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<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 24 May 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Reception Room and Room 2, Barnsley Town Hall

## REGISTER TO ATTEND

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To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Noble (Chair), Cain, Coates, Danforth, Gardiner and Gollick

Area Council Support Officers:

Paul Castle, Dearne Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager  
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Friday, 14 May 2021



<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 15 March 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Held Virtually

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Noble (Chair), Danforth, Gollick and Phillips.

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

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

### 19 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 18th January, 2021 (Dac.15.03.2021/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 20 Superfast South Yorkshire - Julie Tattershall (Dac.15.03.2021/3)

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

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

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

Noted was the work undertaken in the Dearne Area with a total of 2,695 properties now having improved connectivity due to Phase 1, and a further 167 in phase 2. Also noted were plans for Openreach to improve the exchange in Goldthorpe, for City Fibre to invest in infrastructure in the area, and that Virgin Media were also looking to upgrade their infrastructure.

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

residential and commercial sites were future proofed with gigabit capable infrastructure.

Members also were made aware of Internet of Things (IoT) work to utilise technology in smart ways, collecting data to be used for strategic decision making. Examples of temperature sensors being used to help decide when to deploy gritters was given and parking sensors to monitor occupancy and dwell time to inform the parking strategy.

It was noted that officers also worked with network providers to plan the installation of 5G provision over the next two years.

Members acknowledged the strategic linkages being made and social value opportunities created. The work to address digital exclusion was also acknowledged, with 1,400 laptops already distributed, and more donated devices to give to those requiring one.

Members discussed the availability of data relating to the use of 4G and 5G at an area level, and it was noted that most data was commercially sensitive and therefore not available. However, it was understood that Sheffield City Region was considering purchasing more detailed data and therefore this may be available in the future.

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

## **21 Dearne Electronic Community Village (Dac.15.03.2021/4)**

Rory Garforth was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the work undertaken to assist residents improve their employability and IT skills. The programme ran three days a week and was in the second year of a three-year contract.

Members noted that there had been 63 learners in the current year, which was a reduction from previous years due to the impact of the pandemic and the cessation of learning in person. It was expected that face-to-face teaching would resume when restrictions allowed. Members heard that there had been an increase in referrals from the Department for Work and Pensions over the past few weeks.

58 learners had achieved a qualification, with support being provided remotely through such as Zoom and through telephone calls. Approximately half of the available time was used to support people return to work. During the past year 12 people had been supported in to full time employment, with two into part time employment.

Members heard of the types of support given. Initial assessment to gauge levels in English and maths was undertaken, and referrals made where relevant. Support provided then focused on basic computer skills, such as using Microsoft Office. Assistance was also given with job search, applications, writing CVs, and ensuring job journals were kept up to date.

Support was also provided on interview techniques, engaging with council services online, and using internet banking.

Those present heard of the additional work undertaken to reduce digital exclusion. A Silver Surfer course had previously been undertaken, and learners had been contacted to offer support.

It was noted that volunteers had been unable to offer support recently due to the pandemic, but it was hoped that this could be rectified when restrictions were lifted.

Members discussed the impact of the project and thanks were given for all the hard work undertaken. Noted was the Council's Employer Supported Volunteering scheme, and it was suggested that some employees may wish to volunteer at the centre when restrictions allow.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given for the update and for all the hard work undertaken.

## **22 Twiggs Grounds Maintenance (Dac.15.03.2021/5)**

Wendy Twigg and Nigel Roberts were welcomed to the meeting. Members were reminded that restrictions had meant that the team were unable to work with groups of volunteers, but 15 volunteer bubbles had been supported in the area, with 27 adults and two children involved. These bubbles had collected over 200 sacks of litter in the area. Members were encouraged to forward any details of community members who collected litter independently, in order that support could be offered.

Members were made aware that the tool bank was now operational, with tools and equipment for volunteers to borrow.

The recent variation to contract had focused the work of the team in a number of areas, and all had been visited and improved.

Contact had been made with a number of existing environmental groups in the area, with a view to restarting group activities when restrictions allowed.

Members heard that Twiggs had recently recruited a number of apprentices, which would be given the opportunity to experience working in the area.

The issue of fly-tipping was discussed and the increase in prevalence during the pandemic was noted. It was noted that the Council would be reinvigorating the approach to tackling this.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given for the update, and the information received be noted.

## **23 Covid-19 Update - Cath Bedford and Craig Aubrey (Dac.15.03.2021/6)**

Cath Bedford and Craig Aubrey were welcomed to the meeting. Members were aware that case rates were declining in the area, but slowly, and that the message of 'Hands, Face, Space' needed to be maintained.

The vaccination programme continued to be successfully delivered, with 77,000 adults in Barnsley now vaccinated. As the programme moves to target younger residents, an increase in vaccine hesitancy was expected.

The Neighbourhood Engagement Officer had been working locally, providing a contact for local businesses, including licensed premises, to receive advice on applying for funding and reopening in a Covid safe way when allowed. Members also noted the work to support reopening of community buildings.

Work had been undertaken with Regulatory Services to visit supermarkets and minimarkets in the area to provide guidance and support in relation to the current restrictions.

Members noted the work with volunteers to distribute reusable face masks, with 200 already handed out and a further 300 available.

Noted was the work with Covid Marshals to visit local beauty spots to ensure compliance, and it was acknowledged that this was intelligence led.

Members noted that Craig had secured permanent employment as a Community Development Officer with the Central Team. All wished him well and thanked him for his work in the area.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **24 Update on Commissions (Dac.15.03.2021/7)**

The Area Council Manager provided an update on the current position of services funded by the Area Council.

The Housing and Migration Officer was 14 months into a two-year contract and continued to work proactively. Members heard that waste on premises, fly-tipping and contaminated bins continued to provide a focus. Members raised questions around persistent issues, and it was suggested that these be escalated, with enforcement action taken where necessary.

B:Friend were eight months into the first year of a two year contract and continued to be busy, providing support online and via telephone. The service had seen an increase in referrals and numbers of volunteers applying to assist.

Those present were made aware that the second year of the Employability Service provided by DECV was due to end in March, 2021. Though the service continued to provide support; as this was undertaken remotely there had been a reduction in numbers accessing the service.

The contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had been granted on a two-year basis, with the option to extend the contract for two further periods of 12 months. Members were reminded that the first two-year period would come to an end in March, 2021, but that a decision had already been made to extend this at a previous meeting of the Area Council. A schedule for the service had been completed, and it was noted that this was subject to amendment as the need arose.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **25 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.15.03.2021/8)**

The Area Council Manager made Members aware that the Area Council had an opening balance for 2020/21 of £214,720.67. Following funding the Education, Environment and Volunteer Service; Housing and Migration Officer; Social Connectivity Service; Employability Service; and distributing funds to the Dearne Development Fund, £163.67 remained for allocation. However, it was noted that income from NESTA had been received and therefore taking this into account £9,663.67 remained.

The opening balance for 2021/22 was therefore £209,663.67. £145,000 had already been committed, resulting in £64,663.67 remaining for allocation.

With regards to the Dearne Development Fund, £28,000 had been allocated from the Area Council, £10,000 had been received from the hardship fund and there had been £3,650.68 to carry forward. Following the distribution of funds to CAB, Thurnscoe Community Plaza, DIAL and Highgate Outdoor Improvement £11,427.68 remained within the fund.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

## **26 Performance Report Q3 (Dac.15.03.2021/9)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item referring to the report circulated, which had been produced in a revised format.

Members were reminded of the currently funded services and which Area Council priority these contributed towards.

During quarter three, October to December 2020, Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had supported 50 community groups and businesses, worked with 26 volunteers, encouraged 19 new volunteers, and collected 149 bags of rubbish.

The B:Friend service had continued to support residents, including 73 older neighbours isolating. There had been 468 volunteer hours pledged to befriend others. 83 hours of staff time had been used for calls and visits, and the service had distributed 44 Bundles of Joy packs. It was noted that 11 new referrals had been received

Dearne Electronic Community Village had supported 61 learners in the quarter, with 18 of these being new learners. 28 learners had achieved a qualification, with 4 of these going into employment and 18 into further training.

Members heard how the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer had received 120 reports, and their work had contributed to 42 properties being improved. 33 residents had been helped make positive changes, with 42 houses supported to responsibly recycle or dispose of waste The officer had also reported 43 incidences of fly tipping.

In relation to the service provided by Citizen's Advice Bureau, 36 people with 74 issues had been supported within the quarter. This had resulted in an additional £37,580 of benefit being claimed and £18,000 of debt being managed.

DIAL had received 214 enquiries within the quarter, with 300 people reporting reduced anxiety as a result of the support provided by the service. £199,770.36 of additional benefit claims had also been supported.

Members received feedback from the service delivered by TADS. Though not able to provide the service in school, provision had been provided online and face to face where safe. There had been 29 drop-ins, with 25 service users reporting an improvement in their wellbeing. Within the quarter two new volunteers had joined the project.

Those present discussed the legacy impacts of the pandemic, including an anticipated increase in unemployment. It was noted that a workshop was being organised in order to consider the services provided by the Area Council in light of the pandemic.

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

## **27 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.15.03.2021/10)**

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, and 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021, and Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, and 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021.

At the meeting in February, the Dearne South Alliance had discussed the provision of veg boxes during half term, Covid testing in the area, the work of the allotment group and also provision against flooding in the area.

At the subsequent meeting in March, the Dearne South Ward Alliance had discussed healthy holidays and the 5 ways to wellbeing project which had been delivered over social media. Thanks were given to all involved in delivering a very well-received programme.

The Dearne North meeting had also discussed healthy holidays and the veg box provision at the meeting in February and at the meeting in March had considered the impact of the provision and the 5 ways to wellbeing social media campaign. The Alliance considered the support for business in the area and spoke about providing hanging baskets on the high street during the summer months.

**RESOLVED** that notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

## **28 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.15.03.2021/11)**

The Area Council Manager spoke to the item. It was noted that the Dearne North Ward had an opening balance of £12,247.12 in 2020/21 which included £247.12 of underspend from the previous financial year and £2,000 from the Covid support fund. After supporting nine projects, a balance of £182.92 remained.

For the Dearne South Ward, the starting budget for 2020/21 was £16,605.12 which included £4,605.12 of underspend carried forward from the previous financial year and £2,000 from the Covid support fund. The Ward Alliance Fund had supported 12 projects and a balance of £1,317.72 remained.



**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

**29 Appreciation**

It was noted that Councillors C. Johnson and Phillips would not be standing in the forthcoming election. Thanks were given for all the hard work both had undertaken in the area, and for their contribution to the Area Council.

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Chair

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January to  
March  
2021

# Dearne Area Council Performance Report



# Area Council Priorities



These providers listed below have been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Dearne Area Council.

Provider	Service	Contract Value/length	Contract end date	Priority
Twiggs	Environmental, volunteering and education service	£85,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2021 option to extend further 2 years	
b:friend	Social connectivity	£27,000 per annum	Funded until July 2022	
Dearne electronic community village	Employability	£33,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2022	
BMBC	Private Sector Housing Enforcement	£31,557 per annum	Funded until end of January 2022	

# Commissions

## TWIGGS

Grounds Maintenance LTD



While the service is still a long way from returning to normality there have been very positive signs in both proactive and reactive work. While restrictions and rules continued to impact some activities the local environment has been improved, volunteers supported and engaged and community work continued. There has been a large uptick in volunteers taking part in the reactive litter pick work, particularly attracting new people. The increased social interaction also has a positive impact on physical and mental health, helping to address public health priorities. The tool bank also continued to be a popular route into volunteering and environmental action.

# Twiggs



37 events

36 community groups/businesses supported

58 volunteers worked with

55 new volunteers

671 rubbish bags filled (1260 filled bags over the last 12 months)

12 fly tipping cases reported



## Rachel, Janice and Ann

Rachel and Janice both spent time clearing litter on their daily walks due to being furloughed from work. Twiggs helped them set up a Thurnscoe Bridge Road Group What's App group so they could coordinate collecting waste around Thurnscoe with other volunteers they encouraged Ann to use Twiggs resources. Ann has limited mobility but sometimes manages over 7 miles a day, Barnsley South East officers gave her a box of chocolates after seeing her regularly. She collects in Bolton as well as the Thurnscoe Bridge Road Group. In total the group collected 111 bags of litter.



During the lockdown in person sessions were suspended due to the risk posed to older neighbours. All Social Groups took place over the phone with Session in a Bag either picked up at the centre by members or delivered to their home. More value was added during this quarter with extra onward referrals to local services including vaccination transport and supermarket deliveries. Facebook Live sessions also took place with Barnsley Museums, South Yorkshire Police who delivered a scam awareness workshop Q&A and events to mark Women's History Month.

# b:friend



70 isolating older neighbours

355 hours of 1:1 befriender interactions by 39 volunteers

78 hours of staff visits/calls

5 new referrals

54 Sessions in a Bag delivered containing activities and treats

7 new volunteers



# Quotes from beneficiaries

"Thank you for the lovely surprise you brought. I've had a lot of fun with the calendar, trying all the different teas. It gave me something different to do because all I do is read and watch telly. It was great." – Mary, older neighbour.

"it's a great thing for us to do together while we can't see one another". Florence, Bolton club member, talking about weekly quizzes.

"Thank you for all you do, you and bfriend make a real difference to my mums' life, especially in these challenging times!" – Florence's daughter, Di.

"I volunteer as a caller. I do at least one call a week and this can last from 15 30 mins normally but my first call went on over an hour because we go on so well. This is helpful to me, it brightens my day, as well as to the person I am calling." – Volunteer.



Since second Lockdown all class learning ceased and was replaced by remote learning sessions. The number of new enrolments has dropped this quarter, due to less footfall in the library but mainly a reduced referral rate from the DWP. DECV has readied itself for re-opening to the public, in a reduced capacity by altering the classroom layout. Due to the reduction in formal learning Digital Inclusion and the social aspect has increased this has included practical help with benefits, housing and paying council tax and also online phoning learners regularly, particularly those who live alone with no support network.

# DECV



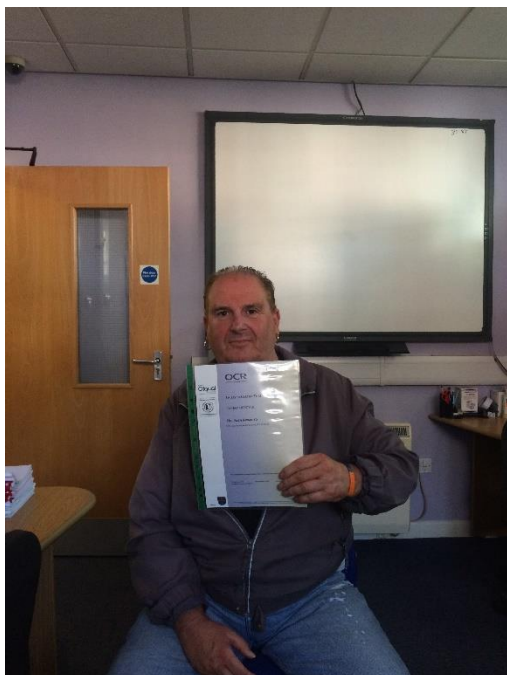
71 people learning

10 new learners

10 learner achieving qualifications

3 learners into employment

7 learners into further training



Graham was referred by the DWP. He had a strong work history but hadn't worked for a number of years due to health issues and losing his business due to the recession in 2008. He had recently been deemed 'fit for work' and was in the process of applying for Universal Credit.

Graham had no idea what work he wanted to do as he knew his health would stop him taking roles too physically demanding. He was enrolled on a computer course and worked on a plan for his job search with Maths and English skills improved. A CV, cover letter and were created and various jobs applied for.

Graham recently performed great at an interview and has been offered a place on a 6-week intense course for Driving / Deliveries which also promises help into employment at the end of the course.



**BARNLSLEY**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

# Private Sector Housing Enforcement

The work with families and individuals continued, getting to know the community and individuals that previously have not had any kind of support. Problems and issues were identified and effective risk assessment were used to decide on the most appropriate responses. A whole range of issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, Environmental, Private Sector Housing, Fly tipping and Littering have been dealt with. If the Enforcement Officer is unable to deal with a situation directly this is sign posted to the relevant agencies that are best suited to deal with the issues.

## Housing Enforcement



141 reports made

39 properties improved

29 people helped into positive changes

38 fly tipping reported

39 houses supported to responsibly recycle or dispose waste



The Enforcement Officer working with tenants and landlord on environmental issues such as waste in gardens and visual disrepair on Poplar Avenue Goldthorpe. The area suffers from a high number of fly-tipping incidents with waste being thrown into void properties and on the service road. Several gardens have had the waste removed, but further action is needed on others. Helped an owner occupier of one of the properties after a window was broken. The incident was reported to the police who then arranged a visit to the property by a couple of PCSO. The family said that they were very grateful for the Enforcement Officer helping and the visit helped to put their minds at ease.

## Waste on Premises

Before



After



## Fly Tipping

Before



After



# Dearne Development Fund



The advice service has supported clients with a variety of different issues, but as in previous years, the most common are Benefits and Tax Credits, Debt, and Universal Credit. As well as improved financial outcomes the support provided by the advice service also helps to improve health and wellbeing, reduces client stress, and improve resilience by increasing the client's ability to cope through self-help. All advice has been transferred to Adviceline and email services due to the ongoing situation.

## Barnsley Citizens Advice

36 people supported

80 issues raised

£14,237 of benefits claimed

£2,419 of debt managed

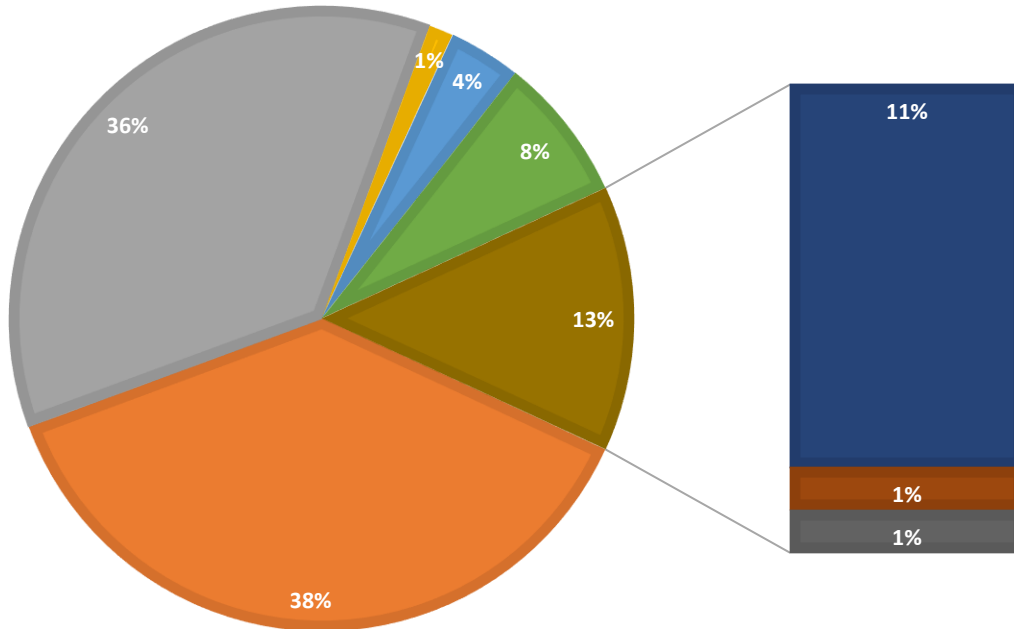


## Case study

Client resides in a Housing Association property with their non-dependent child. Client has been in receipt of a widow's pension for over 15 years and has been in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (now PIP) since 2007. Following a review, client's entitlement to PIP was reduced down to standard daily living with no mobility payment. Advised them to see their GP and get an up to date assessment on their health and mobility and to apply for a supersession after the GP's appointment and the scan on their spine, so they have the latest information to be included within the supersession request. Client extremely happy with the information provided and the options detailed. CAB continue to work with them to complete the applications.

## ISSUES

- Issues
- Benefits & Tax Credits 30
- Benefits Universal Credit 29
- Debt 1
- Employment 3
- Legal 6
- Relationship & Family 9
- Tax 1
- Utilities & Communications 1



DIAL reduced the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. During the last quarter, they concentrated on telephone appointments for form completion and advice along with Public Health Advice and guidance. DIAL also introduced safe and well checks to support vulnerable residents who were either shielding or self-isolating.

# DIAL

# Barnsley

248 enquires made

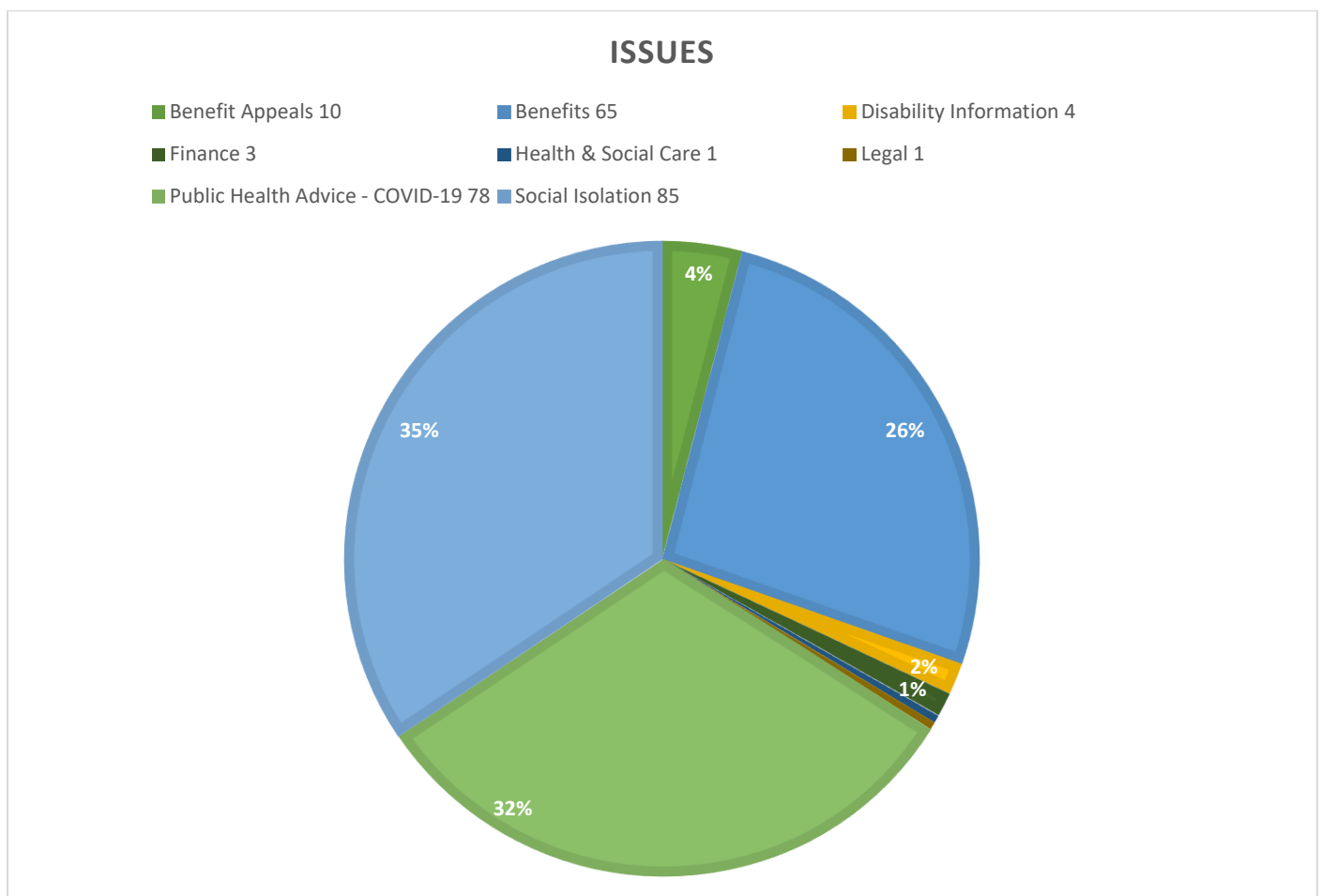
75 people reported reduced anxiety as a result of using the service

£37,392 benefits claims supported



# Case study

Miss B is a 30 year old lady with mental health issues. She had an existing award of Personal Independence Payment and qualified for standard rate mobility. About 6 months after her initial PIP award she had started having pain in her muscles and noticed she was feeling fatigued and needed more help with her care. She was subsequently diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. She rang us to ask if she should inform PIP of her new illness. DIAL helped support the review which was successful. Miss B said: ““I wasn’t sure about having a review as I was worried I might lose the PIP completely. The adviser explained everything and I felt much more confident. I am glad I did. The extra money will help me to pay people for helping me with the things I can no longer manage to do myself.”





With additional funding Station House added an extra experienced worker to run an afterschool club. The aim to promote good emotional wellbeing. The workshops are structured conversation to address issues such as unkind behaviours, healthy relationships and strengthening social skills. Many children had not played with others during the last 12 months so a return to a social setting is a huge transition for them. Station House are working to ensure that each child can feel safe, could share their fears and has a space to talk about their lockdown experience. The positive impacts are children are regaining their playing skills and started to feel safe in each other company. Station House also identified and referred wellbeing and food poverty cases to the relevant agencies.

# Station House



76 children took part

25 sessions addressing issues children were concerned about

14 sessions addressing issues staff had identified

48 families registered for regular phone calls over lockdown

Children aged 4-10 helped



*I felt relieved when I first came to station house*



*I felt better when I made new friends.*

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**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Update on Ward Alliance Fund Spend**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report seeks to inform Members about spend to date from Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne Area.

**2.0 Recommendations**

**2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.**

**3.0 Introduction**

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

3.2 In considering projects for the use of the 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.

**4.0 Spend to date**

4.1 During the previous 2020/21 financial year Dearne North had final balance of £182.92 with the additional £10,000 for 2021/22 this gives a total allocation of £10,182.92 for the this financial year.

4.2 During the previous 2020/21 financial year Dearne South had final balance of £1317.72 with the additional £10,000 for 2021/22 this gives a total allocation of £11317.72 for the this financial year.

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**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Finance**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members regarding the Dearne Area Councils financial position.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets.

**3.0 Area Council Financial update**

**3.1 Committed spend 2021/22**

The Dearne Area Councils starting budget for 2021/22 is £200,000 and with the carryover of £9,663.67 from the last financial year, the Dearne Area Council had a starting budget of £209,663.67. The Dearne Area Council have committed £145,000 on four commissions in this financial year leaving £64,663.67 to spend on Dearne Area and Council priorities.

**3.2 2020/21 Dearne Development Fund**

The Area Council had £3,650.68 to carry forward to spend on Dearne area priorities through the Development Fund in the 2020/21 financial year. At the Dearne Area Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 the Dearne Area Council agreed to earmark £28,000 to the Dearne Development Fund and had an addition income from the hardship fund of £10,000 making the Area Council allocation to the fund £41,650.68.

- 3.3 Five projects have been approved in the last financial year's Development Fund. CAB, Thurnscoe Community Plaza, Dial, Astrea Thrive project and Highgate outdoor improvement. The total allocation for these services is £41,623 leaving £27.68 carried forward to spend on Dearne priorities in this financial year.

- 3.4 In addition £14,951.58 of underspend was made available for the Dearne Development Fund. TADS have been successful in applying to run sessions within schools at a cost of £9,600.85 Therefore in this financial year there is an allocation of £5,378.41 remaining.

4.0 See Appendix 1 for financial breakdown

**Appendices**

Appendix 1: Financial update

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## Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000
Carry forward	+£16,886.17	+£4,720.67	+£9,663.67
Total allocation for year	£216,886.17	£214,720.67 (additional 10k from hardship fund)	£209,663.67
Community Newsletter	-£2,598.50		
Training for Employment	-£33,000	-£33,000	-33,000
Housing and Migration Officer	-£31,557	-£31,557	
Dearne Clean & Tidy	-£85,000	-£85,000	-£85,000
Dearne Development Fund	-£60,000	-£38,000	
Social connectivity		-£27,000	-£27,000
Total spend (actual)	£212,155.50	£214,557	£145,000
Total allocation from main budget remaining		£163.67	
Nesta income		£9,500	
Overall allocation remaining	+£4,720.67	+£9,663.67	£64,663.67

### Dearne Development Fund

The projects below were paid for out of the 2019/20 allocation, however due to COVID some of the delivery will be extended into the 2020/21 financial year.

2019/20 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Public Health Grant and Dearne Development Fund Allocation 2019/20			£88,590.88
TADS	May 2019-April 2020	£14,944.73	£73,646.15
Dearne Playhouse	June 2019	£7,126	£66,520.15
Mission Muay Thai	June 2019-September 2019	£2,500	£64,020.15
B:Friend	June 2019-May 2020	£7,384	£56,636.15
Dearne Family Centres	June 2019-Sept 2020	£2,980.69	£53,655.46
CAB	Oct 2019-Oct 2020	£8,069	£45,586.46
DIAL	Dec 2019-Dec 2020	£10,151	£35,435.46
GDG	Dec 2019- Dec 2020	£5,000	£30,435.46
Fit Reds	Jan 2020-Sept 2020	£5,489.33	£24,946.13
Station House	Jan 2020-Jan 2021	£13,340	£11,606.13
TADS	July2020-March2021	£7,955.45	£3,650.68

Carry over from the last financial year		£3,650.68	
Approved at the Area Council on the 27 <sup>th</sup> of July 2020		£28,000	£31,650.68
Additional financial hardship grant		£10,000	£41,650.68
2020/21 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
DIAL	December 2020-2021	£10,151	£31,499.68
CAB	October 2020-2021	£8,072	£23,427.68
Thurnscoe Community Plaza	Jan-March 2021	£10,000	£13,427.68
Highgate outdoor improvement	Jan -Feb 2021	£2,000	£11,427.68
Astrea Academy THRIVE	June 2021-June 2022	£11,400	£27.68
Additional money into Dearne budget		+£14,951.58	£14,979.26
2021/22 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
TADS	April 2021-March 2022	£9600.85	£5,378.41

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Dearne Area Council Meeting

Report of Dearne Area Council  
Manager

## The Dearne Development Fund

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

To update members regarding the last financial years spend and the proposal for allocating finances from the 2021/22 year in order to continue with the Dearne Development Fund to address the area priorities.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members allocate £30,000 out of their commissioning budget to continue the Dearne Development Fund in the 2021/22 financial year. Grants will be allocated from £1,000 - £15,000 in order to enhance/improve provision that already exists within the Dearne Area.
- 2.3 That members agree to the continuation of a Dearne Development Fund.
- 2.4 That the Executive Director Communities be authorised to approve grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 following consultation with the Dearne Development Fund allocation panel.

**3.0 Development Fund**

- 3.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 the Dearne Area Council agreed to earmark £28,000 to the Dearne Development Fund and had a carry forward from the last financial year of £3,650.68. They also received addition income from the hardship fund of £10,000 making the Area Council total allocation to the fund £41,650.68. Five projects have been approved in the last financial year, CAB, Thurnscoe Community Plaza, Dial, the Astrea Thrive project and Highgate outdoor improvement. The total allocation for these projects was £41,623 leaving £27.68 carried forward to spend on Dearne priorities in this financial year.
- 3.2 In April 2021 an additional £14,951.58 of underspend was received for the Dearne Development Fund. TADS have been successful in applying to run sessions within schools at a cost of £9,600.85 Therefore in this financial year there is an allocation of £5,378.41 remaining.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the Dearne Area Council continues with the Dearne Development Fund in the 2021/22 financial year and allocates £30,000 of its budget to spend on the priorities of the area. This will bring the total allocation for 2021/22 to £35, 378.41, leaving £34,663.67 in the Area Council Budget.

3.4 The allocation of funds will be between £1,000- £15,000 and an allocation panel will be convened in order to discuss applicants and make recommendations twice per year. The final approval will be delegated to the Executive Director Communities. The panel will consist of the Area Council Manger, Dearne North and South residents and elected members.

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**Date:**  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2021



**Area Council Update – COVID 19 Briefing**

**Public Health**

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

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

**1. Purpose of Report**

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

**2. Key Themes**

**Headlines as at 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

You can find weekly updated case rate information [here](#).

- Barnsley is relatively stable but with case rates still higher than other parts of England.
- The all age case rate continues to fluctuate around 60 per 100,000 (almost three times higher than the National average of 22.1), with Barnsley in the top ten Local Authorities with highest rates.
- We may start seeing more of an impact of schools returning and testing as we approach 3 weeks post-holiday, with a case rise in 10-19s this week, and a school outbreak and related household clusters driving rates in some wards. However, Step 3 of the roadmap (17th May) has likely potential to drive greater transmission and therefore a further rise in cases, particularly if indoor household mixing is permitted, and we expect this to be reflected in what we have to report over the coming weeks.
- **Age:** highest number of cases (53%) remain in 10-39 year olds, with a continually increasing rate among secondary school aged children, though there has also been a recent rise in primary school cases. The number of 40-59 year olds fell this week to 38, making up 22% of all cases.
- **Wards:** Most wards are following a reducing trend in cases, with a few exceptions. Penistone West has the highest increasing trend in case rates, driven in part by case clustering from a school-related outbreak. North East and Stairfoot also show an increasing trend this week, but data suggests cases linked to schools and household clusters are the main contributing factors. Cudworth remains an outlier regarding 3-week average case rates by ward. However, the number of cases is small (n:11), most explained by links to schools or household clusters and rates are not escalating.

## Public Health Messages

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

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

## Intelligence

### COVID Situation Report (Sit-Rep)

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

### Covid Marshals/Community Observations/NEO update

Main themes from community observations:

- Observations have included higher footfall although lower than expected over the bank holiday due to inclement weather.
- Levels of compliance appear consistent, with just a handful of hospitality venues receiving follow up support and COVID marshals providing evidence to support action by colleagues in Regulatory Services.
- Data from South Yorkshire Police shows a reduction in Covid-19 related incidents with only one Fixed Penalty Notice issues in this time period.
- No concerns received linked to planned events. Comments regarding Mandela Gardens included that it appeared as well managed and engaged well with Town Centre teams. The fun fair at Haigh and Wombwell reported very low footfall and left site earlier than expected.
- Marshals and NEOs continue to support schools.
- One anti--lockdown sticker has been removed from Market Street in the lockdown sticker has been removed from Market Street in the Town Centre this week.
- Step 3 response planning continues with regular meetings chaired by the Head of Corporate Health & Safety and Emergencies.

## Testing

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

### Symptomatic Testing

Local Testing Units continue at;

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

Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) sites also available -

- Burleigh Street car park, Barnsley, S70 1LW. This drive-through testing site is open every day until Sunday 16 May, from 9am to 3pm.

Find out more information at this [link](#).

### **Asymptomatic/Mass Community Testing**

Everyone in England (including those without symptoms) can access free home testing kits for coronavirus (COVID-19). You can use these lateral flow kits to test yourself for the virus twice a week. For more information see [here](#).

Asymptomatic testing accounts for 89% of testing activity, with schools continuing to dominate this picture.

### **School Testing**

- School testing continues
- Find school bubble closures on the [BMBC Website](#)

## **Vaccinations**

As always, the best source of information regarding vaccinations can be found from the [Barnsley CCG webpage](#). Around 135,000 Barnsley residents have received at least one dose and we have seen the number of COVID-19 patients in hospital reduce significantly.

You can view updated data on vaccination rates for Barnsley [here](#).

### **Recommendations**

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

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

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### **Date:**

12/05/2021

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### **Other Contacts:**

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

- To report any concerns with businesses not complying with COVID-19: [Regulatoryservices@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:Regulatoryservices@barnsley.gov.uk)
- For more general public health queries, please contact [PublicHealth@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:PublicHealth@barnsley.gov.uk)

## Safe Behaviours

		
<p>Wash hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds.</p>	<p>Wear a face covering in enclosed environments.</p>	<p>Maintain space with anyone outside your household or bubble.</p>
		
<p>Meet with others outdoors where possible.</p>	<p>Minimise the number of different people you meet and the duration of meetings, if possible.</p>	<p>Let fresh air in.</p>
		
<p>Download the NHS Test &amp; Trace app.</p>	<p>Get a test immediately if you have any symptoms.</p>	<p>Self isolate if you have symptoms, have tested positive, or had contact with someone with COVID-19.</p>