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MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 7 September 2020
TIME:	2.00 pm
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AGENDA

1. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 3rd August, 2020 (Cen.07.09.2020/2) (*Pages 3 - 12*)

Items for Discussion

3. Safer Neighbourhood Service - Jill Griffiths (Cen.07.09.2020/3)
4. Performance Management Report (Cen.07.09.2020/4) (*To Follow*)

Items for Decision

5. Procurement and Financial Update (Cen.07.09.2020/5) (*Pages 13 - 50*)

Ward Alliances

6. Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.07.09.2020/6) (*Pages 51 - 64*)
Central – held on 22nd July, 2020
Kingstone – held on 2nd July and 12th August, 2020
Stairfoot – held on 12th July and 27th July, 2020

To: Chair and Members of Central Area Council:-

Councillors W. Johnson (Chair), P. Birkinshaw, Bowler, Bruff, Carr, Clarke, Dyson, Fielding, Gillis, Lodge, Mitchell, Murray, Williams and Wright

Area Council Support Officers:

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MINUTES

Present

Councillors W. Johnson (Chair), P. Birkinshaw, Bowler, Bruff, Carr, Clarke, Dyson, Gillis, Lodge, Mitchell and Murray

49. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Lodge declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 51, the presentation on 'Business, the Economy, and Employment and Skills' in view of the fact that his partner worked within one of the presenting officers service.

Councillor Bruff declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 5, the presentation on 'Business, the Economy, and Employment and Skills' as her son worked for the Sheffield City Region.

Councillor Carr declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 55 'Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds' insofar as the discussion related to DIAL in her capacity as a Trustee of that organisation.

50. Notes of the Meeting of Central Area Councillors held on 9th June, 2020 (Cen.03.08.2020/2)

The meeting received the notes of the inquorate meeting of Central Area Council held on the 9th June, 2020.

RESOLVED that the notes of the inquorate meeting of the Central Area Council held on the 9th June, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record and that the following recommendations from that inquorate meeting be formally approved:

- (a) Minutes of the Previous meeting of the Central Area Council held on the 9th June, 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Central Area Council held on the 9th March, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

- (b) Discussion: Reflection on the presentation and how Area Councils can assist communities in the recovery.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That a Workshop be convened to consider the priorities of the Area Council and its contribution to the strategic priorities of the Council; and

- (ii) That a Workshop be convened to consider the research and other available intelligence in relation to social isolation in the Central Area.

51. Business, the Economy, and Employment and Skills (Cen.03.08.2020/3)

The Area Council received a presentation from Mr T Smith (Head of Employment and Skills), Mr P Clifford (Head of Economic Development) and Ms A Fitzgerald (Group Leader Strategy and Policy, Education and Skills) giving an update of the current position with regard to the Barnsley Covid Economic Recovery.

Mr P Clifford commenced the presentation by briefly outlining the areas to be addressed:

- a) The Barnsley Covid Economic Impact Assessment
- b) The Central Area Economic Overview
- c) An Overview of current Economic Recovery Work
- d) The People impacts and the Recovery Actions

(a) Economic Impact Assessment

- Information was provided on the following:
 - The Barnsley GDP impacts,
 - The Barnsley Business impacts
 - The Impact on Barnsley Jobs
 - The Claimant Count outlined by the Office for National Statistics
- It was very difficult to predict in these uncertain times, the likely impact on the economy, however, the Office for Budget Responsibility indicated that there was a potential contraction of around 15% on the local economy. In addition, the IMF had recognised a potential contraction of 7% previously. This meant that there would be a scaling back of the economy both in terms of GDP, jobs as well as businesses and a significant increase in claimant counts
- It was noted that these predicted models did not necessarily mean that there would be contractions of that level, but it was important to have a starting point upon which to shaping and benchmarking recovery actions
- Information was provided on the potential sectoral impacts based on the types of businesses within the Borough – this indicated that some sectors would be impacted more than others. These were ‘rag rated’ against the 15% and 7% predictions highlighted above

(b) Central Area Economic Overview

- Indices of Multiple Deprivation – the Area Council was above the Barnsley average in relation to Education, Employment, Health and Income deprivation and the biggest challenges and priorities for the area were, therefore Health, Education and Employment. Information giving comparisons to other areas of the Borough would be circulated outside the meeting
- Worklessness position – had seen a 14.8% increase during May giving an additional 2,720 claimants in the Central Area. This was the highest amongst the other 6 areas of the Borough with the impacted groups being
 - 14-24 year olds

- 50+
- 63% males and 36% females
- Business Sector
 - indicated that within the area the number of businesses equated to 32.8% of the number of overall businesses in Barnsley. This had seen a 7.8% growth since 2015
 - information was provided for the growth in Worsbrough, Dodworth, Stairfoot and Kingstone and further information on this could be provided
 - information was provided on the business sector breakdown and the likely impact that Covid would have on those businesses. This indicated where support was likely to be required from and national, regional and local level
- Covid Business Support/Response
 - The Enterprising Barnsley Website had provided a focal point in ensuring that key messages were given out as to the support that was available. 162 Enquiries had been received from the Central Area and £500,000 had Covid Business Interruption Loans had been awarded
 - A Council Employment Support Desk had been put in place providing support to people and to businesses. 73 enquiries in total, 6 of which were from this area although these figures were changing rapidly. It was anticipated that the number of contacts would increase over time
- Key Economic Messages
 - The indices of multiple deprivation identified Health, Education and Employment as potential priorities
 - The highest level of increase in the number of unemployed claimants was in the 18-24 and 50+ age group
 - There was a strong and diverse business base within the area
 - Barnsley and the Central Area was likely to see an economic contraction over the coming months and years
 - Ongoing monitoring was critical in identifying trends and strategies and to target support. Arising out of this it was reported that universities, other local authorities' partners, stakeholders and 'returners' from university or those taking a gap year were being targeted to ensure that they were given appropriate support in what was a very difficult time. Work was ongoing to ensure that such work was embedded within the recovery and future planning

(c) Economic Recovery Work

- A designated Recovery Group had been established which was looking at a High Level Barnsley Jobs first Recovery Plan involving both the Council and its Partners which involved a number of Key Stands details of which and the type of work involved were outlined
- Barnsley Covid Business Recovery Actions included:
 - From the Government, obtaining £43m in business Grants to 3,700 businesses and CBIL/bounce back loans of £17m to support local businesses
 - Via Enterprising Barnsley, a proposed revamp of the website and provision of 24/7 support; the establishment of the Covid Business Support Programme; supporting, initially, 75 businesses; a Covid health

- check to enable targeted support to be provided; the development of the Covid Recovery Plan; and the provision of specialist support
- The Sheffield City Region had developed an Economic Recovery Plan and had asked the government for funding totalling £1.6bn across three key strands of activity of People, Skills and Employment (£700m); Employers (£400m); and Place/infrastructure (£500m). This would be complementary to the Strategic Economic Plan and would be aligned to government economic recovery strategy/funding. It was particularly important that Barnsley was involved in this in order to influence and shape the recovery and maximise the funding that was delivered to the town. Everything was being done that was possible in order to position the Region to receive the funding. Barnsley was, in turn positioning itself so that funding requests/schemes matched the key theme areas in order to maximise the funding opportunities available. It was also pleasing to note that a partnership arrangement was in place between the City Region and the four district councils

Ms A Fitzgerald continued with the presentation outlining the following:

(d) People Impacts and Recovery Actions

- The impact by June 2020
 - There had been a significant increase in the claimant count being the highest in 23 years and the 6th highest in the Yorkshire and Humber region (although lower than Doncaster and Rotherham)
 - An analysis was being undertaken of who was affected and, working with partners, consideration was being given to what could be done. As previously stated, the most affected were males aged 25-49 but young people had the highest percentage of claimants and this was increasing. Information about the contributory factors for this claimant increase was provided
 - Whilst there had been a collapse in job vacancies, it was pleasing to note that this was now increasing
 - It was getting harder to find work and information was provided (as compiled by the Sheffield City Region, about the competition for jobs, which varied widely across the UK. Having the right skills, experience and qualifications was, therefore, becoming more critical
 - The Sheffield City Region was a low wage economy
 - In response to the above, the work undertaken by the Authority was outlined. The Authority worked very closely with its Job Centre+ and other partners and Colleges and a number of initiatives had been introduced. The daily vacancy bulletin outlined jobs in the Travel to Work area and further information could be provided
 - Work was continuing with partners to examine what needed to be done moving forward and examples of the proactive response were provided.
 - In response to specific questioning information was provided as to the types of jobs that it was hoped would, and were being made available and the support given to ensure that people taking up those positions found jobs which matched their desires and expectations. Support was also provided to ensure that those wishing to progress could do so

- The service was currently purchasing new software which, amongst other things could enable skills to be matched to employment opportunities and allow residents to identify skills they were interested in and where these could be obtained through study. This would also be made available for schools to use

Mr T Smith continued with the presentation by outlining the following:

- Work was continuing to ensure that the right support was in place. The impact of the Pandemic had not been equal and had impacted particularly on female and older workers. Indications from a national picture were that the 18-24 age group would be particularly disadvantaged
- The support in Barnsley centred on 5 Key areas, Young People, Supported Employment, Support for Career Change/Transition, Digital Skills and Good Work and information was provided on the work currently being undertaken in these areas
- The Authority was an active Partner supporting a South Yorkshire wide response and Barnsley was taking the lead in working group with South Yorkshire Local Authority Employment and Skills Leads
- The four South Yorkshire Authorities were working together on the Sheffield City Region First Economic Recovery Plan and detailed information was provided on the scope of each of the three key themes previously mentioned but particularly in relation to the People, Skills and Employment element
- Further information was awaited in relation to the significant investment by the government in relation to Young People and Adults around training, skills and progression into work. Particular mention was made to the Kickstart Scheme and the sector-based work academy placements. Barnsley was working with the City Region to ensure that all schemes were aligned
- A close working relationship had been forged with the Job Centre and the Department for Work and Pensions which had announced a programme of additional support including frontline Work Coaches, an Expanded Youth Offer as well as a number of other interventions
- Whilst not all programmes and schemes were currently in place, the Authority was ensuring that all the evidence about who needed support was available, that the correct employment support was in place, that work was undertaken with businesses to ensure that opportunities were maximised and appropriate help made available to get people ready for work and ensuring support was in place to help Barnsley businesses to grow

The Chair reminded Members that the Area Council Managers had arranged for a Workshop to be arranged with Mr T Smith and his Team should Members request it. In the light of the information presented today he was confident that several Members would be wanting to obtain further information relative to the Central Area. Most questions had been addressed during the presentation, but the following matters were then touched upon:

- Whilst the presentation presented a very pessimistic outlook in relation to employment, it was pleasing to note that there was room for optimism going forward if what the Government delivered what it promised and the Sheffield City Region was able to provide the type of support it had asked the government for
- It was agreed that, notwithstanding the action now being taken to boost employment opportunities, pupils within schools should be encouraged to strive to attain their aspirations. There was also a need to provide a mix of employment opportunities as this would ensure that Barnsley children remained in the area into their adulthood. Work was progressing to try to ensure this occurred
- There was a discussion of the Extended Youth offer and whether or not this would be linked to what was happening locally. It was noted that discussions were progressing with the DWP who were awaiting further guidance from the government, however, once the programmes were released every effort would be made to ensure that there was added value and that there was no duplication or displacement of what was currently on offer. This would also include a discussion on how there could be greater involvement with the voluntary and community sectors
- Appropriate publicity was ensuring that job seekers understood that apprenticeships were for adults as well as young people. Indeed the Council's own apprenticeship programmes were showing a balance of apprentices between the two sectors but more could be done both nationally and locally
- There was a discussion of the operation of the schemes/programmes now referred to and whether or not these would engender real change. Further information had been promised for August so further information could probably be made available at the Workshop that was proposed. The proposals were, however, broadly welcomed as it created more opportunities for young people. Members were reminded that Barnsley was performing well in terms of schools and colleges and there were a good many pupils who transitioned well from school to post 16 education. It was hoped, therefore, that the programmes proposed would help with that and would create additional opportunities. Many pupils would, of course, continue along the traditional education/employment pathway. More apprenticeships would be welcomed not just at entry level but also at degree apprenticeship level. It was the hope that programmes and schemes added value and enhanced the offer and opportunity available for all
- Information on the outcome of the Sheffield City Region funding request was likely to be available as part of the Chancellor's budget statement in the Autumn
- It was noted that there was a national framework for apprenticeship pay, however, many employers, including the Council, chose to pay above that level particularly in relation to adults taking up such opportunities

Mr P Clifford, Mr T Smith and Ms A Fitzgerald were thanked for their most informative and thought provoking presentation.

52. Central Area Council Priorities (Cen.03.08.2020/4)

The Area Council Manager submitted a report providing a summary of the outcome of the Area Council 'Priority Setting' Workshop held to discuss how priorities might be changed to be more aligned with the Covid 5 Point Recovery Plan as presented at the last meeting.

The Workshop had been provided with information about how the Area Team had been supporting people within the area and information had also been provided about how Age UK had supported over 90 residents.

Members were also reminded that it had been agreed to establish a Social Isolation and Loneliness Workshop and this had been held in July and was starting to work towards a Social Isolation and Loneliness procurement exercise although it was likely to be the end of the year before this work was complete.

The Priority Setting Workshop had also considered:

- an options appraisal which included an offer of support from Age UK Barnsley specifically focussed on moving from the response to recovery phase of the Strategy
- how the Area Council could better support the 5 Point Plan through Ward Alliances and Commissioned Services. Consideration had also been given to how all commissioned providers had flexed their contracts to ensure that those in need were supported
- the existing Area Council Priorities in some detail

After detailed discussion, the Workshop had made 2 recommendations namely that:

- Age UK be granted £10,000 in order to support the Covid 19 emergency response and exit strategy; and
- That the current 'Supporting Vulnerable Families' priority be changed for 'Supporting Vulnerable People' as this better reflected the vulnerabilities that had presented themselves during the pandemic

Ms C Bedford (Public Health Principal) attended the meeting and stated that from a Public Health perspective she was more than happy to support the change in priority proposed.

It was noted that the original suggestion had been to provide a £20,000 grant to Age UK however, following the Workshop meeting it had been confirmed that the grant of £10,000 would enable Age UK to draw down additional national funding. If approved, this decision could be reviewed at the end of the year.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the report be received; and
- (ii) that the recommendations of the 'Priority Setting' Workshop be approved and adopted, namely:
 - that the Area Council change it's priority from 'Supporting Vulnerable Families' to 'Supporting Vulnerable People'; and

- that a grant of £10,000 be made from the Central Area Council to support the Covid 19 emergency response exit strategy for the period to 31st December, 2020

53. Procurement and Financial Update (Cen.03.08.2020/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item providing an update on the current situation in relation to each of the priority areas previously agreed together with an update of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Well-being Fund projects and the associated timescales.

The report provided an overview of the Service Level Agreements with the Safer Neighbourhoods Team and made recommendations in relation to Fly tipping and Private Sector Housing Support. It also gave an update of the previously agreed areas of work relating to services for Social Isolation and Loneliness.

The report also outlined the financial position to date for 2020/21 together with the projected position to 2023/24.

Members were informed of the current work of the two job share Area Council Managers who had recently taken up their posts, the areas upon which they would be 'expert' lead and the way in which they would be working together to ensure a seamless approach.

In relation to the social isolation work identified within the priorities for future focus it was suggested that this should be amended to include an examination of the impacts on both working age men and women. It was noted, however, that the Area Council Manager had been tasked with looking at this group particularly in relation to suicide rates and there was a need, therefore, for this to be clarified. Arising out of this discussion, it was noted that the next Workshop meeting was to be held on the 19th August, 2020 and the Area Council Manager briefly commented on the work that was currently ongoing and that would be discussed at that meeting. An invitation to that meeting was also extended to Ms C Bedford although it was stressed that she had been involved in all prior discussions with the Area Council Manager.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements, and Wellbeing Fund projects and associated timescales be noted;
- (ii) That feedback about the development of the agreed priority areas from 1st April, 2020, including the work undertaken by the Social Isolation Workshop as outlined in Section 5 of the report now submitted, be noted;
- (iii) That approval be given an extension of the Service Level agreement with Safer Neighbourhoods Services – Private Rented Household Fly Tipping to November 2021 at a cost of £33,000 (with £13,000 in year expenditure for the financial year 2020/21);
- (iv) That approval be given for and extension of the Service Level agreement with Safer Neighbourhoods Services – Private Rented New Tenant Support to November 2021 at a cost of £32,500 (with £18,960 in year expenditure for the financial year 2020/21); and

- (v) That the financial position to date for 2020/221 and projected expenditure, including future proposals to 2023/24 as outlined in appendices 1 and 2 of the report be noted.

54. Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.03.08.2020/6)

The meeting received the notes of the meetings of the Ward Alliances within the Central Area:-

- Dodworth Ward Alliance – 3rd March, 2020
- Stairfoot Ward Alliance – 16th March, 2020

It was noted that the Worsbrough Ward Alliance had funded hanging baskets along the A61 through Worsbrough and thanks were extended to the volunteers who had sourced the basket and got local businesses involved

Reference was made to the difficulties being encountered in relation to Principal Towns Project for Dodworth following suggested changes in design. It was suggested that there was a need for further consultation on this. This matter would be taken up by the Area Council Manager

Thanks were extended to the Central Area Team for the support for the Healthy Holidays programme which had been funded outside the Ward Alliances. The Area Council Manager also reported on the positive feedback received to date.

RESOLVED that the notes and feedback from the Ward Alliances be received.

55. Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.03.08.2020/7)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item referring to finance remaining in each of the Ward Alliance Funds.

The Central Ward Alliance had £19,086.35 available funding but £2,430 had been allocated for the Healthy Holidays Provision (£2,000) and to the Dearne Valley Litter Pickers (£430). The Dodworth Ward Alliance had £19,701.04 available funding but £125 had been allocated for the Secretary payments.

The Kingstone Ward Alliance had allocated £4,384.00 of its available funding of £14,538.91 as follows, Hope in the Community – Covid 19 (£1,217.99), Exodus Project food delivery programme (£1,508), Bowling Club for residents (£959) and Boling Greens at Locke Park ((£700). The Stairfoot Ward Alliance had £20,926.00 funding available with £2,000 allocated for the Healthy Holiday Provision. The Worsbrough Ward had £28,161.66 available and had allocated£15,267.14 on 9 projects for various amounts.

There was a discussion on the moratorium on expenditure and the devolvement of Ward Alliance Budgets which limited what Ward Alliances could utilise finance for, however, given the wide priorities of the Area Council it was felt that there was plenty of scope for expenditure, although this had ben be related to Covid 19 priorities.

Arising out of this, the Area Council was informed of the devolvement of finance from central government in relation to expenditure financial hardship issues. £42,000 had

been utilised locally across the Healthy Holidays Programmes and a request had been made for an additional £10,000 per area to assist with financial hardship issues and approval had been obtained to add £10,00 to the existing welfare services being delivered in the Central Area. This would add value and bolster the work in the area that DIAL were already operating.

If Members were looking at where to allocate Ward Alliance Funding, whilst DIAL offered support around Welfare Benefits, there would be the possibly to give support to the CAB in work with people made redundant, accessing employment, issues with mortgages/rent which would then mean that there was a whole systems approach within the Central Area around access to Welfare Services and access to Benefits/support alongside the work of the CAB. The additional funding referred to above would not, however, be allocated to the Ward Alliances but would add to the existing funding already allocated to the DIAL contract.

It was felt important not to blur the lines between core Council business and the work of Area Councils and this was a matter that was regularly addressed to ensure that any expenditure added value. There was perhaps a need to have further conversations on how additional finance was distributed.

The Area Council Manager confirmed that the Advice Network comprised Age UK, DIAL and the CAB, therefore, any contribution to the CAB from the Ward Alliances would ensure a wraparound service from all partners. Such a contribution would mean an allocation of £2,000 from each Ward and each Ward Alliance would have to determine whether or not to support such a proposal.

A decision on the allocation from the Central Area of an additional £10,000 to Ward Alliances would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Arising out of the above, there was a discussion about dates for meetings of the 'Business and Economy' Workshop. The Head of Service Stronger Communities stated that she would circulate proposed dates to all members.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

Central Area Council Meeting:
7th September 2020

Report of Central Area Council Manager

Central Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up to date overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Well-being Fund projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 Updates are also provided within the report about the previously agreed areas of work relating to services for Social Isolation and Loneliness:
- 1.3 Finally, the report outlines the financial position to date for 20/21 and the Projected financial position to 2023/24.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Well-being Fund projects, with associated timescales.
- 2.2 That £300,000 (£200,000 for round one and £100,000 to round two) be approved to establish a 'Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund';
- 2.3 That Members consider and approve the draft framework, guidance notes and application form for the 'Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund', and delegate authority to the Executive Director Communities to make any necessary changes to these following consultation with Members of the Central Area;
- 2.4 That the Executive Director Communities be authorised to approve Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund grants following consultation with a panel of Central Area Council members;
- 2.5 Members consider and approve the recommendations made to progress the Social Isolation and Loneliness priority:
- 2.6 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2021 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023/24 as outlined in Appendix 1 & 2 of this report.
- 2.7 Members make a decision on the allocation from the Central Area of an additional £10,000 to Ward Alliances

3. Progression of Social Isolation and Loneliness Priority

- 3.1 In terms of commissioning; the workshop considered the options which have been explored by the Area Manager and the Head of Service in detail, alongside procurement, legal and audit colleagues. The following recommendations are made further to extensive consideration at the workshop held on 19th August 2020, with elected members from the Central Area who were presented with a detailed positioning paper.
- 3.2 *Recommendations* – set up a Challenge Fund (competitive grants programme) enabling an integrated approach to what we know is an ‘all age’ problem
- 3.3 Recommendations – Round One of the challenge fund would open with a financial envelope of £200k to fund projects of up to two years. Information related to the grant process proposed can be seen in appendix 4.
- 3.4 *Recommendations* – after 12 months, Round Two of the challenge fund will open with a financial envelope of £100k, funding extensions of successful projects into year 3 and also any new projects which address any emerging gaps in provision (subject to budgetary approval based on the assumption that the £500k Central Area Council budget will be maintained)
- 3.5 *Recommendations* - The next step further to Area Council approval will be to arrange a market engagement event and review a draft framework with partners and prospective applicants

4. Overview of Contracts and timescales

- 4.1 Table 3 below outlines all the Central Area Council contracts and Service Level Agreements (SLA's) **currently** being delivered, together with contract values, timescales and any actions agreed:

Table 3:

	Service	Provider	Contract Value/length	Contract dates
Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund 'Uplift' for the Central Area	Creative Recovery	£15,000, initially to pilot the approach. 1 year from 1/07/19 to 30/06/20. Dates for delivery extended to Covid-19.	Contract commenced on 1/07/19.
Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund Advice Drop-In	DIAL Barnsley	£24, 404, 1 year from 1/06/19 to 31/05/20. Contract commenced on 1 st July 2019. Year 2 commenced 1/06/20 to 31/05/21	Contract commenced on 1/06/19.
Children & Young People	Building emotional resilience and well being in children and young people aged 8-14 years	Barnsley YMCA	1 year with an option to extend for a further 1 year, subject to annual review £130,000 per annum Total Cost: £390,000	All extensions agreed to: 31 st March 2021

Children & Young People	Central Well-being Fund Street Smart	The Youth Association (TYA)	£10,062, 1 year from 1/07/19 to 30/06/20. Year 2 from 30/06/20 to 30/06/21	Contract commenced on 1/07/19.
Clean & Green	Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance	1 year with an option to extend for 1 year + 1 year, subject to Annual Review. £85,000/annum	1 st April 2019-31 st March 2021
Clean & Green	Providing an environmental enforcement service SLA with BMBC's Safer Communities Service to support/complement the contract above	District Enforcement	1 year with an option to extend for 1 year + 1 year £45,000 / yr plys £13,000 to BMBC to support	Contract start: 1 st April 2019
Clean & Green	Targetted Household Flytipping Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	1 year complete and agreement to fund for a further year subject to annual renew. Cost: £32,000/annum.	Contract commenced: November 2019
Clean & Green	Private Rented Housing Support Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	1 year complete and agreement to fund for a further year subject to annual renew. Cost: £32,500/annum	Contract commenced: November 2019
Supporting Families	New Mothers Support Service	Family Lives	1 year complete with agreement to fund until 31/03/20 with an option to extend for 1 further year Total cost: £150,000	Contract commenced: 1 st April 2019
Supporting Families	Central Well-being Fund Hope House Connects	Hope House Church	£13,913, 1 year from 1/06/19 to 31/05/20 and year 2 1/07/20 to 31/05/21	Contract commenced on 1/06/19.

5.0 Financial Position

5.1 Based on updated information relating to existing Central Area Council contracts, SLA's and funding agreements, Appendix 1 (attached) provides a revised position statement on Central Council funding.

5.2 It shows actual expenditure for 2018/19, and projected expenditure for 2019/20-2021/22.

The 2019/20 figure includes a carry forward amount from 2018/19 of £193,240, and all previously agreed funding/allocations are included.

5.3 The 2019/20 - 2020/21 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

5.4 A finance overview with future projected expenditure for the period 2020/21 to 2023/24, is also attached for information at Appendix 2 (attached).

This includes all costs associated with the formally approved contracts and procurement updates contained within this report, which are shown in **black**.

Interventions being considered at today's meeting and other" informally agreed" services are shown in **amber**, with future potential proposals shown in **red**.

5.5 Members should note that considering all approvals provided by Central Area Council an amount of **£535,250** has been *committed* for 2020/21. Additional income for Health Holidays (£17,250), Financial Resilience (£10,000) and FPN's for the period October to February (£9,925) received in addition to the base budget and carry forward taking total income to **£735,237**.

The £100,000 annual expenditure previously committed for the RVS service has been reprofiled into expenditure for consideration from 2021-2024 as the anticipated start date of any commissioned service/s is April 2021.

6. Devolved Ward Alliance Funding

6.1 At the Central Area Council meeting on 3rd August, it was agreed that a decision on the allocation from the Central Area of an additional £10,000 to Ward Alliances would be placed on the agenda for the this meeting.

6.2 Detailed Ward Alliance Budgetary information can be seen in Appendix 3; a summary of remaining budgets are as follows:

- i. Central £18,572

- ii. Dodworth £19,576
- iii. Kingstone £14,069
- iv. Stairfoot £20,927
- v. Worsborough £17,795

- 6.3 The Central Area Council has received external funding for Healthy Holidays provision from Central Government for the sum of £17,250 which has annulled the need to use Ward Alliance funding.
- 6.4 Any local VCSE groups and organisations who are struggling financially as a consequence of Covid-19 have been invited and encouraged to apply into the core Covid-19 VCSE Resilience Funding. This has reduced the pressure on Ward Alliances and CDO's are directing any such applications via this route whenever the framework is open.
- 6.5 Any Ward Alliance funding requests previously approved that fall within the remit of the Covid-19 Resilience fund will be refunded (for values over £500). Again, this has annulled the need to use Ward Alliance funding for these projects and impacts positively of the remaining budgetary positions for the respective Wards.
- 6.6 The Central Area Council has received external funding from Central Government for the sum of £10,000. This can be used to fund legal/welfare advice and support and the Area Manager is working with local providers on proposed solutions which will reduce the potential strain on Ward Alliance funding.
- 6.7 As detailed in appendix 2; maintaining existing services similar to the *current* level and allowing a small amount of scope for the development of any emerging priorities or future consideration to devolve budget to Ward Alliances (projected to 2023/24), relies on carry forward year-on-year and is based on the assumption that the base budget of £500k will be maintained.

Members should note that these are only projections at this point but it outlines the budgetary requirements needed to maintain these or similar services.

- 6.8 *Recommendations* – due to the additional funding that the Central Area Council has been able to access further to new funding opportunities as a result of Covid-19 resilience and recovery; members should consider if there is still the demand on Ward Alliance funds to devolve further funding from the Central Area Council budget and make a decision at this meeting.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Appendix 2: Finance Overview – Projections

Appendix 3: Ward Alliance Finance Report

Appendix 4: Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund associated paperwork.

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23rd July 2020

CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - 2017/18 TO 2021/22										
Contract Name	Delivery Body	Start Date	Length of Contract	Total Cost of Contract	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21	
					Profile	Actual	Profile	Actual	Profile	Actual
Base Expenditure					500,000	626,619	500,000	693,240	500,000	
Additional Income									17,250	
Older People - Reducing Isolation	Royal Voluntary Service	Jun-14	2 Years	197,436						
Contract Extension Reducing Isolation	Royal Voluntary Service	Jun-16	10 months	85,000						
Further contract extension reducing isolation	Royal Voluntary Service		3 months	25,000						
Reducing Isolation in over 50s	Royal Voluntary Service	Jul-17	1 year + 1	275,000	100,000	100,020				
Service for Children Aged 8 to 12 Years	Barnsley YMCA	Jul-14	2 Years	199,781						
Contract Extension Children 8-12	Barnsley YMCA	Jul-16	9 months	81,000						
Service for Young People Aged 13 to 19 Years	Core Assets Children's Services	Jul-14	1 year	64,970						
	BMBC Summer 2015 Delivery			5,900						
Service for Young People Aged 13	Exodus, Lifeline, YMCA			126,829						
Building emotional resilience in 8- Youth resilience fund	YMCA	01-Apr-17	3 years	390,000	127,892	127,892	130,000	130,940		
				70,000	17800	17800				
Youth resilience fund extensions					10676	10676				
Emotional Resilience - C&YP		01-Apr-17	3 years	413,150					134,965	33,742.44
Cleaner & Greener Environment	Twiggs	Oct-14	18 months	148,860						
Clean & Green Contract 2	Twiggs	Apr-16	1yr + 1 yr	170,000						
Clean & Green Contract 2	Twiggs	Apr-18	9 months	64,000	64,000	64,000				
Clean & Green Contract 2-3 month	Twiggs	Jan-19	3 months	21,250	21,250	21,250				
Clean & Green service	Twiggs	Apr-19	3 years	285,000			95000	95,000.00	95000	
Environmental Enforcement	Kingdom Security	Aug-14	1 Year	40,771						
	BMBC - Enforcement &			14,000						
Fixed Penalty Notice Income					-30008	-30008		-22815	-9925	
Car Parking Income					-2269	-2269		-2690		
Environmental Enforcement Extension	Kingdom Security - Extension	Aug-15	7 months	27,697						
	BMBC - Enforcement & Community Safety SLA Extension			4,000						
Environmental Enforcement	Kingdom		1 yr+1yr	84,000	42,000	34,558				
	BMBC Enforcement SLA 2			21,000	10,500	10,707				
Environmental Enforcement	District	Apr-19	3 years	135,000			45000	45,000.00	45000	
	BMBC Enforcement SLA support	Apr-19	3 years	39,000			12686	12686	13,000	
Private Sector Rented Housing	BMBC - Enforcement &	Jan-15	22 months	141,875						
Private Sector Rented Housing	BMBC - Enforcement &	Feb-17	2 months	12,897						
Private Sector Rented Housing	BMBC - Enforcement &	Apr-17	12 months	67,175						
Private Rented New tenancy	BMBC - Community Safety	Jun-18	1+1	65,000	13540	11163	32500	32500	18960	
Working Together Fund	Various	Oct-14	18 months	77,606						
Celebration Event 2015	Central Area Council	Jun-15	N/A	5,000						
Celebration Event 2016	Central Area Council			5,000						
Homestart Extension (3 mths - Homestart Extension (Apr-May)				5,300						
Private rented Home Visiting Service	Homestart SY	Jun-16		15,852						
Private rented Home Visiting Service - Extension				21,600						
Private rented Home Visiting Service - Extension to September 2018	Homestart SY			3,010	3010	568				
Events/Review	Various			10,000	3526	3526				
					5000	2633			2367	
Proactive flytipping SLA				64,000	10670	10863	32000	32000	21330	
Perinatal Volunteer Home visiting service		Apr-19		150,000			50000	49,949.00	50000	4144.83
Central Wellbeing Fund		Apr-20		90,000			67,500	67,500	22,500	
Wellbeing Fund									33,000	
Voluntary Youth Work Support and Training	waiver to be done - sept time	Apr-20		28,000					16,000	
Youth Work Fund for 13+ Devolved to 5 Ward Alliances	Grants - various	Apr-20		60,000					50,000	
Healthy Holidays Fund				150,000	50000	50000	50000	50,000		
Age Uk Covid Support									17,250	
									10,000	
Expenditure Incurred in Year					447,587	433,379	514,686	490,070	492,197	37,887
In Year Balance					52,413	193,240	-14,686	203,170	25,053	-37,887
					179,032		164,346	1,297,525	189,399	1,041,323

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Central Area Council - Budget proposals

code: Black = Committed spend; Amber = under consideration; Red = Future proposal /projected spend

Income	2019/2020		2020/2021		2021/2022		2022/2023		2023/2024	
Central Area Council Allocation	£	500,000.00	£	500,000.00	£	500,000.00	£	500,000.00	£	500,000.00
Income from FPNs	£	22,815.00	£	9,925.00						
Financial Resilience Central Gov Funding			£	10,000.00						
Healthy Holidays			£	17,250.00						
Carried forward from previous year	£	193,240.00	£	198,062.00	£	169,987.00	£	45,987.00	£	28,157.00
Total anticipated available spend:	£	716,055.00	£	735,237.00	£	669,987.00	£	545,987.00	£	528,157.00

Expenditure - Service / provider	2019/2020		2020/2021		2021/2022			2022/2023			2023/2024																
	Committed		Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal	Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal	Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal	Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal													
Clean & Green	£	95,000.00	£	95,000.00		£	95,000.00		£	95,000.00				£	95,000.00												
Environmental Enforcement Contract	£	45,000.00	£	45,000.00		£	45,000.00		£	45,000.00				£	45,000.00												
Environmental Enforcement - SLA	£	12,686.00	£	13,000.00		£	13,000.00		£	13,000.00				£	13,000.00												
Emotional Resilience Contract - YMCA	£	130,940.00	£	135,000.00		£	136,500.00		£	140,330.00				£	144,000.00												
Youth work fund - YMCA & Youth Ass.			£	50,000.00		£	10,000.00	£	50,000.00		£	10,000.00															
Voluntary Youth Support				£	18,000.00		£	10,000.00																			
Private Rented Tenancy Support	£	32,500.00	£	32,500.00		£	18,960.00																				
Private Rented Tenancy Support								£	13,540.00		£	32,500.00			£	32,500.00											
Social Isolation in vulnerable and older people	£	-					£	100,000.00		£	100,000.00		£	100,000.00													
Peri-natal and Family Emotional Wellbeing	£	50,000.00	£	50,000.00		£	50,000.00		£	50,000.00																	
Targetted Fly tipping and Waste Collection Education SLA	£	32,000.00	£	32,000.00		£	21,330.00		£	32,000.00				£	32,000.00												
Targetted Fly tipping and Waste Collection Education SLA								£	10,670.00																		
Central Well Being Fund	£	67,500.00	£	22,500.00																							
Central Well Being Fund - Dial				£22,500.00		£	7,500.00																				
Legal/Welfare Advice Fund				£10,000.00																							
Central Well Being Fund - Hope House				£10,500.00		£	3,500.00																				
Age UK Covid-19 Recovery Grant				£10,000.00																							
Devolved to WA	£	50,000.00	£	-																							
Healthy Holidays				£17,250.00																							
Events / Review	£	2,367.00						£	2,000.00		£	6,000.00															
Totals:	£	517,993.00	£	535,250.00	£	28,000.00	£	2,000.00	£	400,790.00	£	110,000.00	£	113,210.00	£	190,330.00	£	317,500.00	£	10,000.00	£	-	£	100,000.00	£	361,500.00	
total anticipated contract spend:			£			£	565,250.00		£			£	624,000.00		£			£			£	517,830.00	£			£	461,500.00
In Year Balance	£	198,062.00	£			£	169,987.00		£			£			£			£			£	28,157.00	£			£	66,657.00

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting:

DATE: 07th September 2020

**Report of Central Area Council
Manager**

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform Members about agreed spend to date from the Ward Alliance Funds within the Central area for 2020/2021.

2. Recommendation

That the Central Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes spend to date for the Wards of Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough.

3. Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to the Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

Following the Council's decision to withdraw Devolved Ward Budget funding from 1st April 2016, the use of Ward Alliance Funding and the associated allocation of monies to Ward Alliances across the borough has also been reviewed and amended.

3.2 In considering projects for the use of Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4. Commitments to Date

4.1 A breakdown of the approved spend for the 2020/21 financial year, by Ward, is attached at Appendix 1.

4.2 Ward Alliances are currently reviewing priorities and updating action plans to ensure the timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance funds in 2020/2021.

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Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

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. *NB This has been relaxed over recent months due to Covid-19.*

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 has been 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.

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation
£5071.35 carried forward from 2019/20
£4014.99 Unspent/ return of grants

£19,086.34 total available funding

The **Central Ward** has allocated £2,414.51 of its £19,086.35 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £515.51 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Dearne Valley Litter Pickers	£414.51	£430	£18,671.83
*Healthy Holidays Provision	£2,000		£16,671.83

An internal recharge will be made in respect of the £2,000 that we were able to lever in from a different funding source bringing the remaining allocation back up to **£18,671.83.*

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£9,661.69	carried forward from 2019/20
£39.35	Unspent/ returned grants
£19,701.04	total available funding

The **Dodworth Ward** has allocated £125 of its £19,701.04 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £125 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Secretary payment	£125	£125	£19,576.04

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£4,538.91	carried forward from 2019/20
£0	Unspent/ returned grants
£14,538.91	total available funding

The **Kingstone Ward** has allocated £4,854.99 of its £14,538.91 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £4,854.99 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Hope in the Community – Covid 19	*£1217.99	£1217.99	£13,320.92
Exodus project food delivery programme	*£1508	£1508	£11,812.92
A bowling club for local residents	*£959	£959	£10,853.92
Bowling Greens Locke Park	*£700	£700	£10,153.92
St Edwards Church IT Equipment	£470	£470	£9,683.92

An internal recharge of £4,384.99 will be made in respect of Covid-19 resilience requests over £500, funding from Central Government that we were able to lever in bringing the remaining allocation back up to **£14,068.91.*

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£10,026.99	carried forward from 2019/20
£900	Unspent/ returned monies
£20,926.99	total available funding

The **Stairfoot Ward** has allocated £2,000 of its £20,926.99 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £2000 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Healthy Holiday Provision	*£2,000	£2,000	£18,926.99

An internal recharge will be made in respect of the £2,000 that we were able to lever in from a different funding source bringing the remaining allocation back up to **£20,926.99.*

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£18,161.66	carried forward from 2019/20
£0	Funds unspent/ returned
£28,161.66	total available funding

The **Worsborough Ward** has allocated £15,367.14 of its £28,161.66 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £8,267.14 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
WA - Environmental Pot	£2,000	£0	£26,161.66
Wors Community Church - Easter session	£100	£100	£26,061.66
WA - Defibs in the Community	£1,500	£1,500	£24,561.66
The Barnsley Sheddars Community Group - more shed less bed	£2,217.98	£2,217.98	£22,343.68
Worsbrough Bridge AFC - Flood Relief Support	£550	£550	£21,793.68
Ward Green Youth Club - Youth Activities	£768.83	£768.83	£21,024.85
Worsbrough Bridge Cricket Club - Junior Provision	£3,005.33	£3,005.33	£18,019.52
Secretary Payment	£125	£125	£17,894.52
*Healthy Holidays	£5,000	£5,000	£12,894.52
Malta Court Community Covid Support	£100	£100	£12,794.52

An internal recharge will be made in respect of the £5,000 that we were able to lever in from a different funding source bringing the remaining allocation back up to **£17,794.52.*

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The Emerging Central Area Council Social Isolation Programme Framework

Social isolation and loneliness are complex issues that cannot be dealt with in silos. The following summarises the issues across the Central Area;

- Loneliness and isolation is an issue across the lifespan and is having a significant impact on people's wellbeing.
- Many groups exist, but they are disparate, unconnected and do not share learning or support each other.
- There are groups of people, such as middle-aged men who do not engage with traditional solutions.
- People do not always know what is available in their community.
- Engaging participants is difficult, and it can take many months or years for a group to become vibrant.
- Information about groups often depends on word of mouth as people are unaware of or unable to access things such as Live Well Barnsley, U3A's The Buzz, Age UK's Love Later Life booklet and Social Media Groups
- Access to appropriate spaces and funding can be problematic
- 'Group Leaders' are often without support and as such sustainability and succession planning is an issue.
- Befriending schemes are successful for very isolated people with complex needs when the community is involved, and sufficient local volunteering capacity is available.

Target Group

The service will be aimed at lonely and/or isolated people *and* households affected by Covid-19. It is anticipated that a significant proportion of the clients accessing the service will be older people and vulnerable adults, including males who have an increased risk of suicide as a result of social isolation and loneliness.

We are looking to fund a programme enabling an integrated approach to what we know is an 'all age' problem within the central area, using local area-based coordination which supports the following principles:

- The right to citizenship, responsibilities and opportunities.
- Valued relationships and personal networks.
- Access to relevant, timely and accessible information to inform decision making.
- Recognising and nurturing individual, family and community gifts and assets.
- Recognising the natural expertise and leadership of people/families labelled as vulnerable.
- The right to plan, choose and control supports/resources.
- The value and complementary nature of formal services as a backup to natural supports.

In order to achieve the goal of combatting social isolation and loneliness across the lifespan in the wards that make up the Central Council Area, strategic and coordinated transformational change is required.

Much of this change can be achieved by implementing an Asset-Based Community Development approach with Local Area Coordination. This will be achieved by acting on the following recommendations and implementing actions at a Community, Associational and Institutional levels.

Principles for the framework:

- Innovative solutions are being sought to improve the health and wellbeing of adults living in the Central Council area by reducing loneliness and isolation.
- Proposals should not duplicate but complement existing provision, should add value and aim to link with other services procured by the Central Area Council and the wider council and health partners.
- Proposals need to reflect the differing needs and challenges of an all age approach, with specific vulnerabilities identified and addressed.
- Proposals need to reflect the differing needs and challenges of the individual five wards, with specific challenges (in each ward) identified and addressed.
- Proposals should provide coverage and a spread of provision across the five wards. This may well be a mix of different projects.
- Proposals should be for activities / projects providing exciting and interventions to challenge and develop the potential of people.
- The service is likely to be made up of interventions that have an evidence-based rationale for reducing isolation and loneliness within communities
- Residents who live in one of the five wards that make up the Central Area should be involved in the development and delivery of provision
- Creative solutions are sought to encourage new and different people to participate in the activities provided as part of the programme i.e. those who are most hard to reach.
- Providers are encouraged to join forces and match skills and experience i.e. proven skills and experience around outreach matched with a provider with a track record in delivery and outreach
- All projects/providers will be expected to help support and contribute to a Central Area Social Isolation celebration event
- Promoting social action, volunteering and addressing sustainability should be an integral part of any proposals
- Where possible, work experience placements, apprenticeships and the use of local labour, where appropriate apprentice opportunities and local labour should also be built into proposals.

Aims and Objectives of the Framework:

- Reduce loneliness and isolation and improve physical health and emotional wellbeing
- Enable Central Area residents to participate in their community and developing social contacts that are sustainable, increase independence and social inclusion, in the home and the community and within the workforce
- Provide a baseline of information and understanding of the levels, complexity and extent of social isolation across the Central Area with a view to delivering better targeted and appropriate services across the area
- Provide universal access to good quality information in a variety of formats and methods about local services, increase awareness of and access to shops, leisure, health services, housing, libraries, giving choice and control for people to access services of their choice.
- Providing the skills and training for people to access digital information where appropriate.
- Encourage lifelong learning and skill sharing across the community recognising the skills and experience of older people in the community and identify any intergenerational learning opportunities.
- Recognise the health and social benefits of staying active through work and linking services to improve employability and re-entry to the labour market i.e. where people have experienced time out of the workforce as a result of Covid-19.
- Build on the success of the Covid-19 emergency community responder volunteers and further engage neighbourhoods to identify ways they can reach out to and support isolated and lonely members of their community e.g. use community connectors to connect people together for mutual benefit and to strengthen community exchanges
- Increase opportunities for volunteers and volunteering across the Central area and supporting volunteers to work with the provider with a view to longer term sustainability
- Fill gaps in provision or facilitating new groups and activities that are identified by local people
- Work with partners, agencies, Central Area Council, Ward Alliances and commissioned services in an integrated way to better coordinate services and activities across the Central Area and better tackle some of the key issues which prevent people from living healthy active lives.
- Promote a positive image of older and vulnerable people and enabling contact between socially isolated and lonely people in the area including intergeneration projects and celebration events

The framework will also contribute to building the social capital agenda by:

- Supporting people to take part in the local community, having social contact and experiencing friendships, which is critical to a good quality of life, health and wellbeing.
- Motivating and incentivising volunteers to 'give something back' and becoming valued contributors by providing opportunities to use their skills, knowledge and expertise to help others live independently.
- Promoting a positive image of vulnerable and older people.
- Working with other service providers in an integrated way to tackle some of the key issues which prevent people at risk of social isolation and loneliness from living healthy, active lives.

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Central Area Council Social Isolation Programme



GENERAL GUIDANCE

What is the Central Area Council Social Isolation Programme and who is it for?

The Central Area Council Social Isolation programme has been established by the Central Area Council for 2021-2024 to address the need for an overall co-ordinated Social Isolation and Loneliness Programme for the Central Area Council area delivering over the next XX months??

The application process for this programme:

- Application packs distributed by XX
- Deadline for proposals XX
- Project proposals submitted and evaluated by the Central Area team against the Social Isolation programme framework criteria.
- Organisations that meet the criteria will be invited to present their proposal to a grants panel on the XXX. The presentation will be considered alongside the application form
- Grants to be awarded in XX
- Social isolation programme delivery to start from XX

How much can be applied for?

Applications will be for £10,000 upwards and we can fund projects for up to 2 years.

What kind of projects/activities can be funded and when should they be delivered??

Projects and ideas from local providers and community organisations need to meet and work towards the following principles and framework (tbc):

- Innovative solutions are being sought to improve the health and wellbeing of adults living in the Central Council area by reducing loneliness and isolation.
- Proposals should not duplicate but complement existing provision, should add value and aim to link with other services procured by the Central Area Council and the wider council and health partners.
- Proposals need to reflect the differing needs and challenges of an all age approach, with specific vulnerabilities identified and addressed.
- Proposals need to reflect the differing needs and challenges of the individual five wards, with specific challenges (in each ward) identified and addressed.
- Proposals should provide coverage and a spread of provision across the five wards. This may well be a mix of different projects.
- Proposals should be for activities / projects providing appropriate opportunities and interventions to reduce social isolation.

- The service is likely to be made up of interventions that have an evidence-based rationale for reducing isolation and loneliness within communities
- Residents who live in one of the five wards that make up the Central Area should be involved in the development and delivery of provision.
- Creative solutions are sought to encourage new and different people to participate in the activities provided as part of the programme i.e. those who are most hard to reach.
- Providers are encouraged to join forces and match skills and experience i.e. proven skills and experience around outreach matched with a provider with a track record in delivery and outreach
- All projects/providers will be expected to help support and contribute to a Central Area Social Isolation celebration event
- Promoting social action, volunteering and addressing sustainability should be an integral part of any proposals.
- Where possible, work experience placements, apprenticeships and the use of local labour, where appropriate apprentice opportunities and local labour should also be built into proposals.

In addition, sustainability, community support, self-reliance, resilience and reciprocity should, therefore, be built into the service design and delivery.

We are keen to see the involvement of local people, groups and social enterprises in this service, not only through volunteering and stakeholder engagement, but also through partnership arrangements at a local level, where appropriate.

All projects must benefit older and/or vulnerable residents in the Central Area and meet the requirements of the framework outlined above.

Groups applying should preferably be based within one of the five wards that make up the Central Council area or within the Borough.

Project delivery should take place between XX and XX

Who can apply to the Central Social Isolation Fund?

Examples of projects may include:

- Outreach and activity opportunities which support isolated and vulnerable people
- Centre based work providing positive activities and improving health and wellbeing
- Providing positive activities i.e. sport/ recreation, arts and craft, music with outcomes related to confidence building, accreditation, resilience etc.
- intergenerational opportunities for skills sharing and forming social connections

Who can apply?

- Any voluntary or community group which is locally led and run
- Registered Charities
- Social Enterprises & not for profit organisations

Priorities

Central Council Priorities:

- Reduction in loneliness and social isolation in adults and older people
- Improvement in the emotional resilience and wellbeing of
- Creating a cleaner, greener environment in partnership with local people
- Supporting vulnerable people

How to apply

For further information and to request an application pack please contact the Central Area Team on 01226 775707 or e-mail: lisaphelan@barnsley.gov.uk

- An application form should be completed and submitted by XX
- A local panel will meet on the XX to consider all the applications. Organisations that meet the criteria will be invited to present their proposal to the grant panel. The presentation will be considered alongside the application form
- You will be notified of a decision within 4-weeks of the closing date
- Grants to be awarded in XX
- Programme delivery to start from XX
- Social Isolation & Loneliness celebration event planning and delivery by all successful applicants to take place in XX.
- Social Isolation programme delivery completion XX

If successful you will work with the Central Area Team during XX to agree monitoring outcomes in order for formal approval and grants to be awarded by the end of XX.

Is there support to help groups to complete their application form?

Yes, support is available from the Central Area Team on 01226 775707 or email lisaphelan@barnsley.gov.uk

Post:
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Stronger, Safer & Healthier Communities Business Unit
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Central Area Social Isolation Fund Application Form



Please read the guidance notes before you start to complete this form. We hope that you will find it quite straight forward but please call the Central Area Team on 01226 775707 or e-mail lisaphelan@barnsley.gov.uk if you have any questions about the form or application process.

Part One – About your organisation

1.1 What is your organisation's name?

1.2 What type of organisation are you?

Voluntary or community organisation

Registered Charity

Social Enterprise

Not for profit small business

Other

Please provide details

1.3 Organisation details

When did your organisation start?

How many people are on your organisation's management committee or board of directors?

1.4 Who is the main contact for this application?

Name	
Position in the group	
Address	
Postal code	
Telephone number	
E-mail address	

1.5 Who is the secondary contact for this application?

Name	
Position in the group	
Address	
Postal code	
Telephone number	
E-mail address	

1.6 What is your organisation’s current financial position?

Select one option and fill in the amounts from your accounts or projection.

Information from the latest accounts approved by your organisation
 12 month projection because you’ve been running less than 15 months

Account year ending Day Month Year

Total income for the year £

Total expenditure for the year £

Surplus or deficit at the year end £

Total savings or reserves at the year end £

1.7 The protection of vulnerable adults

When working with young people and vulnerable adults you need to be sure they will be safe. As a minimum you must have a relevant policy and the policy must be put into practice. It is your responsibility to have acceptable protection policies and procedures in place.

Tick this box to confirm that your organisation has the relevant policies in place

1.8 Policies

The policies you need will depend upon your activities, how many people you work with and if you employ staff.

Please confirm which of these policies you have:

Health and Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities and Diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Data Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recruitment, Discipline and Grievance Policies	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Section 2 - About your project

2.1 Project Name

2.2 Tell us more about your project

This is your opportunity to tell us about your project (500 words maximum)

Please tell us about:

- the gaps your project will help to address
- how your project has identified and intends to address the differing needs and challenges of the individual Wards
- any research you have carried out or other evidence that shows your project is needed
- how your project intends to encourage new and different people
- your consultation with beneficiaries/and or other organisations and people that show your project is needed
- how your project will add to any existing services or projects and fill any gaps
- the Central Council and BMBC priorities your project will help to address and how it will address them
- examples of activities and interventions to be delivered

2.4 Beneficiary Involvement

Please tell us who will be involved in your project and how they will be involved in planning, developing and running your project.

Please tell us about:

- who will be involved in your project (people and organisations)
- if you will be working with any other organisations to deliver your project
- how your beneficiaries (people and organisations) will be involved in developing, running and evaluating your project.

2.5 Social Action and Volunteering

Please tell us how your project would promote social action and volunteering.

Please tell us about:

- How your project will promote social action and volunteering
- What social action and volunteering activities will be taking place
- How many volunteers will be involved with your project and what they will be doing
- How you will recruit new volunteers to your project
- How you will measure the impact of social value from your project (for example, number of jobs created, volunteer hours achieved, volunteer opportunities created)

Section 3 – Monitoring and Evaluation

The questions you complete in this section will form part of your project monitoring. They will be used to report back to the Central Area Council.

Be realistic in the answers you give for your milestones, outcomes, indicators and activity intervention.

3.1 Milestones

Please provide a number of key milestones for your project.

Milestone	To be achieved by
For example: First session delivered	June 2021

3.2 Outcomes and Indicators

What difference will your project make and by when?

Below, please state the 2-4 outcomes your project will achieve.

The interventions/activities you deliver as part of your project should directly contribute to achieving the project outcomes.

List up to three indicators for each of your project outcomes. For each indicator show the level of change (for example, how many people will benefit) and when you would expect to see that change (for example, after six months).

Project Outcome	Intervention/ activities that will contribute to achieving project outcome	Target
For example: Outcome: Innovative solutions are being sought to improve the health and wellbeing of adults living in the Central Council area by reducing loneliness and isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing positive activities i.e. sport/ recreation, arts and craft, music with outcomes related to confidence building, accreditation, resilience etc • Intergenerational opportunities for skills sharing and forming social connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 people • 15 people
Outcome 1		
Outcome 2		
Outcome 3		
Outcome 4		

3.3 Quarterly Monitoring

Please list the activities/sessions that you have identified in section 3.2 that you will be delivering as part of your project.

Please complete the table below indicating quarterly targets for each of the interventions/activities listed. The total project target column should be the same as identified in section 3.2

Key:

Quarter 1 – April – June 2021

Quarter 2 – July – September 2021

Quarter 3 – October – December 2021

Quarter 4 – January – March 2021

T = Target

	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Total Project target
Activity/Intervention	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	
<i>For example: Number of people attending sessions</i>	50		50		50		50		

3.4 Evidence

As part of your monitoring, your milestones, outcomes, activities and interventions will need to be evidenced. Please tell us how you will evidence these, for example, photographs, questionnaires, case studies, attendance lists. Tell us what you will provide on a quarterly basis.

Section 4 – Equal Opportunities

4.1 How will you make sure that everyone who could benefit from your project will know about it and be able to get involved?

Your project should be open to as wide a range of people who are experiences social isolation and loneliness as possible, including those groups who are difficult to reach. You need to have thought about how you'll address any differing needs and challenges of the individual wards, with specific challenges (in each ward) identified and addressed. Please tell us how you will do this.

Section 5 – The funding you need

5.1 Budget table

Complete the table to show us how much your project will cost and what you plan to spend your grant on.

Total project costs – include VAT where applicable			
	Total	Amount requested from Central Youth Programme	Funding from other sources
Revenue Costs			
Salaries, NI and pensions			
Recruitment			
General running expenses			
Training			
Travel			
Other – please detail			
Total revenue costs			
Capital Costs			
Equipment – please detail			
Total capital costs			
Total project costs			

5.2 Project Funding

If some of the money for your project will come from other sources, please give us the details below.

5.3 Payment Schedule

Payment schedules will form part of the contract discussions.

Please detail how you would like to receive your grant. The total amount should equal the grant amount requested.

	Payment Amount
Quarter 1 – April - June 2021	£
Quarter 2 – July – September 2021	£
Quarter 3 – October – December 2021	£
Quarter 4 – January – March 2021	£
Total Amount	£

Section 6 – How you will run your project

6.1 Project management

How do you plan to manage your project?

Please tell us:

- about any experiences you have of delivering projects
- about the staff and volunteers on the project
- how you will make sure that the people working on the project will have the right skills and Knowledge
- how you will manage any gaps in experience, skills and expertise
- how you will manage your project budget
- what will happen to your project when our grant ends

Section 7 – Declaration and signatures

Data Protection

If you have applied for, or hold, a grant with us, we will use the information you give us during the assessment of your application and the life of your grant to administer and analyse grants and for our own research purposes.

We may give copies of all or some of this information to individuals and organisations we consult when assessing applications, administering the programme, monitoring grants and evaluating funding processes and impacts.

Declaration

We confirm that we are duly authorised to sign this declaration on behalf of the applicant organisation.

We confirm that this application and the proposed project within it has been authorised by the management committee, other governing body or board or, if a statutory organisation by a senior member of staff.

We certify that the information given in this application is true and confirm that the enclosures are current, accurate and adopted or approved by our organisation.

We understand that, if we make any seriously misleading statements (whether deliberate or accidental) at any stage during the application process, or if we knowingly withhold any information, this could make our application invalid and we will be liable to repay any funds.

We confirm our organisation has the legal powers to set up and deliver the project described in this application form.

Signatory one

This must be the main contact named in question 1.4 of this form

Title Forename Surname

Position Date

Signature

On behalf of
(organisation name)

Home address

Signatory two

This should be the chair, chief executive or a person of similar authority in your organisation. This person must be different to signatory one.

I confirm that this application and the proposed project within it has been authorised by the management committee or other governing body.

Title Forename Surname

Position Date

Signature

On behalf of
(organisation name)

Home address

Section 8 – Check your application is complete

The main contact has signed the declaration in section 6	
The chair, chief executive, or person of a similar authority in your organisation has signed the declaration in section 6	
We have enclosed our most recent annual accounts or three months bank statement	
We have enclosed a copy of our child protection policy	
We have enclosed a copy of our constitution	
We have enclosed a copy of our insurance policies (only relevant if applying for capital items)	

How to send us your form

Send your completed form to the postal or email address below. Your application form should reach us no later than 12pm on Friday xx.

Email: lisaphelan@barnsley.gov.uk

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CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Central Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Wednesday 22nd July 2020 @ 5:30pm
Location:	Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Margret Bruff (Chair) Councillor Martin Dyson Charlotte Moulds (Community Development Officer) Linda Wheelhouse Paul Bedford Dee Cureton Jeremie Ogbeiwi Lisa Phelan (Central Area Council Manager) Sarah Blunkett (Central Area Council Manager)	Jennifer Hulme James Locke

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
Cllr Bruff welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited both new Central Area Council Managers to introduce themselves.		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
As detailed on page 1.		
3. Minutes From Previous Meeting	Action/Decision	Action lead
Classed as N/A by the group.		

4. Declarations of Precuniary and Non Precuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
N/A.		

5. Central Area Healthy Holidays		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Information given and poster supplied.</p> <p>CM – Collection for central ward families is Hope House Church on Tues 10am-1pm. The scheme ran really well for the first week, and is encouraging further referrals. Asked the ward alliance members to distribute posters to local shops/community noticeboards etc.</p> <p>LP – Clarified that funding has being secured from Punlic Health, NET and Fairshare and the ward alliance funding agreed hopefully will not need to be used.</p> <p>Cllr Bruff – Gave details on the most recent report that states the working poor have been the most severely affect by Covid-19 and lockdown and thanked the ward alliance for supporting the project.</p>	To send out laminated posters to ward alliance members for them to distribute.	CM
6. Community Responder Scheme		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Information given.</p> <p>CM – ran through details of no. of volunteers, requests, types of requests and example casestudies etc. The scheme is still ongoing with a few cases still requiring support. Clarified that should anyone need future support, the emergency contact centre is still open and triaging cases.</p>		

7. WAF Budget		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Remaining budget = £12,656.85</p> <p>Engagement pot = £330.40</p> <p>Healthy Holidays = £2,000.00</p>		
6.1 Ward Alliance Applications Recieved		Action/Decision	Action lead
	N/A		
6.2 Ward Alliance Applications In The Pipeline		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>N/A – Ward Alliance Recovery Document given and additional information provided.</p> <p>DC – Asked about Forever Young group meeting outside. Cllr Bruff and CM stated if she wanted to proceed, she needed to follow government guidance etc. Both Cllr Bruff and CM offered to support DC in organizing a future proposal for the Forever Young group to meet safely and give the residents something to look forward to.</p> <p>JO – Asked about reopening All Sorts Youth Club. CM stated she would seek further clarification from the likes of The Youth Association on youth club activities.</p>	To seek clarification and provide further advice to JO.	CM

8. Upcoming Events / Dates	Action/Decision	Action lead
N/A – not events can currently take place.		

9. AOB	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As part of AOB, Cllr Bruff asked WA members to provide any updates they wished.</p> <p>PB – Church was and is still virtual for now. Can only have 30 attendees and they cannot justify turning away 150 for service/s. Foodbank has been busier than ever, seeing more referrals. The building is a Barnsley Safe Space and has seen a few individuals on a regular basis; especially those with mental health needs. Café soft opening from next week, table tennis club also opening on reduced hours and capacity. The church is happy to be a part of the Healthy Holidays project and PB will be doing a live cooking demo on 19th Aug on Barnsley Central Area Team Facebook page.</p> <p>DC – Forever Young group may be disappointed if they cannot meet. The residents are bored and many haven't been out for months. DC is moving house and will still do Forever Young but won't be involved in CCRA. The group may disband but a meeting is due to take place to discuss with Cllr Bruff present. Cllr Bruff said DC would be missed, especially the parties in the park and Christmas events etc.</p> <p>LW – Harborough Hills group distributed leaflets early on for shopping/prescriptions etc. Not many needed the offer up but feedback was great from local residents. Gazebo has been printed and collected, ready for future events. Acquired an allotment just off Mottram St for community project, received donations of BBQ and greenhouse. Will look to do future activities such as children's planting etc. Cllr Bruff encouraged a WAF if funds were needed.</p> <p>JO – Church has reopened with social distancing, some benches removed and PPE available for attendees. Still running online services alongside. Awaiting further info for reopening All Sorts Youth Club.</p> <p>Cllr Bruff on behalf of JH – Maggie's café (inc. JH and other volunteers) provided frozen meals for local residents/ customers in need throughout lockdown. Café now reopened, had a refurb and taken some seats away, preferred takeaway option. If clients didn't have cash, Maggie, JH and other vols found ways to still get them food and Cllr Bruff asked if this was the same for the community responder scheme? CM stated that if clients didn't have cash available, other options would be explored such as paypal, online banking, click and collect, supermarket services etc. SB also stated supermarkets have been very accommodating with voucher type cards etc. LP also added</p>		

	<p>that Age UK had been running shopping services which included payback schemes.</p> <p>LP – Gave information on Covid Rescilliance funding and how groups could apply.</p>		
10. Date and time of Next Meeting.		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>26th August 5:30pm – Yet to see if this can be physical or virtual again.</p>		



Kingstone Ward Alliance Meeting

Thursday 2nd July 5:30 pm

Virtual ZOOM Meeting

Notes

Due to restrictions on meetings during the corona virus the Kingstone Ward Alliance will be conducting this meeting via ZOOM

1. Welcome and quick catch up:

- Cllr Kevin Williams, Tony Barraclough, Peter Robertshaw, Kelly Quinney, Florentine Booth-King, James Stephenson, Stephen Bullcock, Doreen Gwilliam
- Kevin agreed to chair the meeting. – Doreen to take notes
- The technology is new to us all so there were a couple of hitches whilst we got used to the system. This version of Zoom has a 40 minute deadline, but we were able to extend this for free.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary and None Pecuniary Interest:

- Peter is going to deliver a Healthy Holiday project, but he has external funding for his project.

3. Notes & Matters arising from Previous Meeting:

- **No meetings have been held since March -**

4. Ward Alliance Fund: Budget available: £10,163.01

- WAF applications to consider
 - Healthy Holiday Programme – Support for WCCA and HOPE in the Community. Peter has received funding from the Food Network, they will be giving out a voucher and art/sport activities to the families on their books. WCCA are interested in taking part in the Central Area Team Healthy Holiday idea (see details below) and may need some top-up funding
 - Central Area Healthy Holiday project: The idea is to prepare and distribute a bag of shopping (enough for 2 meals per week per family) together with recipe cards and access to an on-line cookery demonstration. (the shopping bags could hold other items such as activity packs, relevant information/advice etc). Families will be encouraged to get ideas for eating healthy using the resources provided. (possible target of 50 families per ward). In Kingstone we would work with WCCA to deliver this project – Peter's clients could also access the on line cookery demos. – We would need volunteers to do the cookery demos (12 demos in all) – Possibly Kevin and Tony from the Kingstone WA? The recipes would have to be healthy and relatively simple so any ideas would be gratefully accepted.

5. KWA Priorities to be discussed and agreed:

- **Post lockdown support for groups** – We have already supported two local bowling clubs who have been having financial difficulties keeping the club up and running because of the lack of income. Florentine thought that groups may need help with PPE and cleaning equipment. **Doreen has been in contact with a company who are making face shields, she will contact them to see if they can provide any for the groups in Kingstone to access.**
- **Mental Health:** The Ward Alliance supported HOPE in the community to develop their on-line support service. It is now up and running, volunteers are being trained and supported and they have 6 clients already. Some of the clients are dealing with very difficult mental health issues. We envisage that the lockdown will contribute to more difficulties, and the £10,000 that the Ward

Alliance has may not make a huge impact, we can however work with organisations who are supporting this agenda and help to promote services locally. **Florentine thought that an information leaflet sent to all the households in Kingstone could be a good use of funds: - WA to consider what kind of information would need to be on the leaflet and which households it would be delivered to.**

- **Social Isolation:** Central Area Council are looking at a contract to replace RVS for the whole of the area. A piece of research has been conducted to see what are the real issues around social isolation, this together with information derived from the Emergency contact centre can help to plan a contract that will help to reduce social isolation among older people in our area. In the mean time Social Isolation is a real issue in our ward, whilst the emergency contact centre has now been reduced the issues are still very much there. Age UK Barnsley have been helping with requests for befriending and shopping in our area, but do not have a specific contract with us to continue to do this work. – Kingstone Ward Alliance have already agreed 2 WAF projects with Age UK Barnsley, one of which will not be able to take place. **Doreen will contact Age UK to see if they have a leaflet that could be delivered to all the households in Kingstone to advise people of their services, (perhaps utilise the £900 for the Holiday at Home Scheme on this project).** Again Social Isolation is too big for the Ward Alliance but the Ward Alliance can support and promote projects in our ward.
- **Finance Advice:** The lockdown will have a lasting effect on the economy of the town and the ward. Many people may find themselves redundant once the furlough schemes come to an end. Again this issue is far too big for the Ward Alliance but we may want to promote projects that are giving financial advice to local residents.
- **Supporting young people:** The Central Area Council have agreed 2 contracts: One to deliver Youth work training for local groups, this is on hold for now; one to deliver some outreach youth work sessions in specific areas. The Ward Alliance will promote all projects and activities in the ward.
- **Environment:** It was agreed that environmental activities could take place in a socially distanced way. The Ward Alliance could deliver activities ensuring that people bring their own throw away gloves, equipment could be wiped down before and after the event and people can easily stay socially distanced throughout the event. Over the lockdown there has been some environmental activity across the ward. Tony has been going out on a regular basis and both Cllrs have been supporting other residents in the ward.
 - i. **Agreed to hold a virtual Environmental Sub Group meeting: Tuesday 7th July: 5:35 – Kevin, Tony, Steven, Florentine, Doreen (possibly Kath)**

6. Report from Central Area Council – Information and issues that effect Kingstone Ward: - Cllr Williams – See details above

7. Any other business:

- Florentine informed the group that ELSH have been supporting individuals throughout the lockdown, this has been mostly virtual support but has also been some help with shopping etc, they have just been successful in getting a small amount of funding from South Yorkshire Community Foundation.
- Kelly mentioned a level 3 forestry school qualification - £900.00 - This kind of project may become essential as we move forward much more outdoor work may need to be planned. **Kevin suggested that Kelly apply to the Shawlands Trust who can give out grants of up to £1,500.00 for individuals. Peter suggested that a Reaching communities application could be worked on. James also had some ideas.**
- YMCA Annual Report: Kevin informed the meeting that the YMCA have just released their annual report. The amount of work that they have done in these really difficult times is very impressive.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th Aug – If social distancing is still in place it will be a virtual meeting. – Kevin thanked everyone for their attendance.



Kingstone Ward Alliance Meeting

Wednesday 12th August 5:30 pm

Virtual Teams Meeting

Notes

Due to restrictions on meetings during the corona virus the Kingstone Ward Alliance will be conducting this meeting via Micro Soft Teams

1. Attendees: Cllr K. Williams (Chair), Tony Barraclough, Kelly Quinney, Peter Robertshaw, Florentine Booth-King, Stephen Bullcock, James Stephenson, Doreen Gwilliam
2. Apologies: Vera Mawby
3. Declaration of Pecuniary and None Pecuniary Interest: None declared
4. Notes & Matters arising from Previous Meeting:
 - Accepted as a true record:
 - Kelly has applied to the Shawlands Trust, Kevin informed her that the next meeting was not due till October, so she should have an answer then. – (this would be a very good way of supporting ore children in the YMCA allotments,
5. Ward Alliance Fund: Budget available: £9693.01
 - No WAF forms to be considered this month.
 - Florentine said that Elim Church is looking to apply for items to help them open up safely, Doreen will send the application for the Covid Resilience and Recovery funding that is being administered by BMBC and CVS. – this may be a more appropriate pot of funding for this kind of request. – We need to publicise the fund especially to the groups who may not make it through lack of fund raising. **Action point: Doreen will send this application to groups in our area.**
6. KWA Priorities Updates and Actions:-
 - New priority leaflet: attached – I have tried to incorporate the agreed priorities into the existing priorities (for example I have added mental health in the heading of Health & wellbeing etc) info leaflet attached for discussion and amendments. – **Action Point: Doreen to make amends suggested, if anyone has any other amendments please let Doreen know.**
 - Central Area healthy holiday project – update
 - i. HOPE in the Community offer: Peter is using the healthy holiday funding to support 70 families, with 128 children. He will be delivering activity packs, art resource boxes and a £30 voucher to all the families who usually come to the Healthy Holiday Clubs in the summer. The voucher can be used in most shops and could help with necessary school items for the return to school. – Peter did say they would not be able to record what the vouchers are spent on but believes that most of the families will buy necessities.
 - ii. WCCA café offer: The ladies in WCCA Café are taking part in the Cookery project as well as giving a box of food and an activity pack to each of the 25 families who have been enrolled. - they are also setting a weekly family activity challenge to the families, this has included walking a certain number of kilometres in a week, exploring the local area green spaces etc. This week the challenge was to come to do a litter pick with Kingstone Ward Alliance,

and we had many of the families come (all stayed in their family groups and were directed to different streets in the area, all equipment was thoroughly cleaned once it was brought back). Next week I believe it is a bakery challenge.

- iii. Central area team cookery demos – This project has been particularly successful with up to 100 families taking advantage of getting a bag of ingredients for 2 family meals, with all the recipe cards. Families are encouraged to watch the live cookery demonstration on a Wednesday evening and send in their photos of the family cooking together. All people who send in a photo are enrolled into a prize draw. Kingstone have supported the live cookery demos very well with both Tony (our fantastic professional Chef) and Cllr Williams taking a slot each. There is a bit of a competition now as in the last week people are going to be asked to select their favourite chef to come back and cook on week 6, so look out for the competition soon. – All the people attending thought that this has been a great success, especially in light of the restrictions, it has been a good way of trying to engage with the families. **Action Point: Central team to do a bit of a publicity drive to showcase the fantastic work that has been done.**
- HOPE in the community Listening Service: Peter informed the Ward Alliance that the HOPE listening service is still on going, although they may need to recruit more volunteers, they have a number of regular clients who have an ongoing telephone befriending service and others who are one off callers. Peter is working with the Carers Garden mental health support service and will be supporting this service in the future, Doreen informed the group that Age UK have been particularly helpful over the last few months, helping with essential shopping and telephone befriending across the whole of the Central Area, they may be able to give some support to HOPE and Florentine mentioned that CVS are a great way to recruit volunteers. (Peter did say he is already in contact with the CVS for recruitment.
- Environmental activities:
 - i. Tony and Stephen have carried on doing a bit of litter picking throughout the lockdown period – A big thanks to both Tony and Stephen who have made a huge difference to the area.
 - ii. A group of residents in the Park Road area did a clean up – they borrowed the KWA equipment and brought it back afterwards. – Liam said the litter pick went very well, he is hoping to get some hanging baskets in the area if he can get shops to contribute. If they decide to form a regular group they may put in for some funding to purchase their own equipment.
 - iii. Love your street leaflet for Kingstone developed – attached – Stephen made some suggestions for improvement to the leaflet. The large waste removal service is a very good service that needs to be promoted. It would be better if there was a telephone number that could be used to order this service:
Action Point: Doreen will contact Neighbourhood Services to see if we can identify a telephone number that could be used for this service?
 - iv. The Environmental sub group have met and agreed to try and do a few socially distant litter picks around the area.
 1. Tuesday 11th Aug – Worsbrough Common 5:30 WCCA office Cllr Williams and Tony leafleted the area, Doreen informed the WCCA café girls to let their contacts know. (Flyer attached) This will be the first one we do in a socially distant way so we will need to make sure we are observing all the restrictions. – We managed to arrange that all the families stayed in the family groups and went to different streets in the area. We did not have any refreshments and people did not congregate afterwards.
 2. Tuesday 25th Aug – Farrah Street – 5:30 Farrah St Park

- v. Education and training to try and stop the amount of litter: Stephen made the point that we do not seem to be making a difference to people's behaviour when it comes to littering and fly tipping. We need to get better as a Council to try and change the way people behave. Doreen informed the meeting that in the last 3 weeks since the enforcement team have started fining people again they have given out 9 fines in the specific area of Day St, Agnes Road, Spring Street etc. whilst this may make those who have been fined stop and think we may need to do a bit more publicity. Stephen and Tony were also concerned about fly tipping in the area, people seem to think it is OK to just put unwanted items on the road and then the Council will pick it up eventually, there needs to be more enforcement. One other area of contention is the leaving of full contaminated bins on site, this just causes more litter on the roads. **Action Point: Doreen will arrange a workshop/meeting with Sarah and the Cllrs and others to discuss all the issues to see if we can come up with some solutions.**
 - vi. Wild flower areas on verges coming into town. **-Action Point: Doreen will ask Sarah how Rotherham have done theirs and if it is something we can emulate especially down Park Road.**
7. Report from Central Area Council – Information and issues that affect Kingstone Ward: - Cllr Williams – The Central Area Council meeting is available to view on line if anyone would like to view it.
 8. Any other business:
 - Kelly said that watching facebook she has noticed that Malcolm Price has had memorial flowers stolen from Locke Park; Is there anything we can do to help him replace them? Kevin is part of the Friends of Locke Park group and will talk to Malcolm direct.
 - Stephen thought that some sort of memorial / reflection area in the park might be nice. Kevin informed the group that the council are planning something like this in the town centre, and that Locke Park are planning to put some new trails into the park
 - Tony asked about the Age UK pen pal project: Doreen has been in contact with Age UK, they are hoping to continue with the pen pal project but this will depend on the situation in school in September. They are also designing an information leaflet about services in the Kingstone Ward that can be sent/delivered to all older residents of the ward.
 9. Date of next meeting: 9th September date, time and venue to be confirmed

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Stairfoot Ward Alliance Catch up meeting – 12th July 2020

This e-mail has been sent to all members of the Stairfoot Ward Alliance

Hi All

It was lovely to see all of you who managed to get on line. Sorry you kept getting kicked out Lisa, maybe next time.

Attendees: Doreen Gwilliam, Wayne Johnson, Andrew Gillis, Sarah Blunkett (the new Area Manager), Robert Stendall, Sian Peterson, Fiona Kouble, (Lisa Hammond tried to get on the video call but could not get the signal).

Just to let everyone know what we discussed:

- Welcome to Sarah Blunkett – One of the new Central Area Council Manager's who will be the link for Stairfoot. – Sarah has a job share with Lisa Phelan to take over Carol's role.
- Wayne welcomed everyone and we had a catch up about how things were going. And complimented Fiona on the work she had been doing over the lockdown with her social media presence.
- Healthy Holidays – The Central Area Team are going ahead with the Healthy Holiday Project: We are going to give a bag of groceries (enough for 2 family meals) to local families, this will include a couple of recipe cards and an opportunity to see one of the recipes cooked live. – Whilst this WAF application was accepted by SWA it may be that we do not need to use this as we have sourced other funding for this project. – Doreen will update the WA on how this project goes. Doreen asked if anyone had any links with families who may benefit from this project, (we are not concentrating on people on Free School Meals as they will be getting a food voucher from the schools). Doreen will send the information leaflet to: Fiona, Sian and Lisa to promote to any families they know who would benefit. The Family Centre may send some referrals and the Family Lives project may have some referrals also. Stairfoot will be delivering theirs from the Church building on the High Street in Worsbrough – A socially distancing pick up scheme will be enforced and for those families who are unable to pick up a delivery service will be arranged.
- Fiona spoke about the contemplation / prayer garden in the Church, giving people time and space to contemplate on the situation and some space to add to the prayer garden with their own ideas. It would be lovely to promote something creative that could be enjoyed by people in the ward. Could everyone have a think about what could work? Wayne suggested painting rocks and placing them on the trail. **(Just thought what about a bit of an art/poetry trail. Get people to send electronically a piece of art or poetry. I could print and laminate it and then put the work up in different parts of the ward. (At the end of the summer we could have a bit of a competition what was the most inspiring?) Lets talk about how this could work at our next meeting.**
- Sian spoke about organising a socially distanced bingo – The amphitheatre is a good location because it can hold a few people in safely. (Although the grass does need to be cut). – Open air Bingo in different parks in the area? We could do one in Kendray, One in Stairfoot, One in Ardsley and one in Aldham. – people would have to bring their own pens etc. – again lets talk about this at the next meeting.
- Robert spoke about the Stairfoot art Project. Robert and Wayne were on the interview panel and they interviewed 6 possible artists. It was agreed to hire 2: Doreen confirmed that a site meeting was held with both artists and they have been tasked to go away and come back with a plan for the next phase of consultation and some initial ideas: They will

work together on the consultation and will gather a virtual Steering Group meeting to discuss the next phase.

- Wayne spoke about the open air concert he gave to Bridie in Ardsley. Unfortunately it got cut short as he was disturbing a man who worked nights. Although a bit of a concert would be lovely to arrange, until all the social distancing measures have been relaxed then we may not be able to do anything like this. Fiona informed us all that she did not expect the Church to be open until September at least. Sian is having a meeting with her church to see what measures could be put in place to make it safe for everyone.
- As things are still uncertain, we have agreed to do another virtual Stairfoot Ward Alliance meeting in 2 weeks: Doreen will look for a slot in the calendar and invite all. If anyone has any suggestions regarding any of the above or any agenda items could you please contact Doreen. **Doreen's temporary telephone number is 01226 774883**
- **It was lovely to virtually see you all. Look forward to seeing you all again in 2 weeks**

Stairfoot Ward Alliance meeting Notes: 27th July 2020

1. Attendees: Cllr Wayne Johnson, Cllr Andrew Gillis, Cllr Janine Bowler, Robert Stendall, Doreen Gwilliam.
2. Apologies for Absence: Sian Pearson, Lisa Hammond, Anne Hart, Cynthia Cunningham (David, Roy may not have received the invite, or may not know how to access the virtual space)
3. Declarations of Pecuniary & None Pecuniary Interest - None
4. Notes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising: - the last meeting was just a catch up and the agenda reflects the discussion:
5. Ward Alliance Fund – Remaining balance: **£20,026**
 - a. Healthy Holiday - £2,000 agreed via the Catch-up meeting – may not be needed.
 - i. Doreen informed the group that the Healthy Holiday project is being funded externally so the £2,000 set aside may not be needed and will be put back into the main pot, giving Stairfoot a full £20,000 still – We need to promote the WAF form to groups and/or identify specific projects that we need in the area (see below).
 - b. No Apps received this month
6. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan – 2020/21 – (activity curtailed due to Govt Restrictions)
 - a. SWAT projects –
 - i. Lock down litter pickers – This little imitative went quite well a few people took up the challenge in Stairfoot. I saw one family out on the area around the hotel, making a great job of it. I did stop and thank them.
 - ii. Friends of Kendray have started doing their litter picks again and are helping to keep that area clean and tidy.
 - iii. Possible event in Aldham – Doreen has been contacted by the Safer Neighbourhood team; they want to arrange an event in the Aldham area. Once I have more information, I will let you know the date / time etc.
 - b. Healthy Holiday project – update: Doreen thanked Wayne for the amount of work he has put into this project, Wayne was able to use his contacts with the market traders to make sure that we were able to source all the ingredients we needed. The first live cookery demonstration went really well, with Wayne and Michelle doing a bit of a double act. It was really good fun and very informative. The families who received the ingredients have been sending pictures of them cooking together. – We have been getting enough ingredients for 100 families for 2 meals. We still have space for any new referrals. Sian from St Andrews has referred some families from Kendray.
 - c. Art project – update - Doreen informed the group that one of the artists is planning a virtual meeting with the Steering group. Kate from Beam will be organising this. Doreen will ask for Kate to invite all the Cllrs as well. The main thrust of the meeting will be to agree the consultation process. Another Steering Group meeting will be arranged for the park later in the month, to talk to the other artists who have been commissioned to do the play area piece.
 - d. Stairfoot Station project – update Wayne informed the group that the replica loading gauge will be getting placed on the SSHP site on Tuesday 28th. Wayne will attend and put some images on Facebook. **-Action point: Doreen to send e-mails to all the members of SSHP, Fiona & Teresa and Jo Birch.**

- e. Contemplation boards across the ward: following on from our conversation in the catch-up meeting and developing the idea of the prayer garden in Ardsley Christ Church, Doreen thought that we might develop an idea about allowing people to share their experience of lockdown, by giving a space where people can display their art work/poetry or other images, BMBC are going to paint the bridge on the TPT so this might be a good backdrop for something like this. (Not sure how it would work, maybe put a washing line up with some little pegs and people can just peg out their reflections for others to enjoy? We could possibly do a couple of days where we actually stand on the bridge and talk to people as they pass. – this could link into the artwork consultation. **Action point: Doreen will talk to Fiona Kouble to get some thoughts, possibly Kate from Beam and/or the Creative Recovery ladies to see if this is something they would like to deliver.**
- f. Financial Advice Services: Dial have now been funded by Central Area Council and are doing remote advice sessions, we do not know how long it will be before they can start face to face interviews again. In lieu of the coming financial hardships that may be the result of the lockdown it might be appropriate for the Ward Alliance to consider a more general financial advice service for the ward. **Action point: Doreen will contact other teams to see who they have delivering advice services and approx. costs**
- g. In Kingstone they have agreed with Age UK to do an information leaflet that can be delivered to all 65+ residents in the ward. The leaflet will have some information about how to contact a range of different services, how to get a shopping delivery, which shops are continuing to offer a delivery service etc. (If we have another lockdown in the winter this information will help to guide residents. **Action Point: Once the leaflet is ready Doreen will share with the Ward Alliance to see if this is something we would want to emulate.**
- h. **Doreen asked all to promote the WAF grants to all groups in the area.**

7. Any future agenda items/issues for discussion:

- a. Priorities: suggest we keep our existing priorities but add the new items under the most appropriate headings. **Action point: Doreen will re-do the priority leaflet and share it with the group.**

8. Any other business:

- a. Cllrs virtual access has now improved, and Cllrs should be better able to engage in any virtual meetings.
- b. The TPT is being widened from the Black Bull bridge to the entrance to the TPT in Town. – This stretch of TPT is very busy and could be a good place for a consultation.

9. Date and time of next and future meetings, these may have to be virtual for the foreseeable future: **Action point: Could everyone please let Doreen know if you are unable to attend a virtual meeting? (We could possibly have a mixture if we can find a big enough room. – with those who are unable to do the virtual meeting coming to a venue and setting up a big screen with half the group on virtual and half the group in the venue looking at the screen. Dates of the meetings are below. – We also need to talk to Sian about whether St Andrews would be able to host this? Is it big enough and are they able to adhere to all the social distancing rules?**

2020 dates: 14th Sep pm, 12th Oct am, 9th Nov pm, 14th Dec am,

2021 dates: 11th Jan pm, 8th Feb am, 8th Mar pm, 12th April am, 10th May pm, 14th June am, 12th July pm, 9th Aug am