

<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 15 November 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 6th September, 2021 (Dac.15.11.2021/2) *(Pages 3 - 6)*

### Items for Discussion

- 3 Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing - Lauren Nixon  
CYP transformation lead. (Dac.15.11.2021/3) *(Pages 7 - 10)*

### Performance

- 4 Performance Report Q2 (Dac.15.11.2021/4) *(Pages 11 - 22)*
- 5 Finance Update (Dac.15.11.2021/5) *(Pages 23 - 26)*

### Items for Decision

- 6 Dearne Area Council Procurement Report - Future Commissions  
(Dac.15.11.2021/6) *(Pages 27 - 46)*

### Ward Alliances

- 7 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.15.11.2021/7) *(Pages 47 - 56)*
- 8 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.15.11.2021/8) *(Pages 57 - 60)*

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

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

Area Council Support Officers:

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Friday, 5 November 2021

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<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## **MINUTES**

### **Present**

Councillors Noble (Chair), Cain, Danforth and Gollick

### **17 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

### **18 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 26th July, 2021 (Dac.06.09.2021/2)**

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 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

### **19 Cancer Screening Behavioural Insights - Emma Bates/Kaye Mann (Dac.06.09.2021/3)**

Kaye Mann, Public Health Specialist Practitioner, BMBC, and Emma Bates, Commissioning and Transformation Manager, Barnsley CCG were welcomed to the meeting.

Members were reminded that 1 in 2 people get Cancer in their lifetime and that potentially 600 new cancers in Barnsley could be postponed or prevented each year. The leading causes of death from cancer in Barnsley are lung, prostate and breast cancer.

It was noted that living a healthy life does make cancer less likely, including being smoke free, keeping a healthy weight, and being more active.

Those present heard of the importance of early diagnosis, which leads to an improved chance of surviving cancer. The importance of screening was also stressed.

Attention was drawn to the signs and symptoms of common cancers and the need for residents to have themselves checked if they experienced these symptoms.

An overview of behavioural insights and nudge theory was provided, and examples provided of where this could be utilised to increase cancer screening.

Members heard of the behaviour science trial being conducted. Based at the food bank in the Dearne, this would see staff and volunteers speak to clients, and offer to

refer to Care Coordinators at GP surgeries. They would then be able to proactively book appointments. It was noted that that promotion of the trial would commence shortly, and, if successful, elements could be rolled out across the borough.

The meeting heard of the support services available for those recently diagnosed with cancer living in a Barnsley postcode or accessing services at a Barnsley Hospital. It was agreed that confirmation would be sought as to whether this included all Dearne residents, as some have a Rotherham postcode and access hospitals in Rotherham or Doncaster.

Members were asked to promote healthy lifestyle messages, raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer and encourage the uptake of screening. The message of consulting a GP if something did not feel right was also emphasised. It was noted that GPs were extremely busy, but it was suggested that awareness could be raised that if residents highlighted that their symptoms may be linked to cancer, this would help prioritise appointments.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That thanks be given for the information presentation; and
- (ii) That Members support the work to improve cancer detection rates as highlighted.

**20 Dearne Area Council Finance Update (Dac.06.09.2021/4)**

The Area Council Manager spoke to the item, highlighting that there was an opening budget of £208,783.34 for 2021/22. From this, four commissions had been funded to a value of £175,000 and more latterly the Housing Officer post had been extended to March, 2022 at a cost of £5,432. This left £28,351.34 remaining to allocate.

The Dearne Development Fund had started the financial year with a total of £5,378.41 and Members chose to allocate a further £30,000. Therefore, the budget remaining was £35,378.41.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**21 Commission - Assisting employment and skills (Dac.06.09.2021/5)**

Members were reminded of the discussion at the previous meeting. It had been agreed to fund a service to assist employment and skills for three years. It was noted that the current service was due to end in March 2022.

Members were thanked for their comments on the proposed service, which had been taken into account in the latest version of the specification. The specification for the service included the need for one-to-one and group work, with the needs of individuals catered for. The service was required to be open for all adults, provide accreditation, promote the benefits of working and the latest employment opportunities, and was expected to work collaboratively with other services. Within the specification was the desire for the service to provide apprenticeship and work experience positions if possible.

The proposed procurement timeline was noted, with the service to be operational from the end of March, 2022.

**RESOLVED** that the specification for the Assisting Employment and Skills commission be approved at a cost of £34,000 per year for a total of three years.

**22 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.06.09.2021/6)**

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021 and Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

Dearne South had received an update from the new Neighbourhood Engagement Officer and the work undertaken in response to the pandemic. The meeting also received an update on Section 106 funding in the area. An outline of the work of SYFAB was then provided by their new worker.

The meeting discussed the work of the Area team including the Mental Health and Wellbeing sessions funded through Barnsley Bonds.

Dearne South received a similar update in relation from the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer and in relation to the work of SYFAB. The Ward Alliance also discussed the use of finance provided by Barnsley Bonds.

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

**23 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.06.09.2021/7)**

The Area Council Manager provided an overview of the current financial situation in relation to the Ward Alliance Funds. The Dearne South Ward Alliance Fund had an opening balance of £11,317.72 and had funded three projects. This left £7,017.72 remaining for allocation.

The opening balance for Dearne North Ward Alliance Fund was £10,182.92. After funding four projects £4,898.92 remained.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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Chair

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# Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing

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# Work to date

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Scoping exercise

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EHWB Scoping Report

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Recommendations

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CYP EHWB Improvement Plan

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EHWB Group

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CAMHS service specification review and  
implementation

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MHST service implementation

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The CYP EHWB Hub



# CYP EHWB Improvement Plan

## 5 key priority areas:

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Early Intervention and Prevention

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Workforce Development

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The role of Schools and the School's  
Settings

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Improved Support for Vulnerable CYP

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Engagement and Co-production

# Ongoing workstreams

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All age Eating  
Disorder Working  
Group

Self Harm Strategy

EHWB System  
Engagement  
Strategy

The CYP EHWB  
Hub – YMCA  
Building

Centralised  
Training Offer

CYPF Bereavement  
Service  
mobilisation

July to  
September  
2021

Dac.15.11.2021/4

# 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 2023	
b:friend	Social connectivity	£27,000 per annum	Funded until end of 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 March 2022	

# Commissions

## TWIGGS

Grounds Maintenance LTD



Following on from the progress made with Volunteer Week and Great British Spring Clean in the last quarter, work with volunteers has remained at a good level. While things have not recovered to pre-pandemic levels, summer has plenty of activity on proactive work. The increased social interaction also has a positive impact on physical and mental health, helping to address public health priorities. There has been an increase in volunteer numbers and community work has continued with existing partnerships and 3 new groups have started working with the group Pentecostal Community Group, St Andrews Square Community Centre Volunteers, Army Cadets.

# Twiggs



258 volunteers worked with on events

57 new volunteers

516 volunteer hours at Twiggs events

454 rubbish bags filled

136 areas targeted in proactive and reactive work

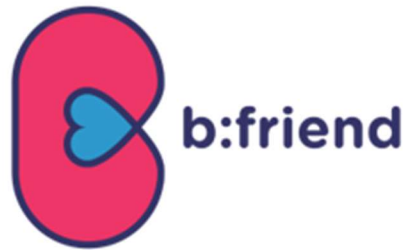
8 fly tipping cases reported

## Transition Day Railway Embankment



Astrea Academy Dearne welcomed 240 Year 6 pupils from local primary schools for a transition period ready for them starting at the Academy in September. Part of this was a day on the Embankment with activities provided by various community groups. The day involved students in getting to know each other in team building exercises and learning about environmental issues by visiting eight stations set up around the Embankment site. AQA qualifications were awarded at five of the stations.





Face to face Social Groups have mostly returned in line with guidelines and indoor activities have also restarted. A lot of preparation has gone into ensuring the safety of staff, volunteers and older neighbours. There's been a huge increase in in-person befriending over recent months too with many pairings that have connected over the phone in the last year meeting for the first time. Jenny is now holding DBS drop in sessions at the Snap Tin every Friday morning for new volunteers and also encourages potential volunteers to drop in for an informal chat. Referrals have been made into other local services such as Listening Ear Barnsley, Age UK Barnsley and Parkinson's UK Barnsley and District branch. Work has also continued with South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue South Yorkshire Police Fraud and Scams unit.

# b:friend



77 isolating older neighbours supported

468 hours of 1:1 befriender

46 hours of staff visits/calls

36 volunteers

11 new volunteers

52 hours of group social activities



# Malc and Hayley



Malc lost his wife Pam suddenly to an aggressive cancer in July 2020. Malc is originally from London but moved to Thurnscoe with Pam 5 years ago. Malc now only knows one now only knows one person in the area, has poor mobility, and is extremely isolated. Malc was paired with Hayley and they spent nearly three hours on the phone together during their first chat. After a recent fall, Hayley organised for him to have a falls pendant. Malc and Hayley met for the first time in June 2020 where he made her a huge roast dinner.

Malc said "You're like the sister I never had, you've saved my life. Having someone to talk to weekly when I'm on my own all the time has lifted my spirits so much."



Class learning is now taking place 3 days a week with most people attending in person, only around a quarter of people are now learning by remote learning sessions. The number of new enrolments has steadily increased, as footfall in the library returns and the DWP start to return to face to face with clients. All learners are signed up for the Learn My Way and Make it Click resources in partnership with the in partnership with Good Things Foundation to provide extra employability skills. All current learners are unemployed (many long term) and while most are declared 'fit for work' in reality suitable employment must be carefully selected to achieve success and not have a further impact on their mental health. Due to the close nature of learning additional help with PIP/Council tax/Housing advice is provided and referral made to other service for example DIAL Barnsley.

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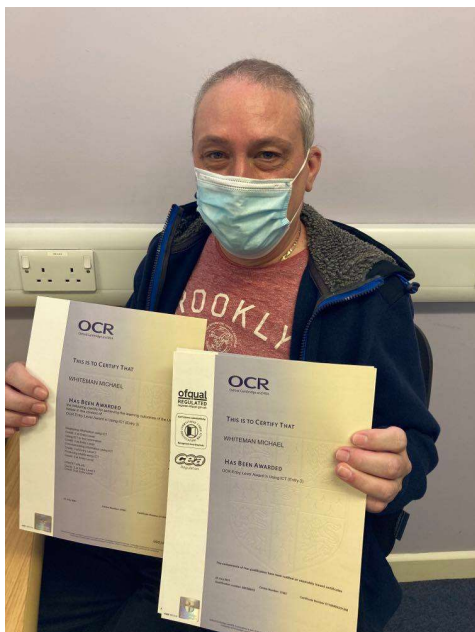
47 people learning

21 new learners

9 learner achieving qualifications

5 learners into employment

10 learners into further training



## Michael

Michael was a referral from the DWP he had been working as a carer for the past 20 years and was looking for a change in direction. Michael was extremely anxious, having not been in a classroom setting since school (now in his early 50's). It was decided the sessions should be 50% ICT course and 50% Job search activities. The sessions would be 2 hrs long, once per week with extra phone support if needed.

An initial assessment showed he would need to start with the very basics in ICT. Now after only a few months he has completed and passed his first courses giving him a huge boost. The DWP are pleased with his progress. The next steps are to start courses in Maths and English continue developing ICT skills.



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# Private Sector Housing Enforcement

A whole range of issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, Environmental, Private Sector Housing, Fly tipping and Littering have been dealt with in this quarter. There has been a particular issues with waste on permits, fly tipping and housing disrepair possibly due to the after effect of the pandemic. Some of these were dealt on an informal basis, either speaking to the tenant/occupier or just sending a general advice letter; others went to more formal action. If needed, other relevant agencies that are best suited to deal with the issues were informed. During this quarter all issues raised have had a successful outcome.

## Housing Enforcement



143 reports made

38 properties improved

37 people helped into positive changes

41 fly tipping reported

41 houses supported to responsibly recycle or dispose waste

31 houses making improvements after first contact



During this quarter several environmental issues arose from a property on Lockwood Road Goldthorpe and land to the side of the property. Work began to convert it into an HMO but stopped during the pandemic, building waste piled up in and around the property and vegetation became an issue from spring into summer. The situation became worse as the owners are located out of the country and the builder left the project. The Private Sector Housing & Environment Officer worked hard to make the owners aware of the poor state of the property and put in place a plan to remedy the situation. The site has now been cleared and renovation work of the property is due to start shortly.

## Waste on Premises



## Overgrown gardens



# 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. The number of clients seeking debt advice continues to be low due to County Courts still not processing routine cases it is anticipate that this will change as they open up and debt recovery action returns to normal. All advice has been transferred to Adviceline and email services due to the ongoing situation.

## Barnsley Citizens Advice

60 people supported

116 issues raised

£21,094 of benefits claimed

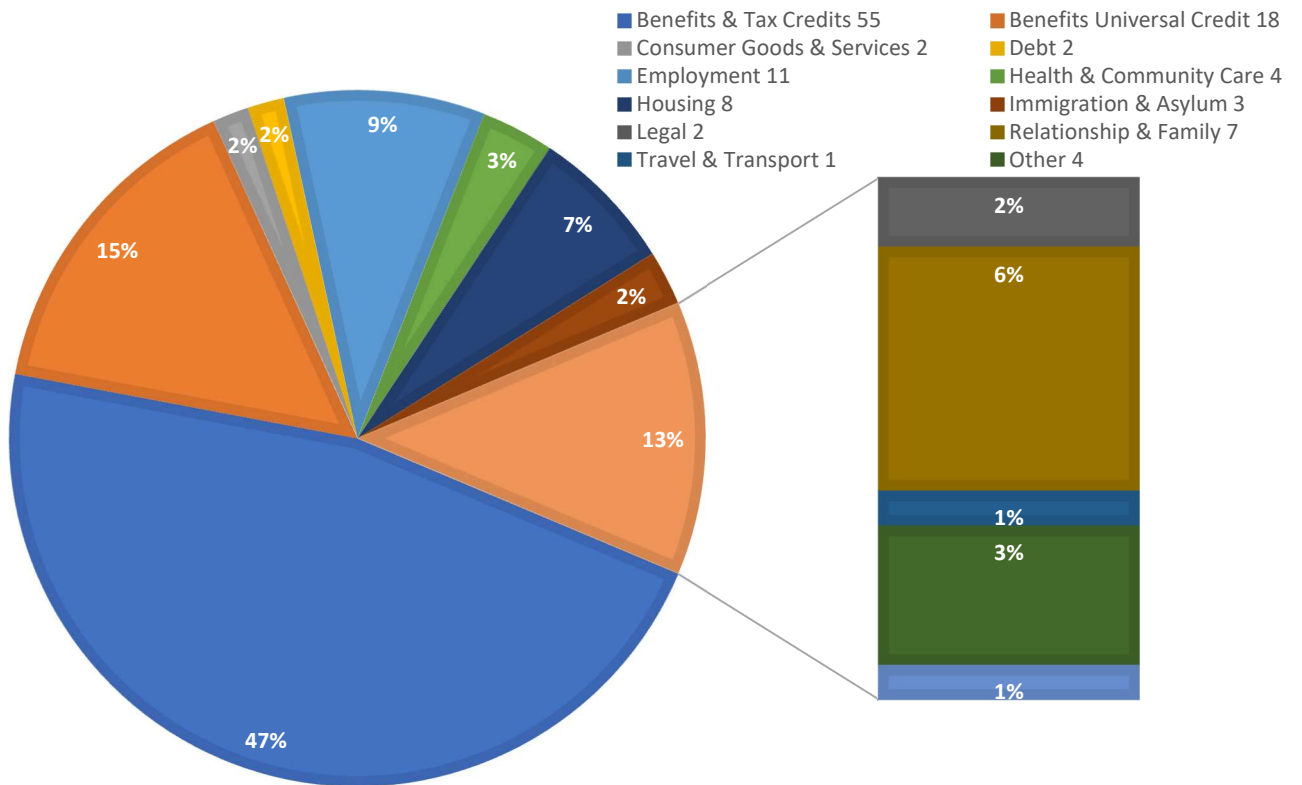
£4,000 of debt managed



## Case study

Karen had an injury at work. Receiving Universal Credit and Statutory Sick Pay, and uncertain when she might be able to work again. She was initially pleased when her employers promised her a severance payment. However, her employers wanted her to sign some papers, even having talked with a solicitor, she didn't really understand the significance of those papers. Did they mean that she was resigning? And if so, how would that affect her benefits? If she did receive a cash payment, would that, also, affect her benefits? If she signed, was she giving up her rights in other ways, of which she was not really informed? Karen came to Citizens Advice Barnsley who explored all the likely implications of receiving the money on future benefits and gave her contact information for ACAS, so that she could check with employment specialists exactly what it was that her employers wanted her to sign.

## CAB ISSUES DELT WITH



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 75 people received comprehensive telephone advice. DIAL also introduced safe and well checks to support vulnerable residents who were either shielding or self-isolating.

# DIAL Barnsley

139 enquires made

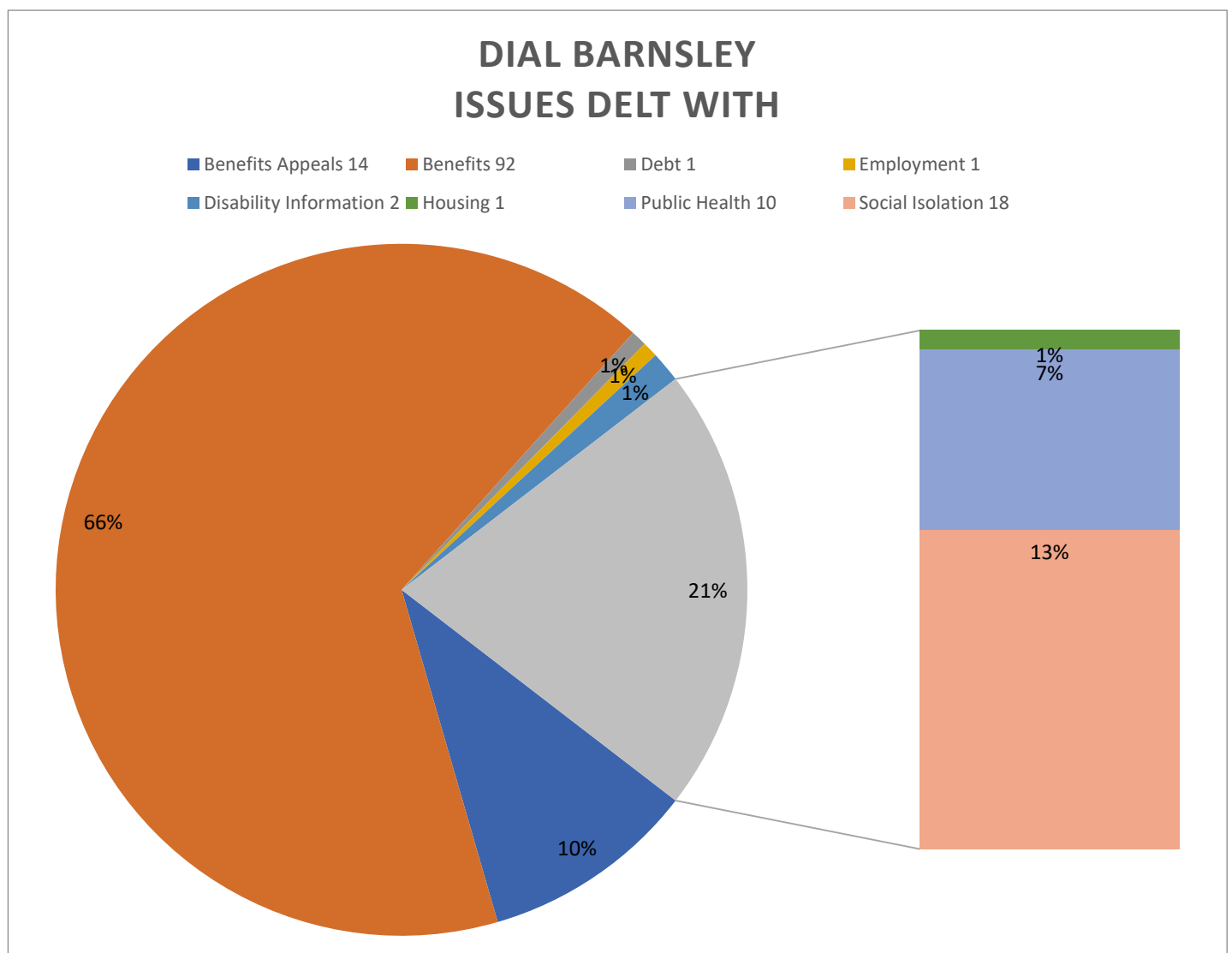
248 people reported reduced anxiety as a result of using the service

£105,276 benefits claims supported



# Case study

Miss F is 19 year old who has autism, anxiety and back pain due to scoliosis from childhood. She claimed Universal Credit last year when she left college as she is unfit to work. She recently had a work capability assessment for her Universal Credit and had been placed into the support group. Miss F's mum rang to ask why there had been an increase in her Universal Credit. DIAL explained that Miss F gets extra Universal Credit as she had recently had a work capability assessment and was placed into the support group. The extra income is an increase for her support group premium. DIAL also explained and helped them through the Personal Independence Payment process. Meaning they received an enhanced rate of daily living and the enhanced rate of Mobility. Miss F's Mum said "I had no idea what PIP was until DIAL explained it to us. The extra income will be very helpful for my daughter. I would like to thank you for your help throughout the process."







One in ten children in Barnsley, aged 5-16 years has a clinically diagnosable mental health problem and adults with long-term mental health problems, half will have experienced their first symptoms before the age of 14. The Dearne Development Fund grant helped TADS delivered creative ways to remove barriers and tackle problems early delivering support to teachers, parents and the young people. Twice weekly workshops took place in local various schools.

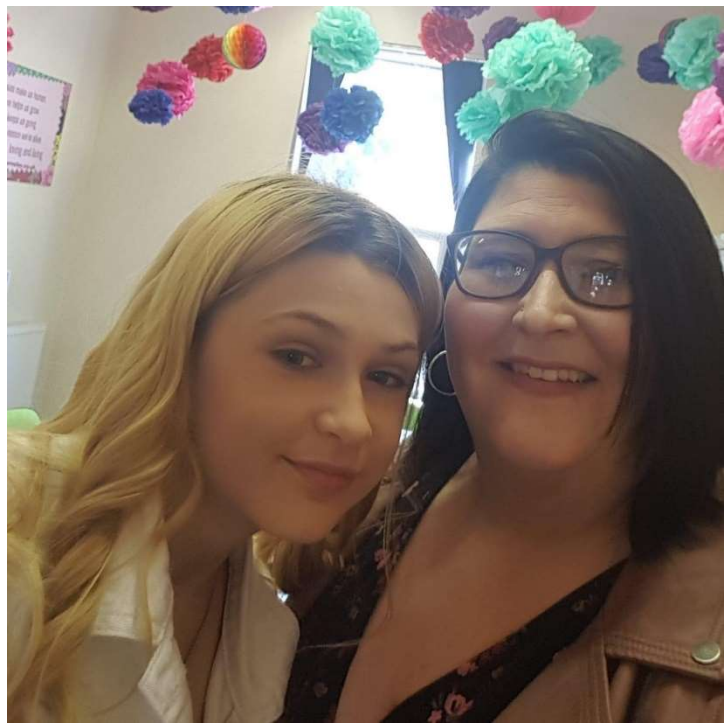


266 hours of support\*

40 children reached\*

Online support sessions launched in Quarter 2

\*Q1 & Q2 figures combined



# Trinity & Amanda

Trinity joined TADS as she was anxious leading to low attendance and underachieving at school. She said: “TADS sessions helped me realise I’m not the only one feeling like this, I’m not alone. They helped me to understand why I felt the way I felt, and coping mechanisms how to manage my feelings.”

She is now doing well at school and has won awards for her work.

Her mum Amanda said: “She really was in a dark place wouldn’t leave the house and missed lots of school. TADS has massively improved my daughter’s mental health, well-being and improved the quality of our family time, for this we can’t be grateful enough.”

# Goldthorpe Development Group

Due to the pandemic, it was felt that the Older Generation Get Together project should be delayed until meetings could take place safely. This means only one get together has taken place in the last 18 months. This consisted of pie & peas', entertainment and bingo. The event was held in a COVID safe manner with assistance from the Dearne Area Team and Support from Age UK Barnsley. Due to the success, it is hoped this can now return to become a regular event.

## Older Generation Get Together

223 people attending

33 volunteers assisting



Includes figures from start of project (pre pandemic)

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 15<sup>th</sup> November 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 budget for 2021/22 was £200,000 and with a carryover of £8,783.34 from the last financial year the starting budget was £208,783.34. The Dearne Area Council have committed £175,000 on four commissions and allocated finances into the Dearne Development Fund and extension of the housing officer post at a cost of £8,441 leaving £25,342.34 in the original Dearne Area Council budget to spend on Dearne Area and Council priorities. The Area Council also have an addition £31,638 from the practical support grant, bringing the total to £56,980.34.

**3.2 2021/22 Dearne Development Fund**

The Dearne Area Council had an allocation of £5,378.41 remaining in the Dearne development fund budget. At the Dearne Area Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, Dearne elected members allocated a further £30,000 to the Dearne Development Fund. Dial have been allocated £10,235 to continue their support until December 2022. CAB have also been successful in gaining £8,140 to support residents for a further year. Therefore the Dearne development fund remaining allocation is £17,003.41.

- 4.0 See Appendix 1 for financial breakdown

**Appendices**

Appendix 1: Financial update

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**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021



## Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	
Carry forward	+£4,720.67	£8,783.34	
Total allocation for year	£214,720.67 (additional 10k from hardship fund)	£208,783.34	
Community Newsletter			
Employment and skills	-£33,000	-£33,000	-£34,000
Housing and Migration Officer	-£32,601	-£8,441	
Dearne Clean & Tidy	-£85,000	-£85,000	-£85,000
Dearne Development Fund	-£38,000	-£30,000	
Social inclusion	-£27,000	-£27,000	
Total spend (actual)	£215,601	£183,441	
Total allocation from main budget remaining	£-880.33	£25,342.34	
Practical support grant		£31,638.00	
Nesta income	£9,500		
Overall allocation remaining	+£8,783.34	£56,980.34	

### Dearne Development Fund

The projects below were paid for out of the 2020/2021/22 financial year.

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	£9,600.85	£5,378.41
Approved at the Area Council 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021		£30,000	£35,378.41
DIAL	Jan 2022-Dec 2022	£10,235	£25,143.41
CAB	October 2021- October 2022	£8,140	£17,003.41

**BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Future commissions**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to explore the options with regards future Dearne Area Council commissioned services.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members consider the options set out in this report for future Dearne Area Council commissions
- 2.3 That members approve the procurement and specification for the social inclusion service for 3 years at a cost of £28,000 per annum
- 2.4 That members approve housing and migration service level agreement for a further year at a cost of £33,277

**3.0 Area Council commissions**

- 3.1 The Area Council Members have had several commissioning intentions meetings during 2021 in order to discuss future commissions. Members have been provided with local data and intelligence as well as recent performance reports. The last meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2021 and members discussed current commissions at length.

**3.2 Social inclusion service**

The current service provided by B:Friend ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 and costs £27,000 per year. Every week there are at least sixteen people that attend both the Bolton and Thurnscoe social groups. They do a wide range of activities all intended to stimulate. During Quarter two nearly 80 older neighbours were supported through this contract. The service currently has 36 volunteers, 11 new to the service this quarter.

Members have previously indicated that tackling social isolation remains a priority for the area, even more so just coming through the pandemic.

The options are presented below:

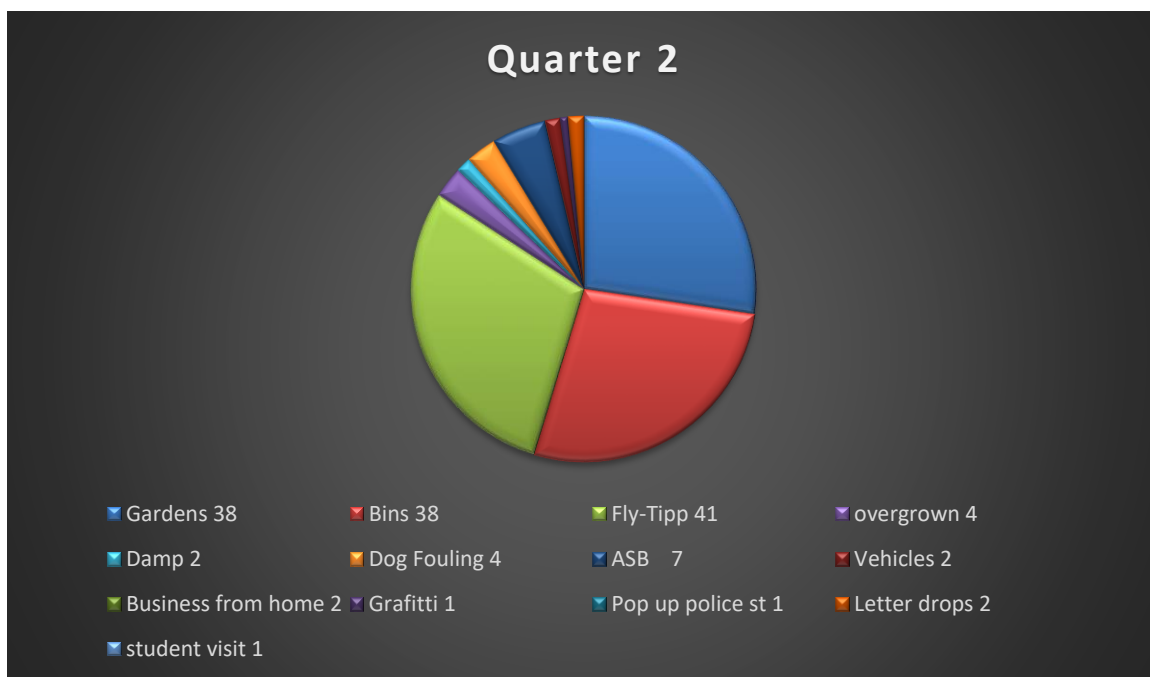
<b>Option</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Cost</b>
A, do not re commission an social inclusion service	People currently receiving service will no longer be supported Lose existing volunteers	More money left in the Area Council budget to spend on other priorities	£0
B, re commission a social inclusion service	TUPE Lack of competition	Keep momentum that this service has provided	£28,000 per annum
C, consider the options at a future meeting	A decision will need to be made no later than January 2022 Because of the procurement timeline a provider would not be in place for the 1 <sup>st</sup> of August 2022	More time to consider the options	£0

It is recommended that the commission and specification is approved at this meeting at a cost of £28,000 per annum for a 3-year period. The specification presented at this meeting will retain some of the elements of the current service, such as both social groups. However, it is suggested that the sixty five age range is lowered and the incoming provider works to get more men included in the social groups. If members agree with the recommendation of the Area manager and approve the procurement timeline will be presented at a future Area Council meeting.

### 3.3 **Housing and Migration Officer**

At the Area Council meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 members approved the housing and migration officer until the end of March 2022. A review of the posts currently provided by the Area Councils as recently taken place and the decision was taken that the posts should still be funded by the Area Councils if they wish to continue with proactive support. However, if at any point the Area Council do not want to commission the officer any redundancy costs would be covered by the safer neighbourhood service.

During the months July- September 2021, 143 complaints, queries, and requests for service, advice and referrals were received. These include advice etc. given to other agencies including South Yorkshire Police. Some of these were dealt on an informal basis, either speaking to the tenant/occupier or just sending a general advice letter; others went to more formal action.



## Options

Option	Risk	Benefit	Cost
A, do not fund the housing and migration role	No proactive support for people in private sector housing Only reactive work will be dealt with	More money left in the Area Council budget to spend on other priorities	£0
B, Fund the housing and migration role	None	Additional support for people in private sector housing Proactive environmental issues are dealt with in a timely manner	£33,277 per annum

It is recommended that the Area Council Fund this post until the end of March 2023 at a cost of £33,277. The Area manager will then work with safer neighbourhood service on reviewing the current service level agreement

## **Appendices**

### Appendix 1: Social Inclusion Service Specification

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**Date:**

15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



**DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**Assisting employment and skills**

**PROJECT REF:**

**DATE:**

**RETURN DATE:**

**TIME: 12 NOON**

**SPECIFICATION**

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## **SECTION 1**

### **PROJECT OVERVIEW AND SCOPE OF SERVICE**

## **PROJECT OVERVIEW AND SCOPE OF SERVICE**

### **1. Introduction**

The Dearne Area Council wishes to commission a provider to deliver a social inclusion project in the Dearne Area of Barnsley. Barnsley's approach to "social inclusion" will be to further develop an existing service over a three-year period, in order to develop, deliver and sustain a project that meets the needs of Dearnes' aging population.

The Area Council have commissioned a social isolation project in the Dearne for the last couple of years. This project has proved successful with two social groups running on a weekly basis in Bolton and Thurnscoe, as well as one to one support.

The key to the sustainability of this project is that the provider recruits' volunteers from the local area, with a focus being on recruiting, training and retaining volunteers of all ages to undertake the role of a befriender and social club assistant. The incoming provider will also work with existing organisations and groups in order to recruit the beneficiaries of the services.

With a large and increasing ageing population and continued feedback from projects supporting (particularly) older people, we know that social isolation and loneliness can be a real issue for some of the residents in Barnsley.

### **2. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

The Dearne Area sits in the East of the Borough of Barnsley and is part of the Dearne Valley link which brings Barnsley together with Doncaster to the North and Rotherham to the South. The Dearne Area Council consists of Highgate, Thurnscoe, Goldthorpe and Bolton. The area covers 16 sq. km with a population of 22,841, 16.9% are in the 65+ age bracket, with 12.8% living alone.

Barnsley is a Metropolitan Borough of South Yorkshire, England. The Borough was formed under the Local Government Act 1972. The Borough now forms part of both the Sheffield City Region (SCR) and the Leeds City Region (LCR). Through Barnsley Councils governance arrangements implemented in 2013 the Dearne forms one of the six Area Councils that are planning, delivering, and evaluating services on a locality-based level.

The Dearne Area is one of the most deprived areas of Barnsley and has higher than the National average in relation to some of the major health inequalities, leaving residents of the Dearne with a shorter life expectancy.

A person's social networks can have a significant impact on their health. Evidence suggests that having positive social relationships can have a significant role to play in long term illnesses, reducing unhealthy lifestyles and mortality rates. Therefore, this project is key in relation to the improving "health and well-being" priority set by the Dearne Area Council.

Loneliness is an increasingly important Public Health issue. Loneliness and social isolation are damaging our health, both mentally and physically. There are links between health, inequality, and social isolation; many factors associated with this are unequally distributed in society.

Being cut off from social interaction is not only a problem for the elderly but also younger people, and the impact it has on our bodies is thought to be equivalent to smoking over a dozen cigarettes a day. Recent studies have shown that social isolation and loneliness are associated with a 50% excess risk of heart disease (Public Health England, 2015). Social isolation is the inadequate quality and quantity of social relations, whereas loneliness is an emotional perception that can be experienced by individuals regardless of the breadth of their social networks (Public Health England, 2015).

The Campaign to End Loneliness (2018) has described how loneliness places individuals at greater risk of cognitive decline. People who are lonely are more prone to depression and loneliness and low social interaction are predictive of suicide in older age. People who experience loneliness are more likely to visit their GP, have a higher use of medication, higher incidence of falls and increased risk factors for long term care and chronic illness. Also, it is reported that two in five people admitted to hospital do not have a visitor, which can also influence their recovery.

It is possible to spend a day working, shopping, or travelling without speaking to another human being and for some people this can be repeated day after day (HM Government, 2018). Our society is changing, and we are experiencing a digital revolution which brings innovation, opportunities, and possibilities to communicate and connect with others in ways that we have never seen before. However, we know that some residents in Barnsley do not have the social connections they need to enable this digital revolution. Aside from face to face contact the COVID-19 pandemic has shown how important other forms of connectivity are for people of all ages.

- **Previous volunteering initiatives**

The Love Where You Live (LWYL) brand has been running as Barnsley's volunteering brand since 2013, during which time thousands of volunteers have become involved in a wide range of social action projects to improve their local communities; many for the first time.

Initially focused on environmental and green space improvements, the LWYL brand has massively expanded, and now includes social action projects which span a range

of locally identified passions, from community gardens to health and wellbeing events, from environmental projects through to multi-cultural events to boost cohesion and tolerance within newly diverse communities.

Running alongside and complementary to the 'Love Where You Live' brand, are 6 Area Councils and 20 Ward Alliances which were established in 2013 and led by local elected members, residents, and Area Teams that commission projects and services using over £2 million per year of devolved mainstream Council funding to meet carefully targeted local needs.

We want to grow our existing work to support volunteers to help others and build on the social action work done to tackle social isolation by our Area Councils and Ward Alliances using an asset-based approach. The social inclusion volunteers will be able to use the work already done as a foundation to bring a more coherent and volunteer focused approach to supporting those who are isolated from their communities and those around them.

The provider will need to consider what we mean by 'socially isolated' and 'lonely' and recognise that individuals have very varied needs which may be met in very different ways. We want to focus on older people (60+) who are socially isolated for several potential reasons:

- People who find it difficult to leave the house because of a physical or mobility issues
- People who are isolated from the wider community because they have a lack of confidence
- People who have no or little family connections in the area
- Those who have lost their main social contact due to bereavement
- People who have worked with the social prescribing programme, My Best Life, and now need to be moved on to other support

### **3.0 Dearne Area Council Priorities**

The Dearne Area Council reviews its priorities on an annual basis and the priorities are, the environment, economy, health and wellbeing, education, employment, and young people. The priorities are set based on the needs of the community and by undertaking consultation with residents. As well as the service ensuring it is working towards the Dearne Area Council priorities it must also work towards delivering elements of the Council Plan.

### **3.1 The Council plan 2021-2024**

The Council Plan will support Barnsley 2030 over the next three years, delivering the borough's vision: 'Barnsley - the place of possibilities'. This provides the framework for making decisions about priorities in the Council and helps to drive performance by setting out what the Council are seeking to achieve and how it will be measured. The plan will help make sure it strives to be even better and make a real difference for Barnsley residents, and to drive forward a modern, inclusive, efficient, productive, and high-performing council

### **3.2 Barnsley Council Priorities and Outcome Statements**

In developing and delivering this service, the provider should ensure that it is contributing to Barnsley Councils corporate priorities and outcome statements as outlined below:



- People are safe and feel safe.
- People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible.
- We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough.



- People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships.
- Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment.
- People have access to early help and support.

## Growing Barnsley

- Business start-ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities for all.
- People have a welcoming, safe, and enjoyable town centre and principal towns as destinations for work, shopping, leisure, and culture.
- People are supported to have safe, warm, and sustainable homes.

## Sustainable Barnsley

- People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their community.
- Our heritage and green spaces are promoted for everyone to enjoy.
- Fossil fuels are being replaced by affordable and sustainable energy and people can enjoy more cycling and walking.

#### **4. Aims and objectives of the service**

Under this contract the successful provider will be required to actively contribute to the achievement of specific social value objectives. These reflect the vision and corporate priorities of the Council outlined in Section 3, and include:-

- Increase volunteering in the Dearne Area by recruiting and training volunteers to work on this project
- Develop and facilitate groups that come about from the interests of the attending and the wider public
- Reduce loneliness and isolation for the residents of the Dearne Area
- Work with all the partners supporting this age group (Age UK, BMBC Health & Social Care, Clinical Commissioning Group and Public Health, My Best Life, Barnsley CVS etc.)
- Work with the Dearne Area Council and its partners to look at learning points and gaps that can be met through a partnership approach
- Make links with and attend the Dearne Area Council meetings when requested
- Work with Barnsley Council and the NHS (the two largest local employers) to explore whether those retiring in the next 12 months could be encouraged to support this project through its inclusion in pre-retirement programmes

- Include younger volunteers, particularly to support the tech parts of the project
- Local spend

The use of technology to support people who are lonely or isolated will be an important part of the Barnsley approach – although as recognised above, it may not be the solution for everyone. However, because of the high levels of deprivation in the Dearne, internet connectivity levels are lower than the borough average. In addition, the recent COVID-19 outbreak had implications for the previous service and its beneficiaries; therefore we would want the incoming provider to work with services such as the Digital Media Centre to explore the following uses of technology to support this group to become more involved:

- Recycling of older hardware from businesses and public sector employers to provide technology for older people to learn tech skills
- Using landlines and mobile phones more innovatively to connect older people with others – either family/friends or volunteers – through using existing applications like Skype, Facetime etc.
- Create groups using applications for those accessing the service based on common interest, so that they can connect and communicate with each other
- Promote the virtual personal assistance Alexa for those accessing the service as a way of interaction and setting appointments and medication time etc.
- Encouraging younger people to support older members of their community with tech, whilst the older people share more ‘traditional’ skills which are currently popular with younger people – for example: baking, knitting, crafts activities.

## **5. The service activities to be delivered**

The appointed provider will develop and deliver a service that addresses the needs of residents in the area, meets the specified objectives; and delivers the outcomes outlined in this document.

It is expected that prior to the contract starting in August 2022 the incoming provider will contact beneficiaries of the existing project, both social groups and those receiving one to one support, to maintain the momentum already made by the existing provider. Before the contract commences links should also be made with the current provider to ensure continuity of service for the volunteers. The incoming provider will also gather local data and intelligence that will be inputted into the

Dearne Area Council quarterly reports.

The provider will use an asset-based approach and recruit and train local volunteers that will take on a variety of roles assisting in the delivery of this service. The roles may include being a good neighbour, digital champion, phone buddy, social group assistant, or volunteers that hand hold individuals to already established groups. In partnership with the Area Team the service may wish to develop and deliver new groups for those that are normally isolated. By the end of year one it is expected that the project is delivering against all its objectives and targets that have been set.

Development of a strong collaborative working relationship with the Dearne Area Council members and its partners will be key to the success of this project. The provider will be expected to adopt a community development role and build upon the assets already existing in the Dearne community. Crucially they will possess the ability to realise the projects through project design, recruitment, leadership, and motivation of volunteers.

The recruitment of volunteers is key to the project success and at any time the service should have a minimum of 40 volunteers to fulfil the services aims. A minimum of 25 new pairing should be made each year, whilst maintaining the majority of ones that are already accessing the service. It is expected that the social groups that are already operating in Bolton and Thurnscoe will continue and thrive. These groups are well attended and the people accessing those groups feel greater connectivity to their local community.

One of the observations from the current contract is that in the main it is women that access the service. The Dearne Area Council would like to see an increase in men accessing both the social groups' and one to one element of the service. This will require innovation and developing specific activities and or groups that meet the needs of older men in the Dearne area. Although the current contract is predominantly for people over 65, the Dearne Area Council do not want age to be a barrier to engagement. Therefore the incoming provider will consider including younger people that are referred and feeling socially isolated.

The activities arranged for each session should be stimulating for the mind and body and consider the talents of those accessing the support. One of the observations of the previous project was that it was young and fresh and allowed participants to share their knowledge and skills but also acquire new ones. The provider will use recognised tools to evaluate the effectiveness of the service such as the social value engine and the Warwick Edinburgh mental well-being scale.

Throughout this contract the incoming provider will continue with the delivery of the project, increasing and sustaining the projects volunteers, working with partners, and evaluating the "social inclusion" project.



The provider will be expected to lead by example.

The interventions/activities to be delivered as part of the project may include the following activities:

- Attending local groups
- Visit supported housing schemes
- Visiting people in their homes
- Attending events
- Work alongside local services
- Develop new groups
- Social media presence
- Use the latest technology's
- Develop and use social media
- Work with organisations to identify potential volunteers from those due to retire
- Develop a workplan
- Scope existing provision
- Launch a promotional campaign
- Recruit and train volunteers
- Evaluate the project
- Hold a celebration event

The above is not an exhaustive list and there may be other activities you wish to include. The provider will be expected to act as the “eyes and the ears” in the community and be responsible for reporting other matters not necessarily within their scope of responsibility so that this can be actioned by the respective Council service.

This would include reporting:

- Housing issues
- Environmental issues
- ASB issues
- Safeguarding concerns

Instructions on how these reports should be made will be provided.

It is expected that the set-up, DBS checks and ongoing costs of materials, volunteer expenses and equipment will be met by the provider.

The provider should work with the Area Council and BMBC Communications Department to highlight the work taking place, the improvements being made to the health and wellbeing of local residents. Use social media and other forms of communication to encourage and show the work being undertaken. In times of austerity, sustainability is key. The provider will be expected to consider the whole lifespan of the project. This should include a well-planned exit strategy to ensure that the additional capacity within the community continues to benefit the Dearne Area even after the contract has concluded.

## **6. Target groups and areas**

The Service should be delivered proportionately across each of the two wards of the Dearne Council Area. Within the funding stream that was granted for this project it was to target those 60+ using volunteers of all ages and backgrounds. Working with local groups and the existing groups previously developed by the provider. The incoming provider is not expected to work with people who have complex issues, but if referred they should be passed on to a organisation that can assist with their needs.

## **7. Equality impacts**

The successful service provider will be required to ensure that the service is free from bias and acknowledges and respects gender, sexual orientation, age, race, religion, culture, lifestyle and values. If any needs are required as per the Equalities Act, such as language or disability, these needs will be provided for during the term of the contract.

Please also refer to Section 4 - Form of Contract.

## **8. Performance measures**

- 8.1 Service Outcomes and Measures: Table 1 below details the outcomes or results that the service provider is required to achieve as a consequence of the service being delivered. A list of possible outcome measures is also provided. This is indicative only and Tenderers are required, as part of their tender return, to propose their own list of outcome measures, along with realistic targets, baselines, and methodology for gathering the data/measuring. Final measures and targets will be agreed prior to contract commencement. Please refer to Section 2 – Tender Quality Questionnaire.

8.2 Table 1

<i>Outcomes</i>	<b>INDICATIVE Outcome Indicators</b>	<i>(Evaluation Methodology – provider to make recommendations in their tender return)</i>
Reduction in the feeling of loneliness and isolation	Increase the number of people accessing opportunities outside their home. Increase the number of people reporting improved levels of wellbeing. Increase the number of people accessing technology in order to stay in touch Delivery of social groups	Report, targets surveys, and case studies
Establish a volunteer network in the Dearne	Increase opportunities for local residents Show Impact volunteer through various roles Increase volunteers to the service Increase new volunteers Train and support new and sustained volunteers	Report, and case studies
Create social networks for people that are socially isolated	Develop and facilitate new groups Increase links with existing groups in the area	Report, and case studies
Ensure people that are socially isolated get the right help at the right time	Increase networks around the person	Report, and case studies
Increase volunteering		Report, targets and case studies

opportunities in the Dearne area		
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9. **PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME**

Indicative Programme:	
Tender Return	
Tender Evaluation	
Standstill Period and Feedback	
Award Contract	
Contract Commencement	

10. **Contract value and duration**

- 10.1 The estimated annual cost of this procurement is £84,000 in total, over a 3 year period .

11. **contract terms and conditions**

- 11.1 See Section 4 – Form of Contract.

## **12. contracting reporting and monitoring requirements**

12.1 The Provider will need to be able to demonstrate the effectiveness of the service in terms of delivering the agreed outcomes, outcome measures and outputs. There is a key requirement of the provider to:

- Meet the Contract Manager for a monthly operational meeting for the first three months of the contract.
- Thereafter provide a quarterly report to the Contract Manager. This information will be shared with the area council.
- Collect, collate, and report on a range of agreed indicators on a quarterly basis (see milestones) as part of a quarterly report. This should also include the submission of 2 case studies per ward (group, individual or illustrating good practice/ innovative work) together with supporting photographs.
- Attend quarterly meetings with the contract manager to discuss the quarterly report and request any additional information/provide clarification, if required.
- Attend the Area Council Meeting as requested.
- Attend the Early Help Adult Partnership as and when required.
- An end of year report to be submitted (see milestones)
- An end of Project report and lessons learned to be submitted 3 months before the contract end date.
- Collate local intelligence and data
- Recruit and retain volunteers
- Develop guidance and training for volunteers to the service
- A celebration event for volunteers and participants of the service.

The Area Council Manager will review performance in liaison with the Dearne Area Council and may reasonably ask for additional information at any time.

Service provision will be subject to annual review

## **13. Quality standards**

The provider will have all relevant policies and procedures in place.

The provider of this service will be required to adhere to the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 at all times and any other relevant guidance and directives in force or subsequently issued.

The Service Provider will ensure that:

- They are fully compliant with the new data protection regulations
- Use the BMBC procedure for reporting safeguarding concerns
- All staff are equipped with appropriate training
- A volunteer handbook and guidance are developed by the service provider
- All staff employed or engaged by the Service Provider are informed and are aware of the standard of performance that they are required to provide and are able to meet that standard.
- Robust mechanisms are in place for supporting volunteers and dealing with any issues that may arise
- The adherence of the Service Provider's staff to such standards of performance is routinely monitored and that remedial action is promptly taken where such standards are not met
- All staff employed or engaged by the Service Provider have been subject to a DBS clearance, where required, and an acceptable outcome determined.
- For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this specification is intended to prevent the Service Provider from setting higher quality standards than those laid down in the Contract.

Additionally:

- The Service Provider will have a robust system for monitoring complaints and suggestions; feedback from service users will inform service delivery.
- The Service Provider will submit reports summarising any complaints, investigations, and remedial actions

Please also refer to Section 4 – Form of Contract

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Dearne Area Council Meeting**

**Report of Dearne Area  
Council Manager**

**Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward priorities.

**2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

**3.0 Introduction**

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

**4.0 Ward Alliance**

- 4.1 The Dearne South Ward Alliance took place on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Goldthorpe Library. Guest speakers Fiona O'Brien and Teresa Williams from BMBC Principal Towns provided an update on investment plans for local centres, including capital funding interventions which may be available for local centres to apply for. Discussion was had around the Renaissance Centre in Bolton upon Dearne, and Sadie Youel Community Development Officer is to arrange a visit with Principal Towns and Trustees of the centre.

Darryl Hand, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer provided an update regarding COVID-19. He explained that second doses of the vaccine are no longer available through walk-in centres and need to be booked via the online portal. PPE is still available for community and voluntary groups. The booster programme is now being rolled out and people are eligible for their booster 6 months after their second dose. Support for risk assessments is available for new group and those that are returning. They will also do flu and covid jabs together.

No funding applications were submitted for this meeting.

Review of Dearne South Ward Alliance Priorities and Action plan was postponed to the next meeting, as agreed by all present members, when all members are in attendance.

Group updates were given from all representatives in attendance to ensure all the Ward Alliance members know what's been happening in the area, and what may be used against the new priorities later in the year following the review.

Sadie Youel spoke about the Autumnal Fair that has been planned by the Dearne Area Team and asked for volunteers on the WA stand to recruit new members to the Dearne South Ward Alliance.

- 4.2 The Dearne North Ward Alliance took place virtually on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 with guest speak Laura Sharman from BMBC section 106 who went through the section 106 – flowchart and discussion on how to apply locally for the monies available in Dearne North. Group updates were also given by the ward alliance members with dates for diaries and forthcoming events.

Two applications were submitted, Thurnscoe Institute Cricket Club £5000 was requested the alliance awarded £1000 towards the project. An application was submitted for a community notice board in Hanover Street park which was awarded £1380.00. A Covid19 update was given from the neighbourhood engagement officer. This update included the latest infection rates, new cases, local drop-in clinics and vaccination points.

The Autumn Fayre event on the 28<sup>th</sup> October was also discussed with members requested to help with the business consultation stand to ensure the information gathered can be inputted into the new 2022 Dearne North priorities and action plan to be worked through in the New Year.

The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliances, is in line with the approved Council protocols. Notes are for information only.

**Appendix One: Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting notes**  
**Appendix Two: Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting notes**

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**15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**



# Dearne Ward Alliance

## MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021, 9:30am at Goldthorpe Library

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Cllr Neil Danforth (Chair) – Elected Member  Cllr May Nobler – Elected Member  Alan George – Snap Tin Community Hub  Mick Moore – Highgate Allotment Group  Sadie Youel – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team  Darryl Hand – Neighbourhood Engagement Officer – Dearne Area Team  Pat Hubery – Local Business Owner  Teresa Williams – Principal Towns  Fiona O’Brien – Principal Towns</p>	<p>Carole Hoyland – BODVAG  Donna Gregory – Local Resident</p> <p>Not in attendance:  Cllr Dorothy Coates  Alison Sykes</p>

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

*Cllr Neil Danforth opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.*

### 2. Apologies

*Apologies were given from Carole Hoyland and Donna Gregory. Cllr Dorothy Coates and Alison Sykes were also not in attendance.*

### 3. Principle Towns Update – Fiona & Teresa

*FO gave introduction of principal towns and explained how Goldthorpe needed to be a stronger town. Principal towns are keen to pick up capital projects that are not covered by others. Fiona spoke about several buildings that are an eye sore and these are the projects they are keen to get involved with.*

*MM passed comment about doing those building up for those that are in need, such as veterans.*

*FO said the funding was only available for capital buildings.*

*MN spoke about the Goldthorpe Hotel – it been a major issue. They are looking to turn it into apartments, and it has been refused twice in the past. She said how she had looked at the area action plan and the idea of a community café – she said that the old BARC animal rescue building, would be ideal for that project.*

*FO spoke about ideas for the area such as IT training, skills workshops, and potential of using community shop for these workshops.*

*MN spoke about complaints from Nat Dalby’s Salon regarding the eye sore of the old BARC animal rescue shop across from her salon.*

AG said there's buildings suitable for capital building in Bolton on Dearne – renaissance centre. Currently undergoing works to upgrade and needs some investment.

MN spoke also about the concerns raised by the insurance company next door to BARC animal rescue shop. She explains it is a fire risk due to the amount of stock left in; people are breaking in and she's in regular talks with Steve Powell.

AG spoke about his position as Chair for the Snap tin Community Hub. They are trying to arrange for Stacey the paid worker to be based at the centre as a support service to help people with funding bids. They plan on also sending a newsletter out to inform people what's happening in the area. He spoke about the variety of groups that use the Snap tin Community Hub.

SY said that investment is needed, and the building raised needs to be 'fetched back to life'.

AG spoke about the £23m that has been given to the area and said there's not enough information about where the money has gone.

FO spoke about current consultation happening.

DH explained the consultation for town funds and the survey was displayed in all local community boards and sent out to neighbourhood network.

MN spoke about another important issue about the development of A635 that's going to create 3000 jobs. She said to enable those businesses to employ local people, training is needed on a larger scale that businesses and local people work together. It needs to be taken serious almost like 'an educational process'.

AG asked for an email to be sent regarding principal towns and the plans for this area to be involved in the Snap tin newsletter.

FO asked for people to feedforward ideas for the Horse and Groom.

MM said it would be nice for an open space for veterans.

DH spoke about project 14 also wanting a local memory space for those that are bereaved by suicide.

MN asked about the potential of calling the Horse and Groom square 'The Horse and Groom Square' in order to maintain its history.

#### **4. Covid Update – Darryl Hand**

DH explained that second doses of the vaccine are no longer available through walk in centres. They need to be booked via the online portal. PPE is still available for community and voluntary groups. Booster programme is now rolled out and people are eligible for their booster 6 months after second dose. Support for risk assessments is available for new groups and those that are returning. If you need flu jab, they will also do flu jab and covid jab together.

#### **5. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

AG moved the minutes of the last meeting as a true record and MM seconded them.

#### **6. Finances**

AG update the meeting on the finances.

##### **Dearne South Working Fund Account**

**Current Balance = £6,409.96**

**AG advised this figure is from the current bank statement, accurate balance is £5,929.59 when current payments clear.**

**Committed Spends:**

£1,500 - Goldthorpe Library

£1,320.01 - Health Holidays

£1,800 - Renaissance Centre

£1,234.53 – Barnsley Better Bonds (Health & Wellbeing)

Ward Alliance Funding: Balance CF = £5,817.72

SY advised that the £1800 ringfenced for Renaissance Centre can now be released to the group, having had sight of the relevant insurance.

## **7. Funding Applications**

No Funding applications.

## **8. Ward Alliance Priorities- Review**

*CLlr Danforth suggested it was more appropriate to discuss the Ward Alliance Priorities/Action plan review at the next meeting, due to only four members being present at this time (CLlr Noble had left the meeting at this point). Group agreed to review at next meeting when all members are present.*

## **9. Group Updates**

**BODVAG**– Christmas Fair is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm.

**Snap Tin Community Hub** – AG said the group are on with the new community newsletter they are starting, which will be distributed in the community over the coming weeks.

**Goldthorpe Development Group** – AG said that the group had their first get together yesterday. DH explained that 68 turned up which is more than expected. DH attended to ensure they were covid secure.

**Highgate Allotment Group** – MM explained that Robert Ogden School are now on board. They are supervised 1to1. 12 attend including the supervisors (6 Children) and they will get AQA awards.

**Salvation Army** – not in attendance

## **10. A.O.B.**

SY spoke about the Autumnal Fair and gave the date of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 11am – 3pm and asked for volunteers on the WA stand to recruit new members and set up the fair.

SY spoke about reporting any hot spots in the area that need attending to in the area to report directly to Twiggs and they will add it to their plans.

DH informed group to email [community@twiggssuk.co.uk](mailto:community@twiggssuk.co.uk) or email Sarah Ford from PROW [sarahford@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:sarahford@barnsley.gov.uk) to check areas are not on the public right of way. You can also Check the online Def Map – if it is coloured then belongs to BMBC <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/barnsley-maps/public-rights-of-way/>

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

Next meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Time and Location TBC due to Christmas event. SY will confirm via email.

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# Dearne Ward Alliance

## VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2021

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Alan Gardiner (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Peter Shields – Dearne Memorial Group Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Gillian Totty – Community Engagement Officer, Berneslai Homes Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association Darryl Hand – NEO Neighbourhood Engagement Officer Glennis Lingard – resident Sue Bellamy – New WA member local resident Guest Speaker Laura Sharman BMBC Section 106	Sue Miller – The Hill Primary School Cllr Annette Gollick Pauline Phillips - Thurnscoe Flower Park Jaqueline Kenning - Salvation Army

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Gardiner welcomed everybody to the meeting

Laura Sharman from BMBC gave an update on the Section 106 monies for Dearne North.

She highlighted the section 106 obligations for each area in Barnsley - starting with planning obligations, (commonly known as Section 106 Agreements) which are legal agreements negotiated between a Local Authority and developers. Laura stated these are solely intended to make a development proposal acceptable allowing planning permission to be granted. An agreement must be fairly and reasonably related in scale to the proposed development and be relevant to planning and should only be used where planning conditions attached to a planning permission would not provide an alternative approach.

In Barnsley, Section 106 Agreements have been used for a wide range of developments. Generally, it is possible to classify planning obligations in Barnsley into five specific categories -1. Affordable housing 2. Public open space 3. Highways 4. Education 5. Planning (miscellaneous)

Laura then gave a presentation on a flow chart of the process and how to apply for section 106 monies, she also went through monies spent previously in Dearne North and how much monies is still available.

### **2. Apologies**

See above.

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising – NONE**

#### 4. **Finances**

Dearne North WA £4989.92

One application submitted from Thurnscoe Institute Cricket Club – funding of £2500 required to assist in upgrading their changing/showers facility. The group had spoken to Marie with intentions of seeking funds from other sources and matching from their own bank account. Marie is meeting with the group at the 'come and meet us event on Thursday' to help the group with future funds. The Ward Alliance all agreed to fund £1000 to enable the Ward Alliance to keep more funds for the winter against further priorities that maybe required up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. **Decision approved £1000.00**

Charlotte Williams gave an update of the working funds with £3854.56 balance after 2 invoices against the funding for mental health & wellbeing had been submitted from the BBB funds. (**\* £1800 still outstanding from BBB**)

£1500.00 committed spend for Thurnscoe Library

£1270.00 Healthy holidays (committed spend)

£1500.00 environmental projects

**\* £889.45 Mental Health & Wellbeing (committed spend)**

Charlotte highlighted the monies from BBB had still not been received **action MS** to email Maisie Ford and Craig Project Officer for the Deane team to request monies again.

#### 5. **Group Updates**

##### 5.1 **Dearne Memorial Group (Peter Shields)**

On the 2nd of September 2021 I had a meeting at Penistone - Stottercliffe Cemetery after a Gentleman called Richard Gillinford asked me to find his sister who died in 1949, after looking at my records I found she was in a grave with no grave number on further investigation I found that 184 had no grave number, so they were not recorded.

After many hours of searching through the national birth and death Register, I found that there were 1,334 Children buried in Penistone Cemetery 184 had no recorded grave location.

I had a meeting with Cllr Hannah Kitching, Cllr David Greenhough, Anthony Devonport (Bereavement Services) Jeff Bowman Cemetery Supervisor, Richard Galliford, Steve Lavender, Betty Shields Treasures DMG, Melissa Shield - Heaton War Grave Maintenance Team.

After a tour of the area, we decided that a fitting memorial to the lost souls should be placed near to where the babies were buried, I found that the babies were in Section 6 and where in mass graves from 1 to 9 in each grave.

A Donation page was set up and the Dearne Memorial Group web site fund donated £575 to the fund, so far £1,500 has been donated the target is £5,000.

##### 5.2 **Big Local Thurnscoe (Derek Bramham)**

BLT are hoping to have the contractor on-site for the start of building the Plaza by November. A change in the siting of the Café container due to water and drainage has meant that revised plans have had to be submitted to BMBC. The main Plaza area can still start work ahead of the drains and water being sorted. The funding from Sports England has been cut from £120,000 to just £60,000, a letter has arrived for BLT to complete a multi- page document, the evidence is now being collected by our Development Worker. It is all steam ahead for the Christmas Lights switch on Saturday November 27th, more details to follow.

##### 5.3 **Thurnscoe Flower Park (Derek Bramham)**

Volunteers are working hard to maintain the Park ahead of the winter, funding is being sort from different providers so new equipment and plants can be obtained. Pauline is seeking funding for future events in the park 2022 **action MS to help with this.**

##### 5.2 **Station House (Charlotte Williams)**

Playgroup and afterschool services have returned to near normal, Holiday club provision (all day childcare to support parents who work during the day) has little interest so we have moved to providing Healthy Holidays club (a short play and eat session funded via central government funding). This has been very busy and very well received.

Working in partnership with "The uniform Fairy" project we have supported them to deliver a school uniform reuse project, which has both environmental and economic benefits for our community.

We have been able to employ 3 local people on temporary contracts to support our childcare services. Two are college leavers and one is a single parent returning to the workplace.

### **5.3 COVID19 update (Darryl Hand)**

50, 000 people in Barnsley remain unvaccinated - if anyone can suggest innovative ways to reach out to those 16+ with the 'how to book your vaccine' messages.

Booster programme been confirmed for Pfizer. will be contacted shortly. must have had second dose a minimum of 6 months before. care home residents and front-line workers aged 50 plus, 16-49 underlying conditions and those a contact for those who are immunosuppressed, will be offered first.

Future vaccine drop in clinic at Priory Campus this Saturday and Sunday 25th / 26th anytime from 9am – 5pm just walk in...

PPE is still available for all community and voluntary groups, also if any groups need support with risk assessment to signpost to NEO.

Reminder of community get together for older people in the Dearne - 28th Sept 10am-2pm at Snaptin community hub. age uk - pensioners get together. 8 places left anyone that would like to attend speak to Darryl direct.

### **6. Date for diaries**

- Thursday 6th October – 12.30pm onwards – Goldthorpe Development Group Pensioner get together, Unity Club Goldthorpe
- Wednesday 20th October- Make poppies from plastic bottles, Goldthorpe Pentecostal Church – 10am-12pm
- Monday 25th October station house thurnscoe – The Uniform Fairy giveaway 12-3pm
- Wednesday 27th October 10am -12pm Goldthorpe Pentecostal church – family fun day
- Wednesday 27th October 1pm – 3pm Thurnscoe Houghton Road Centre – family fun day
- Thursday 28th October – Autumnal Fair, Embankment Goldthorpe 11am-3pm
- Thursday 28th October – Highgate Club, The Uniform Fairy giveaway 12-3pm
- Friday 29th October – Prospect Road Community Centre, Bolton, The Uniform Fairy 12-3pm
- Saturday 30th October- Dearne Poppy Project Launch. Goldthorpe Embankment – 3pm
- Saturday 4th December. Dearne Kids Christmas Fair, Houghton Road Centre, Thurnscoe 10am-3pm
- Saturday 4th December. Dearne and District Christmas Santa Dash, The Pavillion Goldthorpe 10am-3pm
- Sunday 5th December- BODVAG Christmas Fair, St Andrews Square, Bolton – 3pm onwards.

### **7. AOB**

Marie asked for volunteers to come forward for the Autumn Fayre event on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 11am – 3pm highlighting this is a perfect opportunity to do consultation on business support in Dearne North ensuring questions are asked around visits to local shopping areas in Goldthorpe & Thurnscoe. Cllr Cain, Glennis and Charlotte all agreed to help. Volunteers needed from 9am with setting p, throughout the day and then after 3pm to clear away.

### **8. Date & Time of next meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Teams at 2pm)**

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**Report of the  
Dearne Area Council Manager**

**Update on Dearne North and South 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 North Area.

**2.0 Recommendations**

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

**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 The Dearne North Ward Alliance starting balance for the 2021/22 financial year was £10,182.92 this includes the underspend of £182.92 from the 2020/21 budget. To date they have provided funds to 5 projects at a cost of £6193.00 leaving a balance of £3,989.92

The Dearne South Ward Alliance starting balance for the 2021/22 financial year was £11,317.72 this includes the underspend of £1317.72 from the 2020/21 budget. To date they have provided funds to 4 projects at a cost of £5,500 leaving a balance of £5,817.72

**5.0 Appendix**

**Appendix One: Breakdown of Dearne North and South Ward Alliance Spend**

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

For 2021/22 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

The carry-forward and overspend of the 2020/21 Ward Alliance Fund were combined and added to the 2021/22 Allocation and to be managed as a single budget.

### **Dearne North Ward Alliance budget**

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation + CF £182.92

**£10,182.92 total available funding**

<b><u>App no.</u></b>	<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Project end date</u></b>	<b><u>Allocation</u></b>	<b><u>Allocation remaining</u></b>
001	Bulky Rubbish referral scheme	31.03.2022	£2000.00	£8,182.92
002	Hanging Baskets on Goldthorpe High Street (shortfall to match funding)	31.10.2021	£300.00	£7,882.92
003	Hickleton Main Welfare Bowling Club	31.12.2021	£2200.00	£5,682.92
004	Shaw Alliance	31.12.2021	£693.00	£4,989.92
005	Thurnscoe Institute Cricket Club	31.12.2021	£1000.00	£3,989.92

**Total spend = £6,193.00**

**Match funded = £3,200.00**

### **Dearne South Ward Alliance budget**

For the 2022 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation + CF £1317.72 from 2020/21

**£11,317.72 total available funding**

<b><u>App no.</u></b>	<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Project end date</u></b>	<b><u>Allocation</u></b>	<b><u>Allocation remaining</u></b>
001	Bulky Rubbish referral scheme	March 2022	£2000.00	£9,317.72
002	Hanging baskets on Goldthorpe & Bolton on Dearne shopping (Shortfall against match funding brought in)	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	£300.00	£9,017.72
003	Dearne Sports Bowling Club (match funds towards purchase of new equipment)	September 2021	£2000.00	£7,017.72
004	Angling For All (equipment for youth angling group)	August 2022	£1200.00	£5,817.72

**Total spend= £5,500**

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