

<b>MEETING:</b>	Penistone Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 8 April 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Held Virtually

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

### Minutes and notes

- 2 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 11th February, 2021  
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- 3 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 11th March, 2021  
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### Performance

- 4 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.08.04.2021/4) *(Pages 13 - 16)*
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### Items for decision

- 6 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.08.04.2021/6) *(Pages 29 - 34)*

### Items for discussion

- 7 The Economy in Penistone (Pac.08.04.2021/7) *(To Follow)*
- 8 Covid-19 Update (Pac.08.04.2021/8) *(Pages 35 - 40)*

To: Chair and Members of Penistone Area Council:-

Councillors Barnard (Chair), Greenhough, David Griffin, Hand-Davis, Kitching and Wilson

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<b>MEETING:</b>	Penistone Area Council
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## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Barnard (Chair), Greenhough, Hand-Davis, Kitching and Wilson.

### 7 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

No Members declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

### 8 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 3rd December, 2020 (Pac.11.02.2021/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 9 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 26th November, 2020 and 21st January, 2021 (Pac.11.02.2021/3)

The meeting received the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 be received.

### 10 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.11.02.2021/4)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report, drawing attention to the £20,000 annual allocation, the significant finance carried forward and the additional income from Covid Recovery funds. Though the number of applications was initially small, they had reassuringly increased over the past few months and more groups were now applying for funds. It was noted that £9,545.81 remained available for allocation, and that a number of applications had recently been received for consideration.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### 11 Performance Update (Pac.11.02.2021/5)

The Area Council Manager delivered a presentation providing an overview of performance, which included that of contracted services.

Members were reminded of the current priorities, and the services funded by the Area Council, including the associated contract or grant timescales.

An overview of performance was provided, and it was noted that 10 businesses had been involved in clean and tidy activities during the year with two within previous quarter. Members noted that a number of performance measures, such as young people engaged in volunteers, were no longer being reported on due to the pandemic.

Community groups had continued to be supported by Age UK Barnsley and Twiggs Grounds Maintenance with 15 receiving support in the previous quarter. Members heard how 23 volunteers had been engaged throughout the quarter, including three who had newly volunteered, and that the community car scheme was now operation for essential journeys, with four being undertaken.

155 people had received advice and support within the quarter, contributing to a total of 570 throughout the year. Within the quarter three full time jobs had been created, and over 95% of expenditure was local.

With regards to the service provided by Age UK Barnsley, Members heard that there had been 148 service user contacts to provider support. 17 new referrals had also been received. The service had 18 active volunteers, with 5 additional micro volunteers, and they had been involved in delivering a range of activities at home, Christmas Day dinners, winter warmth packs and much more.

The service had provided information and advice to 15 new service users, with a total estimated benefit gain of over £14,000 for the quarter. 102 home based activities had been provided, and a new 'Walk for Health' group had been established, though it was noted that this would be paused during lockdown. Other groups had been supported to keep participants connected in different ways through activities at home.

Members heard of links being forged with the National Trust at Wentworth Castle and with Dial A Ride for service users to make use of the castle gardens. Also noted were efforts to establish more walking groups. The service also hoped to re-establish the pen pals project when schools reopened.

The SOPPA network had continued to meet virtually to share information and it was noted that age friendly work would be revisited at the earliest opportunity.

Despite the restrictions Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had continued to operate effectively with 11 groups and parishes supported during the quarter. The service had worked with two business and supported 24 individual projects. In the 15 litter picks conducted, 52 bags of litter had been collected. Members noted the new Team Leader in post and the recruitment of a new apprentice was progressing. The Tool Bank, funded by the Ward Alliance was now operational, but uptake had been slow.

Members heard that DIAL had moved to providing support via the telephone and online. During the quarter 110 residents had received support, which was slightly lower than in the previous quarter. Members heard that the project had supported residents to claim an additional £369,021 in benefits. Members noted that the most common query was in relation to attendance allowance, and that for every £1 the Area Council invested £76 had been brought into the area.

An update was provided with regards to the first quarter of the new contract with Citizen's Advice Bureau. 30 clients had been seen during the quarter, with a growing

trend for support with relationship and family issues. 40% of those supported had indicated they had a disability or long-term health condition. Clients had been assisted in claiming an additional £8,025 of benefits within the quarter and the service had assisted the management of £12,427 of debt. Though the service had been provided via the adviceline and through email, work to launch a video service was underway. Members noted that this was being supported through BMBC decommissioned laptops.

An update was then provided with regards to the work of the Area Team. It was noted that links had been maintained with community groups in the area, with support provided including in relation to safe operating practices and assistance to apply for lost income.

'Heathy Holidays' had been piloted with Springvale Primary school during the Christmas Holidays with fruit and veg vouchers supported by Penistone Fruit and Veg. The Children and Family Service also supported cooking at home and other activities.

Work continued with the Targeted Youth Support Service and partners to investigate what support is required for young people with a view to this being funded through the Working Together Fund.

Support had also been provided to residents to those Clinically Extremely Vulnerable through the Community Responder Service. Members noted that the team had supported the delivery of Winter Warmth packs, the further development of the Principal Towns Initiative, and had worked closely with Public Health and the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer.

Noted was the recruitment of a Project Officer within the Area Team, which was a shared resource with the Dearne Area.

Members discussed the issues with fly-tipping, litter and dog-fouling in the area. It was acknowledged that there were no easy solutions to any of the issues. Careful consideration would be given to providing covert cameras in fly-tipping hotspots, and to increasing signage and providing free dog waste bags to help reduce dog fouling.

Praise was given to the services providing information and advice in the area, and also those supporting those requiring assistance throughout the pandemic.

**RESOLVED:-** that the report be received.

## **12 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.11.02.2021/6)**

The Area Manager spoke to the item, reminding Members that a further £70,000 had been allocated to a Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Grant Fund, though this had been paused and the original service had been extended. Members were made aware of the revised grant timeline. The process would commence in March 2021 with new services expected to commence in June.

As agreed previously there were no application deadlines associated with the Working Together Fund, with the Area Team working to encourage applications for post lockdown provision. In the previous quarter grants had been approved for

Citizen's Advice Bureau and DIAL. Members noted that there remained £42,776 for allocation.

Members heard about progress to utilised finance set aside to support Children and Young People, with research being undertaken in conjunction with the Targeted Youth Support Service.

Those present discussed the Clean and Tidy Service which had commenced in April, 2020. Unfortunately, the service had to be flexed due to the Covid-19 pandemic but had performed well in delivering the service. The service had been procured for an initial year, with an option to extend this for two further 12-month periods, subject to satisfactory performance, a continued need for the service and available finance. Members were asked to consider the extension of the service into a second year. It was noted that the service would usually be asked to attend a meeting to provide an update on the work undertaken, and it was suggested that this be placed on the agenda of the meeting in June.

Members were provided an overview of the current financial position. It was noted that £15,225 would remain at the end of the current financial year, which would be carried forward into 2021/22.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the update on procurement activity be received;
- (ii) That the update on contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund be noted;
- (iii) That the proposed grant procurement timeline to establish future provision to support vulnerable and isolated older people in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic be noted;
- (iv) That the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund be noted;
- (v) That the update on ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Fund to establish specific activities that will support young people in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic be noted;
- (vi) That the updates on the new Clean and Tidy Contract, started in April 2020, be noted;
- (vii) That approval be given for the Clean and Tidy Service continue in to year two of the contract from April, 2021 at a cost of £100,000 and that a full update of the service to date be presented to Penistone Area Council at the meeting in June, 2021;
- (viii) That the financial year end position for the 2020/21 budget be noted.

**13 Superfast South Yorkshire - Julie Tattersall (Pac.11.02.2021/7)**

Julie Tattershall, Projects and Contracts Manager, was welcomed to the meeting to provide an update on Superfast South Yorkshire (SFSY) and Accelerating Digital Barnsley.

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 90% 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.

Noted was the work undertaken in the Penistone Area with over 5,500 properties now having improved connectivity.

Those present heard of the work of Accelerate Digital Barnsley which included efforts to increase gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure from commercial providers such as City Fibre, to stimulate demand through voucher schemes, and to ensure all new residential and commercial sites were future proofed with gigabit capable infrastructure.

Members also were made aware of Internet of Things (IoT) work to utilise technology in smart ways, collecting data to be used for strategic decision making. An example of temperature sensors being used to help decide when to deploy gritters was given.

It was noted that officers worked with network providers to plan the installation of 5G provision over the next two years. It was noted that liaison included supporting the planning process to ensure smooth roll out.

Members acknowledged the strategic linkages being made and social value opportunities created, and noted the example given of utilising technology to allow video calling in care homes. The work to address digital exclusion was also acknowledged.

Questions were asked relating to 5G and whether this would replace physical connections, and it was noted that the technologies were expected to work together to provide widespread gigabit capable coverage.

Members raised questions about the support and the eligibility of properties with Huddersfield addresses but within the Barnsley borough. It was noted that all properties within the borough would be eligible for voucher schemes. Members heard of a number of options for rural areas with poor connectivity, including establishing community funded partnerships. A suggestion was made to make contact with the SFSY team with any specific enquires.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given for the presentation, that its content be noted, and that an update be provided to the Area Council in the future.

#### **14 Principal Towns Update - Fiona O'Brien (Pac.11.02.2021/8)**

Fiona O'Brien, Project Management Officer, was welcomed to provide an update on the Principal Towns programme in the area.

Work to weather proof the Market Barn, including glazing at the back of the barn, had been quoted for and programmed to take place. Consideration was being given to

replacement stalls, which would complement the facility. Members discussed the need to solve issues with the roof to avoid water on stalls.

With regards to the Heritage Trail, existing installations had been considered and work was being undertaken with the local history group to update information, and to provide complementary boards where appropriate.

Unfortunately, the meeting to discuss wayfinding and art installations had been cancelled but was to be rearranged. Northern Rail had agreed to fund an additional sheep for the sheep trail, and other businesses would be approached to contribute to the expansion of the trail. Costs would be circulated to Members in order for them to make enquiries.

Work with schools had been curtailed but pupils at Penistone Grammar School will be involved in wayfinding design and stone carving workshops were being considered.

In relation to Penistone Town Hall an architect had been engaged, but access to the roof was still required to assess the condition.

Match funding was being considered with a number of previously paused funds now reopening for applications. It was suggested that an ambitious investment plan for the town, similar to that developed in Goldthorpe, could be produced which could be used to attract further funding to the town as it became available.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That thanks be given for the update;
- (ii) That details of costs to contribute to the sheep trail be circulated to Members.

**15 Covid-19 Update - Lucy Butcher and Rana AlKubesi (Pac.11.02.2021/9)**

Lucy Butcher, Public Health Practitioner and Rana AlKubesi, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer, were welcomed to the meeting.

Members were made aware that rates of Covid-19 were slowly decreasing though there was still the need to remain vigilant. The highest case rates were seen in the 50-59 age range and also those aged 20-29. However, it was thought that the statistics could also highlight that those aged 50-59 were more likely to get a test.

Most neighbourhoods in Barnsley had similar case rates but further analysis was being undertaken. It was acknowledged that approaches taken were boroughwide, though if more localised data indicated a different approach, relevant discussions would be taken with Ward Members.

The message of 'Hands, Face, Space' was still being given, and opening windows to allow fresh air was also being promoted.

Members were made aware of the situation report meeting which considered case data twice a week, looked at issues and assigned actions. Intelligence from Neighbourhood Engagement Officers (NEOs) was fed into the analysis, but Members were encouraged to report any intelligence to Public Health officers.



16 Covid Marshals were now in place, working in pairs across the borough. The Marshals had no enforcement powers, but worked closely with South Yorkshire Police. The Marshals had worked with NEOs and Regulatory Service to visit supermarkets to ensure compliance, providing support with queuing structures where required.

Issues with open spaces and with retail had been reported, and signage had been displayed with increased patrolling in these areas to support adherence to the guidelines.

Work to provide community insights, including a survey and workshops, were noted, with the outcome of this work to be shared when available.

Members noted the support in place to monitor Covid in vulnerable settings and provide assistance. Also noted was the support available to those self-isolating through the Covid support service, which had received positive feedback.

Those present heard that there remained capacity at symptomatic testing centres throughout the borough, and within the asymptomatic community testing facility at the Metrodome. The community testing facility had identified 11 cases which would not otherwise have been detected.

The vaccine programme was being successfully rolled out in Barnsley, with a push to ensure all those aged over 70 and those clinically extremely vulnerable receive their vaccine by mid-February.

Questions were asked regarding vaccinating the 65-70 age group, and it was noted that the focus was currently as previously mentioned but would shortly move to those aged 65-70. It was also noted that take up was very positive with only small numbers declining the vaccine.

Members heard of the six NEOs now in post. 34 licensed premises had been contacted to offer support, and visits would recommence to offer support in ensuring Covid safety compliance following the relaxation of restrictions. A number of businesses had also been referred to Enterprising Barnsley for financial support. Businesses in the area were being mapped with a view to offering more widespread support when restrictions allowed.

The NEOs had provided support to Community Development Officers and to community groups to ensure Covid safe practices. The team had also supported the delivery of winter warmth packs and also assisted the Community Responder service.

Supermarkets in the area were being visited to ensure compliance, with a positive level of cooperation being seen.

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

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**NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Virtual Meeting**

**1. Present:** Cllr Robert Barnard, Chrissie Yates, Jonathan Cutts, Graham Saunders, Joe Unsworth, Cllr David Greenhough, Cllr Hannah Kitching, Cllr John Wilson, Richard Leech, Pauline Ogden, Mandy Lowe-Flello, Cllr Paul Hand-Davis, Bob Blythe, Anne Walker

**In Attendance:** Tanya Dickinson, Rana Kubesi, Stephen Miller

**Apologies:** Cllr David Griffin, Barbara Lee, Ann Rusby, Allen Pestell,

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest**

Bob Blythe declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Thurgoland Hanging Baskets application.

Cllr Hannah Kitching declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Thurlstone FC application.

Cllr David Greenhough declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Royd Community Garden application.

**3. Notes of the Meeting Held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

Approved.

**4. To Consider any Matters Arising from the Notes**

None.

**5. Ward Alliance Finances**

Cllr Barnard confirmed Penistone Ward Alliance fund has an allocation of £8,769.81 remaining for the current financial year. Made members aware the total sum of all the applications for consideration was greater than this amount.

**6. Penistone Area Council Update**

A grant to support young people in the Penistone area has been launched. For more details please get in touch with the Penistone Team.

**7. Applications for Financial Assistance**

**a) Hoylandswaine School Alliance - £5,000**

Concern was raised about the overall project costs and a redesign was recommended with support. No allocation was recommended.

**b) Penistone Archives - £880**

Members noted the importance of protecting our heritage and the excellent work the volunteers do to support community events and activities. An allocation of £880 was recommended.

**c) Royd Community Garden - £1,885**

Certain aspects of the application were judged to not be appropriate for funding. Special mention was given to paying for grass cutting, the Ward Alliance would like

to see this develop as a volunteer opportunity in the future. An allocation of £750 was recommended.

**d) Thurgoland Hanging Baskets – £1,440**

Members noted this was another good project from a Parish Council wanting to start a financially sustainable hanging baskets scheme. A proposal of a £480 allocation was approved but following further information a virtual vote approved the original application, minus the VAT. An allocation of £1,200 was recommended.

**e) Thurlstone FC - £1,190.81**

Very well written application and good to see a new group coming forward. An allocation of £1,190.81 was recommended.

**8. Any other business**

None.

**9. Date and time of next meeting**

Members agreed that the next meeting would likely be virtual, date to be reviewed and agreed in advance.

**2020/21 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

For 2020/21 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2020/21 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

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

**2020/21 Final Ward Project Allocations****PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE**

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

£20,000.00	base allocation
£16,970.05	carried forward from 2019/20
£1,277.40	Covid Income
<b>£38,247.45</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			<b>£19,123.73</b>	<b>£38,247.45</b>
Love Thy Penistone Card Readers - Covid 19	£501.40	£4053	£19,123.73	£37,746.05
Springvale Community Garden	£2,607.80	£1945	£19,123.73	£35,138.25

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Match funding element of allocation</b>	<b>Non Match funding allocation remaining</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining</b>
Royd Garden Community group	£2,000	£405	£19,123.73	£33,138.25
Wortley Community Church and Notice Board	£1,077.70	£0	£18,046.02	£32,060.55
Thurgoland Bowling Club	£3,626.72	£4,323	£18,046.02	£28,433.83
Thurgoland Village Hall	£2,000	£108	£18,046.02	£26,433.83
Penistone Archive group	£236.38	£378	£18,046.02	£26,197.45
Twiggs Volunteer Bank	£613.20	£500	£18,046.02	£25,584.25
Cawthorne Cricket Club	£2,170	£896	£18,046.02	£23,414.25
Silkstone Craft Group - Christmas Gifts for Children	£1,502	£1,553.65	£18,046.02	£21,912.25
St Andrews Church	£1,043.68	£1,170.87	£18,046.02	£20,868.57
Tankersley in Bloom Volunteer Group	£1,800	£4,448.48	£18,046.02	£19,068.57
Penistone Scouts Face to Face	£827.26	£607.95	£18,046.02	£18,241.31
Penistone Leisure Centre	£3,560	£756.56	£18,046.02	£14,681.31
Penistone Cricket Club	£1,500	£0	£16,546	£13,181.31

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Match funding element of allocation</b>	<b>Non Match funding allocation remaining</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining</b>
Hoylandswaine Arts Group	£750	£671	£16,546	£12,431.31
Age UK	£1,485.50	£472.85	£16,546	£10,945.81
Thurgoland Parish Council	£1,200	£0	£15,346	£9,745.81
Royd Community Garden	£750	£810.60	£15,346	£8,995.81
Penistone Archives	£880	£1134.84	£15,346	£8,115.81
Thurlstone FC	£1,190.81	£200	£15,346	£6,925

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# Interim Performance updates

February/March 2021

**PAC April 8<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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# Current Penistone Area Council Priorities & Commissioning Intentions

**HELPING PEOPLE**  
To connect better

*ENVIRONMENT*

**HEALTH & WELL BEING**

**SUPPORT**  
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**THE LOCAL ECONOMY**  
Including Tourism

Contracts and commissions supporting priorities	Contract end date
Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people grant funded projects	June 2021
Clean Green and Tidy commissioned service	April 2021 (+1+1 option)
DIAL information and Advice service Supporting Vulnerable and isolated older people grant funded projects	January 2023 June 2021
Working Together Grant – Supporting Young People Fund in development	
CAB debt advice service Area Council support to the Principal Towns programme	September 2021 (+6 month extension)

## Performance contract outcomes up to end of Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec 2020)

### ENVIRONMENT

Outcome indicator	Achieved this quarter	Achieved this year	Achieved to date
No of clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	2	10	<b>144</b>
No. of young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	0	0	<b>605</b>
No of people who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	0	3	<b>300</b>

### SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Outcome indicator	Achieved this quarter	Achieved this year	Achieved to date
No. of apprentice and placements created and recruited to	0	1	<b>3</b>
Number of people taking up work experience placements	0	0	<b>31</b>
No of Young people engaged in volunteering	0	0	<b>661</b>
No of activities which involve young people under the age of 18	0	0	<b>228</b>

## Quarterly performance contract outcomes summary

### HELPING PEOPLE

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Outcome indicator	Achieved this quarter	Achieved this year	Achieved to date
No. of community groups supported	15	45	511
No. of new community groups supported	0	2	56
Community car scheme journeys	4	4	854

### HEALTH & WELL BEING

Outcome indicator	Achieved this quarter	Achieved this year	Achieved to date
No of adult volunteers engaged	23	105	2510
No. of new volunteers	3	18	793
No. of residents and young people receiving advice and support	155	570	1597
No of residents referred to health and advice	24	53	70

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## Quarterly performance contract outcomes summary

### THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Including Tourism

Outcome indicator	Achieved this quarter	Achieved this year	Achieved to date
No. of FTE jobs created and recruited to	0	3	22.5
Local spend (average across all contracts)	95%	95%	95.4%
Volunteer hours contributed (£ value)	£4,860	£11,750.10	£285,055.92
No. of volunteer opportunities created	30	95	1412
No. people achieving a qualification / accreditation	0	0	152
No. of people receiving training	0	15	976

- All PAC funded contracts continued to be impacted by the effects of the pandemic,
- Innovative approaches to delivery have continued such as on-line , social media , and telephone contacts with service users and volunteers
- All contracts have been flexed in terms of recording and measuring of outcomes
- Contract monitoring process has been used to identify future potential need and work out priorities for future funding

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Penistone East, Penistone West



# Penistone Area Council Contract

## Age UK Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People

*Due to the Pandemic many core activities continue to be suspended but Age UK, supported by many volunteers continues to find creative and alternative ways to support socially isolated older people whilst keeping within the strict government guidelines. This contract was approved for a further 6 month extension to June 2021 to ensure continuity of service during this difficult period.*

### *Highlights of work undertaken since January*

#### **AgeUK Barnsley Collaboration with Wortley Golf Club**

A successful collaboration has been made with the golf club, resulting in **244** meals being delivered (up to and including 31st March) to older people in the following areas: Penistone, Wortley Howbrook Bromley Oxspring Hoylandswaine Silkstone & Silkstone Common Thurlstone Thurgoland BBC Look North picked up the story and did a great piece which was shown on all 3 programmes. The recording has also been distributed on the AgeUK Barnsley Facebook page, Community Action Penistone and the Age Friendly Barnsley website. It has also been covered by the Barnsley Chronicle.

#### **Bug hotels and bird houses**

One service user became an overnight social media success after we posted photos of him with the bug hotels he is making for our Wildlife activity. He received over 300 likes on Facebook, plus many orders from members of the community!!

#### **Walk for Health Silkstone**

All group walks are suspended until at least 12<sup>th</sup> April, however 1:1 walks have been taking part with individuals, following current social distancing guidelines.

#### **Barnsley Walking Development Group**

The SIW took part in a Microsoft Teams meeting arranged by the Health Improvement Officer for Barnsley MBC. The idea is to work collaboratively with others within the group to create further opportunities for walking across Barnsley. The first meeting took place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, with further meetings to follow. More detail will be provided in the full monitoring report.

#### **Wentworth Castle Gardens**

Group activities are suspended until at least April, however, the SIW has met with a colleague and planned some short and longer routes around the gardens, ready for when normal activity can be resumed. In the Penistone area, a majority of service users will require transport to attend the gardens and we will have to wait for the appropriate guidelines as to when this can commence. We will then use the Penistone Community Car Scheme and/or Dial-a-Ride minibuses depending on numbers.

# Penistone Area Council Contract

## Age UK Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People

### Volunteers

Our volunteers continue to communicate with service users over the phone and where possible, conduct outside visits/walks depending on the weather. They have also helped deliver the Wortley Golf Club meals and Activities at Home packs.

### Activities at Home Programme

As part of our ongoing activities at home programme, we have delivered the following activities: 4 Easter chick knitting kits 2 wildlife planters 4 Painting by Numbers kits 10 Scratch Art Kits 1 Mindful colouring book 16 Puzzles/quiz/Sudoku books 4 jigsaws 16 Foodie Challenges 6 Indoor gardening planters 5 Outdoor gardening kits 6 bug hotels and bird nesting boxes 2 Paint your Own ceramic planters

### Barnsley Age Friendly Award

Age UK Barnsley nominated Karen Tyas at Café Crème, Penistone for the way she has supported her local community throughout the pandemic, especially the elderly. The SIW presented Karen with her award and a lovely photo and article appeared in the Barnsley Chronicle on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### Winter Warmth Packs

We worked with the Penistone Area Team to pack and deliver 90 Winter Wellbeing Packs to older people in the Penistone East and Penistone West wards.

### Volunteero

Age UK Barnsley are trialling an App-based Volunteer Management tool over 3 months – it is called Volunteero and will allow a more efficient way of managing volunteer activity and interactions with service users. Data can be collated to assist with reporting. A number of Age UK organisations are already using this. <https://www.volunteero.org/>

### Falls

There have been an increased number of falls amongst service users. In many cases this is due to reduced mobility/activity as a result of shielding and not being able to participate in usual everyday activities due to the Covid 19 restrictions. We see this as a priority to help rehabilitate service users as soon as we can resume a normal service.

### SOPPA

A virtual meeting was held on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> March and was attended by 7 partners.

# Penistone Area Council Contracts

## TWIGGS Clean, Green and Tidy service

### Twiggs

*Twiggs has continued to provide an effective service to the Penistone area, in the first year of their new contract in spite of COVID restrictions for the past 12 months. Parishes and groups have found new ways to work together with Twiggs within COVID guidelines to enable green spaces to be maintained as well as providing regular outdoor exercise for individuals.*

*Although volunteer numbers have not been collected during this past year ( as a result of flexing the contract during the pandemic) Twiggs has reported an upsurge in volunteers contacting to ask about litter picking. The support from the Ward alliance for the equipment tool bank has been invaluable and this has recently been added to using the Area team budget in order to meet the high demand.*

*During the lock down period the new Twiggs team has taken initiative in a number of areas to cut back grass and vegetation, remove litter and rubbish to help keep public areas clear especially in areas of high footfall such as Ingirchworth, Langsett and other area of natural beauty as well as footpaths leading to schools.*

#### **Some examples since the last quarter include:**

- *Tree planting with Thurgoland School*
- *Maintenance of Incredible Edible beds at Springvale, Watermeadows park, the Town hall*
- *Support to Cawthorne village to plan a future spring clean*
- *Continued support to individual volunteers with equipment loan and litter collection including new initiatives in Stainborough village.*
- *Ongoing support to existing groups such as TPEG, Springvale, HBee+*
- *Enabling business support co-ordinating donations from TESCO and Spar Penistone*
- *With restrictions now relaxing, there will be the emphasis on bringing the tool bank volunteers together in specific areas. Once the larger numbers are allowed again, activities for wider participation will be promoted again.*
- *2 parish council litter picking sessions booked for May onwards, which is great to see people forward thinking again*



# Penistone Area Council Contracts DIAL information & advice service

*DIAL continues to provide telephone and on-line advice as well as safe and well checks to clients on their register. Their offer to our area has been extended using additional external funds via the Lottery. Outcomes here are from the last quarter of the current contract which finished at the end of January. Working together grant funds were approved in December 2020 to provide a further two year contract which will also be supplemented by financial hardship monies. Reporting on this will be in the quarter 4 performance report.*

## Project Outcomes for Quarter 3 (oct – dec 2020)

- 110 residents accessing advice this quarter ( 162 previous Q2, 126 Q1)
- 56 residents given telephone advice
- 6 forms completed by telephone
- 24 safe and well checks undertaken
- 24 residents asked for public health advice
- The total **actual** amount of unclaimed benefit income generated through the service to date is **£369,021.00**
- The total **projected outstanding** amount of unclaimed benefits generated through the sessions to date is **£48,794.20** (this includes claims waiting for a decision)
- The highest % of benefit enquiries were for attendance allowance ( this was personal independence payments last quarter)
- For every **£1** invested from the Penistone Working Together Fund the project has brought **£76** into the area \* actual amount of unclaimed benefit income generated divided by one quarter's grant payment

# Penistone Area Council Contracts CAB debt advice service

CAB continues to provide on-line and telephone contact to clients in the Penistone area. This current contract is funded to end of Sept 2021 with extension from financial hardship funds for a further 6 months to April 2022. Targets have been extended to this contract to reflect the increase uptake in the last year.

**Outcomes from quarter 3 (Oct- Dec 2020) Q4 to be reported at Area Council in June as part of quarter 4 report.**

- ✓ 30 Clients seen this quarter ( target 25) , down from 42 last quarter.
- ✓ Types of issues dealt with show a high percentage of relationship and family issues (20%) ( growing trend from last quarter) compared to 14% benefits 12% Universal Credit, 16% employment, 6% legal, 16% debt, 6% consumer issues and 10% other issues.
- ✓ Assisted clients to claim an additional £8,025 of benefits ( £50k target set) which shows an investment return of £4 of benefit gain for every pound spent on this project.
- ✓ 40% of clients presented with disability or long term health condition, slight increase from 36% last quarter.
- ✓ Volunteers support this project by signposting clients from the Email service. Volunteer admin services are also provided as and when required.
- ✓ During this quarter assisted clients with £12,427 of debt (25K target set) now total of £82,442 of debt overall since contracts for this service began.
- ✓ Currently all clients are being assisted via Adviceline and Email service, starting a video service via the clients own equipment and internet connection in January , and once the new lockdown is opened up and public buildings are accessible then via the Council equipment and services. ( BMBC de-commissioned laptops being made available to support this initiative)

# Penistone Area Team Updates

- ❖ Community Development Officers ( Stephen and Tanya) have started a full re-mapping of community groups and venues for each of the Penistone wards. The purpose is to re-establish contact with groups to discuss pandemic recovery steps and advise on forward planning and any potential funding support . Our Neighbourhood Engagement Officer (Rana) will be providing specific Covid support and can offer dedicated resources to help with venue re-opening.
- ❖ The Area Team has launched and promoted the Supporting Young people's grant fund within the Penistone networks and provided support and advice to potential applicants for funding. The Area Manager is in discussions to arrange for successful providers of projects for young people to receive free accredited training to provide mental health support for the young people they will be engaging with.
- ❖ Members of the area team have volunteered during the Easter holidays to support with food distribution to families across the Borough as part of the healthy holidays initiative. Springvale Gardens has been successful in its' bid to become one of the main providers of holiday activities as part of this initiative.
- ❖ Further support has been provided to Age UK to continue the distribution of Winter warmth packs to groups and residents in our area.
- ❖ The area team has been able to provide a quick response to Twiggs for a request for additional support with the volunteer equipment bank following a swift recent rise in demand, and is also working with Neighbourhood services to ensure smoother processes for volunteer litter pickers.
- ❖ Through the work of our neighbourhood engagement officer the team continues to work closely with Public health to ensure that support continues to the Penistone communities during the pandemic.
- ❖ The area team continues to work closely with the Principal Towns programme for Penistone as we work towards the next stages of consultation and engagement
- ❖ Our new Project Officer ( Craig) has worked with the team to provide a re-fresh and re-design of our social media platforms to ensure that we can make best use of this to promote the work of the Area Council, Ward Alliance and of course the fantastic work of all the Penistone community groups , individuals and organisations within our networks.

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Penistone Area Council  
April 8th 2021**

**Summary report of the  
Penistone Area Council Manager**

**Penistone Area Council Procurement and Financial updates**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report provides members with a summary update on the following commissioning and procurement activity:

- Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people service
- Working Together Fund
- Supporting Young People Fund
- Clean & Tidy Service

1.2 The report outlines the 2020/2021 financial year end position for Penistone Area Council and provides a current budget update for the financial year 2021/22.

**2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 **That members receive the update on the procurement activity.**

2.2 **That members note the update of contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund from within this report.**

2.3 **That members note the update to the proposed grant procurement process to establish future provision to support vulnerable and isolated older people in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.**

2.4 **That members receive the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund.**

2.5 **That members receive the update on ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Fund to establish specific activities that will support young people in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic**

2.6 **That members note the updates on the new Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020 from within this report.**

2.7 **That Members note the financial position for the 2021/22 budget**

### **3.0 Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Service**

- 3.1 The current grant contracts held by Age UK have continued to perform satisfactorily, however these contracts have been flexed during the Covid-19 period which is reflected in the performance reporting presented at previous meetings of PAC.
- 3.2 At the PAC meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 members were advised that current contracts to provide the existing service were due to end in January 2021, and it was agreed that £70K is made available from the 2020/21 Area Council budget to set up a further 'Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Fund' (SVIOP) with devolved responsibility for the formal approval of the grants to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the grant fund Panel Members.
- 3.3 Members are advised that a grant fund outline to invite applications for future services to support vulnerable and isolated older people is currently still in development and should be available for comment and member feedback by mid April. The grant will be open for applications for a one month period following this and a grant panel decision will be required by end of May 2021, with view to starting newly awarded contracts by mid June 2021.
- 3.4 In light of the ongoing impacts of the of Covid-19 pandemic, and the need to provide continuity of service to vulnerable members of the Penistone Community, members agreed at PAC December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 to the allocation of £35k from the 2020/21 PAC budget to allow a six month extension to current contracts held by Age Uk . Performance outcomes from this period will be presented to PAC at it's meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

### **4.0 Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund**

- 4.1 At the Area Council meeting of October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 members agreed that the Working Together Grant should be promoted to accept applications to fund activities which will support covid recovery intentions with a deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- 4.2 Members are advised that since then two applications have been approved by the Grant Panel to fund a continuation of the debt advice service to be delivered by Citizens Advice Bureau at a cost of £8118 and an information and advice service to be delivered by DIAL at a cost of £10,136.
- 4.3 Members are advised that financial hardship funds have been made available to the Area Council outside of the 2020/21 PAC budget and will be used to supplement funding applications for information and advice services to enable extended provision to support higher demand.
- 4.4 A pending application from Penistone FM to support young people has been re-examined and further advice given to Penistone FM to encourage a re-submission, which has to date not yet been re-submitted.
- 4.5 The Working Together grant continues to be promoted by the Area Team to encourage further applications and support with the community recovery process post pandemic.

Total allocations to date

Penistone FM	£ 15,627.00
Penistone Round Table	£ 11,660.00
Penisone Scout Group	£ 8,050.00
Sporting Penistone	£ 16,230.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2017)	£ 4,275.00
Barnsley Market – BMBC Market Barn additions lighting and Wi-fi	£ 6,740.00
Penistone Youth Project (TYS)	£ 8,730.00
The People Focussed Group ( Bumping spaces)	£ 19,836.00
Cycle Penistone CIC	£ 5,990.00
Penistone FM Community Radio Older people	£ 19,840.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 pilot	£ 5,000.00
Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers Penistone Station project	£ 6,630.00
Allocation to Ward Alliances	£ 10,000.00
DIAL ( Information and Advice service 2018)	£ 4,395.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 Pilot extension	£ 6,538.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery 2018/19	£ 20,000.00
TPT conservation volunteers Penistone Station project extension	£ 2,890.00
Penistone FM Young Voices	£ 7,644.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2019 with option to extend to 2020)	£ 9,700.00
CAB Barnsley (Information and Advice Debt support 6 month Pilot to Sept 2019)	£ 2,115.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery contribution 2019/20	£ 14,000
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2020	£ 3566
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2021	£8118
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2021 with option to extend to 2022)	£10,136
<b>Total Allocations to date</b>	<b>£227,710</b>

<i>Current Amount remaining for allocation</i>	<b>£42,776</b>
<i>Applications to Working Together grant currently pending</i>	
<i>Penistone FM 'Talk.Just Talk' young people project</i>	£ 9208

## 5.0 **Working Together Grant fund – Supporting Young People**

- 5.1 At PAC meeting October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 members agreed to an additional £40k allocated from within the current 2020/21 PAC commissioning budget to be ringfenced within the Working Together Fund and promoted solely for the use of activities which will support the physical and mental wellbeing of young people.
- 5.2 Members were provided with the grant brief for comment in February and following this the grant was launched and advertised widely on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The grant has generated a good level of interest to date from organisations and individuals within the Penistone area, and so far 7 funding applications have been sent on to interested parties.
- 5.3 Members have agreed representation to the grant panel; one from each of the Penistone wards and a community represented has been confirmed. It is envisaged that the panel will meet shortly after the grant closing date of April 8<sup>th</sup>, and successful projects will be confirmed to area council at its' meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

## 6.0 **Clean, Green and Tidy Service**

- 6.1 Following a robust procurement process, in which members participated, Twiggs Ground Maintenance Ltd were successful in being appointed as the preferred provider for the Penistone Clean, Green and Tidy service and started their contract on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 at a cost of £100,000 for the year from within the 2020/21 area council budget allocation.
- 6.2 The current Clean Green and Tidy service contract started during the lock down period for Covid-19 and as a result it was agreed to flex this to meet immediate needs during the crisis period. The contract performs satisfactorily within the flexed terms with performance highlighted at PAC meetings during 2020.
- 6.3 Members at PAC February 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 agreed to the continuation of this service to year two of the contract from April 2021 at a cost of £100k from the 2021/22 PAC, with the recommendation that a full update is provided by this service to Members at the PAC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

## 7.0 **Current Financial Summary Position**

- 7.1 Following PAC meeting on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 2021, no further spending decisions were taken leaving a final year end total of **£15,225** ( plus additional financial hardship monies of £10k) within



the 2020/21 budget. This amount has now been carried forward for spend in the 2021/2022 financial year.

7.2 A PAC budget allocation of £200k has now been made available for spend within the financial year 2021/22. This, together with carry forward from the 2020/21 budget of £15,225, gives a total working budget of £215,225 ( plus £10k financial hardship monies) . Following PAC agreement to the continuation of the Twiggs contract (at 6.3 within this report) at a cost of £100k from the 2021/22 budget this now leaves a current budget total of £115,225 available for spend.

### 7.3 2020/21 Budget allocations

Approved spend items in operation in 2020/2021	Current approved expenditure from 2020/2021 budget
New Clean Green and Tidy contract	£100,000
Supporting Older people Fund extension to Jan 2021	£ 52,000
New Supporting Older people grant ( defer to 2021/22 procurement)	£ 70,000
Working Together Grant fund Supporting Young People	£ 40,000
Penistone Living Magazine content space	£ 3,000
Existing SVIOP Fund contract extension to June 2021	£35,000
<b>Total allocated spend to date</b>	<b>£300,000</b>
<b>Budget 2020/21</b>	
<b>Base budget</b>	£200,000
<b>Additional income to base budget</b>	
Underspend from 2019/20 budget	£21,829
Underspend from cumulative lack of draw down from allocated spend	£93,396
<b>Total budget available for spend 2020/21</b>	<b>£315,225</b>
<b>Total remaining to carry forward to 2021/22 Budget</b>	<b>£15,225</b>

### 7.4 2021/22 Budget allocations

Approved spend items in operation in 2021/2022	Current approved expenditure from 2021/2022 budget
New Clean Green and Tidy contract Year two	£100,000
<b>Total allocated spend to date</b>	<b>£100,000</b>
<b>Budget 2021/22</b>	
<b>Base budget</b>	£200,000
<b>Additional income to base budget</b>	
Underspend from 2020/21 budget	£ 15,225
<b>Financial hardship monies ( earmarked)</b>	<b>£ 10,000</b>
<b>Total budget available for spend 2021/22</b>	<b>£225,225</b>

**Current remaining total available for spend**

**£115,225**

7.5 **PAC Financial summary**

Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2018/19		Commissioning Budget 2019/20		Commissioning Budget 2020/21		Commissioning Budget 2021/22	
	Budget	Spend	Budget	Spend	Budget	Spend	Budget	Spend
<b>Base Expenditure</b>	£200,000.00		£200,000.00		£200,000.00		£200,000.00	
<b>Base Expenditure plus underspend from previous year</b>	£292,417.00		£263,358.75		£315,224.75		£225,225.00	
Countryside Skills Training								
Countryside Skills Training Extension								
Clean & Green								
Clean & Green extension								
Working Together Fund	£18,448.00	£42,349.00	£50,000.00	£17,655.00				
Allocation to Ward Alliances/DWB 15-16								
Allocation to Ward Alliances 16-17								
Reducing Isolation in older people	£52,000.00	£52,000.00						
Public Health Funds			£3,820.00	£3,820.00				
Supporting Older People Fund	£70,000.00	£70,000.00						
Supporting Older People Fund ex			£17,500.00	£17,500.00	£52,000.00			
Supporting Older People Fund ex 2					£35,000.00			
Supporting Young People Fund					£40,000.00			
Community Magazine distribution costs	£3,873.00	£3,873.00						
Allocation to Ward Alliances 17-18								
Allocation to Ward Alliances 18-19	£20,000.00	£20,000.00						
Allocation to Ward Alliance 19-20			£10,000.00	£10,000.00				
Clean & Green 2017/18 (Y1)								
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension Nov 19 (Y2)	£40,836.25	£40,836.25	£57,171.00	£57,171.00				
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension April 2020 (Y2)			£40,836.00	£40,836.00				
Clean & Green April 2020 (Y1)					£100,000.00	100,000.00		
Clean & Green April 2021 (Y2)							£100,000.00	
Penistone Living Inserts			£2,664.00	£1,152.00	£3,000.00	£921.60		
Supporting Vulnerable & Older People Grant 2021					£70,000.00	£70,000.00		
<b>Income</b>								
Public Health Monies			-£3,820.00					
financial hardship monies					-£10,000.00			
<b>Expenditure Incurred in Year</b>	<b>205,157</b>	<b>229,058</b>	<b>178,171</b>	<b>148,134</b>	<b>290,000</b>	<b>170,922</b>		
<b>What funds are available</b>		<b>63,359</b>		<b>115,225</b>		<b>29,078</b>		
		<b>63,359</b>	<b>85,188</b>		<b>25,225</b>	<b>-170,922</b>		
<b>Earmarkings (to include C/F &amp; unspent allocation)</b>		<b>63,359</b>		<b>115,225</b>		<b>144,303</b>		
<b>Actual spend for year</b>		<b>229,058</b>		<b>148,134</b>		<b>170,922</b>		
<b>Balance Including Any Base Expenditure Not utilised in Pre</b>								

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**Area Council Update – COVID 19 Briefing**

**Public Health**

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

This is a regular update on the Council's Public Health response to the pandemic, providing a wide range of work undertaken across the Council. The pace of change continues, so we will aim to provide as up to date information as possible. Any specific questions on areas of work will be taken back to the appropriate lead for further detail, if appropriate.

**1. Purpose of Report**

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

**2. Key Themes**

**Headlines as at 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

- [COVID-19 Spring 2021 Roadmap](#) provides plan to move out of lockdown. Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March marks the start of [lockdown easing](#).
- Case rates were one of the highest in the country, part of a general pattern seen following an increase in testing in both schools and workplaces. On a positive note, hospital numbers continue to fall.
- Working aged adults have the highest case rates, specifically younger adults (20-39). Case rates in over 65s are falling faster which may reflect vaccine effectiveness. Slight rise in children testing positive, relating to schools reopening and increased testing.
- Areas with higher levels of deprivation have higher case rates than more affluent areas, linked to ability to reduce transmission relating to socioeconomic factors e.g. employment (frontline roles and less likely to work from home) & larger households.
- The most recent case rates are highest in Central and South East parts of Barnsley (Bolton-on-Deane, Town Centre/Oakwell and Thurnscoe), with high levels of household clustering and cases linked to schools.
- Continue to see a moderate percentage of cases linked to household clusters (49%), suggesting ongoing transmission within households. Many of these clusters have a school or workplace linked case.

**Public Health Messages**

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

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

## Intelligence

### COVID Situation Report (Sit-Rep)

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

### COVID Marshals/Community Observations/NEO update

Main themes from community observations:

- Marked deterioration in behaviour towards any uniformed presence, which has extended to aggressive and criminal behaviour, including towards parking wardens and particularly COVID marshals. Plans to extend joint operations with South Yorkshire Police are underway.
- General observations continue regarding lack of face covering use and a feeling of less adherence to the current position in the roadmap.

### Community Behavioural Insights – Additional Funded Work

A total of 836 Barnsley residents were consulted via workshops or online questionnaire. Full findings and Campaign material should be presented shortly.

Summary of key findings:

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

## Testing

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

### Symptomatic Testing

Local Testing Units continue at;

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

Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) sites also available -

Burleigh Street car park, Barnsley, S70 1LW. Open every day until Sunday 4 April from 9am to 3pm. This is a drive-through testing site accessible by car.

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

### Asymptomatic/Mass Community Testing

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

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

- 8.30am to 7pm on Tuesday and Thursday

The rapid testing facility at the Metrodome will close at the end of April to be replaced by a Community Collect Model to provide more localised support where there are vulnerable groups or high case areas.

### **School Testing**

- Rapid testing in secondary schools is underway following return of pupils to schools and colleges on 8<sup>th</sup> March - and this has impacted on case rates, as expected.
- Primary school staff will continue to take 2 rapid tests a week at home.
- Local '[Community collect](#)' model allows self-tests at home for households/support bubbles/childcare bubbles that includes nursery, primary, secondary or college pupils or staff – temporary access from the 3 LTUs detailed above.

## **Vaccinations**

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

- As of writing, 43% of the Barnsley Adult population have received their first vaccine dose.
- People aged 56 or over, and 18 or over identified as clinically extremely vulnerable, will be initially invited to large-scale vaccination sites such as Sheffield Arena or a community pharmacy. Appointments can be made online using this [link](#) or calling 119. If people are unable to or would prefer not to attend these sites, they do not have to respond to the letter and can wait to be invited by their GP practice to be vaccinated locally. There will be a delay as invites go out first for large sites/community pharmacies, and exact timescales will vary. But the vaccination programme continues at pace.
- Cohort 6 who are at higher risk will be invited to local Barnsley vaccination service run by local GPs, and will be contacted by the GP service when it is their turn.
- Supply is expected to decrease over the Easter period.
- Some vaccine hesitancy is showing among certain groups – plans underway to address this and provide more info and support to encourage people wherever possible is underway.
- Also working with Community Pharmacies to support the programme and improve local access.

### **Recommendations**

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

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

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**Other Contacts:**

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

## Safe Behaviours



Wash hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds.



Wear a face covering in enclosed environments.



Maintain space with anyone outside your household or bubble.



Meet with others outdoors where possible.



Minimise the number of different people you meet and the duration of meetings, if possible.



Let fresh air in.



Download the NHS Test & Trace app.



Get a test immediately if you have any symptoms.



Self isolate if you have symptoms, have tested positive, or had contact with someone with COVID-19.

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