team is to plan specific localised events that target the whole family.

Within the last quarter, in partnership with Berneslai Homes we held an arts and craft session at Berneslai Homes premises on Priestly Avenue in Kexborough. 2 volunteers from the regular craft club ran the practical sessions, which gave our team opportunity to consult with 2 parents as well as the more senior activity facilitators. In short it was felt that engaging with families, whilst maintain our primary focus of youth work would probably be welcomed by the wider community.

Our team feel encouraged by the support and enthusiasm they witness in particular from older residents of Kexborough. On 'reboot' we will continue to build on these relationships, consult further and seek to encourage the prospect of volunteering / getting involved. Of course, we acknowledge our primary commitment will always be to the young people of the North Area. Future events and activities will always be led by and designed with the young people engaging with our program. Therefore, parental involvement will only be encouraged where young people feel it is safe and our team feel appropriate in line with the young people's needs.

Activity/Intervention	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Project Total	
	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A
Number of Sessions delivered	34	34	32	36	34	36	37	41	137	147
Number of Youth Work Opportunities	26	263	249	288	263	39	285	349	1160	1296
Number of Attendances	3	248	202	460	213	35	231	365	859	1425
Number of Unique attendees	21	55	15	50	6	53	6	15	67	173
Number of Unique attendees with sustained participation of 6 hours or more	3	42	7	37	3	35	3	7	34	121
Number of Peer Support & Volunteering Opportunities	40	18	20	29	19	31	21	36	78	113
No of local people employed (part time workers)	4	4				0		0	4	4
No of work experience/apprenticeship opportunities created	1	1	1		1	1		1	2	4
No of volunteers	4	4	2	2	2	7	2	3	10	16

Case Study:

Sam (anonymised)

Sam has been a frequent attendee of our events and activities and particularly enjoys sports. He has certain behavioural traits that can often be challenging for our team. Sam's language can be completely inappropriate, and he appears to have scant regard for the impact his language might have on his peers and others in his vicinity. Sam's behaviour can impact on our sessions in that his reputation within certain circles precedes him and therefore some young people are asked by their parents to keep away from him. Sam likes to be on the winning side, he will make attempts to spoil games and activities if he feels he isn't being listened to or accommodated fully. He is none aggressive and our team have no concerns with regard to health and safety issues.

Mindful of the potential impact of Sam's behaviour our team continue to engage with him on the understanding that positive experiences and specific praise where and when appropriate will encourage him to reflect and perhaps at least think about change. When he is challenged, it is explained to him in detail which part of his behaviour is being challenged and he is hopefully reassured that it is not him as an individual that is being questioned.





Of course Sam is often discussed in team debriefs and planning meetings. Our team explore ways in which our working style can accommodate his needs but maintain standards and engagement throughout the wider group. Where appropriate Sam is given specific roles within activities, this might be choosing a fair order of play when shooting baskets, or being a litter pick monitor in that he gives out and gathers up equipment. Sam often responds positively to his responsibilities but still continues on occasion to present difficult behaviour.

Our intention is to make attempts to draw up a carefully negotiated acceptable behaviour plan with Sam. He is familiar with similar processes as his journey through the formal education system has been a particular challenge for him. Our team have had conversations with him around how certain behaviour traits can throw up consequences for him, for example his peers not wanting to engage with him. He acknowledges these moments and can talk about other areas of his life where this has been the case.

Sam currently attends no mainstream education and recently he enjoyed some of the facilities our building base has to offer as a result of YMCA Barnsley's partnership with his school. Sam might not be ready yet, but part of our offer to Sam in the future would be a carefully planned transition into building based provision. This would afford him a different relationship with the YMCA and our team and vice versa. In some ways this would be a more formal relationship in that permissions and consent to engage would be sought via his parents / carers. This has the potential to offer wider conversations with parents, school and other agencies. Ultimately and hopefully another step towards encouraging more positive outcomes for Sam as he transitions into adulthood.

Jeff Platts – April 2020

Ad Astra Barnsley CIC – New Lodge

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

Project Summary:

SWAG – STRONGER WOMEN AND GIRLS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Performance Summary (Extract from performance report):

This last quarter has come to a bit of an abrupt halt with the Corvid 19 Virus hitting our world. With the Cv19 we have had to halt our last few weeks of delivery – a time when we would normally have been celebrating such an amazing project.

This project has reached much further than the Barnsley area as we have had enquiries from a couple of areas that have asked how we set up our SWAG project – so maybe we should have registered the name so none else could use it.....

It has been a very busy term with numbers picking up on all our sessions.

We have enjoyed some fabulous times over the last twelve months.

This term the MAD project continued to work together on their performance pieces. They had worked on some creative art pieces as well as bits of poetry.

The two groups from very different backgrounds have gelled together very well and some great friendships have been developed from young women from different areas of Barnsley who would not have normally mixed in the same circles.

We had a planned visit from the CCG and Public Health who had learnt about our project and wanted to see the group in action but again unfortunately this was cancelled due to Cv19.

To continue our support for the young women in these groups we have our Facebook Messenger that the girls use all the time (and often very late.....) But whilst everyone has been on lockdown the group have been communicating every day and we have set up Zoom which enables us to do a virtual dance session. Rachael instructs us from her living room and the rest of us follow along. We hope to get some video of our group or at least some photos from everyone dancing in their front rooms. There was a lot of trial and error setting it up but it is a fantastic way to keep moral high with lots of laughter.

Again, our Women' Well-being groups have been busy this term. To wrap their project up we were planning to do another Afternoon Tea at St Pauls but due to the church hall being rewired it was cutting us short on time and yet again the same Cv19 got in the way of us wrapping the project up.

We still have a selection of blankets socks and gloves etc that we were hoping to hand out this month to local residents but they will wait until next winter now and we will do another partnership project with other local organisations to help the isolated and vulnerable people in the St Helens area.

Michelle has had a lot of one to one sessions this term with the women from the groups that have discussed a wide variety of topics from relationships to health and family estrangements. Again, addressing the mental health issues that affect the women whilst they are struggling with their everyday lives.

One event that did create a lot of discussion was our participation in the Barnsley 2030 consultation although it wasn't one of our busiest sessions the two groups came together and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoons discussions although several of them were worried they had said too much or upset someone.

For our Women's Groups to help them through this current situation we are messaging everyone each morning in our group chats to ensure that everyone is safe and well and to offer moral support. This is working really well.

Both groups were very upset when we told them the funding had come to an end but this is one project that we feel very strong about and we will continue looking for funding as these groups definitely need the ownership that these groups have offered.

Outputs

Activity/Intervention	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Total Project target
	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	FINAL TARGET IN RED
WWG and MAD Groups set up in Old Town and St Helens Wards	4	4							4 Achieved All projects up and running
Women participating in the WW Groups (New each quarter)	15	13	5	22	10	34	10	37	40 individuals 37 unique to date
Young Women participating the MAD sessions (New each quarter)	15	17	5	22	10	30	10		40 individuals 34 unique
Women participating in Ad Astra other programmes	5	5	5	13	5	23	5	18	20 individuals 23 unique
Volunteers participating in Community Events (During each quarter)	5	13	10	18	5	12			20 individuals 22 unique
Volunteers added to the team (On a regular basis)		5	5	1			5		10 individuals 6 unique





Case Study (Words are directly from service user)

To whom it may concern,

The MAD project has allowed me to develop further social skills, while remaining physically active, as well as giving me confidence to mix with a wide variety of people. The staff are amazing at what they do and provide many opportunities including volunteering and work which has helped me get set up for adult life post university. The group is not just beneficial to me but also to the other young people, for example there are many topics brought up to discuss which young people may not think to talk about however is very beneficial, developing the self-esteem and confidence, while also providing the safety and security which is needed.

R.S.

RVS – Looking Out for Older People

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





Project Summary:

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

Performance Summary :

Report outstanding

Darton Cricket Club – Training Facility

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





Project Summary:

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

Performance Summary (Extract from performance report):

- The practise facility was installed in September, at the very end of the cricket season.
- To measure the impact of this project the Area Manager has requested a report from the club at the end of Q2 2020/21 when the club member will have begun to reap the benefits – *this will be submitted prior to the November Area Council meeting.*

Reds in the Community – Healthy Lifestyles

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

Project Summary:

The Fit Reds Healthy Lifestyle Programme

The programme will improve the health and wellbeing of both young people and adults in the North Area: through the delivery of structured physical activity sessions coupled with lifestyle workshops, we will encourage and empower participants to adopt more active and healthier lifestyles. To ensure the programme reaches a broad cross-section of local people and achieves maximum impact, delivery will take place under distinct strands aimed specifically at men, women and young people aged 7 to 11 years. These strands are as follows:

Healthy Kicks

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

Fit Reds Mens and Fit Reds Womens

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

Performance Summary (Extract from performance report):

September 2020

So far we have run 3 of the 6 courses in your area.

We did 2 courses, mens and ladies, at Athersley which attracted 28 individuals.

We have since done a ladies course at Honeywell which attracted 21 . The results were again positive with:

84% losing weight

77% increasing physical activity

92% losing cms from their waistline

This gives us a total of 49 participants from 3 courses which is slightly down on what we targeted.

We had 2 courses booked in at Honeywell for March and a mens course booked in at Athersley in April to complete our targets. Obviously we had to cancel these due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.

I have been in touch with Honeywell today to try and get things rolling again.

As things stand we have 2 mens and 1 ladies course to book in to complete.

Case Studies

Alex – Fit Red Participant Feedback Video

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

James Wood - Fit Red Participant Feedback Video

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





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*project delayed due to Covid-19

SERVICE	PRIORITY	PROJECT TITLE	COST	START	END	REPORTS
Emmanuel Church	Health and Wellbeing	Connections	£ 19,996	Oct 2020	Sept 2021	*postponed
YMCA	Young People	YMCA Youth Work	£ 10,567	April 2020	March 2021	Report received.
Making Space	Health and Wellbeing	Dementia Wellbeing Café	£10,000	Oct 2020	March 2021	*postponed & remodelled
Citizens Advice Barnsley	Health and Wellbeing	Specialist Debt Advice	£ 9,428	April 2020	Sept 2020	Inc in Com Service Report

Emmanuel Methodist Church – Connections

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

Project Summary:

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





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

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

Performance Summary:

Recruitment delayed due to COVID-19. The social inclusion worker has commenced their induction on the 1st September 2020.

YMCA – Youthwork

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

Project Summary:

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

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

Performance Summary (extract from providers report):

We have been working remotely with all our staff to maintain engagement and provide support at this challenging time. All of our children's and youth workers are still employed and regularly engaging with their projects participants.

In March we decided to maintain our engagement with and support for all the children and young people the project had previously worked with in 2019/20 regardless of how we are funded to ensure the health and wellbeing of our children and young people, during this extremely challenging time for them and their families.

We have been in communication with the majority of our participants or their parents and guardians to ensure they are aware of how they can contact us and access support if needed. We have circulated information about how to contact us during this time and have a specific text line and email address.

We have also been in communication with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams about potential deployment of our youth workers in supporting and responding to any hot spot areas if young people on the streets. Our detached team has been out in Kexborough & Darton during June engaging with key contacts and some young people with a view to more organised delivery commencing in July.

Our lockdown specific youth work model includes:

Website and social media

1. Regular updates and messages from staff, sharing relevant and useful resources to support children and young people at this time, particularly around emotional health and wellbeing
2. Created a specific resource page on our website YMCA@home as a one stop shop for children, young people and their parents to access information, support and ideas for things to do and to support their health and wellbeing.

Virtual activities and workshops using Microsoft Teams, as well as pre-recorded videos with different youth workers, hello and stay safe messages, responding to questions, getting to know your youth worker interviews, young volunteer features and demonstrating how to do different activities. This has had a fabulous response with one young volunteer sharing her art work created while in lockdown and leading to ideas of an event to showcase what some of the children and young people have created during lockdown.

Emails to participants with specific contact and activities from the participant's regular youth workers, maintaining that individual relationship with their own youth workers rather than a generic approach.

Individual 'hello' postcards and seed bomb delivery to our participants from their youth worker – to remind them how to contact us and that we are here for them if they need us and to start a wildflower gorilla gardening challenge.

Webchats and training workshops using Microsoft Teams for our older young people, peer supporters and young volunteers.

Phone line support and regular check ins with children and young people who require additional support and sign posting to other services.

Maintaining contact with key contacts in our project, local groups and organisations, key individuals and parents to ensure we maintain our local knowledge and are able to provide support if needed.

Maintaining contact with partners and stakeholders in our projects and our local and youth work networks, providing mutual support and sharing learning.

Our youth workers are engaged in planning and preparing our reboot strategy ensuring we are in the best position we can be to support our young people and families when it is safe to resume our face to face contact. This includes ongoing consultation with participants and parents.

Our staff are also engaging wide range of training and CPD particularly around safeguarding young people online.

We have implemented new policies and procedures to ensure we are always promoting safe practices and ensuring safeguarding is paramount in every engagement we have with children and young people.

We have adapted our monitoring practices and procedures to suit our current delivery and ensure we can still measure our impact at this time.





We have been working closely with BMBC IT services and our website company, to explore and review the most appropriate ways to engage with young people online, and are working closely with our youth work colleagues at other YMCA's and in the youth work sector.

Some of our staff and volunteers are part of the Locality Community Responders and been involved in distribution of Barnsley council's Covid-19 leaflets, and we are distributing local donations such as Easter eggs and children's activity packs.

We are also engaged with our YMCA colleagues as part of a coordinated YMCA response and joint projects such as young people's activities and consultation. This has included a YMCA Song Video Challenge that some of our young people and staff participated in alongside other YMCA's from across the country and is in the process of being edited.

Working in this way is a significant challenge for us all but we are determined to maintain our contact with and support for our children and young people.

Making Space – Dementia Wellbeing Cafe

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

Project Summary:

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

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

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

Adapting the model for Covid Recovery:

Grant funding period: 01/10/20- 31/03/21.

1. Freephone dementia helpline

Fund a 6th of the new Freephone Dementia Helpline that we have created jointly, to be there for people living with Dementia and their carers from 8pm to midnight every evening, until the end of March. Please see attached info sheet.

2. Training and support for carers

Offer specialist Dementia support and advice training to carers of people living with Dementia. This could be offered to Carers in the North Area over an 8 week period. Please see attached "Awards for All Pitch" for funding for this. You can see the areas that this training would address. This course would run once each quarter on a rolling basis.

3. Weekly café in Barugh Green





Helping lonely and isolated people from the Barugh Green Area begin to reintegrate. Low level support for people living with dementia and their carers. Adhering to government guidelines, numbers of attendees would need to be closely monitored the table service model of delivery includes the following:

Guests are met at the door, asked to wash their hands, temperature checked and then escorted to a table by a staff member or a volunteer wearing a visor, who will be their person for the duration. They will keep them company, offer information, advice and support if needed, help them to enjoy the live music on offer, including singing along. They will also do some arts and crafts with them, if they would like that and of course there would be plenty of tea, coffee and cakes. This new model stops people moving around. Numbers have to be lower than usual because many people living with Dementia will not be able to understand social distancing. The model relies heavily on the support of volunteers.

Performance Summary:

**This service will commence in October 2020*

CAB – Specialist Debt Advice

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

Project Summary:

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

Performance Summary:

**Performance information for this project is included in the commissioned service report for the Anti-Poverty Outreach provision delivered by CAB and DIAL*

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Item 8

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
14th September 2020

Agenda Item: 8

Report of the
North Area Council Manager

Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 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 2029/20.

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 retracted to help address COVID-19 impact from a centralised position.

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 2020/21 must be signed off by the Ward Alliance by early March (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. Public events begin to be planned. 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
Healthy Holidays 2020	£2000	£0	£5147.35	£13,999.70

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
Kexborough Notice Board	£824	£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

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
Secretary Payment Q1	£125	£0	£9852.37	£21,272.73
St Helens Church Covid Recovery	£1187	£6755	£9852.37	£20,085.73
Athersley Community Association and Football Club	£3,000	£1013	£9852.37	£17,085.73
Ad Astra After School Club	£2,000	£2296	£9852.37	£15,085.73

Item 9

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 14th September 2020**

Agenda Item: 9

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

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

3.0 Introduction

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

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

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

Appendices:

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

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

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1st September 2020**

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
14th July – 6 PM
Virtual Meeting via Teams

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Caroline Haigh – Village Hall Assistant Manager
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
David Oates - Local Business Man
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

Apologies:

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Janine Williams – Local Resident
Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
Helen Altun – Minutes
David Hilton – Green space
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** – Approved.
4. **Matters Arising**

Facebook – ongoing. A facebook page will be set up in August

5. Financial Update

Budget for 2020/2021 - £17,704.70
Hanging Basket payment (£1705) was carried forward to 2020/2021, therefore remaining balance for 20/21 is £15,999.70

6. Applications for Funding

Healthy Holidays £2000 Working Budget – Approved. This project will provide free grab bags to children during the summer holidays.

7. Ward Action Plan

Discussion focussed on COVID-19 recovery projects within the Ward. A survey has been sent to community groups to see how COVID-19 has affected them. A member suggested proactively writing out to groups to let them know funding is available to support them.

A member suggested putting an article in the arrow and putting a poster together to advertise that Ward Alliance funding is available to community groups.

8. AOB

A member explained that the container at Keswick Road Allotments has been moved to a different location.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 11/08/2020 6 pm.

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
11th August– 6 PM
Virtual Meeting via Teams

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Caroline Haigh – Village Hall Assistant Manager
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

Apologies:

Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
Helen Altun – Minutes
David Hilton – Green space
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

5. Declarations of Interest – None

6. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

7. Matters Arising – There were no matters arising

5. Financial Update

Current balance: £13,999.70.

There were no Ward Alliance applications for consideration.

9. COVID-19 Recovery

- **Healthy Holidays Update** – It was reported that unfortunately this year's Healthy Holidays has not been as successful as last years. Only 1 family took up the offer of the free fruit and veg box.

A discussion was held with Ward Alliance members as to why the project wasn't a success – did people not need the help or are some too proud to ask for help?

- **Potential Projects** – Discussion was had on the impact of COVID-19 on the local community. Could the Ward Alliance support local businesses in some way? Showcase what is available locally and encourage people to buy local. Possibly a handout into the Arrow or a map of the local area showing businesses.

10. Any Other Business

- A member advised that the new defibrillator (Ward Alliance part funded) has been delivered and will be installed at Lidl soon.

- Thursday 13th August there will be a pop-up Police Station outside the Co-op in Mapplewell with the Neighbourhood Police Team.

- A member reported that they have been contacted by BMBC to let them know that there will be a 'weeds blitz' in Darton East. BMBC are aiming to clear 85% of weeds on adopted highways in the Borough. BMBC have asked for the top 50 streets in Darton East to be reported back to them by 24th August.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 08/09/2020 6 pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Minutes of Meeting.

Wednesday, 15th July 2020 by (Virtual Discussions).

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

Apologies: Ann Plant, Bobby Medlam, Nicole Whitford.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

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

2 The notes of the meeting Wednesday, 4th March 2020 and Action Points were reviewed.

Action Points.

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 of The Pantry and The Chippy).

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 licence protocols for Dearne Hall Road.

Urgent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rebecca to look at future special poster provision availability for Ward Noticeboards and update as and when required.

Rebecca to contact Harry Road resident and inform re WAF Application situation.

Cllrs A Cave, T Cave and S Howard to investigate Harry Road Recreational Ground issues and solutions this is a Ward Cllrs and local Officers Matter.

John to investigate name of the running group using Darton Park re: safety concerns when using starting blocks and discarding blocks on footpaths.

Cllr Trevor Cave to add **Poverty and Needs Related Issues** to the 2020/2021 Darton West Ward Action Plan section Priority Summary.

End of Action Points.

3 Ward Alliance Fund.

A. 2020/2021. Budget was discussed.

B. WAF Applications.

Kexborough Community Replacement Notice Board. **Approved.**

Friends of Harry Road Group Funding. **Further Clarification Required.**

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

4 Ward Alliance Action Plan.

This was discussed, agenda item next meeting.

5 North Area Council.

Nothing to report.

6 Darton Project Update and Progress.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of progress being made. Positive developments. Car Park development update Agenda item next. meeting.

7 Additional Funding for future projects.

Members were updated and kept informed of any issues.

8 Stars of Darton West Ward Alliance Update.

Cllr Sharon Howard updated the group, it was decided that these will take place 2021, future discussions and arrangements will be presented at the appropriate time.

9 Ward Priorities 2020/2021.

All Members agreed that the 2020/2021 Ward Priorities would remain the same, however, it was agreed there would be an additional section added, **Poverty and Needs Related Issues**, due to the Covid 19 affects.

A.O.B.

The Group acknowledged that Dominic McCall, as a local resident of the Redbrook Area and a Member of this Group has an expression of interest to any future development of Harry Road Recreation Ground and its Parameters.

Dominic informed he had attended an Active Travel Meeting and suggested a Local Primary Schools Initiative would be beneficial, the contact person is Susie Smith.

Cllr Trevor Cave reported he had received concerns about traffic levels around Barugh Green School. MU1 Road Plan to be considered to help assist with the situation.

Tom reported regarding the temporary 4 Way traffic light system around the Barugh Green area currently.

Jason updated of the Darton Memorial Garden Developments; Key workers children been maintaining during lockdown.

Cllr Sharon Howard informed the Group of discussions which might assist introduction of bicycle racks across the Ward.

Richard update progress with Gawber History Group during lockdown. Possible 3rd Interpretation Board in place September 2020.

Cllr Alice Cave raised request for new seating bench at Redbrook/Wilthorpe Community Centre, on hold presently.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 16th September 2020, 5.00 pm.

This will be a Virtual Teams Meeting unless notified of any change of venue.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe,
Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor
Minutes of 11th August 2020

1. In Attendance
Cllr Clive Pickering (Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Bill (W) Gaunt, Lee Swift, Luke Holmes, Gill Nixon.
2. Apologies
John Love, Cameron Stirk, Cllr Phil Lofts, Sheila Lowe.
3. Funding Applications.
 - a. Blackburn Lane Play area, £3,000 for installing rubber matting to replace sand. Any excess costs are to be met by the Parks Dept. All present in agreement.
 - b. Fresh Ground, bid to buy gazebo and craft equipment. Some discussion re this as Wilthorpe Community Partnership have a gazebo plus other equipment which can be loaned out. Lee to discuss with Kelly Spence-Waldron re borrowing a gazebo, weights and tables and report back to the W.A. Lee to also discuss with KSW re increasing bid to enable more craft equipment to be purchased. Bill to enquire re Insurance as to whether this will cover Litter Picking, Bill to feed back to Lee.
 - c. Great British spring Clean, was previously scheduled to take place in March/April this year however Covid 19 prevented this. New date has been agreed for September, from the 11th - 27th September. Groups to be no bigger than 6. Lee has asked Lucy (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust) to investigate activities that might be possible due to the restrictions of Covid 19.
 - d. Discussion re path laying at Sugdens Rec, Clive to chase up with Highways Dept. and to discuss the removal of the bench on the rec.
4. **Date of next meeting, 8th September 7pm.**

Appendix Four:

St. Helen's Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Monday 20th July 2020, 2:30pm, Meeting via Microsoft Teams



Present: Cllr David Leech, Cllr Jenny Platts (Chair), Cllr Sarah Tattersal, Lee Swift, Madge Busby, Clyde Black, Michelle Cooper.

Apologies: Neil Wright, Pooja Ramchandani, John Hallows, Tony Lowe, Rebecca Leech, Freda Stenton, Kath Bostwick

Welcome and Introductions: Everyone was thanked for their attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting: Because of the length of time between meetings, the minutes of the last meeting were not presented as the matters arising would not be relevant.

Lee explained that following the COVID-19 pandemic, BMBC have insisted that until indicated otherwise, Ward Alliance funding applications should be assessed with the priority placed on projects that will assist in the community recovering from the effects of the Pandemic and the lockdown.

Funding Applications:

- Athersley rec FC – The bid for Athersley F.C. to purchase two cabins to replace the two that have been damaged. The club have received a good deal to replace both for £3,000 instead of £6,000. Although the bid was appropriate, it was unclear what they were intending to use the cabins for as conflicting accounts have come back. There was also indication to believe that the club may be getting money from elsewhere, but it was unsure whether they were asking other pots for the same project. After discussion, due to the uncertainty of the clubs capacity to fund raise additional amounts, it was agreed not to grant less than the requested amount, but a condition of the grant would be for them to commit ahead of time to taking part in the St Helens Gala 2021. With these stipulations, the bid was approved.
- St Helen's Church Bid – Although the bid showed a significantly low cost for equipment, the bid was felt to be worthwhile and was approved.
- Munchkins Bid – This bid was to enable after school provision to return to St Helen's after COVID-19. Michelle explained that there will now only be 12 people max at a session, so there may not be as much value for money in terms of the volunteer hours. Cllr leech said there will not be enough funds in the bid to adequately run the group, in light of COVID requirements, so the Ward Alliance agreed to raise the granted amount to £2,000. This bid was then approved
- Hanging baskets – Lee explained that we originally asked for 30 baskets to be put up, but First Impression have invoiced us for 35. Cllr Tattersall said she talked to them when they were putting stuff up and they indicated they'd be putting up 31 . Cllr Tattersall agreed to look at the number of baskets and feedback. It was agreed to pay any shortfall

Events:

Healthy hols – There are a number of activities ongoing in St Helen’s Ward across the summer, as with previous years, to help families with low incomes access food and activities.

The activities on offer are:

- New Lodge – giving food and activity packs for 5 weeks, 40 bags per week
- Community shop – lots of activities streamed on Zoom including cook and eat demonstrations. The food café will also be open
- Childrens Centre – are working with up to 25 families from the centre to provide food and activities.
- Free meal vouchers can be spent at the Community Shop as well as Company shop

COVID Recovery Fund – Lee explained that there is a fund coming out for groups and facilities that are struggling as a result of the lockdown. This information will be passed to groups as soon as it is available

Spring Clean – The Great British Spring Clean has been moved to September this year, and planning for this will begin soon. Madge said that the area has suffered under lockdown. In the interim, Cllr Tattersall agreed to contact Twiggs to look at some spring cleaning now

Christmas Trees – Councillors asked if there was an opportunity to begin planning for the Christmas events, as there is a conscious need to order trees at this point. Lee explained that it would be unlikely that funding for trees would be passed from the Ward Alliance due to COVID priority, but the Ward could use petty cash. Lee agreed to ask Rosie

Michelle explained that there is a bollard knocked down near New Lodge Community Centre– Michelle agreed to talk to BMBC Highways.

St Helens Summer Gala – it was noted that Rebecca Leech agreed to help organise this event for 2021.

Date and time of next meeting:

TBC