

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 23 October 2020
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Held Virtually

MINUTES

Present Councillors Markham (Chair), Andrews BEM, Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, Daniel Griffin, Saunders, Shepherd, Smith and Stowe

1 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillors Franklin and Shepherd each declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 3 in relation to their positions on the board of Forge Community Partnership.

Councillor Frost declared a non-pecuniary interest due to his position on the board of Age UK Barnsley, in so far as any discussion at the meeting pertained to that service.

2 **Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council, held on 25th September, 2020 (Sac.23.10.2020/2)**

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 25th September, 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 25th September, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 **Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.23.10.2020/3)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, referring to the report circulated. The report featured updated timescales for the procurement of the Environmental, Education Tidy Service. It was noted that comments received from Members had also been included in the commissioning documentation.

A suggestion was made that Cllr Markham replace Cllr Daniel Griffin on the Tender Evaluation Panel as she now Chaired the Area Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the update relating to the procurement of the Environmental, Education Tidy Team Service be noted; and
- (ii) That Cllr Markham replaces Cllr Daniel Griffin on the Tender Evaluation Panel for the Environmental, Education Tidy Service.

4 **District Enforcement (Sac.23.10.2020/4)**

Warren Hodgson and Paul Wilcock from District Enforcement were welcomed to the meeting.

An update was provided on delivery of the contract to provide enforcement against parking and dog fouling violations in the South Area. It was noted that the service had increased to provide 22 hours of support from the beginning of the financial year. 18.5 hours per week focused on parking enforcement, with the remainder concentrating on dog fouling.

Dog fouling operations had focused around hotspots in Hoyland and Wombwell with 7 Fixed Penalty Notices issued in the previous quarter. Discussion had taken place with Neighbourhood Services and stencilling would now be undertaken.

Parking enforcement had concentrated on Hoyland and Wombwell Town Centres, with occasional enforcement in Darfield.

During the previous quarter 150 notices had been issued for parking violations, though it was noted that 141 drivers had driven off during the administration time when attempting to issue a fine.

Members heard how the Parking Enforcement Officer had developed a positive relationship with many of the businesses and residents within the area, and alongside issuing fines many drivers parking inconsiderately had also received warnings. Comments had been received about how the service had assisted in reducing congestion.

Members raised concerns about issues in the area in a number of areas, including parking near the Aqua Inn in Wombwell, the Coop in Darfield and around schools in the area. It was suggested that enforcement needed to include the outskirts of centres in order to avoid merely displacing inconsiderate parking. Members were encouraged to continue to provide intelligence including days and times of issues.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

5 Community Safety Update (Sac.23.10.2020/5)

Unfortunately, Fiona Tennyson, Community Safety Team Leader, was unable to attend. It was therefore suggested that a Member Briefing be arranged, feeding into a future meet of the Area Council if necessary.

RESOLVED that a Member Briefing be arranged to consider Community Safety, with outcomes feeding into a future meeting of the Area Council as necessary.

Chair