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DATE:	Monday, 15 March 2021
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	VIRTUAL

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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

Area Council Support Officers:

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Friday, 5 March 2021

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 1 February 2021
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

MINUTES

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

10 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

11 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 23rd November 2021

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd November 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 23rd November 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

12 Public Health Updates (including Covid-19) - Cath Bedford/Lucy Butcher/Leyla Brooke

Lucy Butcher (Public Health) and Leyla Brooke (Neighbourhood Engagement Officer) were welcomed to the meeting to provide an update regarding the Council's Public Health response to the pandemic. Members were reminded that given the rapid pace of change during the pandemic, the information provided was as up to date as possible.

The information provided covered a wide range of work undertaken across the Council together with a summary of actions and progress in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members were informed that specific questions on areas of work will be taken back to the appropriate lead for further detail, if appropriate.

It was reported that currently working age adults aged 50 and above have the highest rate There is a higher prevalence of the new variant. Coronavirus appears to favour cold weather. There has been a rise of transmissions despite being in a lockdown. It is not possible to provide ward specific data but public health colleagues are happy to speak to individual ward members about ward issues. No specific trends are evident and Members were urged to continue to follow the Government guidance of 'hands, face, space', stay at home as much as possible and the importance of fresh air.

There are currently 16 Covid Marshalls who work closely with the Police, Regulatory Services and Safer Neighbourhood Service and carry out daily monitoring rounds across the borough in areas of concern, particularly of licensed premises where there

have been instances of breaching of guidelines. There have been concerns around increased footfall and traffic, with reports of people travelling to parks, open spaces and coffee shops to meet with people from other households. Specific hotspots have been targeted. Spot checks take place in all supermarkets across the Borough. Work is being undertaken to understand non-compliance and non-engagement, with a campaign planned from 26th February to raise awareness. Support to vulnerable people such as homeless, substance misuse and traveller communities etc is also taking place. The Test and Trace service and support provided appears to be working very well.

Up to date information regarding symptomatic and asymptomatic testing is available on the BMBC website under mobile testing. There is a lot of capacity to do the testing and 7 positive asymptomatic cases have been picked up to date. Schools and early years settings have access to testing.

The local NHS in Barnsley is leading on the vaccination rollout. It is anticipated that 25,000 vaccinations will have been delivered by mid-February in priority order. Vulnerable people who are unable to travel will be identified by their GP and will have local vaccinations. NHS and Social Care staff are being vaccinated due to their key worker status. People need to be encouraged to continue to follow the guidance once vaccinated. Members were advised to contact Emma White (Public Health Principal) regarding any concerns around vaccination.

Members were concerned that infection levels in some Barnsley wards are continuing to rise when compared to national rates and that there has been a 31% increase in cases in Barnsley Hospital admissions over the last 7 days. The possibility of asymptomatic mass community testing for hotspots was discussed and that this could potentially be publicised over social media etc. This issue will be raised at the regular Sitrep meetings and with Hannah Bailey who is leading on Covid communications campaigns.

Individuals who may not have the main symptoms of Covid but are feeling unwell in other ways should be encouraged to attend testing, dependent on the capacity of the centre. This can be booked online through the NHS or BMBC website.

Leyla Brooke introduced herself and updated Members with the work of the 6 Neighbourhood Engagement Officers (NEOs). The NEOs work closely with the 16 Covid Marshalls (who work in pairs) and feed in to response coordination alongside South Yorkshire Police. It was explained that the NEO role is about support and guidance, not enforcement. Duties include provision of guidance and support to licensed premises; Gym visits to check Covid compliance; business support; social intelligence gathering and follow up; support with food provision for those in isolation who have tested positive and supermarket visits.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The update be noted, and Lucy and Leyla be thanked for their attendance and contribution;
- (ii) That members continue to share the importance of continuing to follow guidance;
- (iii) Any non-compliance concerns should be sent to the Public Health inbox or Covid Marshalls alerted;

- (iv) Any specific questions on areas of work will be taken back to the appropriate lead for further detail; and
- (v) Members should contact Emma White (Public Health Principal) regarding any concerns around vaccination.

13 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance

The Area Council Manager introduced this report, providing the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The North Area Council noted the existing budget position and existing funding commitments;
- (ii) The Stronger Communities Grant opportunity should be advertised and
- (iii) Funds continue to be devolved to the Ward Alliances during 2021/22.

14 Area Commissioning Performance Report

The Area Council Manager introduced this report, providing the Area Council with detailed information with regard to Area Council commissioned projects including the Anti-Poverty Community outreach project; the Clean and Green service; the work of the Housing and Cohesion Officer and Age UK.

Various projects were commended for the valuable work they have been doing in challenging times, including Twiggs, the Winter Warmth project, the work of Bradley (Housing and Cohesion Officer) and the CAB/DIAL outreach project.

The Area Council Manager confirmed that outputs and performance indicators had changed due to the pandemic but that nonetheless a fantastic job had been done, adapting and flexing contracts under challenging circumstances. CAB/DIAL have secured over £200,000 in additional benefits over the last quarter for North Area residents and have managed £16,000 of debt. The service has been a real lifeline for people. It was highlighted that the service will probably come under additional pressure as the lockdown eases and there may be different people accessing the support provision in the future. At the moment the magnitude of demand is impossible to quantify.

Members were also aware of schools being approached by parents experiencing financial hardship and Ward Alliances had agreed funding to provide healthy food parcels for the Christmas school holidays. It is likely that the Area Team will become more involved in 'people helping people' activities and are currently collating food parcels to tide families in need over the February half term. Councillors are actively involved, with many listed as volunteer Community Responders. It was highlighted that the Christmas parcels had been very well received by local residents and that the help of volunteers in delivering them had been invaluable.

RESOLVED that the update be noted

15 Stronger Communities Grant

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and outlined the Stronger Communities Grant Panel's recommendation to make the grant funding available for 2021/22 with a view to agreeing dates for advertising the grant funding opportunity. Guidance and support will be available from the Area Team for providers thinking of bidding and how they can meet the criteria, including Covid recovery. There is a need to increase the time young people in particular spend outside and away from screens but it is unclear how this could be done under this project. The opportunity will be widely shared on social media and other channels.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Members approved the recommendation to run the grants programme in 2021/22 along with the terms of reference;
- (ii) Members agreed the value of the grant funding pot for 2021/22 of £40,000 and
- (iii) Members confirmed that a Councillor from each Ward will sit on the grants panel for 2021/22.

16 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, updating the North Area Council on the financial position of the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2020/21 period. It was felt that community groups should be commended for the work they had been able to do during the pandemic. The Area Council Manager will check if there is any remaining hardship funding available for businesses.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Ward Alliances pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid-19 Recovery Plan document when developing projects during the remainder of 2020/21, and that
- (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.

17 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The North Area Council received an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances. Members were reminded of the requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

DARTON EAST - The Ward Alliance supported the installation and removal of Mapplewell Christmas lights. 3 Christmas trees were funded across the Ward and were well received by residents. A new website will be funded and will be used to promote Mapplewell village, community activities, local businesses etc.

DARTON WEST - Parks have been reviewed to identify any essential works needed, litter picking has continued in line with social distancing guidelines. Costings have been obtained to install a water tap for outside the Church for members of the public to use. £2000 was put aside for Christmas activity packs, food parcels etc for 58 families but wasn't used due to charitable donations and will be used for similar activities during the half term holidays.

OLD TOWN - A number of funding applications have been agreed. The Ward Alliance has managed to save £3000 through Christmas tree sponsorship. Cllr Pickering reported that there have been a number of recent serious crime incidents which were not reported to either Wakefield and Barnsley Police. As a result of this, it has been agreed that major incidents across borders will now be reported by each Police force.

ST HELENS - Thanks were expressed to all ward members who had managed to attend meetings despite technical difficulties. Leyla Brook attended the November meeting and gave lots of information about what was happening in the Ward and was able to offer advice on how to go ahead with the Christmas events in line with Covid guidelines. Christmas packs were delivered across the Ward and Father Christmas was able to safely visit the Community Shop and local schools. Lots of activities are coming up over the next few months, mostly online and over the telephone but nonetheless the support has been fantastic.

RESOLVED that the updates be noted and Members, volunteers and group be thanked for their hard work and support over the past months. Members were reminded that the Area team is available for help and support alongside other officers.

Chair

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Public Health

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This is a regular update on the Council's Public Health response to the pandemic, providing a wide range of work undertaken across the Council. The pace of change continues, so we will aim to provide as up to date information as possible.

Any specific questions on areas of work will be taken back to the appropriate lead for further detail, if appropriate.

1. Purpose of Report

To provide a progress update to members in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Key Themes

Headlines as at 12th March 2021

- [COVID-19 Spring 2021 Roadmap](#) provides plan to move out of lockdown.
- Whilst case rates are showing a decline, this is still very slow and we must remain vigilant.
- Working aged adults have the highest case rates, specifically younger adults (20-39) last week. Case rates in over 65s are falling faster which may reflect vaccine effectiveness.
- Areas with higher levels of deprivation seem to have higher case rates than those more affluent areas, possibly due to the impact of deprivation on ability to reduce transmission relating to socioeconomic factors e.g. employment (frontline roles and less likely to work from home) & larger households
- Some neighbourhoods with higher numbers or rates will be reviewed regarding possible drivers of infection, but still no "hotspots " of concern requiring more targeted action in the North area.

Public Health Messages

The National Roadmap is positive, but we MUST continue to reinforce government guidance;

- **HANDS** - Wash hands regularly.
- **FACE** - Wear face coverings in enclosed spaces,
- **SPACE** - Stay at least 2 metres apart or 1 metre with a face covering.
- Let Fresh Air in – during winter months

Intelligence

COVID Situation Report (Sit-Rep)

Any local community intelligence regarding COVID intelligence or concerns would be useful to feed into this group.

Covid Marshals/Community Observations/NEO update

Main themes from community observations:

- Households meeting in parks, play areas and open spaces, some travelling distances to locations.
- Significant increase in young people gathering socially, including antisocial and violent behaviour resulting in a Town Centre operation. Common reason for gathering was 'getting together' before return to college/school.
- Lack of face coverings in licensed premises and general stores, although this has reduced following COVID Marshals', Regulatory Services' and Neighbourhood Engagement Officers' work.

Community Behavioural Insights – Additional Funded Work

A total of 836 Barnsley residents were consulted via workshops or online questionnaire. Full findings and Campaign material will be presented in a few weeks
Summary of key findings:

- People who are following the guidelines do so mainly to protect themselves and their family.
- Majority of respondents were compliant, but offered reasons why others were not following guidelines; denial, unable to social distance at work, forget about the guidelines, can't social distance in some shops, confusion.
- Most people understood the guidelines but the biggest gaps in knowledge were around when to self-isolate and when to get a test.
- 87% of those surveyed said they intend to get the vaccine (88%men, 86%women).

Testing

Work is underway to target vulnerable and vaccine-hesitant groups through community engagement for both testing and vaccinations.

Symptomatic Testing

Local Testing Units continue at;

- County Way lower Courthouse car park,
- Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre car park,
- Wombwell Summer Lane car park for symptomatic residents.

Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) sites also available -

- Queen Street car park, Goldthorpe, S63 9ND. Open every day until 14th March, from 9am to 3pm. This site is accessible by car and on foot.
- Burleigh Street car park, Barnsley, S70 1LW. Open every day until 14th March from 9am to 3pm. This is a drive-through testing site accessible by car.

Find out more information at this link <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus-covid-19/get-a-test-for-coronavirus-covid-19/getting-a-test-if-you-have-symptoms-of-coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Asymptomatic/Mass Community Testing

Testing site at Barnsley Metrodome, Queens Ground, Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN. The usual operating hours are:

- 8.30am to 4.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- 8.30am to 7pm on Tuesday and Thursday

Local 'click and collect' model in development to allow self-tests at home expected to be extended to all residents from 29th March – temporary access from the 3 LTUs detailed above.

School Testing

- Rapid testing in secondary schools is underway following return of pupils to schools and colleges on 8th March.
- Primary school staff will continue to take 2 rapid tests a week at home.

Vaccinations

Vaccination roll out is managed by Barnsley CCG: more information can be found: <https://www.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/patient-help/covid-19-vaccine-faqs.htm>

- Over 80,000 people vaccinated in Barnsley – 90% + uptake in first four cohorts.
- Cohorts 5 (65+ years old) and 6 (at-risk adults aged 16-65) are now being offered a vaccination. More recently those over 56 years old are also being offered the vaccine.
- People aged 56 or over, and 18 or over identified as clinically extremely vulnerable, will be initially invited to large-scale vaccination sites such as Sheffield Arena or a community pharmacy. Appointments can be made online using this [link](#) or calling 119. If people are unable to or would prefer not to attend these sites, they do not have to respond to the letter and can wait to be invited by their GP practice to be vaccinated locally. There will be a delay as invites go out first for large sites/community pharmacies, and exact timescales will vary. But the vaccination programme continues at pace.
- Cohort 6 who are at higher risk will be invited to local Barnsley vaccination service run by local GPs, and will be contacted by the GP service when it is their turn.
- Supply will continue to increase significantly from this week onwards and colleagues in primary care are planning clinics and making bookings on the basis of the numbers of vaccines indicated.
- Some vaccine hesitancy is showing among certain groups – work to address this and provide more info and support to encourage people wherever possible is underway

Recommendations

Members to note the information in the report and consider the following;

- Promote PH Messages around HANDS, FACE, SPACE and encourage encourage local communities to get tested, especially if they have symptoms.
- Continue local connections with NEOs/COVID Marshals to feedback any community-based intelligence especially in relation to increased levels of cases in particular areas
- Make any further comments on this report and its format/content

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Date:

12/03/2021
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Other Contacts:

- To book a symptomatic test you can book a test on the NHS website (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>) or call 119 if you're not able to access the internet.
- For queries regarding staff vaccinations (including Community and Voluntary Sector staff): ascpublichealth@barnsley.gov.uk
- For queries regarding COVID marshals or joint operations with South Yorkshire Police: COVIDmarshals@barnsley.gov.uk
- To report any concerns with businesses not complying with COVID-19: Regulatoryservices@barnsley.gov.uk
- For more general public health queries, please contact PublicHealth@barnsley.gov.uk



Item 7

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
15th March 2021

Agenda Item: 7

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 reach a decision on if they wish to offer a further contract for welfare advice, reference 3.0.**
- 2.3. **That Members reach a decision on if they wish to advertise a contract opportunity for the social inclusion and cold homes provision in the North Area from September 2021, reference 3.3.**

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 agreed to continue to fund this project in September 2019. Due to procurement pressures during Covid-19 the decision was taken to submit a waiver in the summer of 2020 and extend the existing contract by 12 months until 13th September 2021.

DECISION: The Area Council is required to make a decision on whether to offer a new contract opportunity for this service area. Conversations with the Procurement Team will determine if the preferred option would require a waiver or open tender in May/June 2021.

Risk: The Area Manager is aware that the universal core offer of welfare advice is currently under-review and is subject to change. If the Area Council wishes to proceed it is recommended that any contract let is done so on a 12month basis.

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 is Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd, who 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. Following a successful procurement process Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd. Have secured the new contract. This is two years in duration with the opportunity for a final one-year extension. The new contract will commence on 1st April 2021.

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.

The new Housing and Cohesion Officer started in post on Monday 19th October 2020. The Area Council have committed to fund the post for at least 24 months.

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.

During the first two years of delivery the Warm Connections Service delivered the following key outputs:

123	<i>Individual needs assessments</i>
121	<i>Individual supported to feel less lonely and isolated</i>
176	<i>Individuals reported an improvement in their mental wellbeing</i>
131	<i>Home energy assessments were completed</i>
12	<i>Volunteers were trained to deliver home energy advice</i>
£25,812	<i>Saved as a result of energy switching</i>

N.B. The Area Council is requested to reach a decision and agreed if they wish to continue to fund this type of service from September 2021. If the Area council agrees to proceed as profiled, the contract opportunity will need to be advertised June/July 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.

The Stronger Communities Grant 2021/22 was agreed on the 1st February 2021 and advertise throughout February. The total funding pot is £40,000, inviting applications between £5,000 and £10,000. At the time of writing it is know that 6 applications have been received.

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 profiled £20,000 to be devolved to Ward Alliances during 2021/22.

N.B. Members are asked to confirm this funding on 1st Feb 2021.

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. The grants went live on the 1st November and two providers are in place. 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 2020/21 shows that the underspend** (including underspend from previous years) **reduced to £130,266.** This is because the in-year balance exceeded the annual budget by approximately £32,667.

4.3. 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	£50,000

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 Age UK and Winter Warmer Packs (Covid-19)	£0	£22,000
CAB – Specialist Debt Advisor (Covid-19)	£0	£10,000
TOTAL	£460,000	£433,500

4.4. **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.**

4.5. Provided that the Area Council continues to commit funding as outlined in Appendix 1, the total spend profiled for 2021/22 is £464,667.

5. **Commissioning programme from April 2020**

5.1. Appendix 1 lays out the proposed spend. On the 18th November 2019 the North Area Council agreed to the forward plan for 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 2021/22. However taking into account the current under spend, the investment profiled in Appendix 1 would be feasible.

7. **Next Steps**

7.1. Based on the decision reached today will determine if the Area Council is tasked with the retendering of the Anti-Poverty Outreach contract and the Social Isolation and Warm Homes service.

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 Cohesion 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 8

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
15th March 2021

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.

Due to the extraordinary times as a result of COVID –19 pandemic, the non-match funding element of allocation has been suspended.

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation

£6,124.70 carried forward from 2019/20

£1,000.00 DE Community Garden unspent

£388.00 DE Family Fun Sessions

£880.00 Hanging Basket Income

£18,392.70 Total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining £9,196.35	Allocation Remaining £18,392.70
Hanging Baskets 2020	£1705	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,196.35	£16,687.70
Healthy Holidays 2020	£2000	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,196.35	£14,687.70
Mapplewell Bowling Club	£240	£243.18	£9,196.35	£14,447.70
Autumn Planting	£1,000	£540.40	£9,196.35	£13,447.70
Community Notice Board	£1280	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,196.35	£12,167.70
Shop Local project	£600	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,196.35	£11,567.70
Christmas 2020	£1,000	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,196.35	£10,567.70
Secretary Payment Q2	£41.70	£0	£9,196.35	£10,526.00
Christmas Lights for Mapplewell	£2,250.00	£270.20 COVID Exemption	£9,196.35	£8,276.00
Mapplewell and wider website	£2,700.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,196.35	£5,576.00
Secretary Payment Q3	£125.00	£0	£9,196.35	£5,451.00
Sponsored Hanging Baskets	£1,500	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,196.35	£3,951.00
Woolley Colliery Child Safety	£295	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,196.35	£3,656.00

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 Base allocation

£9,081.14 Carried forward from 2019/20

£1,240.32 TDY unspent

£155.23 DW Remembrance unspent

£800.00 Hanging Basket income

£21,276.69 Total Available Funding

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 COVID Exemption	£10,638.35	£20,452.69
Litter Bins	£1,000	£0 COVID Exemption	£10,638.35	£19,452.69
Poppy Project	£732.45	£0 COVID Exemption	£10,638.35	£18,720.24
Dearne Hall Road	£3655.40	£0 COVID Exemption	£10,638.35	£15,064.84
Christmas Tree Lighting	£1500	£0 COVID Exemption	£10,638.35	£13,564.84
Christmas in DW	£3800	£0 COVID Exemption	£10,638.35	£9,764.84
Q 2 secretary payment	£84.00	£0	£10,638.35	£9,680.84
Christmas Activity Packs	£2,000.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£10,638.35	£7,680.84
Xmas hamper appeal	£300.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£10,638.35	£7,380.84
Sponsored Hanging Baskets	£1,500.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£10,638.35	£5,880.84
Kexborough Tree Planting	£1,750.00	£810.60 COVID Exemption	£10,638.35	£4,130.84
Darton Welfare Bowling Club	£1,000.00	£3,309.95	£10,638.35	£3,130.84

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 Base allocation

£12,0777.52 Carried forward from 2019/20

£4,456.00 Old Town Christmas Tree Unspent

£26,533.52 Total Available Funding

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	£13,266.76	26,253.52
Blackburn Lane Play Area	£3,000	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,266.76	23,253.52
Community Planter	£1,000	£702.52	£13,266.76	22,253.52
Christmas Activity Packs	£2,000	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,266.76	20,253.52
Spring Blubs 2020	£346.47	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,266.76	19,907.05
Connections Project - Christmas Gifts for the Elderly	£1,000.00	£1,134.84	£13,266.76	18,907.05
Good Food Barnsley Christmas Packs	£585.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,266.76	18,322.05
Community Planter - Pleasant View Croft	£977.75	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,266.76	£17,344.30
Community Recovery Cycling	£3,600.00	£16,860.48 per year of project	£13,266.76	£13,744.30
Sugdens Crown Green Bowling Club - Repair Shelter	£844.40	£918.68	£13,266.76	£12,899.90

ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation

£9,820.48 Carried forward from 2019/20

£148.40 St Helen Hanging Baskets 18 unspent

£145.00 St Helens Clean and Climb 18 unspent

£355.00 St Helens Christmas Events 18 unspent

£1,000.00 St Helens Christmas Trees unspent

£308.25 St Helens Spring Clean unspent

£449.00 St Helens Gala unspent

£2,028.60 St Helens Christmas Event 19

£500 Ad Astra – Free school Meals – Covid 19

£1,687 Covid income

£26,441.73 Total Available Funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining £13,220.87	Allocation Remaining £26,441.73
Athersley Carers – Blooming Men	£707	£200	£13,220.87	£25,734.73
Ad Astra – Free school Meals – Covid 19 Project wasn't delivered.	£500	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,220.87	£25,234.73
Hanging Baskets 2020	£2035	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,220.87	£23,199.73
Secretary Payment Q1	£125	£0	£13,220.87	£23,074.73
St Helens Church Covid Recovery	£1187	£6755	£13,220.87	£21,887.73
Athersley Community Association and Football Club	£3,000	£1013	£13,220.87	£18,887.73
Ad Astra After School Club	£2,000	£2296	£13,220.87	£16,887.73
Spring Blubs	£1185	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,220.87	£15,702.73
Maintenance Work	£700.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,220.87	£15,002.73
St Helens Community Christmas Trees	£2,254.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,220.87	£12,748.73
Q3 Secretary Payment	£125.00	£0	£13,220.87	£12,623.73
Care leavers Christmas Dinner	£200.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,220.87	£12,423.73
Hanging Baskets 2021	£1,993.60	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,220.87	£10,430.13
Feb Half Term Food Packs	£2,000.00	£810.60	£13,220.87	£8,430.13
Athersley Cares - Covid Support	£802.00	£810.60	£13,220.87	£7,628.13

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Item 9

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 15th March 2021**

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 January and February 2021.

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'

Tuesday 12th January 2021 – 6 PM Teams Meeting

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
David Oates - Local Business Man
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

Apologies:

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

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

- 2. Declarations of Interest** – Steve Hunt
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting** - Approved
- 4. Matters Arising** – None
- 5. Financial Update** – Balance is £6411.
- 6. Applications for Funding** – hanging baskets £1500 working budget- approved.
The group decided to advertise for sponsored hanging baskets again this year.

Sign: the group discussed an A3 one sided sign to warn traffic about children playing in the park. A member suggested whether two signs would be better, a group member agreed to make further enquiries and send an email with costings.

- 7. Ward Action Plan**
Cold calling project- a member of the group explained they would come up with ideas for a leaflet and any costs could potentially come out of this budget.
- 8. Darton East website-**

The funding for the website will be available this week. Some work has been started on the website looking at companies and design. The website needs a sub-group. Four members were happy to form a sub-group.

9. Healthy holidays and food parcels

The group was asked if they would like to do food parcels for the February half term holidays. It would be linked in with schools to find families struggling at this time and families who receive free school meals. It was completed in another area previously and the response was good. 154 food parcels were delivered to families in need. A member explained they could also offer pet food because they have links to it. Members of the village hall explained they could link them up with Royston animal welfare.

10. AOB

The books left in the bus stop at the top of green side will be passed on to a COVID officer to be looked in to. The council have received complaints and the bus stop now looks like a dumping ground.

The Wentworth and Talbot Inn have launched a competition for a 2022 calendar promoting Mapplewell and Staincross. All profits raised will be split between Barnsley hospice and Louis George.

2021 census- two companies will be available to support people who do not have access to the internet. This will be COVID secure. The census will begin on the 1st of March until mid-April.

1st Feb 21- 1st May 21- the village hall may be a COVID vaccination centre.

The school Christmas colouring competition went well, photos have been sent out via email.

Grit bins- all bins are being or have been filled in Darton East. The village hall requested their bin filling

Fly tipping and litter- there is lots of flytipping and litter in the area at the moment. The green space group can not currently meet up but some of the public are doing some litter picking, if the public need any litter bags, they can ask the green space group. Twiggs have been asked if they can do some litter picking.

The landowner agreed for concrete bollards to be up at Woolley Colliery where there has been a fly tipping hotspot. This should hopefully stop the fly tipping in that area.

Crime- there was a mugging on Christmas Day outside the Wentworth. An arrest was made the next day. There was also another incident at Woolley edge just before Christmas and an arrest has been made. The neighbourhood police team will be doing more patrols. They are not a big team but cover a big area and their resources are stretched. However, they do react to incidents that happen.

Speeding- a vehicle went out of control on Spark Lane and ended up on its back at the side of the road. Operation slowdown will be carried out in that area.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 9/02/21 at 6 pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 5.00 pm.

(Virtual discussions).

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

Apologies: Cllr Alice Cave, Ann Plant, Nicole Whitford.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

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

2 The minutes of the meeting, Wednesday 9th December 2020 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters arising.

Richard to supply all members with Ward Seating Survey for the next meeting. (Agenda item).

Rebecca and Richard to complete WAF for Trees at Kexbrough Rec.

Rebecca and Sharon to look into possible planter provision at Barnsley Business Village.

Rebecca and John to update Ward Notice Boards.

Rebecca to investigate organisations that can assist with food parcels and email Tom with any findings.

Rebecca and Tom to complete WAF for £500 for food parcels and allocate to School Bank Account.

Sharon to forward to Tom contact name for Henry Boot, possible financial assistance re: funding provision.

Jason to investigate any financial needs for Food parcels at Darton Academy students and supply WAF to Rebecca.

Trevor to contact Jo Birch to investigate Barnsley in Bloom Initiatives.

3 Ward Action Plan.

Cllr Trevor Cave presented and updated the Ward Plan. This was discussed and amendments made. (Agenda item).

4a Ward Alliance Budget.

2020/21 Budget was discussed.

4b WAF Applications.

None.

5 Darton Project Update and Progress.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the Group of the progress being made. Excellent public response. Group to look with Cllrs at future long term development, future agenda item.

6 North Area Council.

Nothing to report, next meeting 2nd February 2021.

7 Active Travel.

Cllr Trevor Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard and Cllr Alice Cave will update after any future briefings. (Agenda item).

8 Social Media Initiatives.

Tom, Jason and Bobby to meet when possible and report their findings. (Agenda item).

9 A.O.B.

Cllr Trevor Cave thanked, Tom, Jason, Rebecca and all supporting colleagues for their School and Community involvement with local families and children during the Christmas period.

All members promote the 2021 hanging basket scheme across the Ward. Cost £55 per basket. Keep Rebecca informed.

Date and time of next meetings.

Sub Group Meeting, Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 5.00 pm. All welcome. (Virtual Meeting).

Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting, Wednesday 10th February at 5.00 pm. (Virtual meeting).

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 10th February 2021, at 5.00 pm

Teams Virtual Meeting.

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave, Christina Carroll, Annabelle Watson, John Ryan, Jason Gardner, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Cllr Sharon Howard, Tom West, Ann Plant.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

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

2 The Minutes of the meeting, Wednesday, 13th January 2021 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters arising.

Rebecca and Sharon to look into possible planter provision at the Barnsley Village (Ongoing).

Rebecca to supply for next meeting comparison costing for purchase of seat benches.

Richard to complete WAF for bench at Wilthorpe/ Redbrook Community Centre once costings established.

John to contact Parks re issues with ice forming on public footpaths in Darton Park.

Rebecca to contact Jane Helliwell, re Government Grant to assist with Deprivation and Poverty Issues and update Ward Members.

Tom to submit WAF to Rebecca for allocation of £500 for Horizon food parcels.

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Plan. This was discussed and amendments made. (Agenda item).

The group agreed the Priorities for the Ward Action Plan 2020/2021.

These are as follows:

Community Health and Well-being.

Community Safety.

Environment.

Recreation and the Arts.

Poverty and Needs Related Issues.

4a Ward Alliance Budget

2020/2021 Budget was discussed.

Allocation remaining £2,854.22 February 2021.

(does not include £500 granted to Horizon School).

4b WAF Applications

Darton Welfare Bowling Club Purchase of Irrigation System.

£1000,00 Grant, this was Approved.

NB. John Ryan declared his interest in this matter and left the meeting until a decision was made by Ward Members.

5 Darton Project Update and Progress

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the Group of progress being made.

Future tree planting will take place to try to assist with excess water in some areas.

Cllrs and Group members to look at future long term development of the Darton Park.

6 North Area Council

Nothing to report.

7 Plan for Deprivation, Poverty and Allocation for Family Need.

All members regarded this as an important initiative, further planning needs to be undertaken at Authority level, the role and contribution Ward Alliances could play and future funding. (Agenda item).

8 Ward Seating Benches Survey.

This was discussed by Members. It was agreed for costing to be undertaken and a plan for renewal starting with the bench outside Wilthorpe/ Redbrook Community Centre.

9 Active Travel

This was discussed.

10 Social Media Update.

Ongoing.

11 A.O.B.

Cllr Alice Cave (Chair) on behalf of all members, thanked Cllr Sharon Howard for her work in securing £1000 from Henry Boot Construction, for the purchase of food parcels for families in need at the Horizon School. This was very well received by the School.

Cllr Trevor Cave on behalf of all members, thanked all who assisted with the organisation of food parcels across the North Area.

In particular, to personally thank, Rebecca Battye, Rosie Adams, Lee Swift, Layla Brook, Katie Ashworth, Twiggs, and volunteers. This was a massive undertaking and due to the North Area Team's outstanding organisation went with precision. Well done all.

Cllr Alice Cave (Chair) updated group members of a Safer Neighbourhood Scheme re Brew with a Bobby.

Go to Safer Neighbourhood Police Website for information.

Rebecca updated group members re North Area Team Children's Activities for Half Term, Safari Trail.

Date and time of next meetings.

Sub Group Meeting, Tuesday, 16th March 2021 at 5.00 pm. All welcome. (Virtual Meeting).

Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting, Wednesday, 17th March 2021 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 12th January 2021
Held Via MS Teams

1. In Attendance.
Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift.
2. Apologies.
Sheila Lowe, Luke Holmes, Cameron Stirk
3. Unfortunately, due to low attendance and apologies the meeting was not quorate. There was a discussion regarding the funding applications and all present agreed that any decisions made will be via an 'agreement in principle' by email. Lee to send out an email with the applications.

Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 9th February 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 7th January 2021, 4pm. Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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

Apologies : Tony Lowe, Madge Busby, 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.

Welcome and Introductions: Introductions were given and everyone was thanked for their attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes were passed as a true record.

Bench at Poundstretcher - Cllr Leech is still awaiting updates and will look into it.

It was reported that there is no notice board either so Cllr Platts will make enquiries to find out why.

Cllr Leech reported that even though Christmas Events had been cancelled he had still been asked to be Father Christmas at various schools/ events.

Following all Covid-19 guidelines and social distancing he was Santa at Athersley North Primary on the 15th December, Laithes Primary on the 17th December and the Community shop on the 22nd and 23rd December.

John Hallows said he had a Christmas dinner delivered and Thanks were given to all that were involved in this.

Cllr Platts reported that following on from the Care Leavers funding application, food and parcels were delivered to the relevant people. The one Cllr Platts delivered the client was very grateful and they were very well received.

Cllr Platts has contacted both Laithes day unit and Lindhurst Lodge regarding funding but as of yet has had no reply. She will send a reminder.

Christmas - Cllr Tattersall said the tree lighting at the Community shop went very well.

Michelle Cooper also said the event at New Lodge Community centre also went very well and that it was a shame to take the tree down after Christmas.

She also said that they had delivered 140+ xmas bags/packs to the relevant families. She said the gratitude for these was amazing. Michelle also received photos from grateful families over Christmas.

Food packs will be looked at for February half term.

Cllr Platts thanks everyone for their work over Christmas.

Funding Applications: Hanging baskets for the community. Lee explained that the bid was for £1,993.60 and is for 28 baskets around the ward. It will also cover installation, watering and the removal. The bid was discussed between the members and they all agreed to pay the full amount.

Events: It was agreed that all events would be tabled until the current situation improves.

Any other business: It was discussed that Michelle Cooper would put in a funding application from Ad Astra to be able to make up food parcels to distribute in the community to families that needed them.

Community shop are providing free children's lunches to members of the community.

Members discussed online events that could take place during February half term.

Michelle and Lee to discuss what Ad Astra could do.

Any suggestions would be passed on to the relevant people.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Meeting closed at 5.30pm.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th February 2021 at 4pm via Microsoft Teams.

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

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