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| <b>MEETING:</b> | South Area Council       |
| <b>DATE:</b>    | Friday, 12 February 2021 |
| <b>TIME:</b>    | 10.00 am                 |
| <b>VENUE:</b>   | Held Virtually           |

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes and Notes

- 2 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 18th December, 2020  
(Sac.12.02.2021/2) *(Pages 3 - 6)*
- 3 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.12.02.2021/3) *(Pages 7 - 14)*  
Hoyland Milton and Rockingham – held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2021  
Darfield – held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021  
Wombwell – held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

### Items for Discussion

- 4 CityFibre Deployment - Natalie Ward (Sac.12.02.2021/4)
- 5 SFSY & BMBC Digital Activity Update - Julie Tattershall (Sac.12.02.2021/5)  
*(Pages 15 - 26)*
- 6 Public Health Update - Diane Lee (Sac.12.02.2021/6)
- 7 Covid 19 Update - Cath Bedford/Lucy Butcher and Kay Tinkler  
(Sac.12.02.2021/7)

### Performance

- 8 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.12.02.2021/8) *(Pages 27 - 30)*

### Items for Decision

- 9 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.12.02.2021/9) *(Pages 31 - 32)*

To: Chair and Members of South Area Council:-

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

Area Council Support Officers:

Diane Lee, South Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
Lisa Lyon, South Area Council Manager  
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities  
Peter Mirfin, Council Governance Officer

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Thursday, 4 February 2021



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## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Markham (Chair), Andrews BEM, Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, Lamb, Saunders, Shepherd, Smith, Stowe and Sumner

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

Councillor Shepherd declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 due to his position as director of Forge Community Partnership.

Councillors Frost and Markham each declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 due to their positions on the board of Age UK Barnsley.

### 7 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 23rd October, 2020 (Sac.18.12.2020/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 23 October, 2020.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 8 Notes and Feedback from the Ward Alliances (Sac.18.12.2020/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Wombwell held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2020; and Darfield held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

Councillor Sumner provided feedback from the Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance, noting that many community members had issues attending Ward Alliance meetings. Digital Champions were working with members to address issues. The Ward Alliance had found alternative means to approve funding for such as Healthy Holidays. In addition, the Ward Alliance had been planning a sizeable project to reduce anti-social behaviour associated with quad bike use. The Alliance was also looking at ways to support local businesses affected by the pandemic.

Councillor Frost spoke about the work of the Wombwell Ward Alliance, and the work to support Healthy Holiday provision. This included delivering food boxes to vulnerable families which had been supplied by local businesses. Members also heard about the distribution of activity packs and festive craft packs. Notes were the Christmas dinners cooked by the Luncheon club and delivered by volunteers. These had been very well received.

Councillor Smith gave an update on the work of Darfield Ward Alliance, including the allocation of Ward Alliance Funds to the Basket Ball Club, Cricket Club and to support Healthy Holidays provision.

Though it had not been possible to organise Christmas decorations, it was hoped a new group would be established in January, 2021 to consider Summer decorations such as hanging baskets as well as festive lighting in future years.

The Darfield Ward Alliance had discussed CCTV provision, and it was hoped that this would be funded through the Principal Towns Programme.

All Members thanked the hard work of the Area Team in their continued support of the Ward Alliances and work throughout the area.

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

## **9 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.18.12.2020/4)**

The report was received for information. It was noted that each Ward Alliance Fund had finance remaining for allocation.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

## **10 Presentation from Barnsley Citizen's Advice Bureau (Sac.18.12.2020/5)**

David Andy from Barnsley Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) was welcomed to the meeting.

It was noted that since lockdown the service had been delivered via telephone and digital means, rather than face to face. This had worked very well, and residents could access the service every day. Should local telephone lines be busy clients would be redirected to other CAB offices. Plans had been made for clients to be able to video call in the new year.

It was noted that the County Courts had been suspended in lockdown, and only recently reconvened to consider the most pressing cases. This had impacted on the types of issues being dealt with by the service with clients tending to have fewer housing and debt issues. However, there had been an increase in demand of employment advice. Numbers of contacts were slightly down on the previous year and the number of clients was significantly down, however those seeking advice had more complex issues which required a greater level of support.

Numbers of vulnerable clients seen had reduced, which was thought to be attributable to certain processes at the Department of Work and Pensions being paused. It was thought that numbers would increase once the pandemic eased.

During the year 1,219 issues had been dealt with and clients were seen on average three times. Members heard that clients accessed from all wards, in a pattern similar to previous years.

The service had assisted clients to manage £117,000 of debt this year and gain £770,000 of additional benefit. It was acknowledged that both were lower than the previous year, but this was attributed to pauses in court hearings and in DWP processes.

Members asked if plans in place for when courts were more widely opened, and it was noted that arrangements were in place to support clients when required.

Those present discussed the impact of the pandemic and anticipated job losses, and a suggestion was made to consider what additional support could be provided to those looking for work or to reskill.

Discussed was the lack of access to appropriate IT, and it was noted that support was available in the form of tablet computers accessible through Neighbourhood Engagement Officers.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given for the presentation.

## **11 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.18.12.2020/6)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the report previously circulated, and a brief presentation was given to highlight the pertinent points.

Members were reminded of the current contract with District Enforcement which was envisaged would help encourage behavioural change; keeping traffic flowing in centre and reducing dog fouling across the area. The contract was due to finish at the end of March, 2021. A number of options were considered, with a recommendation that the contract be extended for a further 12-month period, and that Darfield patrols formally recognised in contract documentation.

Those present were then reminded of the work of the One Stop Shop, delivering impartial and confidential advice. The contract was due to cease on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 and there was no option available to extend.

Members were reminded of previous discussion on the subject, including at a Members' briefing on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. A number of options were considered. The national and local economic issues and consequent need anticipated in the area was acknowledged.

### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i)** That the contract with District Enforcement be extended for a period of one year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 at a cost of £18,220, with Darfield 'Hotspot' areas formally included in the contract;
- (ii)** That the One Stop Shop Advice Service be retendered at a value of £83,000 per annum for a period of three years (one year with two further periods of one year, subject to an annual review of performance, continued evidence of need and availability of funding);
- (iii)** That the Area Council manager drafts a specification of requirements and all other necessary tender documentation and that the Executive Director Communities be authorised to approve all necessary paperwork in order to procure a One Stop Shop Advice Service following consultation with Members of South Area Council;
- (iv)** That the timescales proposed for the procurement of a One Stop Shop Advice Service be approved;
- (v)** That Councillors Markham and Stowe take part in the tender process including scoring tender submissions and being part of the interview panel.

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Chair

## Notes for Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance

Held on Wednesday 13 January 2021

### Microsoft Teams

#### Present

Cllr Mick Stowe  
Cllr Tim Shepherd  
Cllr Robin Franklin  
Cllr Chris Lamb  
Cllr Jim Andrews

Hoyland Milton  
Hoyland Milton  
Hoyland Milton  
Rockingham  
Rockingham

Kerry Thompson  
Peter Latham  
Joy Hart  
Janet Cartwright  
Steve Chapman  
Allan Wood

Age UK Barnsley

Friends of Elsecar Park  
St Mary's with Holy Trinity Church Elsecar  
Owd Marthas Yard Community Garden

#### Apologies

Anne Sanderson  
Leanne Cook  
Neil Spencer  
Ian Warhirst  
Councillor Nicola Sumner

Neighbourhood Watch  
Bernaslai Homes  
Forge Community Partnership  
Hemingfield Action Group  
Rockingham Ward

Councillor Mick Stowe Chaired the meeting

#### 1. Welcomes and introductions

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting especially the two new members in attendance. Unfortunately, Pat Gregory has resigned from the alliance. The Chair asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Pat. Dawn was asked to arrange.

There was a suggestion that an invite to join the alliance should be sent to the two GP practices.

#### 2. Notes from Ward Alliance Meeting held on 2 July 2020

Notes accepted as a true record

#### 3. Update on Ward Alliance budget

There was a discussion about the amount currently in the Ward Alliance budget.

- Currently £9000 is ringfenced for a Ward Alliance project to help prevent anti-social off-road biking in Jump Valley.
- Owd Martha's Yard Community Garden will be returning some funding, the Chair of the group had received an invoice. The group intend having a sculpture made of Owd Martha's clock but unfortunately, they cannot get insurance for it. There was a suggestion the cupola

for the original clock is at the Heritage Centre. Dawn to contact the Heritage Centre to find out if it is there.

#### **4. Funding Applications that need ratifying**

Applications were all agreed

- Planting at the Cenotaph
- Christmas in Hoyland
- Christmas in Birdwell

Christmas trees were not good enough this year and a different supplier needs to be found. Christmas Trees for 2020 had been purchased from a well-known local supplier using the height specification in previous years. Complaints had been received from residents that they were too small and appeared to be of poor quality. The lights were also poor, the ones in Hoyland had been used the previous year. There were compliments for the Tree in Jump Village. The alliance needs to look at costings for 2021 and decide if the alliance would like to sponsor the Christmas Trees in 2021. This can be determined once prices are known.

#### **5. Future Project Ideas**

- A suggestion has been made about using Ward Alliance money to fund a job club for Hoyland Milton and Rockingham. Before this goes ahead it needs to be established what is already on offer in Barnsley through the Council, Dawn to contact Barnsley Adult and Community Education. Preliminary enquiries show that another area is running a job club at £33,000 pa for 3 sessions a week. It was suggested that the area has not economically hit the lowest point although it is anticipated there will be job losses it is not known what that impact will be or how much intervention will be required.
- The Ward Alliance has had a quiet 2020 due the current pandemic, so it needs kickstarting in 2021. The alliance briefly discussed two short term projects:
- Repeating the hanging basket sponsorship programme
- Putting together a free booklet of local walks – Alliance representatives are asked to share some of their favourite short walks. The intention is to get the booklet out for Easter.
- Is the time right to deliver the slips trips and falls project again?
- Alliance reps were invited to consider any projects that they would like to see happen and report back to the next meeting.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

There was a reminder that Captain Allott's Fund can take application from parts of Elsecar for example Welland Crescent.

Jump Valley

There was a long discussion about this as the application has not been authorised although the funding remains ring fenced. There was a suggestion that the Councillors contact Alan Billings, the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the new Chief Superintendent to see what action the police can take to help prevent this long-term problem.

#### **7. Date of next meeting**

- 3 March 2021 on Microsoft Teams





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**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
**Minutes of meeting held Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021, Microsoft Teams**

**Present:** John Davies, Cllr Pauline Markham, Cllr Trevor Smith and Mike Fenna

**In attendance:** Tanya Dickinson, Community Development Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr Caroline Saunders and Barbara Tindle.

**Apologies with matters discussed by phone:** Apologies recorded for Brian Moore, Margaret Barlow and Colin Ward who are unable to access Microsoft Teams. Members consulted via telephone prior to the meeting to allow them to have an input and to meet quoracy for decision making.

### **1. Welcomes and Introductions**

Cllr Markham welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Previous minutes of meeting and matters arising.**

The previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

#### Matters Arising:

- **WAF Applications – Greenspace Volunteers.** Tanya informed the WA that she had been notified that not all members of the group were aware that this application was being submitted. It has been explained that there was no intelligence to suggest that this was the case at the time, hence the application was considered and approved. The group members have discussed the matter between themselves and so hopefully moving forward this issue won't arise again however, the Alliance to remain mindful of the incident when considering future applications from the group to avoid any ill feeling.
- **Principal Towns** – Following some public consultation the preferred design option for the Ring was to have wildflowers. Talks are to take place with the South Area Tidy Team to look at arrangements for this. This design option has freed up some funding to explore 3 live CCTV cameras for the village to help combat some of the antisocial behaviour taking place by the Library and at the top of Snape Hill.

### **3. Ward Alliance Funding**

The current balance of Ward Alliance funding stands at £8,966

#### Funding Applications:

**Friends of Darfield Churchyard - £860.** Due to the group not being able to fundraise throughout 2020 they are asking for financial help with their annual insurance premium, servicing of equipment and to repair a footpath. The Ward Alliance agreed to support this application in full.

This application sparked a conversation around how many groups will have financially suffered due to Covid 19. It was agreed that the Ward Alliance Fund be promoted around the Community Network to remind groups that funding is available to support them. **Action: Tanya**

**DWA Community Defibrillator** – In principle agreement to fund a maximum of **£2000** towards this project. Tanya has managed to speak to both Thornhill House and Smartdoor Solutions – both are on board for the Ward Alliance to pursue this as they haven't been able to progress any fund raising

as planned due to Covid. Smartdoor Solutions has very kindly agreed to contribute £500 towards the costs and Darfield Library has agreed to both house it on their external front wall and act as guardians. Tanya is awaiting a quote from Facilities Management before the funding application can be finalised. The Ward Alliance were happy to agree this amount as a maximum.

A discussion took place around the proposed location of the defibrillator and whether it would be better situated on a building where someone is available 24hrs a day to take responsibility for it. Tanya will seek clarification on this with the Yorkshire Ambulance Trust, but her understanding is that it isn't a requirement. **Action: Tanya**

**Thornhill House - £500.** An application has been received asking for funding to purchase flowers, planters and other garden items. More detail is needed on the application form before a firm decision can be made. The Alliance agreed to consider the application ahead of the next meeting via email / post once more detail had been added to allow for the suggested timescale of the project. **Action: Tanya to liaise with Thornhill**

#### **4. Ward Alliance Projects**

**Healthy Holidays** – 60 targeted family support packs were issued to families via Berneslai Homes, Darfield Family Centre and primary schools ahead of Christmas. These packs included information and advice, a £15 shopping voucher along with festive crafts for the children. General activity packs were also offered via collection points just before Christmas. Unfortunately take up of these wasn't as good as we would like with just over half of the packs being issued. Thank you to both John and Mike for helping with making up and distributing the packs. Berneslai Homes was also thanked for contributing £300 towards this provision.

Ideas for February were discussed along with how we continue to work towards reaching the right families. Tanya to price up and cost the provision of a slow cooker or soup maker with ingredients for families and continue to build on relationships built with organisations to ensure these are issued to those who most need them. **Action: Tanya**

**Winter Wellbeing Packs** – These are now with Tracy who is the Age UK Social Inclusion Worker for Darfield. Several packs were issued prior to Christmas – thank you to both John and Colin for helping to deliver these. The rest are being stored with Age UK Barnsley for distributing to new service users over the coming months living in the Darfield ward.

**Hanging Baskets** – An initial meeting has taken place with a small working group. Looking at focussing on clusters of businesses and exploring possible sponsorship as a way forward. Cllr Smith has a meeting with the provider on Monday to look at options re. brackets.

**Covid 19 support Packs** - This is a piece of work still to be started. It is hoped that progress will have been made on this prior to the next meeting. **Action: Tanya**

#### **5. Any other business**

None.

#### **6. Date and time of next meeting**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> march, 4pm via Teams and telephone.**

## Wombwell Ward Alliance

Notes from virtual meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Present: Cllr Frost, Cllr Eastwood, Carmel Seston, Keith Seston, Sabeena Chavan, Karen Whiting, Chelsey Rigby, Steve Whittingham, Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC)

Apologies: Margaret Morgan, Leanne Cooke (Berneslai Homes)

Cllr Frost chaired the meeting and welcomed members and introductions were made for the benefit of our new Ward Alliance member Steve Whittingham.

2 Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as a true record.

3. Matters arising - Cllr Frost informed the group that he had no updates on Principal Towns since last meeting. Still looking at buying back the old toilet building and negotiations still on going with the owners re the Burton Building.

Kay Tinkler or Neighbourhood Engagement Officer contact details had been passed on to community group members

4. Feedback from Healthy Holiday provision. AB informed the meeting that 78 vegetable boxes from Smiths and 76 Christmas dinner meat packs from potters had been given out to targeted vulnerable families. (the difference accounts for vegetarian requests). These families were identified by our 3 primary schools parent support advisors, Berneslai Homes housing officers, Children Centre Outreach workers and Lucy Raynor SAC Private Sector Housing Officer. This enabled the project to have a wider reach to identify those who have been financially affected by the restrictions brought on by the pandemic. Running alongside this we also did a facebook post promoting fruit & vegetable boxes asking residents to get in touch again if they had been financially affected. 30 families came forward and the boxes were again delivered by Smiths of Wombwell. Positive outcome was that a Yr7 support worker from Netherwood got in touch and she was able to redistribute 15 of these to local families. We now have a key worker in Netherwood who we should be able to work with on future projects. I am pleased to say that there was no duplication of families receiving both boxes

Running alongside the food provision we distributed 80 Christmas activity packs via the 3 local primary school. 100 packs which were purchased from Good Food Barnsley (fareshare) were distributed via volunteers from FOWP and FOWC from their venues on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

We now have £2754 remaining in our Healthy Holidays budget. AB will be liaising with the schools and other partners to reflect on the Christmas provision and to assess the type of support needed for future provision.

5. WA funding – we have a balance of £9758.29

6. Funding Applications – the following applications were approved by the WA

John St Allotment £673.54

Wombwell Station Community Group £1,000

Friends of Wombwell Park £244

7. Covid Vaccinations Centres Cllr Frost updated the group on the roll out of the programme in Barnsley. Currently 3 sites Priory Campus and Goldthorpe Medical Centre and Dodworth.

8. South Area Council update – Cllr Frost informed the meeting that the Tidy Team Contract was out to tender.

9. Discussion of future projects – Hanging baskets on the High St. agreed to try and get sponsorship for hanging baskets this year and the WA to subsidise the full cost. AB and KW from friends of Wombwell Cemetery to work on this.

If restrictions were to continue and community events are unable to go ahead a suggestion made to look at pulling together horticultural packs for the youngsters working with FOWP and the South Area Tidy Team. Action AB and CS to pursue this.

About further food provision the group discussed community pantry approach/ community fridges. The group were informed of a ‘tier for tears’ food project that was running out of the Prince of Wales pub. Action find out more and bring back to next meeting.

10. A.O.B – SW raised the issue of the Post office which is currently housed in Herons and is moving out by the end of January. Everyone agreed it is a great loss to the High St especially for older residents and local businesses for banking purposes particularly as we don’t have a bank on the High St. SW informed the group that he had been talking to Ian Johnson the post office change manager who was keen to get a new location and retailer to take over the running of a post office. SW reiterated what our local Councillors have been saying this is not an easy process and to date no retailer had been identified but there may be a possibility of housing a pop-up post office in the library.

In the interim it was agreed to put a post on facebook identifying local pay points where residents can go and pay their bills. AB suggested that it could be a good time to promote alternative methods of paying energy bills and would contact warmer homes teams for promotional material and information.

11. Date of next meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March via Microsoft teams.

# Superfast South Yorkshire & Accelerating Digital Barnsley

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# What is Superfast South Yorkshire?

- **SFSY Team** is a partnership of;
  - Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield councils.
  - BDUK (Building Digital UK, part of DCMS)
  - Openreach (the infrastructure part of BT, but legally separate)
  - SCR LEP (Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership)

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## We've

- Boosted availability of superfast broadband to over **98%** (from **80%** in **2014**)
- Brought **119,916** new connections to SY, **71,245** are in use every day ~(**60%**)
- Provided support to SMEs across SCR relating to connectivity and getting the most out of connectivity
- Advised on digital connectivity and infrastructure to developers & planning depts



# SFSY's current activity

- Contract with Openreach to deploy FTTP to **8,000** homes in SY
- Working with communities to use government voucher schemes
- Forming a rural broadband action group
- Inputting into the BMBC Digital Strategy & the SCR Digital Infrastructure Strategy
- Consultees on digital connectivity with LA planning depts
- Maximising the take up of SFSY deployment
- We can “claw back” the public subsidy and reinvest in the region
- Preparing for “Outside In” – BDUK’s next big programme,



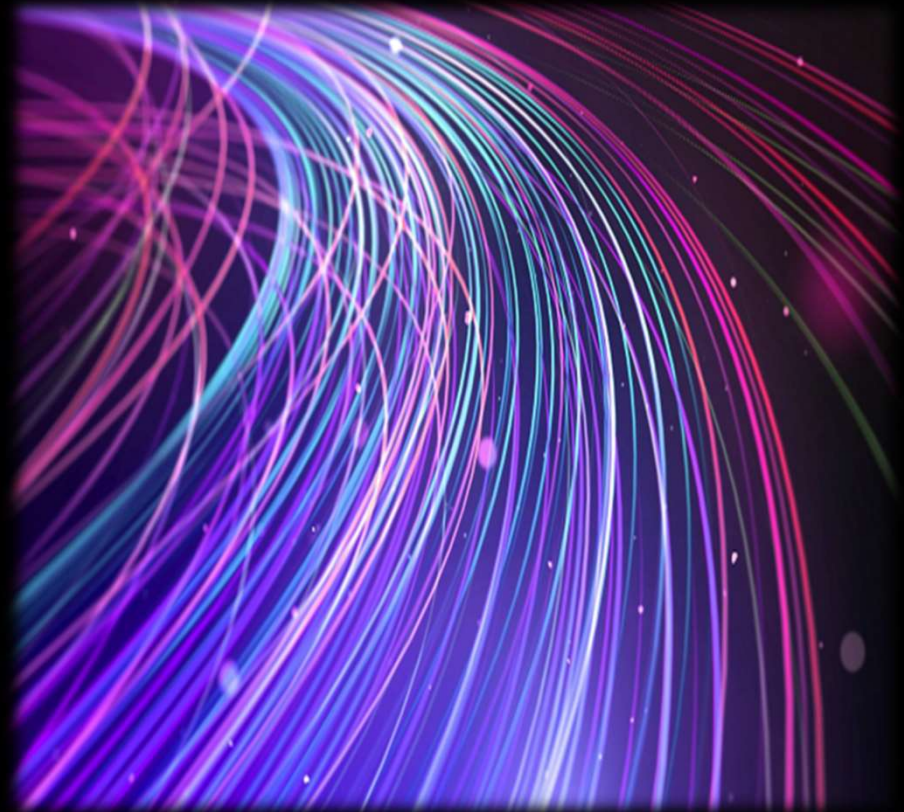
# SFSY Deployment in the South Area Council

| Number of properties ready for service |   |
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|  | SFSY Contract 1,<br>Phase 1 & 2<br>FTTC – Superfast broadband, 24 to 30Mbps |
| Darfield                               | 1164  |
| Hoyland<br>Milton                      | 707   |
| Rockingham                             | 590   |
| Wombwell                               | 487   |
| Total                                  | 2948  |

Virgin are planning the upgrade of their networks in the future

# Accelerating Digital Barnsley:

- Increase gigabit-capable broadband from commercial infrastructure providers, facilitating deployment, stimulating demand e.g. CityFibre
- SFSY full fibre and Superfast programmes, support deployment, demand stimulation, Gigabit Voucher Scheme (rural areas)
- Ensure all new residential and commercial sites have gigabit-capable infrastructure



# Accelerating Digital Barnsley:

## Progressing IoT (Internet of Things):

- **Sensors installed on council assets to collect data to be used internally for strategic decision making, can also be provided externally for business use**
- **Working group established**
- **Pilot Scheme in development**
- **Links with:**
  - **IoT Tribe at DMC**
  - **Uni Of Sheffield 'SELA' students**
  - **Digital Tech Leaders Group**

# Accelerating Digital Barnsley

## 5G Mobile Network Operators:

- Networks to share their 2-year plan of roll-out across South Yorkshire
- Decisions about roll-out are based on demand for services
- Planning will play a key role, the smooth and timely processing of applications supports roll-out
- Barnsley to consider adoption of Sheffield's 5G planning process which was developed with the Mobile Network Operators

# Accelerating Digital Barnsley:

- Social value opportunities created through infrastructure deployment
- Create strategic linkages to ensure that digital connectivity and inclusion are acknowledged in all aspects of the council's activities:

- Increase access to digital connectivity & Adult skills
- Review of digital activity, connectivity and inclusion
- Creating connections between teams
- Opportunities for joint working
- Sharing of resources
- Avoiding duplication
- Creating efficiencies



# Accelerating Digital Barnsley – Examples of Activity

## **Care Homes: Digital exclusion of residents unable to video-call during Covid-19 restrictions:**

- Report on broadband connections: speeds/suppliers available/in scope for deployment or Voucher Scheme, offer of support
- Created links with Digital Champions, Adult Skills, device support, NHS Connectivity Scheme, Library Service

## **Digital Exclusion – Poverty Working Group – Bi-monthly:**

- Lots of activity across BMBC around digital exclusion, opportunity to join up, add value, create efficiencies, share information and learning
- Audit carried out to identify activity across BMBC and partners

# Accelerating Digital Barnsley:

## Covid-19: Connectivity and Device Support:

### Children's Remote Learning:

- 'DfE Connectivity Offers' from suppliers: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>
- 'Laptops for Kids scheme': <https://www.ltfk.co.uk/>
- Covid-19 Support from Telecoms Providers: <http://www.superfastsouthyorkshire.co.uk/sfsy-news>



# Low-cost broadband connections:

- BT Basic Broadband: <https://btplc.com/inclusion/ProductsAndServices/BTBasic/ApplyingforBTBasic/index.htm>
- Virgin Media Broadband: <https://www.ispreview.co.uk/index.php/2020/08/virgin-media-uk-launch-cheap-15mbps-broadband-for-universal-credit-users.html>
- Broadband stats and information: <https://www.thinkbroadband.com/information>
- Broadband speeds boost home values: [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/broadband-speed-boost-sees-home-values-jump-by-3500?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=dd4c4b36-963d-4eb0-88ee-0d487d5b1939&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/broadband-speed-boost-sees-home-values-jump-by-3500?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=dd4c4b36-963d-4eb0-88ee-0d487d5b1939&utm_content=daily)



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## **2020/21 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **DARFIELD WARD ALLIANCE**

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

|                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| £10,000           | base allocation                |
| £9,484.84         | carried forward from 2019/20   |
| £3,774            | unspent grants                 |
| <b>£23,258.84</b> | <b>total available funding</b> |

| <b>Project</b>                   | <b>Allocation</b> | <b>Match funding element of allocation</b> | <b>Non Match funding allocation remaining</b> | <b>Allocation Remaining</b><br><b>£23,258.84</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|---|--|
| Billingley Village History group | £240              | £756                                       | £11,629.42                                    | £23,018.84                                       |
| Darfield Summer Gala             | £1,315            | £1,334                                     | £11,629.42                                    | £21,703.84                                       |
| Healthy holidays Covid 19        | £1,625            | £324                                       | £11,629.42                                    | £20,078.84                                       |
| Barbara Tindle Q2 & Q3           | £250.00           | £0   | £11,629.42                                    | £19,828.84                                       |
| Low Valley Flood Group           | £2,500.00         | £0   | £9,129.42                                     | £17,328.84                                       |
| Barnsley Leaders Basketball Club | £350.00           | £6,484.80                                  | £9,129.42                                     | £16,978.84                                       |
| Greenspaces group - equipment    | £323.90           | £1,513.12                                  | £9,129.42                                     | £16,654.94                                       |
| Darfield Cricket Club            | £1,000.00         | £6,160.56                                  | £9,129.42                                     | £15,654.94                                       |
| Healthy Holidays Post Covid      | £5,000.00         | £567.42                                    | £9,129.42                                     | £10,654.94                                       |
| Covid Support Packs              | £642.95           | £216.16                                    | £9,129.42                                     | £10,011.99                                       |
| Winter Welbeing Packs            | £615.00           | £4,431.28                                  | £9,129.42                                     | £9,396.99  |
| Friends of Darfield Church       | £860              | £1080                                      | £9,129.42                                     | £8536.99   |

#### **HOYLAND MILTON/ROCKINGHAM WARD ALLIANCE**

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward **Page 28** the following available budget.

£20,000 base allocation  
 £9,785.30 carried forward from 2019/20  
 £4,593.62 Owd Marthas Yard Returned Grant  
**£34,378.92 total available funding**

| <b>Project</b>                    | <b>Allocation</b> | <b>Match funding element of allocation</b> | <b>Non Match funding allocation remaining</b> | <b>Allocation Remaining</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
|                                   |                   |  | <b>£17,189.46</b>                             | <b>£34,378.92</b>           |
| Autumn Planting                   | £1,100.00         | £81.06                                     | £17,189.46                                    | £33,278.92                  |
| Rockingham band Equipment         | £1,500.00         | £9,186.80                                  | £17,189.46                                    | £31,778.92                  |
| Christmas in Birdwell             | £874.00           | £486.36                                    | £17,189.46                                    | £30,904.92                  |
| Chirstmas in Hoyland              | £1,271.90         | £0   | £15,917.56                                    | £29,633.02                  |
| Elsecar Train Station Art Project | £500              | £0   | £15,417.56                                    | £29,133.02                  |

## WOMBWELL WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation  
 £12,058.29 carried forward from 2019/20  
 £2,000 Covid Income  
**£24,058.29 total available funding**

| Project                                 | Allocation | Match funding element of allocation | Non Match funding allocation remaining<br><b>£11,029.14</b> | Allocation Remaining<br><b>£24,058.29</b> |
|---|------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Childrens Activity Packs – Covid 19     | £750       | £0                                  | £10,279.14  | £23,308.29                                |
| Healthy Holidays Covid 19 Recovery      | £2,000     | £743                                | £10,279.14  | £21,308.29                                |
| Healthy Holidays 20/21                  | £2,500     | £2296                               | £10,279.14  | £18,808.29                                |
| Defib                                   | £700.00    | £40.53                              | £10,279.14  | £18,108.29                                |
| Christmas Tree                          | £360.00    | £189.14                             | £10,279.14  | £17,748.29                                |
| Barnsley Leaders Junior Basketball Club | £350.00    | £6,079.50                           | £10,279.14  | £17,398.29                                |
| Wombwell Community Lunch Club           | £640.00    | £540.40                             | £10,279.14  | £16,758.29                                |
| Covid Healthy Holidays                  | £7,000.00  | £135.10                             | £10,279.14  | £9,758.29                                 |
| Community Station Garden Project        | £1000      | £2,161                              | £10,279.14  | £8,758.29                                 |
| Unicorn Gardens                         | £673.94    | £729                                | £10,279.14  | £8,084.35                                 |
| Friends of Wombwell Garden              | £244       | £2,431                              | £10,279.14  | £7,840.35                                 |

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**South Area Council:  
12th February 2021**

**Report of South Area Council Manager**

**South Area Council – Procurement and Financial Update**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide a procurement update and recommendation for consideration to inform and provide a steer on future commissioning intentions for the social isolation commission.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members consider the recommendation within the report to hold a virtual workshop to consider the commissioning intentions of a Social Isolation contract and provide a steer for a report to be presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> April South Area Council meeting.

**3. Social Isolation contract**

- 3.1 The South Area Council currently commission Age UK Barnsley to deliver a social isolation and loneliness contract called the 'Better Together' service across the South Area.
- 3.2 The service was commissioned to tackle loneliness and isolation and increasing independence and health and wellbeing. The service actively supports people who may be vulnerable through loss of income, mobility and employment or partner bereavement. The service has adapted its delivery to target people in need throughout the Pandemic and changing Government guidance.
- 3.3 The service is a two-year contract delivering from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The contract value is £59,560 per year, total = £119,120. The contract will be completed on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. There are no extensions on this contract.
- 3.4 This report recommends that the South Area Council hold a virtual workshop in order to consider the performance of the contract to date, ongoing demand and needs for a service, case studies and South Area Council priorities and budget.
- 3.5 At the virtual workshop it is recommended that all options for a service are considered and that Members provide a steer on the future commissioning intentions. Following the workshop, a report would be produced for consideration at the South Area Council meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

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