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<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 24 May 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## REGISTER TO ATTEND

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## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 15th March, 2021 (Nac.24.05.2021/2) (Pages 3 - 6)

### Items for Information

- 3 Housing Cohesion Officer Update - Bradley Beatson (Nac.24.05.2021/3)
- 4 Public Health Covid 19 Update - Lucy Butcher and Leyla Brooke (Nac.24.05.2021/4)

### Items for Discussion

- 5 Health and Wellbeing Workshop Outcomes (Nac.24.05.2021/5) (Pages 7 - 12)

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### Items for Decision

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### Ward Alliances

- 9 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds (Nac.24.05.2021/9) (Pages 65 - 72)
- 10 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances (Nac.24.05.2021/10) (Pages 73 - 86)  
Darton East – held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, and 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021  
Darton West – held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021  
Old Town – held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, and 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021  
St Helen's – held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Crisp, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Newing, Pickering, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

Area Council Support Officers:

Tom Smith, North Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
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Friday, 14 May 2021



<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 15 March 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Leech (Chair), Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Pickering, Platts and Tattersall

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

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

### 19 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 1st February 2021

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 20 Welfare Advice Outreach Service Update - David Andy and Sharon Brown

David Andy and Sharon Brown were welcomed to the meeting and gave a very detailed update on the Welfare Advice Outreach Service, jointly delivered by Citizens Advice and DIAL. Before the lockdown 1000 clients were assisted with benefit issues, with 285 clients gaining an additional £1,669,894 of benefits. During lockdown 1519 clients have been assisted with benefit issues with 173 clients assisted to gain £1,175,861 of benefits. Since the project began in 2015, there have been 8088 client contacts, with £10.4m of additional benefits gained and in excess of £1.65m of debt managed, representing a return on investment for the Area Council of £26 per £1 spent. Three case studies were provided for information.

**RESOLVED** that David and Andy be congratulated on this very strong performance and that thanks be passed on to staff who had continued to deliver the service with positivity even though going through a very challenging time themselves.

### 21 Super Fast South Yorkshire - Julie Tattershall & Natalie Ward

Julie Tattershall, Superfast South Yorkshire Project and Contracts Manager and Natalie Ward, City Fibre Manager, were welcomed to the meeting.

A presentation was delivered to explain the role of City Fibre. There are currently 67 projects underway to provide a full fibre gigabit capable network. £32m of investment has been made and the current build will last just over 2 years. It is a case of short term pain for longer term gain. City Fibre uses existing infrastructure so there is no need to dig and they also use duct and pole sharing. The network is gigabit capable, dependent on need, and residents will be able to get 1gb per second, which is

phenomenal. An interactive map for the whole of the UK is available and will be shared. More information will be shared with members as the project progresses.

Members heard how SFSY was a partnership between the four South Yorkshire local authorities, Building Digital UK, Openreach and the Local Enterprise Partnership. So far SFSY had increased availability of superfast broadband from 80% to over 98% bringing nearly 120,000 new connections. In addition, support had been provided to SMEs on how to gain the benefits of connectivity and advice relating to infrastructure had also been provided to developers and to planning departments.

Members noted the current activity being undertaken, including working with Openreach to provide fibre to the premises for 8,000 homes, inputting into digital strategies in Barnsley and the City Region and also being consulted on digital connectivity as part of the planning process.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given for the presentation, and that its content be noted.

## **22 Public Health Covid-19 update (North Area) - Cath Bedford / Lucy Butcher / Leyla Brooke**

Lucy Butcher and Leyla Brooke were welcomed to the meeting and updated Members with regard to the current Covid-19 situation. It was reported that case rates are slowly declining but it is important that guidelines continue to be followed. Case rates in 65+ are continuing to reduce. A pattern is emerging within areas of deprivation which have higher case rates. This includes lots of household mixing in parks and open spaces and lots of travel with associated busy roads. There has been violence in town centres and a lack of use of face coverings. Consultation data is currently being analysed. Most people follow guidelines but some are confused by the advice, with the largest gap in understanding relating to self-isolation requirements. The intended uptake of the vaccine is high and is above the national average. Vulnerable and vaccine hesitant groups are being targeted to encourage vaccination, despite the anti vaccine campaigners. Asymptomatic testing at the Metrodome continues. Members were asked to feed in any concerns through the usual channels. It was also reported that all 27 licensed premises in the North Area have been contacted for advice and support, which has also been given to community centres etc.

**RESOLVED** that officers be thanked for their attendance and contribution and the update be noted.

## **23 Stronger Communities Grant - Panel Update**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, updating Members about the North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant application and allocation process and the outcome of the grant panel meeting and the projects approved for funding. The performance management and monitoring arrangements for successful projects were also outlined. It was reported that a total of 6 applications were received before the deadline totalling £55,772.06. 5 applications were agreed for funding: North West Church – Re-Connect: Building Resilience and new confidence with older people; Ad Astra – 5 Star Well Being: Gender Based; Reds in the Community – Transition with the Reds; Age UK Barnsley – Covid Recovery North Area, Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group - Barugh Green Social Club Weekly Tea Dance.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) Members note the NAC Stronger Communities Grant update and the projects that have been approved for funding,
- (ii) Members agree the performance and monitoring arrangements, and
- (iii) Panel members be thanked for their work on the panel

## **24 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance**

The Area Council Manager provided the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed, outlining the projects which have been commissioned, including the Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project, Clean and Green contract and the work of the Housing Cohesion Officer.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) The North Area Council should note the existing budget position and funding commitments;
- (ii) Members agree to offer a further contract for welfare advice through the Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project on a 12 month basis
- (iii) A workshop be arranged for late April with regard to the social inclusion and cold homes project to avoid duplication with other projects.

## **25 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund**

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council on the financial position of the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2020/21 period. It was highlighted that there has been a flurry of applications received since the start of the New Year as thoughts turn to recovery after Covid.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) Ward Alliances pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid-19 Recovery Plan document when developing project 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.

## **26 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances**

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helen's Ward Alliances. Further updates were received as follows:

*Darton East* - Hanging baskets have been approved, with sponsorship agreed. Healthy Holidays delivered 74 food parcels to struggling families during February half term with lots of positive feedback received.

*Darton West* - More applications than ever before are being received from groups who are struggling financially in the current climate and consideration is being given

to how to deal with this in the longer term. The Active Travel Hub is being closely looked at and should be a fantastic addition to the area once it is up and running.

*Old Town* - Wilthorpe Park funding has been approved along with funding for Pogmoor Football Club Ladies and Walking Football for older people.

*St Helen's* - Spring bulbs are starting to flower and it is hoped that a gala may be possible later in the year. February food packs have been distributed.

The Chair thanked all Ward Alliance Members for their hard work over this difficult time.

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

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Chair

**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**North Area Council Meeting:  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Agenda Item: 5**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

**Workshop Feedback  
Preventing Excess Winter Deaths and Reducing Loneliness and Isolation**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The North Area Councils Health and Wellbeing Priority Working Group met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April to reflect on the existing Social Isolation and Cold Homes project.
- 1.2 The workshop considered if this was still a relevant priority area for the North Area's commissioning focus.
- 1.3 This report is intended to update North Area Council Members aware of the current position of the review and make them aware of the current direction of travel for commissioning in the North Area.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. **Members to note that procurement progress to date.**
- 2.2. **Members are required to decide if they wish the project / service funded for this priority take the form of a contracted service or a grant fund.**

**3. Background**

- 3.0 In 2017 representatives from BMBC Housing and Energy Team provided a briefing on the planned Energy Efficiency Works and other affordable warmth initiatives. The team also provided an update on recent excess winter death and fuel poverty statistics.
- 3.1 It became clear that the Darton East Ward has a higher than average excess winter death index for the borough. The North Area Council had already expressed an interest in funding a health and wellbeing project. Subsequently, a project was developed to address both Cold Homes and Social Isolation which have been evidenced to be strongly linked.
- 3.2 DIAL won the contract and delivered the Warm Connections project from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, with a maximum contract length of 3 years. Hence the review process.
- 3.3 The North Area Council's Commitment to this project enabled BMBC Housing and Energy Team to bid to the Warm Homes Fund. They were successful and the core Warm Homes and Hospital Discharge Team were funded for two years from November 2019. This funding exceeded £250,000. This was a huge success for BMBC but it did lead to a degree of duplication between the two services.

3.4 DIAL's Warm Connections project has produced some pleasing results and still has 6months of reporting to submit to cover the April to August 2021 period.

	2018/19 (Q3 &Q4)	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Savings derived as a result of energy switching (in £)	£2,360	£21,868	£6,373	<b>£30,601</b>
Number of home energy assessments completed	23	85	128	<b>236</b>
Number of volunteers trained to deliver home energy advice and energy switching sessions	10	1	1	<b>12</b>
Individual needs assessments completed	15	78	58	<b>151</b>
Reduction in feelings of loneliness and isolation within the client group	1	42	106	<b>149</b>
Improvement in Mental Wellbeing of residents	1	84	135	<b>220</b>
Number of new social networking groups	0	5	1	<b>6</b>

3.5 At the present it has not been possible to assess if the Warm Connections project has had an impact on the number of excess winter deaths in the North Area. More current data is anticipated in the coming weeks.

3.6 Covid-19 has had a significant impact on both BMBC's Warm Homes Team and the Warm Connections Team. BMBC's Warm Homes Team were re-deployed and supported the Emergency Contract. DIAL flexed their contract to support people who were isolated, running online social groups, delivering care packages and completing home energy assessments over the phone.

#### **4. Current Position & Associated risk**

4.1. DIAL Barnsley's Warm Connections Service is funded until August 2021.

4.2. BMBC's Warm Homes Team is funded until November 2021. It is not known if this funding will be extended.

4.3. DIAL Barnsley have secured Energy Redress Funding to deliver a new bespoke advice service for residents across Barnsley with a disability or long-term health condition, to help them tackle fuel poverty, cold homes and improve their health and wellbeing. Through the provision of a free and impartial energy advice services, the project will improve cold homes through energy efficiency improvements and behaviour change, whilst addressing fuel poverty through income maximisation and fuel debt advice. As a result Barnsley Residents will benefit from an additional £265,441.45 of service provision.

## **5. Added Value**

- 5.1. DIAL Barnsley delivered the Warm Connections Service from September 2018. Part of the contract included the delivery of Home Energy Assessments, an energy switching service and advice regarding the modification of behaviours in relation to efficient use of household resources. This provided the organisation with valuable experience and evidence to help secure the Energy Redress funding.

## **6. Developing a service for North Area**

- 6.1. On 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 representatives of the North Area Council met for a workshop to receive information from service specialists from Business Intelligence, Housing and Energy and Public Health. Councillors in attendance included: Cllrs Leech (Area Chair); Hunt, Lofts, Newing and Platts. Supporting Officers included: Jen McPhail, Donna West, Emma Robinson, Lucy Butcher, Katy Ashworth and James Farrimond.
- 6.2. Information received included demographics, health and causes of mortality, deprivation, fuel poverty and excess winter deaths. The group also considered the factors contributing to fuel poverty, cold homes and the groups most at risk of fuel poverty, excess winter deaths and social isolation.
- 6.3. The group also considered the provision that already exists to help address the issues listed above and officers talked through examples of best practise.
- 6.4. Councillors consider the examples of case work they are currently undertaking and reflected on the impact of Covid-19 over the past 12 months and how the community have been affected. It was felt that now there is a Roadmap to Recovery and the vaccination programme is well underway that the Area Council could have a greater impact on social isolation than it could on fuel poverty and Excess Winter Deaths at this time.
- 6.5. During the workshop there was an emphasis on physical and emotional wellbeing and a need to help people re-establish their own personal sense of purpose within communities.
- 6.6. As the discussions concluded the group agreed on the following points in section 7 that would help to define the specification.

## **7. Workshop (23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021) Outcomes:**

### Beneficiaries

The councillors in attendance wanted funding to support demographic groups that had been disproportionately adversely affected by Covid-19. Based on their work in the community, the attendees identified three groups that they thought would benefit most from the funds available:

- Men struggling with low mood (suicide prevention)
- Younger people who have been furloughed
- Older people who have been isolating

### Aims and Objectives

- Reduce loneliness and isolation
- Increase the confidence of individuals
- Improve the physical and mental wellbeing of individuals
- Re-connect communities

### Suggested Outcomes

- Reduction in feelings of loneliness and isolation within the community
- Support individuals to take pride in the skills that they possess and actively participate in new learning opportunities
- Increased confidence, sense of purpose and pride of individuals
- Enable individuals to feel more connected with their communities
- Highlight the health and wellbeing of individuals as a 'whole community issue'.
- Enable socially isolated and vulnerable people to have greater involvement in designing services and actively participating in improving their lives and the wider Barnsley community
- Inclusion and support of Volunteers in the service / project delivery, providing opportunities to use their skills, knowledge and expertise to help others to live their best life
- Individuals are supported to improve their health and wellbeing
- Community capacity building is imbedded in the project

### Project Outputs (not exhaustive)

- No. Individual Needs Assessments
- No. of isolated people supported to access local amenities and community provision
- No. of isolated people learning new skills
- No. of new community groups established
- No. Volunteers Recruited
- No. of volunteers trained in a community capacity building role
- Number of people supported to make healthy lifestyle choices
- Number of referrals to Area Council Funded provision
- Number of referrals to services providing advice and guidance

### Additional Considerations

- Workshop attendees specified that any additional provision should be community based.
- Improved mental wellbeing
- Improved physical wellbeing
- The Area Manager advised that an outcome monitoring tool would be beneficial to measure the soft outcomes being identified.

## Resourcing / Area Council Input

- Duration – 2 years minimum (2 years + 1 year)
- Financial contribution, up to £85,000 p.a.
- Price / Quality Split (for full tender evaluation purposes) – 20/80

### **8. Added Value**

- 8.1. The Area Council must ensure that any provision funded adds value to core services and avoids duplication at all costs. In this instance the North Area needs to ensure that provision compliments services including Social Prescribing.
- 8.2. Post meeting note: Katy Ashworth the North Area's Project Officer has been requested to map existing services based on the workshop.

### **9. Procurement Options**

- 9.1. It is important to note that procurement advice would be needed.
- 9.2. Workshop attendees have identified three very different beneficiary groups.
- 9.3. It is suggested that to either one beneficiary group is selected to enable a specification to be written.
- 9.4. Alternatively, the Area Council may wish to consider a grant opportunity which is likely to be more appealing to the voluntary and community sector who would be well placed to apply for grant opportunities of this nature.

### **10. Next Steps**

- 10.1. The Area Manager, Emma Robinson and the Area Chair have agreed to arrange a meeting with Ben Brannan who is involved in the Mental Health Partnership meeting and Stuart Rogers who is leading on Sport, Physical Activity and Mental Health.
- 10.2. The Area Manager requires a decision from Members regarding the format for the procurement of this work. Specifically, if a contract or grant is the preferred option.

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**26<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Agenda item: 6

Report of  
North Area Council Manager

**North Area Council – 2020/21 Quarter 4 (January – March 2021)**  
**Performance Management Cover Report for Commissioned Projects and**  
**Stronger Communities Projects**

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

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

**Background**

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

**Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)**

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

The information provided in Part A reflects information gathered from each contract for the period January – March 2021.

**Contracted Service Providers:**

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

**Extended Grant – Youth Resilience Grant**

- YMCA
- Ad Astra

**Area Council Funded Posts**

- Housing and Cohesion Officer

**Part B** provides North Council members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2020/21 Quarter 4 (January – March 2021). The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from all North Area Council Providers, following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings.

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

**Part C** provides a summary of performance information from the 12 month grants - Stronger Communities Grants Projects.

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

### **Performance Report –Issues**

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

### **Appendices**

**Appendix 1:** North Council Performance Management Report - Quarter 4 2020/2021 (January – March 2021).

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**NORTH AREA COUNCIL**

**Project Performance Report**

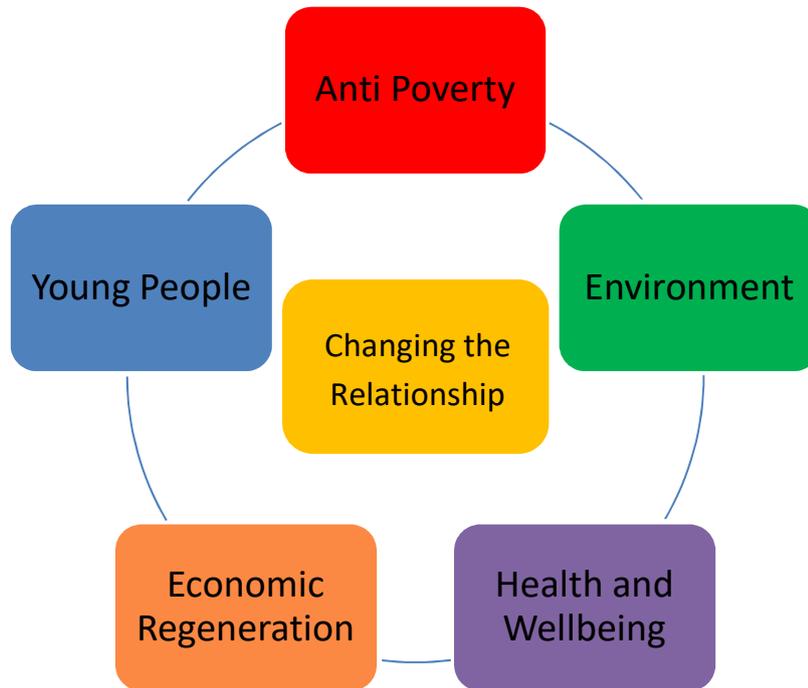
**Q4 2020/21 (January – March 2021)**

**Covid-19 Innovation & Adaptation**

**April 2021**

## INTRODUCTION

### North Area Council Priorities



Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

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

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

	Service	Provider	Contract Value/length	Contract start date	Updates
<b>Anti-Poverty</b>	Financial Inclusion Service	CAB & DIAL	£148,120 2 years	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Contract Concluded
<b>Anti-Poverty</b>	Financial Inclusion Service	CAB & DIAL	£190,000 2 years (+1yr)	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	<b>Contract Live – Performing well</b>
<b>Young People</b>	Summer Holiday Internship 2014	C&K Careers	£39,410 9 months	April 2014	Contract Concluded
<b>Young People</b>	Summer Holiday Internship 2015	C&K Careers	£45,000 18 months	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Contract Concluded
<b>Young People</b>	Summer Holiday Internship 2016	C&K Careers	£31,550 18 months	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	Contract Concluded
<b>Environment</b>	Environmental enforcement	Kingdom Security	£ 54,771 1 year + £81,844 8 months	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2014  August 2015 – March 2016	Contract Concluded
<b>Environment</b>	Environmental enforcement	Kingdom Security	£120,640 per annum (1yr+1yr+1yr)	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	Contract Concluded
<b>Environment</b>	Clean & Green Community Development	Forge c/o Anvil CIC	£150,192 2 years	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	Contract Concluded
<b>Environment</b>	Clean & Green Community Development	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd	£169,932 2 year (+1 year)	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2017	<b>Contract Live extended to March 2021</b>
<b>Economic Regeneration</b>	Small Business Development Survey	Barnsley Business and Innovation Centre	£2,250  £5,000 - 6months	Aug 2016  April 2017	Survey  Biz Surgeries
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	Healthy Eating Project	South & West Yorkshire (NHS) Foundation Trust	£98,893 18 months	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	Contract Concluded - April 2016
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	Social Isolation and Cold Homes	DIAL	£150,000 2 years (+1year)	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	<b>Contract Live till Aug 2021</b>

## PART A - OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

3 contracts have formally completed their contract monitoring/contract management reporting for Q3 2020/21. The following tables therefore reflect the overview of performance of **3 live contracts only**. These contracts are:

- Twiggs – Year 3, Q1
- CAB & DIAL - Contract 2, Year 4, Q1
- DIAL (Social Isolation) – Year 3, Q1

Two providers are currently delivering the Youth Resilience Grant

- YMCA
- Ad Astra

The North Area also funds a contracted posts:

- Housing Cohesion Officer (post holder commenced employment on 19<sup>th</sup> October)

## Anti-Poverty

Performance Indicator	Target /Quarter	Achieved to date
CAB & DIAL Contract		
Number of financial / debt settlements negotiated	Q2	1
Cases of homelessness prevented	Q2	0
Overall benefit gain (in £)	Q2	£332,957
Debt Managed (in £)	Q2	£12,823
Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation & Cold Homes		
Savings derived as a result of energy switching (in £)	Y2	£4,789

## Young People

Performance Indicator	Ad Astra Q4	YMCA Q4
Total Attendance In and Out of School	36	140
Sustained attendance of individual participants	17	20
Number of young people attending buddy training / peer support	-	-
Number of young people reporting greater confidence in their transition once in Yr7	12	-

## Environment: Education & Support

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
<b>Public Spaces - Twiggs</b>	Q1&Q2	
Number of local businesses supported at planned events	6	10%
Number of new groups formed with support of Twiggs	3	75%
Number of hours of volunteering generated	-	0%COVID
Number of volunteers trained in horticultural skills	8	25%
<b>Private Rented Homes - Housing Cohesion Officer</b>		
Number of vulnerable households identified	Total	30
Number of properties improved because of service intervention	Total	12
Number of requests to landlords (both formal and informal)	Total	12
Number of community protection written warnings issued	Total	0
<b>Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation &amp; Cold Homes</b>		
Numbers of household receiving heating and energy efficiency measures. (Energy Switching)	Y4	18
Number of volunteers trained to deliver home energy advice and energy switching sessions	Y4	0

## Health and Wellbeing

Performance Indicator	Target	Achieved to date
<b>Anti-Poverty – CAB &amp; DIAL</b>		
Local residents experienced improved health and wellbeing	N/A	67%
Local people feel more able to manage their own affairs	N/A	95%
<b>Home environment (regardless of tenure) – Social Isolation &amp; Cold Homes</b>		
Individual needs assessments completed	Y4	28
Reduction in feelings of loneliness and isolation within the client group (feeling more connected)	Y4	28
Improvement in Mental Wellbeing of residents	Y4	44
Number of new social networking groups	Y4	1

## Twiggs Grounds Maintenance

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

Extract from the providers quarterly narrative report:

Performance Indicator	Yr 4 Target (6months)	Q1	Q2	N/A	N/A	Cumulative
Twiggs social action events	6	16	45	/	/	61
Community groups supported	6	30	51	/	/	81
No. of groups/individuals taking ownership and maintaining area	2	3	173	/	/	176
Volunteers recruited to Twiggs events	24	0	0	/	/	0
Areas of blight targeted	50	16	50	/	/	66
Local business engagement	30	2	4	/	/	6
Restorative justice sessions	2	0	0	/	/	0
Local spend	90%	90%	90%	/	/	90%

### Darton East

30/03/2021 – Woolley Colliery Road, Darton East

Supporting independent volunteers (7 Adults 13 Children)

Working together, joining our efforts clearing 18 bags of waste. 2 of the children involved in this activity where doing this to help them achieve their 'Green Blue Peter Badge'.



### **Darton West – Dearne Hall Road Layby**

17/03/2021 – Harry Road Recreational Ground, Darton West

Supporting x 2 independent volunteers (David and Linda)

We worked to clear a large amount of litter from the green belt area which is now fenced off. We cut back brambles and vegetation to enable the volunteers to get to the litter.

Litter Picked – 23 bags



### **Old Town (Large Project Example)**

#### **Barnsley Youth Council – Adele Saywell, Old Town, joined by members from Remedi – ‘4TS’ Large Environmental Scheme**

We were contacted by Adele (leader) from the Youth Council who will be working on the land adjacent to the Footpath at the bottom of West Road which leads to the top of Stocks Lane, Old Town. The group have plans in place for a tree planting exercise with the aim of planting up to 400 young trees, also known as Whips. These will be planted throughout February 2021. Our team will be supporting the group in preparation for their event, clearing low hanging branches and self-set trees to enable the group to get to the litter safely in order to clear the majority.

In the future, once lockdown restrictions are lifted we are looking to work closely together so that we can pass on our experience and knowledge carrying out activities such as habitat creation, growing food in vegetable beds and taking part in activities to help peoples wellbeing.

03/02/2021 – We met with Adele to discuss the project in more detail, supporting them supplying 10 x adult litter pickers and 50 volunteer bags.

04/02/2021 – Supporting the Youth Council in preparation of their litter picking event, chopped back a section of branches in between trees of vegetation.

15/02/2021 – Supporting the Youth Council ready for their Tree Planting event at West Road on Friday 19th February 2021. We cut the grass leaving the large area much easier to walk

on. Whilst our team did this, x 4 volunteers from the Youth Council began clearing litter from the space. 18 large bags were collected altogether, as well as 6 needles which were discovered and removed safely by staff from site.

16/02/2021 – Continuing our work supporting the Youth Council marking out the ground where we will be working and demonstrating/ teaching the young volunteers how to plant small trees. 150 will be planted on Friday.

19/02/2021 – Following on from the preparation work we have been doing we began working with young members from the Youth Council to begin planting the trees. First of all we demonstrated to the group how to plant the trees correctly and safely, including how to use tree wraps and canes. Once the group showed a good understanding we planted 155 small trees. A mixture of Elder, Field Maple, Birch and Hazel. We have a further 300 trees to plant in the upcoming weeks.

01/03/2021 – Began cutting the grass West Road, Pogmoor preparing it for our future sessions with the students. Unfortunately some canes have been damaged, which we will rectify ready for the planned event.

02/03/2021 – Working at West Road greenery area, preparing the area for tree planting with the Youth Council. Large sections of grass reduced to make it easier to cut. We set out all the canes for the young people, including volunteers from Remedi.

04/03/2021 – Working with the Youth Council and a couple of ladies from Remedi, continuing to plant the remainder of the trees. We have been working with some brilliantly talented young people, one of them who is representing the UK at the G7 Youth Summit. Cllr Lofts also attended to praise the work we have done in the area.

06/03/2021 – 2 sessions with 2 groups.

AM Session: Whips were planted, including a Victoria Plumb tree.

PM Session: With the second group of young people we planted 25 fruit trees. (Various apple, plumb, pear, victoria plumb, coxs orange pippin, Bramley). One of the young volunteers who took part in the event is Morgan, the young people's Mayor of Barnsley.

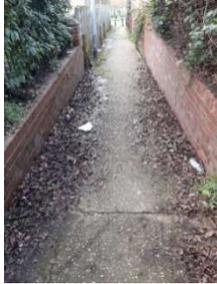
30/03/2021 – Laying mulch around 15 of the fruit trees to maintain good condition of the trees.



**St. Helen's**

11/01/2021 – New Lodge Crescent footpath leading to Standhill Crescent, St Helens  
 Clearing the weeds and grass growing through the edges. Also trimmed back dangerous over  
 hanging branches.

Litter Picked – 1 bag, 6 bags of green waste.



**\*TWIGGS contribution to Public Health Outcomes**

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

## CAB & DIAL 2

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

### Extract from Performance report

***Face to Face outreaches were suspended on the 17th March 2020 following government guidelines due to the COVID19 virus outbreak.***

***All advice from CAB from that date has been provided through the Adviceline and Email services. Advice from Dial is being provided by a telephone service.***

In the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, advisers from both organisations have provided information and advice to 649 client contacts, supported clients to claim £332,957 of welfare benefits and manage £12,823 of debt.

**Since March 17th 2020 this service has now been delivered by telephone and Email due to face to face services being suspended until further notice due to the Corona Virus. DIAL stats appear high due to them contacting all clients who they have assisted during the previous 12 months to enquire if they need any further help and support during the current COVID pandemic. Included within the CAB stats are also the North Area debt project data and statistics.**

As in previous reports, the majority of clients for both organisations accessed the service for help with benefit related issues. The generalist adviser from CAB has also supported clients with a range of other issues including housing, debt, legal support, employment, relationship and family issues, utilities and communication, financial services and capabilities, consumer, health and community care, education, discrimination, hate and gender violence abuse. tax and travel and transport.

Of the 649 client contacts this quarter 80 have required help with form filling – a total of 12% of the clients, majority of which are related to the benefits system.

### Debt Settlements negotiated

During Quarter 2, CAB dealt with 27 client contacts whose main issue related to debt. In total we helped 4 clients manage £12,823 of debt an average of £3,206 per client. 3 clients were sent for fast track specialist debt support with the CAB debt workers.

### Case Study 1 CAB

Clients owned a residential property that they were not residing in. They decided to market the property through an estate agent and because they did not live in the area where the property was, handed over keys to the property to the estate agent so that they could arrange viewings with prospective buyers without the client having to be there. While the property was up for sale, the client went onto the estate agents website to check that it was advertised correctly. However, when the clients checked the legal pack, they found that one of the documents that was listed and viewable to everybody was the clients marriage certificate, with clients home address on it, partners full name and both sets of parents full details. Client had no information as to how many people had viewed this document nor how many had downloaded it for their own purposes. Clients complained to the estate agent who removed the document immediately.

Client then received a phone call from a friend who had passed the property. The friend said that the doors to the property were open and that there were workmen in the property apparently doing some work. The friend's comment was "I thought you were selling the property not doing it up?".

Clients had accepted an offer for the property and it was going through the sales and contract phase, however; it was still their property and no completion date had been agreed. Clients contacted the local office of the estate agent where the property was being sold, and were told by a member of staff that the prospective purchases had told them the sale had been completed and requested the keys so they could get into the property. Unfortunately, the estate agents failed to check these facts. The clients thought when they agreed to the deal with the prospective purchases that they had said they had intended to buy the property to let it out. Clients checked a property rental website and found that their property was being advertised for rent.

Clients wanted to know what action they could take, firstly in relation to the data protection breach and secondly in relation to the actions of the estate agents.

Advised clients in relation to the personal data breach, that if they think their data has been misused or that the organisation holding it has not kept it secure, they should contact them to complain about it. If they are unhappy with the response, they can contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and inform them of the data breach. The ICO can investigate the claim and take action against anyone who has misused personal data. You can also make a request to the estate agents for them to provide you with details of all information that they hold on yourself. Advised client also, that there is a process of taking their case to court and claiming compensation.

Advised clients that with regard to the prospective purchases being given keys to the property they should first of all make a formal complaint to the estate agents and then if they are not satisfied with the reply they can complain to the property Ombudsman (we confirmed that the estate agents belong to the scheme).

In this case it is clear that the estate agents had not followed the clients instructions or the correct procedures but the clients were now armed with the appropriate information to deal with the situation.

### **Case Study 1 DIAL**

#### **Before DIAL**

Client S is 45 years old with severe mental health problems and M.E. The M.E. causes chronic pain and fatigue and means that mobility is limited. The client lives with a parent and they do their best to help care for each other. During the pandemic they have been shielding, trying to avoid crowds and other people outside of their support bubble and doing online shopping. Client S had previously completed an application form for Personal Independence Payment and been refused.

#### **Advice Given**

DIAL helped Client S with a Mandatory Reconsideration appeal after being declined Personal Independence Payment after a phone assessment. DIAL also advised Client S to get supporting medical evidence to help with the appeal and where to get it from. Also, during the pandemic DIAL has been contacting Client S on a regular basis conducting safe and well checks, giving public health guidance and pointing towards local help and support should it be needed.

#### **After DIAL**

The Mandatory Reconsideration appeal was successful, and Client S was awarded the enhanced rate of the daily living component of 89.10 and the enhanced rate of the mobility component of 62.20. The client was also owed 7 months back pay to the date of the first application which amounted to £4,200. DIAL continues to carry out safe and well checks with Client S to make sure that everything is OK and the client understands changes to lockdown protocol.

#### **Acknowledged Outcome**

Client S has more money to live on and future uncertainty has been lifted. The client can now afford to spend more on the weekly shop and other essentials.

“Thank you DIAL, I couldn’t have done it without you “

\*CAB and DIAL’s contribution to public health outcomes

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

# Housing Cohesion Officer (commenced 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020)

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

## Purpose of Post

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

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

## Extract from Performance Report

During this quarter I have continued to learn more about my role and gained a lot more confidence in myself throughout this time. I have now fully familiarised myself with the whole of the North area and the hotspots with in it. I have continued to work closely with other members of the North Area team including the north area neighbourhood engagement officer who I meet with regularly on pro-active inspections of each ward. This pro-active, joint work allows me to have a better understanding as to what problems are been faced in each ward and gives me a good chance to inspect the outside of properties whilst on site. Throughout this quarter I completed and passed the HHSRS training course, this was a 3-day course with an assignment and presentation to complete. This now means I am competent to complete full housing inspections across the borough and gives me a better opportunity to engage with tenants and offer a wide range of support. Since passing this course I have already completed 2 full housing inspections and began the process of

working closely with the landlord to make improvements. During this quarter I have begun building good working relationships with both SYP and SYFR staff, this included a day of action that I was able to take part in with Police Staff in the St. Helens ward. By working closely with police staff on the day of action it enabled me to highlight 2 new private sector properties on one estate in need of support. One of those properties was a gentleman who has been made aware to adult social care previously in the past, he has continuously rejected any kind of intervention or support. After visiting his property that day with staff and seeing what state the property was in, I decided to make case management aware of this property. Since January I have then persisted making welfare calls every day to ensure that the occupier was ok and that he was able to get out and get shopping, he continued to reject all avenues of support. I eventually requested we put another case forward to adult social care to take on this case and both myself and another member of staff filled out a witness statement. Since that adult social care have now taken on the case and have managed to persuade the occupier to allow support agencies in. This work has made me very proud and will definitely be life changing for the occupier.

**Breakdown of figures** – Although still working from home and still adapting to a completely new role and way of working, I have worked hard pro-actively this quarter to hit the targets set. I made **200** reports and initial contacts this quarter and out of those a further **30** of those were identified as vulnerable or required more detailed follow up work. During this quarter **12** properties were improved as a direct impact of the Pro-Active work that I have undertaken, this could be from a variety of different ways such as a waste in garden removal or improvements made inside of the property. I have made **10** referrals this quarter to external partner agencies, this includes referrals to SYFR, Adult Social Care, Dial, Citizens Advice Bureau and Recovery Steps. This is a good example of going above and beyond to support the clients I am working closely with.

### **CASE STUDY**

I first became aware of this case whilst out walking on pro-active inspections in the St. Helens ward. I noticed that there was a very large amount of waste towards the rear of a shop, the waste was over head height and included over 30 black bin bags of waste, wooden furniture, a mattress, a settee and 3 fridge freezers.

#### **What I did -**

Due to the location I originally thought that that the waste had been fly tipped and was concerned that if I didn't act quickly, that people would start adding to the accumulation. I firstly visited the shop whilst on site to speak to the owner, who would hopefully have more information regarding how the waste had got there. I managed to speak to a gentleman working behind the counter who explained the waste had actually been put there by the tenant who lived in the flat directly above the store, he explained that the owner of the shop also owned the flat above as well. When returning home, I immediately sent out a waste in gardens warning letter, giving the tenant two weeks in which to remove the large accumulation of waste. Included In the letter was different options in which the tenant could have the waste removed legally.

After the two weeks had passed, I returned to the property to inspect what progress has been made. When arriving on site it was clear that the tenant had taken the letter on board, as all the waste had been removed in its entirety. Even though the work I had requested was now complete, I decided to post an information leaflet that I have created through the letter box. The leaflet explains my role and what support I can offer tenants across the borough. The reason for me posting the leaflet was due to me witnessing the amount of

waste that was previously in the property and from the outside the windows in the property were single glazed and in some disrepair. I believed that the tenant may potentially benefit from the support services that I could offer.

After posting the leaflet I received a phone call the next day from the tenant living in the flat above the store. He explained that he was not aware that there was any support out there for tenants living in the private rented sector. He then went on to explain that he had been living in the property for the past five years and there were many issues within the property that the landlord has not fixed including the boiler no longer working and there was no form of heating throughout. I straight away arranged a full housing inspection for the next working day to take place at the property, which me and a colleague completed. After completing the full HHSRS inspection, both me and a colleague highlighted many different issues within the property that the landlord needs to be made aware of. Within 24 hours of the inspection I served a section 239 and notice of inspection to both the landlord and tenant. This letter is served to inform the landlord that we have been to the property and what issues we have found, it also gives him time in which to contact me and to begin the process of making improvements to the property to make it safer for the tenant.

This case study is ongoing, and I am now continuing to work closely with the tenant to support him throughout the process. I have already made a referral to SYFR for the tenant so they can complete a fire home safety check at the property. I will also be liaising as requested by the tenant, with Berneslai homes staff to request log in details so the tenant can bid for social housing. I believe this case study is a good example of where I have gone above and beyond to help and support.

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

## DIAL (Social Isolation) – Contract commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018

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

### Service Outline

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

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

### Delivery Update – Extract from performance report

#### **At a Glance – Service Highlights**

- 200 residents received a safe and well check
- 197 reported that they felt less isolated
- 95 residents received public health advice
- 56 residents received regular befriending calls
- 53 Home Energy Assessments were undertaken by telephone
- 220 volunteering hours were contributed
- 16 residents joined in Happy Café Online

## **Service Delivery**

During December and January we delivered 150 Winter Warmth Packs to residents in the North area. We worked with Age UK to make sure we targeted people under the age of 65 to avoid duplication. We recruited new volunteers to deliver the packs and residents in the area who signed up to our good neighbour scheme identified and delivered to people in their area who would benefit from this support.

We have continued to operate our dedicated advice Line every Monday for energy advice enquiries and have made contact with clients who qualified for Warm Homes Discount last year to ensure they applied for their discount this year.

We have worked with the Connections Development Worker from Emmanuel Church to refer some of our older clients, who are socially isolated, to receive their deliveries of special dinners and teas delivered around days that people may find particularly lonely.

Our volunteers have continued to provide befriending calls and individual needs assessments for newly referred residents. We continue to build links with other services for referrals and have received several recently from the Samaritans.

The weekly Happy Cafe restarted in January and we have created a programme of weekly activities to take us to what we hope will be a time we can get back into the community. We have started discussing with existing clients options for one to one walks from the end of March and increasing these to group walks as restrictions permit.

### **Case Study – Cold Homes**

#### **Before Warm Connections**

Mr and Mrs A were supplied by Great North Energy but were not receiving any bills for 10 months despite numerous emails and phone calls from Mrs A. At this point their account was to be transferred to British Gas as Great North Energy was closing down. Mr and Mrs A then received a final bill from Great North Energy for £1341.97 and they decided to contact our advice line.

#### **Interventions provided by Warm Connections**

Mr and Mrs A first agreed to have our advisor's name added to their account so that we could enter into negotiations with British Gas.

We contacted British Gas to explain the difficulties Mr and Mrs A had had with Great North Energy and they agreed to look into their account. After talking to British Gas on two more occasions they agreed a compensation and good will payment of £1164.16 as well as a credit of £757.15, which meant that the bill transferred from Great North Energy had been cleared and they were now in credit. British Gas said they could take the credit as a refund and they also apologised for the stress and anxiety this had caused.

As their energy tariff with British Gas was due to end in March we also undertook an energy comparison and provided Mr and Mrs A with the three best tariffs available to them. After choosing the one which they felt best suited their needs they asked us to do the switch, which we did successfully and provided new account details.

The switch resulted in a saving of £120 per year.

#### **After Warm Connections**

Mr and Mrs A cleared their energy debt, received a refund and made further savings through switching suppliers, greatly reducing their anxiety and giving them more disposable income.

#### **Mrs A said**

"This has taken such a weight off our shoulders. We were so frustrated and not getting anywhere. Thank you so much. So glad we contacted you."

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

# Youth Resilience Fund Contract commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

**Health and Wellbeing**

**Young People**

**Changing the Relationship**

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

**The grant opportunity is currently delivered by two different providers: YMCA and Ad Astra. Below is an extract from the performance reports:**

## YMCA

**(Supporting Kexborough Primary, Wellgate Primary and Delta Academy Darton.)**

Initial meetings took place in January and the team began delivery in February as a 6-week programme supporting key worker children in year 7 who were interested in being part of the programme.

The Peer Support Training Programme sessions are designed to support the young people to build confidence and self-esteem and to develop skills to help others. Once the young people have completed the programme the aim is for them to have the skills to help their peers through supporting activities /events in school and at YMCA Barnsley, and Y6 to Y7 transition which in turn will further develop their own confidence, self-esteem and emotional resilience. The idea that these young people have shared interests and experiences to help others who may need their support is not only beneficial to the young people they are offering support to but also for their own personal growth. The specific approaches of the Resilience Framework are being developed through this programme in particular *Belonging; Make friends and mix with other children /YP, Learning; Engage mentors for children/YP, Coping; solving problems and Core Self; Support the child/YP to understand other people's feelings.*

The Peer Supporters have begun discussions about how they would like to support with year 6 to 7 transition within school to ensure the new year 7 students moving up have a positive transition experience. The Peer Supporters own transition due to the Covid pandemic was not the usual process that would take place. This group of Peer Supporters are keen to be involved in this process and a meeting between the YMCA staff and Darton Academy's transition lead have taken place to discuss how the Peer Supporters will be involved in the

transition process. This links in with meetings that have already taken place with the heads at Wellgate Primary School and Kexborough Primary School about support for their year 6 children leading up to their transition to year 7. The young people who have completed the training have also been involved in shaping what the new Peer Support Training Packs will look like and their ideas and feedback have now been used to redesign the packs with their design ideas sent to a design company to create the finished product.

Darton Academy are keen for the programme to be delivered again during the April to May term to give other young people the opportunity to be involved and for the current Peer Supporters who have just completed their training to be involved in this process if possible.

### **Primary School Delivery**

Initial meetings with staff and consultation with the children has taken place at both schools with lots of buzz and excitement from the children and all staff involved. The children gave lots of ideas of things they would like to take part in and the YMCA staff team have been busy planning the sessions ready to begin delivery after the Easter holidays. Both schools would like the project delivery to link in with supporting the year 6 children through their transition.

### **Kexborough Primary**

The children have met both the YMCA staff team who will work with them at the after-school club and the detached team who work in the Kexborough and Darton areas. This we hope will create a link between the children accessing opportunities in school but also in their wider community with staff that they know and will encourage the children to get involved in positive activities out of school. The day the after-school club runs also links nicely with the detached session in Kexborough which is on the same day after the after school club.

### **Wellgate Primary**

The school have opted for a targeted model and the team will work with 11 children within the year 6 group who have been identified as would most benefit from the project. The team have consulted with the children and will start sessions with them shortly.

### **Ad Astra**

#### **(Supporting Laithes Primary, Athersley South and Outwood Academy Carlton.)**

The schools have not requested a great deal of information.

Once I had confirmation of the grant I contacted the four schools and gave them an in-depth explanation of the funding and the programme we had been commissioned to deliver. I emailed the scheme of work to the three Primary schools for the Buddy Training and the Transition Workshops, plus one session plan so that they had a good understanding of how we would deliver the programme.

Our delivery in Carlton has not been affected by the lockdowns as throughout we have supported young people in school.

The issues we are addressing with the Y7 young people in Carlton are quite varied:

- Personal issues - anxiety
- Family Issues - including domestic violence — one young person has multiple siblings and a parent in prison; estranged families through divorce; parents with disabilities

- alongside transition issues with uniforms – finding their way around the school – lunchtime concerns
- Connectively - one young man who has no IT at home for homework

Our youth club delivery has been affected as we were not allowed to open the centre to run this session but we have been doing some Outreach and 1 – 1 sessions with young people we know have been struggling.

In two of our Primary Schools delivery is set to commence in April :

Laithes Primary will start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Athersley South will start on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

In both schools we are planning to start with the Buddy Training and follow this on after May Spring bank with the Transition Workshops.

***RISK: At this time there are two schools who have been offered intervention but have not engaged with the providers. The Area Manager intends to contact the schools again now that the providers are working with four of the six primary/junior schools and renew the offer of support.***

## PART C – COMMUNITY GRANTS SUMMARY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

APRIL 2019 – MARCH 2020

SERVICE	PRIORITY	PROJECT TITLE	COST	START	END	REPORTS
Darton Cricket Club	Health and Wellbeing	Cricket Practice Facility	£ 19,000.00	April 2019	March 2020	Awaiting end of season report 2020
Reds In The Community	Health and Wellbeing	Health Lifestyles Programme	£ 8,551.38	April 2019	March 2020	Update provided Sept 2020

### Darton Cricket Club – Training Facility

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

#### Project Summary:

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

#### Performance Summary (Extract from performance report):

- The practise facility was installed in September, at the very end of the cricket season.
- To measure the impact of this project the Area Manager has requested a report from the club at the end of Q2 2020/21 when the club member will have begun to reap the benefits – *this will be submitted prior to the July 2021 Area Council meeting.*

## Reds in the Community – Healthy Lifestyles

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

### **Project Summary:**

#### **The Fit Reds Healthy Lifestyle Programme**

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

#### **Healthy Kicks**

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

#### **Fit Reds Mens and Fit Reds Womens**

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

#### **Performance Summary (Extract from performance report):**

Reds in Community proposed and adapted model. New participants were consulted about and online provision, however the majority wanted to postpone the start of their course until they could meet in person. Individually they felt this would benefit them more and from a professional point of view retention is better with in person delivery.

A new Fit Reds Ladies course started on the 14<sup>th</sup> April and will run until the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Update has been positive. More information can be found here:

<https://barnsleyfccommunity.co.uk/event/fit-reds-ladies-oakwell/>

### **Case Studies**

#### **Alex – Fit Red Participant Feedback Video**

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

#### **James Wood - Fit Red Participant Feedback Video**

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

## **PART C – COMMUNITY GRANTS SUMMARY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT**

### **APRIL 2020 – MARCH 2021**

\*project delayed due to Covid-19

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

## Emmanuel Methodist Church – Connections

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

### Project Summary:

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

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

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

### Performance Summary:

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

**Carol Cotton – Connections Development Worker with Older People Barnsley North**  
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**Pastorally visiting older people who are self-isolating, delivering biscuits, cakes and cards, readings and prayers. Co-ordinating a project 'Caring for Carers' – taking thank you bags filled with goodies, into selected Nursing Homes for each member of Staff to show them we are thinking of them and praying for them as they care for others. Continuing to Network re support and provision. Looking for new ways to engage with people through lockdown and to offer support.**

Report Extract (September 2020 to January 2021):

Considering the restrictions to activities because of COVID I feel really pleased with all that has been achieved over the last few months. It has required a lot of creative thinking about what we can safely deliver to older people. After an initial period of research into what is available for older people in the area and also getting to know people in the Church's it was good to get up and running with the first project in late September.

To date I have co-ordinated a Harvest drop to more than 200 people, a poppy display in a Church garden for Remembrance and also written a set of Remembrance readings and prayers. I have delivered 130 gifts to 4 nursing homes to thank staff for all of their hard work. We have completed a project over Christmas and New year providing gifts, Christmas lunches and New Year's Day teas to 100 people all over the North West area, taking referrals from many other agencies. We are planning an afternoon tea, card and heart for Valentine's Day to be delivered to 196 people. We have mobilised people in making hearts and will leave up to 500 hearts in bags with a message of love, in various outdoor places in Barnsley for people to take home.

I have been involved in various ways in the Church as the Minister requires. We have set up a telephone worship service and chat for people unable to access the internet.

There are a number of projects planned for the future. Obviously COVID continues to have a big impact on what we would normally be able to deliver, yet we have still been able to offer a lot of care, kindness and support.

Some feedback from those who received our Christmas Lunches:

"This is marvellous, I can't get over why you would do such a kind thing for me".

"This has made my Christmas, I haven't been given a Christmas gift for years".

"My husband died from COVID last week, I haven't thought about Christmas, this food will really help me through".

A few comments from our referral agencies:

"This all sounds absolutely fantastic, absolutely warms my heart." (Chloe Dial Barnsley)

"The response we have had from the older people has been fantastic, we have heard that one lady couldn't praise you enough, she was overwhelmed by the food she received. We would like to thank you and the volunteers for arranging and delivering the goodies". (Andrea Age UK)

"Thank you so much for this wonderful thing you are doing, the residents who received the Christmas and New Year deliveries were thrilled, hence I am now referring many more for the Valentines Cream Tea". (Elizabeth Berneslai Homes)

## YMCA – Youthwork

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

### Project Summary:

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

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

### Performance Summary (extract from providers report):

Weather is always a consideration with street-based youth work and the first quarter of 2021 has been no exception. Coupled with the pandemic and government restrictions our physical contact on the streets has been expectedly lower than usual. That said, we have maintained contact with a core group of young people and in some cases their families, and engaged with members of the North Area communities that perhaps we wouldn't have under normal circumstances.

Garden gate youth work has become a new way of working all be it brief and fleeting at times. It has ensured we can safely and securely deliver activity packs and 'homework' to our core group of families. It has also ensured that our ongoing flow of consultation has been maintained. Harvesting ideas and building them into our programme largely set by the young people, will attempt to pick up where we left off, and action any tweaks to our delivery we may need to employ as we gently re-emerge from lockdown and the hard winter.

Our Facebook presence and text messaging to parents has proven invaluable in maintaining contact and organising garden gate / socially distanced meet ups.

- 30 unique attendees

- Sustained attendance of 22 unique attendees
- 37 youth work sessions with 278
- Creation of a lockdown specific webpage resource
- 220 digital connections with CYP and families.
- 59 Number of volunteer hours

We have maintained links with partner organisations and set things in place that we are confident will enable us to hit the ground running so to speak as soon as we are allowed. Our team met with Adam from TWIGGS to discuss maintenance and further development of the memorial garden in Kexborough. We have had reports from the community that on occasion the garden has appeared to be used for illicit activities so we have ensured that it is on our regular beat. We talk to residents, many of who are elderly in the hope that we can offer some sort of reassurances that someone is keeping an eye on the memorial garden through the dark months. Likewise Uplands Avenue park, again we maintain a presence and have met a number of residents and dog walkers. Interestingly the only 'illicit' behaviour we have witnessed in Uplands Ave park has been by adults.

Both these areas are regularly litter picked and it is our intention to organise a community litter pick as we continue to unlock. Litter picking lends itself well to a socially distanced / within bubbles activity.

There are clear and obvious links between our existing street based / detached work and schools work. Our detached team have been part of the consultation carried out via the Youth Resilience programme within Kexborough Primary. This gave us a perfect opportunity to re-engage with some and pick up new faces for out of school hours street based provision.

We have maintained presence around Darton and in recent weeks met with a group of young people who use or at least hang around the skate park. One or two faces are familiar to us and they appear keen to engage. They take responsibility for their own litter that they create and have taken it upon themselves to contact BMBC to register their concerns over certain issues within the skate park (happy to report they have had a response)

Not surprisingly part of our role has been one to remind young people of their social responsibilities with regard to the pandemic and government guidelines. Most young people we have engaged in Covid conversations with simply needed reminding of social distancing or when to wear a mask, we have come across little if any resistance.

## Making Space – Dementia Wellbeing Cafe

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

### Project Summary:

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

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

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

### Adapting the model for Covid Recovery:

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

#### 1. Freephone dementia helpline

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

#### 2. Training and support for carers

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

#### 3. Weekly café in Barugh Green

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

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

The model relies heavily on the support of volunteers.

### **Performance Summary:**

The first three Barugh Green Social Groups were delivered in October. These went extremely well but were postponed when full lockdown continued.

Extract from Q4 report:

Making Space is so grateful to The North Area Council and Team for allowing Making Space to offer three very different but much needed services, working with local charities who are equally committed to socially isolated and vulnerable older people, people living with Dementia and their carers, family members and friends.

By allowing us to roll funding over into 2021/22, we will be able to offer a weekly social group and two structured DISC courses in Q1 and Q2.

Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group ( BDSAG) have been able to get weekly "Tea Dance" social groups up and running at Barugh Green Working Men's Club from 14<sup>th</sup> April. These are still subject to COVID restrictions and can only be offered to 15 people at present, but BDSAG are hopeful that as the lockdown measures reduce, they will be able to offer these weekly opportunities to increasing numbers. BDSAG now have funding to offer 23 social groups in Q1 and Q2.

Making Space and Crossroads Barnsley Ltd have come together to offer one DISC course in Q1 ( May and June) and another DISC course in Q2 ( July and August). Funding has been transferred from Making Space to Crossroads Barnsley Ltd, to contribute to carer respite costs, venue hire and refreshments for each of the courses.

## CAB – Specialist Debt Advice

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

### Project Summary:

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

### Performance Summary:

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

## Age UK – Covid 19 Recovery Project

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

### Project Summary:

- 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).

### Performance Summary (extract from narrative report):

Since our last report we have supported vulnerable, older people through a further lock down period. Most of our service users don't have support networks in place and are extremely isolated. We have supported them by:

- Meeting and chatting to the service users socially distanced on their doorstep as well as regular telephone befriending and check-up calls
- We have delivered Valentine's sweets and Mother's Day packs which included toiletries and chocolates to several people we are supporting.
- We have been supporting with the provision of home-based activities. 11 households have joined in with a range of options.
- We have worked with local agencies. We referred seven vulnerable older people to the Emmanuel Church for Valentines and Easter packs. We have also worked with the Athersley Cares Organisation who referred a number of isolated older people for our services.

- We have also set up the jigsaw library (where we collect and deliver jigsaws to the service users' homes) and a small book library and this is used regularly by several service users.
- We have received referrals from Social Prescribing and the North Area Council Team, self-referrals and family referrals. We look forward to developing more relationships and are pleased that we have established further networks within the North Area.
- Requests for telephone befriending have increased, therefore we are currently working to increase our offer and involve more volunteers. This quarter we have recruited 2 new volunteers in the area.
- All service users have received our staying steady booklet (around preventing falls and keeping mobile) and a mental health booklet 'your mind matters'

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## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:  
24<sup>th</sup> May 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 confirm the extension of the Housing and Cohesion Officers post for a further 12 months from the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021, reference 3.2.**
- 2.3. **Following the presentation of Agenda Item 5. Members should note point 3.3 of this item reference the development work currently underway for the Health and Wellbeing Priority. Members are asked to indicate if a commissioned service is required or if they wish to offer a grant opportunity.**
- 2.4. **The North Area Council submits a waiver application for the Youth Resilience Grant providers to continue to deliver the programme for a further 12 months.**
- 2.5. **That underspend is used to re-profile contracts that are re-tendered in line with inflation, reference 4.4.**

#### 3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

##### 3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project

Contract 1 commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for a two-year term at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

***DECISION: The Area Council has asked the Area Manager to work with the Procurement Team to obtain waiver authorisation for this service. Conversations with the Procurement Team are underway.***

***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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The initial two-year contract has now concluded.

The second environmental contract commenced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at a value of £85,000 per annum. The provider is Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd, who commenced service delivery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. On the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

***DECISION: The Area Council is required to confirm the renewal of the 12 month contract for the officer in post from 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 for 12 months.***

***Risk: The Area Manager is aware that the universal core offer of housing support is currently under review within the Safer Communities Service. As such the Area Manager will keep the Area Council updated and ensure***

***that the funding of the post is managed in accordance with any changes in the structure of the Safer Communities Service.***

- 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 took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April which informed the specification that was signed off at the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 and the project went live from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. The service is 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's Health and Wellbeing Priority Working Group has met for a workshop on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. It has recommended that the service commissioned for this service area places a strong emphasis on Social Isolation rather than Cold Homes and offers greater support to aid the recovery from Covid-19. This will require the development of a new specification. The budget allocated to this priority area is £85,000p.a.***

- 3.4 Stronger Communities Grant – The total funding available for 202/221 is £50,000. Each grant has an upper limit of £10,000. A total of 6 applications were received, totalling £55,772.06. At the Grant Panel on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021, five projects were recommended for funding.

Successful projects:

- North West Church – Reconnect Building Resilience and new confidence with older people - £10,000.00
- Ad Astra – 5 Star Well Being: Gender Based - £8640.00

- Reds in the Community – Transition with the Reds - £8,638.06
- Age UK Barnsley – Covid Recovery North Area - £10,000.00
- Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group – Barugh Green Social Club, weekly afternoon tea dance - £2,721.94

**N.B. The Area Council is still expecting a final report for two projects that were postponed due to Covid-19: Reds in the Community – Adults and Darton Cricket Club’s Training Facility.**

### 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 confirmed this decision on 1<sup>st</sup> February 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 16<sup>th</sup> March that the opportunity should be chunked down to allow the VCS to respond.

**N.B. This opportunity has been 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 1<sup>st</sup> November and two providers are in place.**

**The Area Council has committed to fund this work for up to three years. Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions caused delays and for a time schools would not permit external partners into schools. The providers are now working within 4 schools. It is recommended that the two current providers are permitted to deliver a second year of the provision, provided this can be agreed via a waiver application.**

## 4. Financial Position

- 4.1. At the end of 2020/21 there was a significant **underspend of £130,266 (includes underspend from previous years)**. The budget was vaired during the 2020/21 year due to Covid-19.

4.2. **The forecast for 2021/22 shows that the underspend** (including underspend from previous years) **will reduce to £62,266**. This is because the in-year balance exceeded the annual budget by approximately £68,000.

4.3. Outlined annual commitments from April 2021:

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Proposed Spend 2021/22</b>
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£95,000
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	£85,000
Housing Migration Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£35,000
Stronger Communities Grant	£40,000
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+hOurbank) – 6 months remaining on contract	£40,000
Health and Wellbeing Project (*Under development)	£45,000
Children and Youth People Resilience Grant	£90,0000
Devolved funds to Ward Alliances (£5k per WA)	£20,000
Fleets Nature Park	£10,000
Age UK Support for Older People	£,7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£467,000</b>

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 £467,000.

**5. Commissioning programme from April 2021**

5.1. Appendix 1 lays out the proposed spend. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 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 £68,000 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. **With regards to the Health and Wellbeing Priority: Social Isolation and Low-Level Mental Health project. Members are asked to indicate if a commissioned service is required or if they wish to offer a grant opportunity which would be more accessible to the voluntary and community sector.**

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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11/05/2021**

**Appendix 1: North Area Council Proposed expenditure April 2020-March 2023**

<b>Project / Service</b>	<b>Annual Value</b>				
		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	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		460,000.00	460,000.00	430,000.00	390,000.00

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## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Agenda Item: 8

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 confirm the extension of the Housing and Cohesion Officers post for a further 12 months, at £35,000p.a. from the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021, reference 3.2.**
- 2.3. **Following the presentation of Agenda Item 5. Members should note point 3.3 of this item reference the development work currently underway for the Health and Wellbeing Priority. Members are asked to indicate if a commissioned service is required or if they wish to offer a grant opportunity.**
- 2.4. **The North Area Council submits a waiver application for the Youth Resilience Grant providers to continue to deliver the programme for a further 12 months, at a value of £90,000 p.a.**
- 2.5. **That underspend is used to re-profile contracts that are re-tendered in line with inflation, reference 4.4.**

#### 3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

##### 3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project

Contract 1 commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for a two-year term at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

***DECISION: The Area Council has asked the Area Manager to work with the Procurement Team to obtain waiver authorisation for this service. Conversations with the Procurement Team are underway.***

***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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The initial two-year contract has now concluded.

The second environmental contract commenced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at a value of £85,000 per annum. The provider is Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd, who commenced service delivery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. On the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

***DECISION: The Area Council is required to confirm the renewal of the 12 month contract for the officer in post from 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 for 12 months. This is a commitment of £35,000 per annum.***

***Risk: The Area Manager is aware that the universal core offer of housing support is currently under review within the Safer Communities Service. As such the Area Manager will keep the Area Council updated and ensure***

***that the funding of the post is managed in accordance with any changes in the structure of the Safer Communities Service.***

- 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 took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April which informed the specification that was signed off at the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 and the project went live from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. The service is 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's Health and Wellbeing Priority Working Group has met for a workshop on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. It has recommended that the service commissioned for this service area places a strong emphasis on Social Isolation rather than Cold Homes and offers greater support to aid the recovery from Covid-19. This will require the development of a new specification. The budget allocated to this priority area is £85,000p.a.***

- 3.4 Stronger Communities Grant – The total funding available for 202/221 is £50,000. Each grant has an upper limit of £10,000. A total of 6 applications were received, totalling £55,772.06. At the Grant Panel on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021, five projects were recommended for funding.

Successful projects:

- North West Church – Reconnect Building Resilience and new confidence with older people - £10,000.00
- Ad Astra – 5 Star Well Being: Gender Based - £8640.00

- Reds in the Community – Transition with the Reds - £8,638.06
- Age UK Barnsley – Covid Recovery North Area - £10,000.00
- Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group – Barugh Green Social Club, weekly afternoon tea dance - £2,721.94

**N.B. The Area Council is still expecting a final report for two projects that were postponed due to Covid-19: Reds in the Community – Adults and Darton Cricket Club’s Training Facility.**

### 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 confirmed this decision on 1<sup>st</sup> February 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 16<sup>th</sup> March that the opportunity should be chunked down to allow the VCS to respond.

**N.B. This opportunity has been 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 1<sup>st</sup> November and two providers are in place.**

**The Area Council has committed to fund this work for up to three years. Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions caused delays and for a time schools would not permit external partners into schools. The providers are now working within 4 schools.**

**DESCISION It is recommended that the two current providers are permitted to deliver a second year of the provision, provided this can be agreed via a waiver application. This would require a financial commitment of £90,000p.a.**

#### 4. **Financial Position**

- 4.1. At the end of 2020/21 there was a significant **underspend of £130,266 (includes underspend from previous years). The budget was vaired during the 2020/21 year due to Covid-19.**
- 4.2. **The forecast for 2021/22 shows that the underspend** (including underspend from previous years) **will reduce to £62,266.** This is because the in-year balance exceeded the annual budget by approximately £68,000.
- 4.3. Outlined annual commitments from April 2021:

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Proposed Spend 2021/22</b>
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£95,000
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	£85,000
Housing Migration Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£35,000
Stronger Communities Grant	£40,000
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+hOurbank) – 6 months remaining on contract	£40,000
Health and Wellbeing Project (*Under development)	£45,000
Children and Youth People Resilience Grant	£90,0000
Devolved funds to Ward Alliances (£5k per WA)	£20,000
Fleets Nature Park	£10,000
Age UK Support for Older People	£,7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£467,000</b>

- 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 £467,000.

**5. Commissioning programme from April 2021**

5.1. Appendix 1 lays out the proposed spend. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 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 £68,000 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. **With regards to the Health and Wellbeing Priority: Social Isolation and Low-Level Mental Health project. Members are asked to indicate if a commissioned service is required or if they wish to offer a grant opportunity which would be more accessible to the voluntary and community sector.**

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**

<b>Project / Service</b>	<b>Annual Value</b>				
		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	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		460,000.00	460,000.00	430,000.00	390,000.00

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**North Area Council:  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Agenda Item: 9**

**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 projects during the remainder of 2021/22, appendix 1.**

**2.2 That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2021/22, 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 2019/20; no additional funding was devolved in 2020/21 and a reduced amount of £5,000 was devolved in 2021/22.

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 2021/22 Financial Position**

4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2021/22 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2021/22 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

#### 4.2 Budget allocations for 2021/22

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2020/21	Additional DWB (Announced 09/2020)	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£2,781.00	£5,000	£19,204.16
Darton West	£10,000	£1,289.04	£5,000	£19,567.49
Old Town	£10,000	£10,717.28	£5,000	£26,674.53
St Helen's	£10,000	£7,628.13	£5,000	£23,393.83

4.3 All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

4.4 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 2021/22. 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 2021/22 must be signed off by the Ward Alliance by early March 2022, 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: 2021/22 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

For 2021/22 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 2020/21 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2021/22 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 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

**£10,000** base allocation

**£2,781** carried forward from 2020/21

**£5,000** North Area Council devolved allocation

**£70** Keswick Rd Allotment Unspent

**£1,123** Health Holidays 2020 Unspent

**£230** Shop Local Project Unspent

**£19,204** Total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining £9,602.00	Allocation Remaining £19,204
Litter Bin 0393 Relocation	£125	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,602.00	<b>£19,137.16</b>
Cold Calling Stickers	£860.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,602.00	<b>£18,219.00</b>
Litter Picking Equipment	£343.30	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,602.00	<b>£17,875.70</b>

## DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

**£10,000** Base allocation

**£5,000** North Area Council devolved allocation

**£1,289.04** Carried forward from 2020/21

**£165** Gawber History Group unspent

**£300** DW Interpretation Board unspent

**£1,500** Holiday Hunger unspent

**£70.76** DW Remembrance 2019 unspent

**£1,242.69** Activity Packs and Food Parcels unspent

**£19,567.49** Total Available Funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining £9,783.75	Allocation Remaining £19,567.49
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Q4 Secretary Payment - Richard Haigh	£125	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,783.75	<b>£19,442.49</b>
Butterflies Afternoon Tea Dance	£780.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,783.75	<b>£18,662.49</b>
Replacement Bench - Wilthorpe Redbrook	£1,300.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£9,783.75	<b>£17,362.49</b>

## OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

**£10,000** Base allocation

**£5,000** North Area Council devolved allocation

**£10,717.28** Carried forward from 2020/21

**£885** Spring Bulbs unspent

**£40** Pleasant View Croft Planter unspent

**£32.25** Cottesmore Close Community Planter unspent

**£26,674.53 Total Available Funding**

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining £13,337.27	Allocation Remaining £26,674.53
Container for Pogmoor Recreation Ground	£4,668.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,337.27	<b>£22,006.53</b>
St Pauls Afterschool Club	£700.00	£0 COVID Exemption	£13,337.27	<b>£21,306.53</b>

## ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

**£10,000** base allocation

**£7,628.13** Carried forward from 2021/22

**£5,000** North Area Council devolved allocation

**£192.70** Hanging Baskets unspent

**£573** Feb Half Term Food Packs unspent

**£23,393.83 Total Available Funding**

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non-Match funding allocation remaining £11,696.92	Allocation Remaining £23,393.83
Secretary Payment Q4	£125	£0 COVID Exemption	£11,696.92	<b>£23,268.83</b>

**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Agenda Item: 10**

**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 March and April 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 9th February 2021 – 6 PM  
Teams Meeting

### **Present:**

Clr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Clr 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

### **Apologies:**

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

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

2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** - Approved
4. **Matters Arising** – None
5. **Financial Update** – Balance is £4786. Next month is the last month of the financial year. We should be able to roll it over. Compared to other wards, we have done well with our spending.
6. **Applications for Funding** –none.  
A question was raised in the last meeting regarding the sign for Woolley park. The question was if we should get two signs rather than one, depending on if it was good value for money. One sign was £295 and two signs was £525. One sign has been approved for £295.

Members were in favour of the cold calling leaflet number 1. A member asked if we still wanted to use the ‘love where you live’ logo, we can still use the logo or we can look at having another logo. If we used a logo we could use it both on the website and the leaflets. It will be sent around for approval as the logo has to be approved by all Ward members. It is £60 per 1000 leaflets including VAT. Formal quotes can be obtained. Working budget agreed of £200. We need to know how the leaflets will be distributed and we will need costings for that. More information will be sent out via email to everyone.

There has been a huge interest in the hanging basket signs this year.

#### **7. Ward Action Plan**

The ward action plan will be looked at in more detail in March's meeting. The action plan will be circulated. We will need to look at priorities and projects you are wanting to support.

#### **8. Darton East website-**

There are 58 pages on the website at the moment, this is one page per business. The page connects to links to other things eg Facebook. Please have a look at the website and give feedback. If anyone has any further information on any businesses, please let the group know. The website is currently finding businesses on google maps. A member said we could use the arrow to ask local businesses to get in touch to tell us more about their business. This could be done through Facebook or via the arrow. A sub-group will have a meeting to go through the website in more detail. The website is only using public domain information. All photos used will be taken by the Ward Alliance. A member stated it may be better to call the businesses to ask if they want to be on the website and ask them for more information about their business. A member explained to be cautious with copyright laws. A member asked if it would be a good idea to design a map for the website. It was agreed that a map would be very useful. Photos of the Mapplewell stones will also be taken and featured on the website.

#### **9. AOB**

Census- the census needs to be completed in March, hopefully 75% of people will complete it online. It was sent out to the councillor handbook and postcards and letters will be sent out through the post with a special code to go online to fill out the census. Some groups will not be able to go online to fill it in. Hopefully, we will be able to help people in the library or community centres to fill the census in online. There is a £1000 fine if it is not completed by 4<sup>th</sup> May. Karen Buttery is the census coordinator. More information could be added to the website.

A thank you was given to Harry.

Vaccination sites- there are designated places at the moment but from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, vaccinations may occur at smaller sites.

The footpath has now been completed after a consultation from Spey close to Hill End road. It is a public right of way.

Barnsley are doing very well with the vaccinations.

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The northern orbital link road is approved. This is a link road from Barugh green to Higham. In a future council plan, there is a link road from Bar Lane to Claycliffe roundabout. £45 million has been earmarked for this and a developer was looking at putting some money into this.

Food parcels- across the north area, 370 food parcels were given out. Each parcel had 4-5 bags of shopping.

Darton primary had 40 parcels dropped off and Mapplewell primary had 20 dropped off. Well gate are doing their own thing.

During half term, activities will be posted on the north area team Facebook page. There is a safari trail in the area's parks and if you submit the answer to the north area team, the children will get a prize.

There is a problem in our area with litter, we are working with Twiggs and Greenspace and volunteers are doing a great job. Twiggs have recently been cleaning on New street, Church street and Kingsway. They have also been asked to look at Spark Lane and Wakefield road. Twiggs have spoken to businesses who are generating litter. Some litter is coming from wheelie bins that blow over on to the streets.

Last Friday, the neighbourhood police team did a virtual team meeting called 'brew with a bobby' as there are no PACT meetings at the moment. There has been issues with off-road bikes on Barnsley golf course. Reports of speeding have been received for Spark Lane and Woolley colliery. A speed indicator device went up on Spark Lane then Paddock road. We are hoping it will go up again around the North area.

Drug dealing- if you see any drug dealing in the area report it via 101 on the phone or on their website.

Bollards in the village centre are being replaced by the council. The council is aware of the problem and looking at solutions.

The area outside the premier convenience store needs to be looked at. The floor is bad and all of the flags are broken. It is not safe to walk on.

Meeting closed.

**Next meeting 9/03/21 at 6 pm.**

**Darton East Ward Alliance**  
**‘CAN DO-WILL DO’**  
Tuesday 9th March 2021 – 6 PM  
Teams Meeting

**Present:**

Clr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Clr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team  
Helen Altun – Minutes  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Clr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor  
Katy Ashworth- project officer

**Apologies:**

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church  
Janine Williams – Local Resident  
David Hilton – Green space  
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man  
David Oates - Local Business Man

Steve Hunt proposed as chair.

**10. Declarations of Interest – None**

**11. Minutes of previous meeting - Approved**

**12. Matters Arising – None**

**13. Katy Ashworth, project officer-**

Katy Ashworth introduced herself and explained she had been in the post of project officer for three months. One of the projects she is leading on is the Twigg’s contract. She wants to introduce more structure by helping them to create a calendar, all projects would be in the calendar ten days prior to the event. People can then look at the project calendar and join in with Twigg’s if they would like to. This contract is more on education and the environment. Twigg’s have done a fantastic job during lockdown. All normal activities with Twigg’s and volunteers will commence again after lockdown. Katy agreed to call in and see the manager of the village hall. Members agreed sometimes the Twigg’s events can be too last minute so a more proactive approach would be good. The green space group would also be able to work with Twigg’s and this can be publicised. A Microsoft office calendar could have all events on and an email could be sent out to share it. Katy is supporting Twigg’s with their new contract and it will begin in April. Katy was interested to know if there was any employment support in the local area. A member explained a company based in Wilthorpe would be able to set up

a meeting with Katy which could be delivered to the local community. Katy explained that she would like local schools to get involved with Twigg's if possible. Katy also explained that Ad-Astra were going to be helping parents with children who struggle with maths. This will be called MathsBusters. An email will go out this week. Katy explained that if there were any projects the community would like to see, they should inform her.

**14. Financial Update** – Balance is £3531.

**15. Applications for Funding** –

Darton primary, eco council £450 approved.

Bedding plants £300, approved.

Members had a discussion regarding Ibberson gardens being a memorial garden but it not being well known. A member agreed to take an action point.

Litter bin 393 relocation, £125, not approved. Members agreed to fund £125 to put flags down to the bin instead.

**16. Ward Action Plan**

Members agreed to look at the priorities and the plan for April 2021 onwards. Members agreed 5 priorities.

- 1) Ears and voice of the community- this includes Darton east website, the notice board and the Facebook page.
- 2) Environmental- this includes hanging baskets, litter picking, dog fouling, fly tipping, Twigg's contract.
- 3) Young people – it would be nice to do discos and activities during the school holidays. A youth project could also be considered
- 4) Health and well-being- winter warmer event, family event for health, fitness group in Mapplewell park on a Saturday morning, sign posting through the website and Facebook regarding physical and mental health. Also to organise an event which includes police, fire, council and the NHS for the local community.
- 5) Older people- the over 55 club is moving from Tuesday night to Friday afternoon. The village hall is liaising with Yorkshire rose holidays to maybe put a day trip on. Young people to perform and put on a show for the older people.

Community events- a summer gala would be nice for the local area but may not be possible this year. Christmas 2021 will hopefully go ahead as normal. A local history and heritage trail to be set up.

### **17. Darton East website-**

There are 80 businesses on the website at the moment. People have been very positive towards the website. The website address is Mapplewell.info. Businesses are being added to the website and an email is being sent to them to ensure that their information is correct. More pictures will be taken in the village when the shops are open. Members were asked to have a look at the website and provide advice and feedback. The website is waiting for the local map to be completed so that can be added. A separate meeting will be organised to discuss the website.

### **18. AOB**

An application for funding needs to be submitted for the cold calling leaflets. The quote received for 2500 leaflets was £137.50. For 5000 leaflets it was £210. For 7500 leaflets, it was £302. These prices all include delivery and the delivery can be targeted to Darton east.

Drug dealing- please don't turn a blind eye to any drug dealing you see in the area. An operation is ongoing to tackle this issue by the neighbourhood police team. Action point taken by a member regarding this issue.

Well done to everyone for the food preparation and food parcels for the local area. The food parcels were very well received with 370 food parcels in total, which included 5 bags per parcel. 74 were given out in Darton east.

23 hanging baskets have currently been sponsored, please keep promoting this project.

Meeting closed.

**Next meeting 13/04/21 at 6 pm.**

## Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021, at 5.00 pm

Teams Virtual Meeting.

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

Apologies: Ann Plant.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye. Katy Ashworh.

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

2 Environmental Education Project Officer.

Katy Ashworth gave an update of her role and future project information for all members.

3 The Minutes of the meeting Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters arising.

Katy to inform Cllrs of work being undertaken at Harry Road Recreation Ground.

Dominic to supply Katy with a contact name for future projects with Horizon School.

Katy to update Ward members of future projects and developments next meeting. (Agenda item).

Rebecca to arrange meeting with Cllrs, Twiggs, Jason and Katy to look at future planning at Darton College Community Garden.

Rebecca to forward WAF Form and costings to Richard for him to complete re: Bench Seating at Redbrook/Withorpe Community Centre.

Jon to contact Jason to look at developing programmes for Students from Darton Academy at Darton Bowling Club.

Cllrs, Twiggs, Katy and Rebecca to arrange a joint meeting to discuss a plan for future Environmental projects across the Ward. (Agenda item).

All Ward Alliance members to bring suggestions for Environmental Plan discussions next meeting. (Agenda item).

4 Ward Action Plan.

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

5a Ward Alliance Budget.

2020/2021 Budget was discussed.

Allocation remaining £1,336.24 March 2021.

5b WAF Applications.

Twiggs Volunteer Tool Bank Equipment. **Approved.**

6 Darton Project Update and Progress

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the group of progress being made.

7 North Area Council.

Cllr Sharon Howard updated all members of recent discussions and current projects.

8 Plan for Deprivation, Poverty and Allocation for Family Need

This will feature as an Agenda Item.

9 Active Travel.

This will feature as an Agenda item.

A.O.B.

John thanked, on behalf of Darton Bowling Club Members, Darton West Ward Alliance Members for the recent awarded grant.

John offered to any Ward Alliance Member an invite to visit Darton Bowling Club to observe current developments.

Cllrs asked Ward Members to consider possible development of a Bandstand in any future planning discussions in Darton Park.

Cllrs alerted that a calendar of dates for future meetings will need to be set in advance.

Agenda item.

**Time and date of the next meetings.**

**Sub Group Meeting, Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 5.00 pm. All welcome. (Virtual Meeting).**

**Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting, Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 at 5.00 pm. (Virtual Meeting).**

## Appendix Three:

### Old Town Ward Alliance Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor

#### Notes of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

1. In Attendance.  
Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, John Love.
2. Apologies.  
Sheila Lowe, Cameron Stirk.
3. Notes of the last meeting were agreed.

#### Agenda

4. Funding Applications.
  - 4.1 L. S. Change of use form for Food parcels, as quite a few left over from Christmas. Cost £2,000. (including change of use) - **Agreed**
  - 4.2 Event Insurance, for Willowbank community partnership, to renew insurance. Cost £585.62.- **Agreed**
  - 4.3 Sugdens Rec Bowling Club, for repair of shelter. Cost - £844.39. - **Agreed.**
5. AOB
  - 5.1 B.G. to delay the Old Town newsletter until the end of May.
6. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

**Old Town Ward Alliance**  
**Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell,**  
**Old Town and Pogmoor**

**Notes of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

7. In Attendance.  
Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, John Love.
8. Apologies.  
Sheila Lowe, Cameron Stirk.
9. Notes of the last meeting were agreed.

Agenda

Funding Applications.

4.1 - Fresh Ground, application for funding for litter picking equipment, some discussion regarding whether 'Twiggs' could loan out this equipment, however after further discussion, agreed to fund.

**Cost £815.00 - Approved.**

4.2 – Pogmoor AFC, for purchase of a shipping container to store equipment.

**Cost £778.00 – Approved**

4.3 Friends of Wilthorpe Park, Funding for Trees and a commemorative plaque, trees had been stolen and some vandalised this will replace those, the plaque is to remember Sir Captain Tom.

**Cost £532.00 - Approved**

4.5 Emmanuel Church, Connections Project, Providing Easter treats for the vulnerable and elderly. Asked the group to come back with actual costings and any part that is covered by donations is to be refunded.

**Cost £ 500.00 Approved with conditions.**

5. AOB

5.1 C.P. advised that there are seven new groups which have been set up in the Old Town area, C.P. will report on these at the next meeting.

5.2 Honeywell Group, L.S. reported that quite a number of people in the area that want to get involved in their community, in respect of cleaning up the area, looking at installing a defibrillator and an Incredible Edible Planter. L.S. to convene a meeting once availability has been established.

5.3 A woman has been in touch with L.S. regarding joining the Ward Alliance, L.S. to liaise with her re times etc.

6. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

## Appendix Four:



### St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 18th February 2021, 4pm. Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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

**Apologies :** Tony Lowe, Freda Stenton, Kath Bostwick, Pooja Ramchandani, Neil Wright, Clyde Black.

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 has received permission to install the bench. There is just a form to fill in which he will do and return. Once Covid restrictions are lifted the bench will be made and placed.

The notice board outside Poundstretcher has been replaced by a new black one to compliment the new area with the mosaics.

Cllr Platts has contacted both Laithes day unit and Lindhurst Lodge again regarding funding but still has not had a reply.

Cllr Platts discussed finding sponsors for Hanging Baskets next year. It was discussed and will be looked at for next year's baskets (price, plaques, etc).

John Hallows asked whether benches would be placed on the memorial field for resting on during walks. It was discussed and there are benches around the pond but unfortunately these get vandalised and allow for anti social behaviour as groups of children/teenagers gather so there are not any plans for adding any more benches.

**Funding Applications:** Both of the funding applications that were discussed tonight were agreed upon prior to this meeting due to time restrictions but Lee gave the members an update on the applications.

February half term food packs - this bid was for £2,000 and was to provide food parcels for children in the local area.

Lee thanked everyone involved in helping to pack up the food parcels. All 351 packs were distributed over the North area.

There was also a Safari adventure activity put in each parcel so the children could participate in the adventure during the holiday.

Lee has had responses back expressing thanks and how helpful the parcels were.

Easter food parcels are being discussed but even though the half term parcels were a huge success they were time consuming (collecting food, making up the parcels and distributing them) and there was also an issue with finding space big enough to pack and also store the parcels until they were distributed.

Michelle said that Ad Astra also added an additional booklet in their parcels that was paid for by Good Food Barnsley. This booklet included a Road Safety competition in it, Word searches, Crafts, Mental Health / Wellbeing, Exercise routines and a very helpful kids guide to Covid. She said it was a huge success.

Athersley Cares - this bid was for £802 and was to support their existing services during lockdown. It would help towards supporting the elderly who are isolated during this pandemic.

**Treasurers Report:** Lee reported a total of £7,628.13 until the end of March 2021.

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

A decision about the Gala will be made at a later date once we see what Government guidelines say.

Once restrictions are lifted a big event will be organised for the unveiling of the bench at Poundstretcher.

Members asked about having a plaque attached to the Defib that the Ward Alliance funded. Cllr Platts will look into it.

**Any other business:**

Madge reported that there had been a leak in the TARA office from the flat upstairs causing the ceiling to fall in. Nobody is allowed into the office until it is fixed as it is unsafe to do so. Some of the equipment in the office has been contaminated. It was discussed that once we are allowed in to assess the damage to equipment a funding bid could be submitted to replace the equipment.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Meeting closed at 5.10pm.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st April 2021 at 4pm via Microsoft Teams.

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

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