

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 23 November 2020
TIME:	2.00 pm
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Darton East – held on 8th September and 13th October 2020
Darton West – held on 16th September and 21st October 2020
Old Town – held on 8th September and 13th October 2020
St Helen's – held on 19th September 2020

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

Area Council Support Officers:

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Friday, 13 November 2020

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MINUTES

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

72 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

73 **Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 20th July 2020**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th July 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 20th July 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

74 **Young People's Resilience Grant - Update**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and apprised 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. The Area Council Manager has met with CEO of the Every Child Matters Academy Trust and 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. The grant opportunity was advertised on the 7th August 2020.

The closing date for applications is 4pm on Tuesday 21st September. All organisations that meet the criteria will be invited to present their project proposal to the panel on Tuesday 6th October. It is anticipated that service delivery will start after half term early November, with a steer regarding the start date from schools, given the current challenges because of Covid-19. The Emotional Resilience Lead Officer will evaluate the project and the Area Council Manager will discuss the option of external evaluation with her once she is in post.

RESOLVED that Members note the progress in this priority area.

75 **Covid-19 Recovery - VCS grant funding opportunity**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, highlighting 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 and to ensure that as many people as possible are aware of the grants available. The application form is simple and easy to complete so that smaller organisations can be encouraged to apply, including church halls facing a loss of income and not-for-profit businesses. All members were asked to share this information within their Wards and will be sent a copy of the form.

RESOLVED 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

76 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, providing the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed. Existing projects were highlighted, including the Anti-Poverty project, Clean and Green and the Private Sector Housing Officer. The latter has been delayed due to contract finalisation. There is likely to be an increase in demand for the service in the future. Members were asked to report any new issues in their Wards, with existing concerns being passed on. It was highlighted that the Health and Wellbeing Project will be very important this winter, as will the Covid recovery project which did excellent work with community responders, taking food parcels out at the beginning of lockdown. It is anticipated that something similar may take place for older people in severe weather conditions with the combined challenges of seasonal flu and Covid-19. This will be discussed at a future meeting. There will be a budgetary underspend due to the delays in recruiting to the Private Sector Housing Officer post and the delay with the young people's project. All members are welcome to attend the Economic Recovery Briefing.

RESOLVED that The North Area Council note the existing budget position and the existing funding commitments; the update regarding the Housing Migration Officer and the recommendation to hold an Economic Recovery briefing

77 Covid-19 Recovery - Older People's Resilience - Verbal update from priority working group

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council with regard to the priority working group meeting last week. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that third sector providers are aware of what help and support organisations will be providing in order to get eliminate inappropriate referrals and to avoid duplication. The event was very well attended along with attendees from social care and public health. Key concerns and gaps and opportunities in provision were explored.

Issues discussed included that there is a degree of apprehension about how people can confidently navigate society after lockdown; reduced physical strength and mobility as a result of the lockdown; limited social networks and impacts on mental health. It was reported that Age UK had seen an increase in younger clients in their 50s and 60s and there are also reports of older people who are not digitally enabled for a number of reasons. Gaps include limited access to low level mental health support; not enough early help for older people and severely limited community

activities. Safe operating guidance for groups is being developed but this is difficult as government guidance changes frequently.

RESOLVED that the Area Council Manager be tasked with exploring opportunities for developing older people's resilience as part of Covid-19 recovery.

78 Area Commissioning Performance Report

The Area Council Manager provided Members with a comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report for the period April-June 2020 (2020/21 Quarter 4). It was highlighted that many projects have been adapted and/or delayed due to Covid-19. It was reported that organisations have been very forthcoming in terms of adapting services and have done everything possible to prevent furloughing staff whilst still providing a service. A number of examples of the excellent work being done were given, with Members aware of a number of examples of good work across the piece.

RESOLVED that Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report.

79 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council with regard to the financial position of the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2020/21 period. It was highlighted that this is a difficult situation, especially as Christmas is on the horizon and the Area Council will have to think about different ways of doing things. The Area Team is available for help and guidance around this.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Ward Alliances pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid19 Recovery Plan document when developing projects during the remainder of 2020/21 and
- (ii) 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.

80 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 14th July and 11th August; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 15th July; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 11th August; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 20th July.

Further updates included:

Darton East – The Ward Alliance has continued to meet virtually. The Healthy Holidays Programme is in place to provide support over the school holidays. A 'grab bag' offer has been put in place, publicised through social media and leafleting. However uptake has been limited. This has been changed to offering fruit and veg boxes, but again with a low level of uptake. It is unclear as to why this is – it could be indicative of a low level of need or that people are too proud to accept help. The

defibrillator at Lidl Mapplewell has now been installed, is up and running and has already been used, which shows that there is a level of need for it.

Darton West – There is a degree of frustration about the length of time taken to install a defibrillator, which was ordered some time ago but has only just arrived. Berneslai Homes will be installing it soon. There is a need to keep a watchful eye on the situation in the Ward as winter develops.

Old Town – It was reported that efforts are being made to get sponsors for Christmas trees so that expenditure can be redirected to other areas, given the current situation. Members of the Ward Alliance have discussed opportunities to help community members struggling with their mental health. Sugden Recreation Area has experienced increased usage and there are several groups of YP using it. A number of footpaths in the area have been widened to encourage active travel. Work at the Fleets has been delayed due to staffing over lockdown, update will be sought from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

St Helen's – A number of healthy activities have taken place. Free school meals vouchers have been matched by the Community Shop. Discussions have taken place with various organisations and bodies about Christmas, as it may not be possible to have the usual community events. New ways of reaching children in the ward will have to be developed. Litter picks with TWIGGS have taken place, within Covid Guidelines. Hanging baskets were placed just in time and have uplifted the ward during this challenging time.

Members were also reminded of the requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

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

Chair

Item 4

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
23rd November 2020

Agenda Item: 4

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 outcome of the Young People's Emotional Resilience Grant Panel. The opportunity 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

- 4.1. **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

4.2. 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.

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

- 5.1. 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
- 5.2. 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.”
- 5.3. 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

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

Transition ages 8-14

- 5.3..6. Improve the experiences of young people as they transition from junior to senior school
- 5.3..7. Ensure that young people have access to good quality, frank information about the physical, emotional and social wellbeing. Complimenting PHSE provision schools.
- 5.3..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

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

Raising Aspirations:

- 5.3..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
- 5.3..13. Increase access to careers information, advice and guidance for children and parents
- 5.3..14. Empower parents to support their children to aim high and be their best self

Risky Behaviour

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

- 5.4. 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

- 5.4..1. Use youth work model of engagement to provide education and support to young people.
- 5.4..2. Engage families in an informal setting (community hub/café) so that they relax and can discuss emotional wellbeing in a supported environment.

- 5.4..3. Develop a public health led educational digital campaign that can be used in schools, GPs and public buildings.
- 5.4..4. Develop universal package of support that schools can buy in.

Transition Age (8-13)

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

Empowerment

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

Raising Aspirations

- 5.4..12. Provide a yearly conference with the 14-19 service to provide information about local employment opportunities, starting from year 6.
- 5.4..13. Provide opportunities for young people to go on field trips and have experiences that take them beyond their local neighbourhood.
- 5.4..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

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

5.5. Lightbulb moments, stakeholders repeatedly stressed:

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

- 5.6. 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.

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

- 6.1. Coaching Model – Intensive but with a legacy and peer support incorporated (Both the Summer Internship delivery model and Fit Reds delivery model were discussed).
- 6.2. 5 Ways to Wellbeing should be at the centre of a project (Connect, Be Active, Give, Take Notice, and Stay Connected).
- 6.3. 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).

7. Risks

7.1. 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.

7.2. 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.

7.3. 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 was included in the specification, circulated November 2019.

8. Procurement Update

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. The Procurement Panel (including representatives from the schools and public health) met on the 12th March 2020 to discuss the outcome and way forward.

- 8.4. 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
- 8.5. 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.

9. Adapting the model

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. 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.
- 9.5. 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.
- 9.6. 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.
- 9.7. 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.

- 9.8. 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.
- 9.9. 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. Grant Opportunity

- 10.1. 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).
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. The grant has chunked the original proposal down to enable the voluntary and community sector to bid for lots.
- 10.5. 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.
- 10.6. Due to the complexity of this piece of work it is recommended that the grant panel representatives are the same as for the original procurement exercise.

11. Financial Implications

- 11.1. The financial implications are £90,000.00 p.a.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. For a grant opportunity the grant agreements will be 12 months in duration for the first year.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. It is proposed that the provision should start from 1st November 2020.

12. Stakeholders

- 12.1. The project has the support of the Every Child Matters Academy Trust who have several schools in the North Area.
- 12.2. The Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Meeting, which is a multiagency meeting chaired by Alicia Marcroft, Head of Public Health; identified that this project it would make a suitable 'action research project'. The Emotional Resilience Lead Officer, Lauren Nixon, who will be offering advice on the evaluation of the grant opportunity.
- 12.3. The Panel included:
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| Junior School representative: | Jane Mackay (Kexborough) |
| Senior School Representative: | Gary Smith (Darton) |
| Head of Employment and Skills: | Tom Smith |
| Transformation Lead (EH&WB): | Lauren Nixon |
| Senior Public Health: | Cath Bedford |

13. Progress update

- 13.1. The closing date for applications was on Tuesday 21st September.
- 13.2. Three organisations were invited to present their project proposal to the panel Tuesday 6th October.
- 13.3. Following the panel two organisations were successful. The split of schools will be as follows:
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| Wellgate School | YMCA |
| Kexborough School | YMCA |
| Summer Lane School | YMCA |
| Athersley North School | Ad Astra |
| Athersley South School | Ad Astra |
| Laites Primary School | Ad Astra |
- 13.4. The Area Council should note YMCA originally applied to work solely with Kexborough and Darton School but the panel were so impressed with the model that they requested a summary of what YMCA could deliver in Mapplewell and Summer Lane Schools. The existing budget could not accommodate the full delivery in three schools so a pared down to produce a simpler model, bespoke for each school. Outcomes will need to be reviewed as will the budget for the grant arrangements.

14. Next Steps

- 14.1. Area Manager to arrange for Beyond Words training to take place for schools staff and grant providers (N.B. This may need to be delayed because at the time of writing many schools are facing extreme pressure with Covid-19 restrictions and reduced staffing ratios.)
- 14.2. Area Manager to work with Lauren Nixon and the providers to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework.

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Item 5

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
23rd November 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. **Members note 4.4, the table shows the proposed spend, verses current forecasted spend for the year.**

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.

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.

N.B. If the contract is renewed this will require either a further waiver or open tender in May/June 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 and Cohesion Officer (Private Sector Housing) – At the November meeting 2017 it was agreed that the North Area would fund a private sector housing 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.

After a significant delay the new Housing and Cohesion Officer started in post on Monday 19th October 2020.

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

N.B. The Area Council requested that the CAB specialist debt advice service be extended for 6 months, from October 2020-March 2021.

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.

N.B. At the September meeting the Area Council requested to extend this provision by a further 6 months. January – June 2021, this has been negotiated.

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. Note 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. However some aspects of delivery may be delayed due to the additional pressures of the pandemic.

4. **Financial Position**

- 4.1. At the end of 2019/20 there was a significant **underspend of £156,433 (this includes underspend from previous years)**.
- 4.2. **The forecast for 2019/20 shows that the underspend** (including underspend from previous years) **reduced to £122,517**. This is because the in-year balance exceeded the annual budget by approximately £32,595.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. Outlined annual commitments from April 2020 (Please note these have altered significantly due to Covid-19):

Contract	Proposed Spend 2020/21	Actual Spend 2020/21
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£95,000	£95,000
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	£85,000	£85,000
Housing Migration Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£35,000	£16,500
Stronger Communities Grant	£50,000	£60,000
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+ hOurbank)	£75,000 + £10,000	£75,000 + £10,000
Children and Youth People Resilience Grant	£90,000	£50,000
Fleets Nature Park	£20,000	£20,000
Older People & Winter Warmth	£0	£22,000
TOTAL	£460,000	£433,500

- 4.5. **As a result of delays to project during 2020 the underspend will be reduced but not as much as originally intended. It is recommended that some of this funding is used to increase the value of longstanding contracts with considerations for inflation.**

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.

7. Next Steps

- 7.1. At the time of writing the Area Council Manager is currently working with the Procurement Team and will be advertising the Environmental Education Contract opportunity for April 2021 in the coming weeks.
- 7.2. 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:
23rd November 2020
Agenda Item: 7

Report of North Area Council
Manager

COVID-19 Recovery Supporting Older People in the North Area

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **That members discuss the benefits of Age UK supporting older people in the North Area.**
- 2.2. **Confirm if they wish to fund Age UK Barnsley to provide support for older people in the North Area for a further 6 months.**
- 2.3. **Member confirm the funding for the Winter Warmer Packs.**

3. Background

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

based activities. 8 volunteers have been regularly active on this service. Age UK have reported that only 35% of the people that they are supporting are online.

- 3.5. In the UK approximately 88% of the deaths from Covid-19 has been of people aged over 65. The chances of the older person dying from the virus increase in proportion to their increasing age and many of Age UK's service users are 80+. The risk from the virus is still potentially much more serious for older people and so they are wary of getting back to normal. Some of these people have lost confidence and mobility, compounded by the fact that social norms have changed while people have been shielding.
- 3.6. At the July meeting the North Area Council agreed to fund Age UK for 6 months to support older people in the North Area.
- 3.7. Although lockdown restrictions were eased in the UK during August and September, lockdown was reintroduced in the Autumn of 2020 as infection rates began to rise once more.

4. Benefits of having Age UK's support for older residents of the North Area during winter 2020, include but are not limited to:

- a) Age UK specialise in providing support to over 55s, although a large proportion of their clients are 80years+.
- b) Support is focussed on people who do not have local support networks.
- c) Support with low mood and wellbeing
- d) Age UK have the capacity to form individual plans to help each person get mobile, providing them with encouragement, and exercises to strengthen and prevent falls.
- e) Stimulating activities will be provided to help residents stay engaged and keep their minds active.
- f) The service will aim to ensure that older people will feel valued, 'better' in themselves, more resilient and better able to deal with the restrictions and anxieties they currently face.
- g) Age UK's service delivery provides additionality to the existing service provision in the North Area (both commissioned and grant funded).

- 4.1. At the September meeting Members requested that the Area Manager ask Age UK if there were able to continue to deliver in the area for a further 6 months from January 2021. This has been actioned and Age UK are keen to continue delivery.

5. Partnership working and avoiding duplication

- 5.1. Since the last meeting the Health and Wellbeing priority sub group has met with the following providers: DIAL's Warm Connections, Emmanuel Church's Older People's Project, Age UK, Making Space, Adult Social Care.
- 5.2. All the providers are continually adapting their service delivery to reflect the current Covid safe working practises and lockdown restrictions.

- 5.3. It was agreed to run a Winter Warmer Pack distribution across the area. Packs have been funded by: DIAL, Age UK and Making Spaces (210 packs).
- 5.4. It is recommended that the North Area Council match the funding to ensure that sufficient packs can be purchased.
- 5.5. Packs cost £13.75 each and contain:
 - ❖ Covered hot water bottle
 - ❖ Fleece blanket
 - ❖ 1 pair thermal fingerless gloves
 - ❖ Thermal hat
 - ❖ Insulated travel mug
 - ❖ Pair of hand warmers
 - ❖ Packaged in a branded cotton tote bag
- 5.6. Packs will predominantly be distributed by DIAL, Age UK and BMBC Adult Services.
- 5.7. The packs will also include falls prevention information supplied by BMBC's Public Health team.

6. Proposed Investment by the North Area Council

- 6.1. Proposal: That the Area Council allocate £10,000 to Age UK to deliver the benefits listed in section 4 for a period of six months, in addition to the original six months agreed in July 2020. This would run from January 2021 to June 2021.
- 6.2. The members of the North Area Council's Health and Wellbeing Priority Working Group and the Area Chair have been consulted on this proposal and have given it their support, prior to this being included in the meeting agenda.
- 6.3. Proposal that the North Area Council contribute £2,000 to purchase additional winter warmer packs.

7. Next Steps

- 7.1. Members are asked to confirm if they wish to fund Age UK to support elderly residents in the North Area during winter 2020 and into spring recovery.
- 7.2. Members are asked to confirm the winter warmer packs funding.

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Item 8

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
23rd November 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 Please note that WAF which was allocated to community resilience projects in the first wave of COVID lockdown restrictions has been reimbursed and the budget papers from November 2020 reflect this.
- 4.5 All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.
- 4.6 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 – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

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
£7,512.70 carried forward from 2019/20
 £960.00 Hanging Basket Income
£18,472.70 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £9236.35	Allocation Remaining £18,472.70
Hanging Baskets 2020	£1705	£0	£7,531.35	£16,767.70
Healthy Holidays 2020	£2000	£0	£5,531.35	£14,767.70
Mapplewell Bowling Club	£240	£243.18	£5,531.35	£14,527.70
Autumn Planting	£1,000	£0	£4,531.35	£13,527.70
Community Notice Board	£1280	£0	£3,251.35	£12,247.70
Shop Local project	£600	£0	£2,651.35	£11,647.70
Christmas 2020	£1,000	£0	£1,651.35	£10,647.70
Secretary Payment Q2	£41.70	£0	£1,651.35	£10,606.00

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation
£10,476.69 carried forward from 2019/20
£800.00 Hanging Basket income
£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	£9,814.35	£20,452.69
Litter Bins	£1,000	£0	£8,814.35	£19,452.69
Poppy Project	£732.45	£0	£8,081.90	£18,720.24
Dearne Hall Road	£3655.40	£0	£4,426.50	£15,064.84
Christmas Tree Lighting	£1500	£0	£2,926.50	£13,564.84
Christmas in DW	£3800	£0	-£873.51	£9,764.84

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
Fresh ground Volunteer Group	£280	£405.30	£13,266.72	£26,253.52
Blackburn Lane Play Area	£3,000	£0	£10,266.76	£23,253.52
Community Planter	£1,000	£702.52	£10,266.76	£22,253.52
Spring Blubs	£1185	£0	£9,081.76	£21,068.52
Christmas Activity Packs	£2,000	£0	£7,081.76	£19,068.52
Spring Blubs 2020	£346.47	£0	£6,735.29	£18,722.05

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
 £1687 Covid income
£25,941.73 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £12,970.00	Allocation Remaining £25,941.73
Athersley Carers – Blooming Men	£707	£200	£12,970.00	£25,234.73
Ad Astra – Free school Meals – Covid 19	£500	£0	£12,471.00	£24,734.73
Hanging Baskets 2020	£2035	£0	£10,435.87	£22,699.73
Secretary Payment Q1	£125	£0	£10,435.87	£22,574.73
St Helens Church Covid Recovery	£1187	£6755	£10,435.87	£21,387.73
Athersley Community Association and Football Club	£3,000	£1013	£10,435.87	£18,387.73
Ad Astra After School Club	£2,000	£2296	£10,435.87	£16,387.73
Spring Blubs	£1185	£0	£9,250.87	£15,202.73

Item 9

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 23rd November 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 September and October 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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Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
8th September – 6 PM
Mapplewell & Staincross
Village Hall

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Janine Williams – Local Resident
David Hilton – Green space
David Oates - Local Business Man

Chair not present at the meeting. Steve Hunt volunteered to act as chair.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Nick and Caroline for two applications.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** – Approved.
4. **Matters Arising** – A member asked if any funding from the ward alliance could be used to support local business. The business would need to put in an application to the ward alliance fund.

5. Financial Update

£13,567.70. All funds have been combined due to Coronavirus. The healthy holidays remaining budget will go back into the ward alliance fund. The ward alliance tried to help any families struggling. Only one fruit and veg box was applied for. A social media advert was distributed and also leaflets were posted about the scheme. It may be that the ward alliance will try the scheme again due to potential unemployment in the future due to coronavirus. A member asked if all the budget had to be spent before April. The budget does need to be spent before April.

6. Applications for Funding

Autumn Planting £1000– Approved. A member explained the bulbs and the senataf looked amazing so a big thank you to Greenspace and any volunteers who had helped.

Website for the local area £2700 – Approved. Lots of questions were asked about the website and all questions were answered. 2 members had also sent their approval by email. Website to be added to agenda and to the action plan.

Notice board new £895 – Approved. Questions were asked about the notice board and all were answered. The notice board will be put up outside the Village Hall.

7. Ward Action Plan

The manager of the CO-OP will be doing the Christmas light switch on either on 27/11/20 or 04/12/20. It will be a CO-OP event.

Station Road Darton – The Christmas tree has been vandalised for the last two years so no Christmas tree will be put up this year.

Christmas trees in our ward will be for Mapplewell, Woolley and Windhill. Lights will be checked to see if they need replacing and the budget will be checked from last year as some of the budget may be remaining.

Christmas is difficult to discuss at the moment due to the current Corona virus situation so will be looked at again nearer to the time.

A member explained it would be great if we could encourage our residents to shop local. A flyer had been designed and a quote had been sought from the Arrow magazine and posters could be printed for shops to display. It was agreed by members it was a great idea but the poster needed to be more vibrant. A double page in the arrow is £320 with no additional cost for the design or layout.

If half advert and half editorial, it would be £185.

Members agreed it would be a good idea to advertise to shop local initially for three months.

A member explained they would do another poster and ask the Arrow to do one and bring it along to the next meeting with an application.

8. AOB

The village hall allowed the covid testing centre to be put up in the Village Hall car park free of charge. Approximately 130 tests were completed per day. It was extremely popular and it should be coming back shortly.

The County way car park is available for walk in or drive in at the moment.

A member offered for the upstairs in the Wentworth Pub for the next ward alliance meeting. Members agreed it would be a good idea but would depend if any further restrictions were brought in.

A member explained they would be continuing to join the meeting but it would be virtually due to the current coronavirus situation.

A member asked if the car park on Spark Lane was still going forward and it was explained that it wasn't as the council had not come to an agreement with Siswell. The church on Blacker Road will be resurfaced and will become a public car park.

A Defibrillator was installed at Lidl Staincross which was part funded by the Ward Alliance and it has already been used once.

A street light was installed in the ginnel between Oaks Wood estate and New Road after a mugging last year.

The Great British Spring clean normally in April will now be 11th to 27th September. There is a litter picking day with Twiggs on the 17th September in addition to the normal litter picks.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 13/10/2020 6 pm.

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
13th October – 6 PM
Mapplewell & Staincross
Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Helen Altun – Minutes
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager
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Apologies:

Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
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David Hilton – Green space
David Oates - Local Business Man
David Lockwood – Local Business Man
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

Chair not present at the meeting. Steve Hunt proposed as chair.

2. Declarations of Interest – None

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Corrections to be made to previous minutes. Corrections completed.

4. Matters Arising – None

5. Financial Update – The payment had not been taken out yet for the website. Balance is £9,547.70. We are waiting for final figures to come through from the healthy holidays project. Any remaining balance will go back into the funds.

6. Applications for Funding – None

The team discussed the advert for the shop local and how they wanted it to look. The members agreed they would like one advert in November and one in December. £600 should cover the cost. A member will write an application.

More quotes are to come in regarding the website for Darton East.

The Christmas light switch on at the CO-OP. There will be no advertising, and no groups allowed due to corona virus.

A tree will hopefully be going up at Woolley colliery. It is being investigated by highways about a tree at Windhill. A 16ft tree costs £140.00. Christmas lights for the CO-OP and windhill are needed. A sleeve will also need to be put in for Windhill too.

A member asked if a Christmas colouring competition could be organised for local schools to take part in and the winners would receive a prize from The Darton East Ward Alliance. A member explained they would email the schools to explain about the competition and to see if the schools wanted to take part.

7. AOB

Mapplewell will be closed in the village centre for six Sundays to complete road and pavement works. The council will be completing the work but there will be no cost to the council it will be paid for by Harworth Estates.

The church car park on Blacker Road has now been completed and a photo had been taken but it had not been advertised yet to the village. It will be open to people to park in for the village and will be a good asset for the village.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 10/11/20 6 pm.
Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Minutes of Meeting.

Wednesday, 16th September 2020 by (Virtual Discussions).

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

Apologies: Ann Plant, Bobby Medlam, Nicole Whitford. Christina Carroll.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

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

2 The notes of the meeting Wednesday, 15th July 2020 and Action Points were reviewed.

Action Points.

Rebecca to update of removal of 2 litter bins and replace with larger litter bin at Gawber. (Outside of The Pantry and The Chippy).

Rebecca to contact Totty's re installation of Kexborough notice board and report.

Rebecca to look at quotes for installation of Poppies and Christmas tree lights in Darton and send WAF to Katie Woofinden for completion. Copy in Cllr Sharon Howard.

Tom West and Jason Gardener to meet with Bobby Medlam and Nicole Whitford re Instagram and other forms of social media, for future Ward Alliance development, when possible.

Jason Gardener to arrange meeting with Twiggs and students to look at Darton Community Garden development, when possible.

Cllr Trevor Cave to look at monies, initially allocated to History Boards for Darton History Group within the Darton East Area, update of the amount and what is now available for future Darton West Ward Alliance spend.

Rebecca to move on Dearne Hall Road issues as agreed, keep Cllrs informed, monies agreed.
URGENT.

Cllrs A Cave, T Cave and S Howard to continue to investigate Harry Road Recreational Ground issues and report when necessary.

End of Action points.

3 Ward Alliance Fund.

A. 2020/2021. Budget was discussed.

B. WAF Application.

Previous applications.

Bins at Gawber. **Approved.**

Dearne Hall Road installation. **Approved.**

Kexborough Notice Board. Approved.

4 Ward Alliance Action Plan.

This was discussed, agenda item next meeting.

The Priorities for the Darton West Ward Alliance 2020/2021 are:

- a. Community Health and Well- being.
Supporting groups who are helping to live happier, healthier lives.
- b. Community Safety. **Working with the Safer Neighbourhood teams, BMBC Highways and Engineering, and the community to make sure the area is safe for everyone.**
- c. Environment.
Working with the community to improve the look and environmental well-being of the Ward.
- d. Poverty and Needs Related Issues

5 North Area Council.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the Group of recent meeting.

Voluntary and Community groups can apply for funding re loss of funds during Covid 19 circumstances.

Application form available from Rebecca Battye.

Members to inform groups where necessary

6 Darton Project Update and Progress.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of progress being made. Positive developments.

Sub Group to meet 20th October 2020 to discuss ways forward. 5.00 pm, Virtual Meeting.

7 Darton Priorities 2020/ 2021.

Refer to Point 4 of Minutes. (Ward Action Plan).

8 Dearne Hall Road Issues.

Refer to Action Points.

A.O.B.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of installed playing equipment at Kexborough Recreational Ground.

Cllrs to investigate land ownership at Oaklands Redbrook for possible siting of Christmas tree and lights. (Agenda item).

Cllrs continue to work with Harry Road residents and will keep members informed as necessary.

Cllrs continue to work with Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre and will keep members informed as necessary.

Date and Time of Next Meetings.

Members please note,

Sub Group Meeting Tuesday, 20th October 2020 at 5.00 pm.

Virtual meeting. All welcome.

Ward Alliance Meeting Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 5.00 pm

Virtual Meeting.

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Minutes of Meeting.

Wednesday, 21st October 2020 by (Virtual Discussions).

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Trevor Cave, Jason Gardner, Tom West, Christina Carroll, John Ryan, 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 Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 16th September 2020 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to meet with Dearne Hall Road residents to inform them of good progress being made in relation to local issues.

Cllr A Cave, Cllr S Howard, Cllr T Cave to meet with the Travel Officer regarding a possible Travel Hub at the entrance to Longfields.

Jason to send School video to all group members re: Memorial Service.

Cllr T Cave to delete Darton Local History Group Heritage Trail Boards section from the Ward Action Plan.

Richard to undertake Recreational Grounds Survey.

Tom to look at possible School Group for local Autumn Planting. (Pending current local restrictions).

Tom to look at Christmas Hampers with Horizon and report.

(Pending current local restrictions).

3 Ward Alliance Action Plan.

Cllr T Cave presented an updated Ward Plan, this was discussed and any amendments made. (Agenda item).

4 Ward Alliance Fund.

A 2020/2021. Budget was discussed.

Current Budget £14005.77.

B WAF Applications.

Spring Bulbs for the Ward. Agreed.

Budget for Christmas Needs.

Working budget £3700 up to £3800. Agreed.

Christmas Lights for Tree at Darton. Agreed (working budget up to £1500.00).

Christmas lights for Darton Church Street. Agreed. (Ward Alliance to Fund this Year).

Christmas Lights for Barugh Green. Agreed. (17 lights in total).

Christmas Tree and Lights at Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre. Agreed.

5 Darton Project Update.

Cllr T Cave updated group of progress being made.

(Agenda item).

6 North Area Council.

Nothing to report.

(Agenda Item).

A.O.B.

None.

Date and Time of Next Meetings.

Members please note,

Sub Group Meeting Tuesday,17th November 2020, at 5.00 pm.

Virtual meeting. All members welcome.

Ward Alliance Meeting Wednesday,18th November 2020, at 5.00 pm.

Virtual Meeting.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor Minutes of 8th September 2020

1. In Attendance
Cllr Phil Lofts (V.Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, John Love, Gillian Nixon, Luke Holmes.
2. Apologies
Cllr Pickering, Bill Gaunt, Sheila Lowe, John Love, Cameron Stirk and Lee Holmes.
3. Minutes of last meeting, agreed.
4. Matters Arising.
 - a. Lee spoke to Fresh Ground Group, they are happy to borrow the gazebo when they need it and will submit a further bid for craft materials.
5. Funding Applications, None.
6. Gill Nixon raised a concern regarding a flooded area on Sugdens Rec, Cllr Newing to discuss with Gill.
7. Greenfoot Lane and Kensington Rd TRO, Stagecoach have stopped their busses travelling along Greenfoot Lane due to cars being parked on both sides, discussed that a TRO was applied for but unclear at what stage this is at.
8. Great British Spring Clean, Begins Friday until the end of September, groups no larger than 6, suggested Fresh Ground Group, Gill Nixon will do something, Cresswell St formal garden, Lee will speak to Twiggs regarding maintenance as the couple who did maintain it have moved house.
9. AOB
 - a. Spring Bulbs, we can apply for some spring bulbs to be planted in October, agreed that the following venues would be good
 - 9.1.a. Fleets Path, Lee to Liaise with Lucy from Yorkshire Wildlife.
 - 9.1.b. Wasteground on Summer Lane.
 - 9.1.c. Bungalows near to Barnsley Hospital.
10. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 13th October 2020 at 7pm as a virtual meeting

Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor
Minutes of 13th October 2020 (DRAFT)

11. In Attendance.

Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, Cameron Stirk.

12. Apologies.

John Love, Sheila Lowe.

13. Minutes of last meeting, agreed.

14. Funding Applications.

4.1 Christmas Holiday Packs. Lee has provisionally contacted the three primary schools in the Old Town area, the schools are able to identify at least 30 children that would benefit from these packs. £2000 sum agreed. To review cost if required.

15. There was a suggestion that donations be made to local care homes, however it was advised BMBC had provided Communication Devices to Care Homes in the Borough.

16. We discussed the food bank at Emmanuel Church and at Tesco's, the food from these are collected and distributed borough wide, so does not guarantee that the food goes to Old Town residents.

17. Cameron Stirk to speak to the workers from Emmanuel to identify any elderly people who may require support in the Old Town area and will feed back to the Ward Alliance.

18. Spring Bulbs are on their way, discussed planting Daffodils near to the Information Boards at The Fleets and nr the Way markers near to Willowbank. Areas near Sugdens rec to be identified to plant bulbs.

19. Cllr Lofts brought up the subject of a further notice board nr Sugdens Rec. It was highlighted that the noticeboard relating to the Bomber Crash is looking tired. There are deeds available which relate to Sugdens Rec; it has a lot of history on it so Gill Nixon will work on some information for a notice board.

20. AOB

21. Christmas Trees, Clive Pickering to circulate pictures of the trees, there are no guarantees that the trees can be protected from Vandalism.

22. Lee Swift informed the Ward Alliance that a North area Team officer, Layla Brook, has been appointed to advise businesses regarding 'Keeping Covid Safe'. There has also been a housing officer appointed, Lee will ask them to attend a meeting to introduce them to the Ward Alliance.

23. There was some discussion regarding the work being undertaken at 'The Fleets', that the grass under the newly planted trees has not been cut, there was also concern expressed that the tarmac path was not in a good state. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has been undertaking work there although this was difficult as the worker had been 'furloughed' due to the Covid 19 situation. The worker from Yorkshire Wildlife is now back working and will be there on Wednesdays for the foreseeable future.

24. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 10th November 2020 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 19th September 2020, 4.30pm. Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present : Cllr Tattersall (Chair), Cllr Leech, Cllr Platts, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, John Hallows, Madge Busby, Michelle Cooper

Apologies : Tony Lowe, Freda Stenton, Kath Bostwick, Pooja Ramchandani, Neil Wright
Due to the current circumstances and the Ward Alliance having to carry out meetings online some members had issues joining the meeting. Cllr Leech will pass on the Digital Champions number to anyone that is having trouble to help them join these meetings.

Welcome and Introductions: Everyone was welcomed and thanked for their attendance.

Funding Applications: St Helens Ward Maintenance work - this bid is for Health and Safety work at the old bowling green/football area at Smithies Rec. It is to take out damaged fencing/posts and replace with new. The bid is for £700. The bid was discussed between the members and the full amount was agreed.

Covid-19 Recovery Funding Pot: There are restrictions on using this funding pot. It is to help the community recover from the impact of Covid 19. It was discussed that groups across the community have suffered due to Covid and are struggling to re open.

The Honey Pot cafe was mentioned as being one of these groups so Lee Swift to send information to them with regards obtaining funding to help them recover.

Laites Day unit, Lindhurst Lodge and Shared Lives have also been contacted and made aware of the funding available to them should they need it. Application forms for funding are available at their request.

Michelle Cooper reported that Ad Astra have received their money from the Covid funding pot and it is being put to good use in helping the community.

The question was asked about what the Covid 19 money could be used for. It was said that it has to be used by groups that had been directly affected by the lockdown and had therefore had to close. The money could be used to help re-open groups.

Cllr Leech asked John Hallows how the Neighbourhood watch group was dealing with the situation. John reported that everything was on hold at the moment, there are still cameras out in the community which they are unable to bring back in but they are slowly starting to start back up and hopefully once restrictions are eased they will be back up and running to full capacity.

It was also noted that St Helens Church have returned £1,687 back into the St Helens Funding account.

Events:

Great British Spring Clean: The Spring clean was rescheduled to take place between the 11th - 27th September but with the new government restrictions of no more than 6 people being able to meet plans for this to take place in the St Helens Ward haven't been able to be made. Lee Swift did say however that all the information is on the website along with a map and details on how to register if people wished to do it in small groups. TWIGGS are also available to help if needed.

Spring Bulbs: Lee Swift explained that it was now time to order the Spring bulbs ready for planting. It was decided that the Ward Alliance wouldn't donate to schools this year due to the current Covid - 19 situation but the machine is available if we want bulbs planting around the community. It was discussed between the members and agreed that the machine planter would be booked and areas around the community would have new bulbs planted. Any loose bulbs will be donated to the Church, Ad Astra and the Honey Pot Cafe. Lee estimated an amount of £1,125. Members agreed. Lee to do funding bid.

Christmas Trees: Due to the current Covid situation all Christmas events have been cancelled. It was discussed and all lights on the community Christmas trees will still be lit. Cllr Tattersall to do funding bid for this event.

It was reported that the tree at the Community shop is small but still growing, the one at the Church is doing well but will need a temporary tree at New Lodge Community Centre. Michelle Cooper reported that with the community centre not being open as much she is unable to keep the tree safe as last year's was destroyed. She suggested putting the tree in another location.

It was suggested that a tree be placed in the Doctors surgery car park, it has high fencing and is locked and secured on a night. Permission will need to be sought in order to do this.

Madge Busby asked if the Memory tree event could still take place. It was agreed and Cllr Tattersall to speak to vicar and costings need to be sorted.

Even though there will be no Christmas events it was discussed that we as a Ward Alliance would still give out selection boxes to the children.

Michelle said that over the summer Ad Astra gave out activity packs which were a huge success.

The ward members discussed giving out activity packs as well as selection boxes.

Costings to be sought for this and a funding bid to be submitted.

Cllr Leech left the meeting

Any other business: The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as a true record. St Helens Summer Gala - everything cancelled but everyone is happy to come back next year. Bench at Poundstretcher - still awaiting updates.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Meeting closed at 17.40pm

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 4pm via Microsoft Teams.

Lee Swift to send out invites to the meeting closer to the time.

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