

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 16 May 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Room 2, Goldthorpe LIFT Centre

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Notes

- 2 Notes of the Previous Informal Meeting of Dearne Area Councillors held on 14th March, 2022 (Dac.16.05.2022/2) (*Pages 3 - 10*)

Items for Discussion

- 3 Blood Pressure Campaign Update - Kaye Mann
- 4 Adult Skills and Community Learning - Caroline Oxley

Performance

- 5 Performance Report Q4 (Dac.16.05.2022/5) (*Pages 11 - 20*)

Items for Decision

- 6 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.16.05.2022/6) (*Pages 21 - 24*)

Ward Alliances

- 7 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances held on 22nd March, 2022 (Dac.16.05.2022/7) (*Pages 25 - 38*)
- 8 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.16.05.2022/8) (*Pages 39 - 42*)

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Dearne North and Dearne South Elected Members

Area Council Support Officers:

Paul Castle, Dearne Area Council Senior Management Link Officer

Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager

Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities

Peter Mirfin, Governance Manager

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Friday, 6 May 2022

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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 14 March 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

NOTES

Present

Councillors Noble (Chair), Cain, Danforth and Gardiner

43 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

44 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 17th January, 2022 (Dac.14.03.2022/2)

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

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 25th November, 2022 be received and noted.

45 Performance Report Q3 (Dac.14.03.2022/3)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the report which covered Quarter 3 ranging from October to December, 2021.

The Service provided by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had slowly been building back up following the pandemic with 164 volunteers working on events, 17 of which were new. Twiggs events had cumulated 349 volunteer hours with 353 bags of rubbish targeted. 33 areas had been scheduled for work alongside some additional proactive work being carried out and 7 fly tipping cases reported.

The b:friend service had supported 81 residents and 546 hours of one to one befriender interactions had taken place. There had been 42 volunteers with 16 of those new and 52 hours used for group social activities. The service was deemed a success and had commenced inter-generational work with young volunteers.

Dearne Electronic Community Village had 67 learners on roll with 20 of those new learners. 16 people had achieved qualifications, 3 had gained employment and 15 had moved into further training with other providers.

In relation to the Private Sector Housing Enforcement, 157 reports had been made, 32 properties had been improved and 35 people had been helped with positive changes. 38 fly tipping cases had been report and 38 houses had been supported to recycle and dispose of waste in a responsible way. It was reported that 30 houses had made improvements after just the first contact made.

The Dearne Development Fund which was supported by Barnsley Citizens Advice Service, had supported 49 people with a total of 72 issues raised claiming £300 of benefits and managed £7,825 worth of debt. The largest majority of issues raised were benefits, tax credits and employment issues.

DIAL numbers had increased once more with 145 enquiries made, 354 people had reported reduced anxiety since using the service and £163,212 of benefits had been claimed. A breakdown of issues dealt with was given, reporting that over half had been in relation to benefits and 14% were around social isolation, discussions had taken place with DIAL to signpost to relevant services.

Goldthorpe Development Group had seen 195 attendees at an Older Generation Get Together with 40 volunteers assisting the event.

Members were updated on staffing absences in the Housing Officer Post with an update that housing problems were being reported and dealt with through the main Core services. It was suggested that this be looked into at a future meeting as to whether the funding could be relocated elsewhere.

Members queried the b:friend contract and whether men were becoming more involved. It was reported that a discussion had been held and a new specification was being drawn up to target men but it would be a wait and see scenario as to whether it would be well attended. Further schemes were being investigated such as Men in Sheds.

RECOMMENDED that members receive and note the report.

46 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.14.03.2022/4)

The Area Council manager provided members with an update in relation to the financial position of the Area Council.

Members attention was drawn to the updated reported which showed a starting balance of £208,783.34, of which £175,000 had been committed to 4 commissions with £8,441 also being allocated into the Dearne Development Fund and extension of the housing officer post. An additional £31,638 had been received from the practical support grant leaving a total of £56,980.34 to carry over into the 2022/23 financial year.

Taking into account the already allocated funds of £197,277, a total of £59,703.34 would remain to spend on Dearne area priorities in the 2022/23 financial year.

Members were informed that the funds remaining included the reintroduction of the part time funding for the Neighbourhood Engagement Officer which had originally been allocated monies for a full time post.

In addition £14,003.41 remained in the Dearne Development Fund.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

47 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.14.03.2022/5)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North and Dearne South Ward Alliances held on 1st February, 2022.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance had reported surprising and welcoming uptake on hanging baskets by local businesses with nearly all brackets filled. A new action plan on priorities and potential projects was being produced and a covid update from the NEO had been received.

The Dearne South Ward Alliance received a finance update along with action planning on potential projects going forward and they had also received a covid update from the NEO.

RECOMMENDED that the notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

48 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.14.03.2022/6)

The Area Council provided members with an update in respect of the Ward Alliance Funds.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance had a starting budget of £10,182.92 including an underspend of £182.92 from the 2020/21 budget. To date 7 projects had been funded leaving a balance of £2,797.92.

The Dearne South Ward Alliance had a starting balance of £11,317.72 including an underspend of £1317.72 from the 2020/21 budget. 4 projects had been funded to date at a cost of £5,500 leaving a balance of £5,817.72. It was noted that since this meeting further projects had been funded.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

49 Future Meeting Arrangements (Dac.14.03.2022/7)

Members were asked whether now that restrictions had lifted, they would wish for future meetings of the Area Council to commence meeting back in the Dearne.

It was agreed that this would be the preferable option but with a view to finding a facility that could allow for hybrid interaction, and that if this was not feasible then meetings would continue in Barnsley Town Hall.

It was noted that this would be the last meeting of the Area Council that Councillor Noble would Chair and attend prior to stepping down as a Councillor. Members asked to place on record their thanks and appreciation for her services to the Council, to this Area Council and to the Ward and its residents that she represented. She would be sadly missed and was given best wishes for the future.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) that the Clerk meet with the Area Council Manager at Dearne LIFT Centre to find a suitable room and test out the technology;

(ii) that the best wishes of the Area Council be extended to all Councillors retiring at the Election to be held on the 5th May, 2022.

Chair

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 17 January 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Noble, Cain, Coates and Danforth (Chair)

Attending Virtually Councillor Gardiner

35 Election of Chair

As Councillor Noble had notified Members that she would be late, a Chair was elected from the floor.

RESOLVED that Councillor Danforth be appointed Chair for the purposes of this meeting only.

36 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

37 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 25th November, 2021 (Dac.17.01.2022/2)

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 25th November, 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

38 Dearne Area Council Financial Update (Dac.17.01.2022/3)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the item reminding members that the Dearne Area Council had commenced the 2021/22 financial year with a budget of £208,783.34 followed by the receipt of an additional £31,638 from the practical support grant. Members were informed that following the spending commitments made throughout the year a budget of £56,980.34 remained to carry over into the next financial year.

Attention was drawn to the budget for the 2022/23 financial year with the assumption that the Area Council would receive the same allocation, giving a starting total of £256,980.34. Members were reminded that finances had already been committed to a number of services to a cumulative figure of £213,401 leaving £43,579.34 to spend on further priorities in the Dearne area during 2022/23.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

39 Dearne Area Council Commissioning Update (Dac.17.01.2022/4)

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

The B: Friend commission was due to end on the 31st July, 2022 and members had agreed at the Area Council meeting held on 15th November, 2021 that social inclusion remained a priority and to go out to tender for a service to meet the needs of those most vulnerable at a cost of £28,000. The specification had been developed and agreed with some minor amendments made to reflect the need to target more men.

Members were asked to review and approve the procurement timeline showing various deadlines in order for the contract to commence 1st July, 2022.

The Housing and Cohesion Officer post was in place until the end of March 2023 with the amendments being made to the service level agreement which had been signed off by the Area Chair, Area Manager and the Group Leader for Housing Management, Regulation and Service Improvement.

Assisting Employment and Skills commission contract had been awarded to Dearne Electronic Community Village for a period of 3 years following a moderation meeting held on 25th November, 2021 with points being scored based on the questions set during the tender process.

The Neighbourhood and Engagement Officer role was in place until the end of March 2024 due to further funding being agreed at the Area Council meeting held on 25th November, 2021.

Members were informed that a workshop would need to be convened to discuss future priorities in relation to the Environment, Education and Volunteer Service, as Twiggs had around 14 months left on their contract.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the report be noted: and
- (ii) that the procurement timeline for the Social Inclusion Service be approved.

40 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.17.01.2022/5)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 16th November, 2021 and noted that no meeting of the Dearne South Ward Alliance had taken place due to staff illness.

The Dearne North Ward Alliance received an update from Adam from Twiggs on future projects and work undertaken during 2021. A Covid-19 update was shared with Alliance members along with a list of future events being held over the Christmas period. Members had received a reminder of the new area priorities for 2022 with a view to holding individual member meetings for their input on the action plan.

Ward Alliance members were informed that no new applications had been received for funding.

RESOLVED that notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance be received.

41 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.17.01.2022/6)

The Area Council Manager provided an update in relation to the Ward Alliance Funds for the 2021/22 financial year.

Dearne North started the financial year with £10,182.92 and had funded 5 projects at a cost of £6,880.00 leaving £3,302.92 to carry forward

Dearne South had an opening balance of £11,317.72, had funded 4 projects at a cost of £5,500 and had £5,817.72 remaining.

RESOLVED that the report on the Ward Alliance Funds and the Performance Reports be noted.

42 Community Listening Report - Craig Taylor (Dac.17.01.2022/7)

Craig Taylor, Stronger Communities Project Officer, was welcomed to the meeting.

Members received an update on the Community Listening exercise which had taken place in order to reengage with Groups that had lost contact or closed down due to the pandemic as well as engaging with the wider public.

In total 234 responses had been collected which were evenly spread over the two Wards with the demographic hitting a wide range of age groups from working age up to 80 years old. However, it was reported that the majority of those taking part were female and minority groups had been underrepresented. Members were informed that the answers had been sorted into categories that aligned with the Ward Alliance and Area Council priorities.

A brief overview was provided of some of the questions and answers given showing the opportunities given to members of the community to talk about their concerns. Particular reference was made around the anti-social behaviour in the community and what could be done to combat that in collaboration with partner agencies.

In conclusion, members heard how people were generally happy with what was happening in the area and that there was a good sense of community spirit and neighbourliness. Community Groups were building back up with support within the wards and green spaces and facilities around the area were valued with a determination to keep things tidy and looking nice.

Members raised concerns and acknowledged that anti-social behaviour in specific areas of the Dearne was alarming and included criminal damage to properties which was regularly being reported to the Police and Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Members were informed that the Police and Crime Commissioner was aware of the issues and had invested £10,000 to help tackle the problem through a variety of resources such as police in the area, more notice boards particularly in Thurnscoe to

tackle the anti-social behaviour and litter picking equipment for distribution to groups in the area.

Members also commented that the perception of some members of the public was that gangs of youths congregating meant they would automatically be causing anti-social behaviour when they were just young people meeting up to socialise.

Members were informed that following the community listening exercise the Area Council Team had worked through the comments to pull together an action plan to tackle some of the issues raised and to show that the community were being listened to.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation and update.

Chair

January to
March
2022

Dac.16.05.2022/5

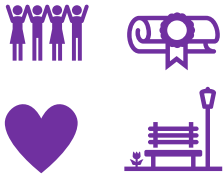


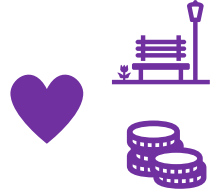
Dearne Area Council Performance Report



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- going out to tender	
Dearne electronic community village	Employability	£34,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2025	
BMBC	Private Sector Housing Enforcement	£31,557 per annum	Funded until end of March 2023	

Commissions

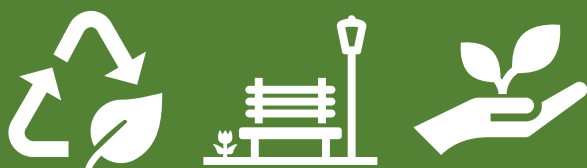
TWIGGS

Grounds Maintenance LTD



This was a good quarter, work with volunteers and groups was one of the strongest since COVID restrictions began. The Great British Spring Clean took place slightly earlier this year which also help increase volunteer number and participation. The work that did take place had a positive impact on the environment and the social interaction also an impact on physical and mental health, helping to address public health priorities. Community efforts continued with work with volunteer groups, Dearne Churches Together and an effort to support a group on Co-Operative Street, Goldthorpe. This was in preparation for a funeral which involved existing volunteers and residents who joined the efforts to clean-up the street.

Twiggs



211 volunteers worked with on events

36 new volunteers

965 volunteer hours at Twiggs events

428 rubbish bags filled

27 areas targeted in proactive and reactive work

10 fly tipping cases reported



Operation Duxford

This was a multi-agency proactive day of heightened enforcement and community engagement led by South Yorkshire Police officers. Taking place in March the efforts in the Dearne were supported by a litter pick in and around Thurnscoe Cemetery 38 bag of rubbish were collected.



The social clubs continue to grow as restrictions ease with lots of new members coming forward of varying ages. The new group in Goldthorpe has successfully launched this is aimed at encouraging men to become involved. There's been a big increase in volunteers coming forward in the past two quarters but not all have completed the induction process. This demonstrates there is interest but still some factors to overcome that effect their ability to commit. Work continued to build relationships with other groups such as the Snap Tin Community Hub, Salvation Army and Co-Op store in St Andrew's Sq. Preparation have started on the Queen's Jubilee which will include a quilt project with Dearne Community Arts. B:friend's work was also recognised in a national diversity awards ceremony in this quarter.

b:friend



93 isolating older neighbours supported

608 hours of 1:1 befriender interactions

65 hours of staff visits/calls

48 volunteers

12 new volunteers

52 hours of group social activities



Malc



Malc's feelings of loneliness and isolation have reduced massively since November 2020. The weekly calls and visits from his befriender Hayley have given him something to look forward to each week and the confidence to join a social club. Malc now feels more connected to the community and is enjoying connecting with his peers each week. In fact, he is now volunteers as a befriender! Malc is matched with Herbert who lives just around the corner they both enjoy spending time together. Herbert said: "I knew as soon as I saw him parallel park outside my bungalow we'd get on!" and Malc added: b:friend has done so much to help me I just wanna give something back".



Class learning takes place 3 days a week with most people attending in person. The number of new enrolments continues to increase, 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. Due to the close nature of learning additional help with PIP/Council tax/Housing advice is provided and referral made to other services for example DIAL Barnsley. In person OCR assessments and moderating has returned which should speed up qualifications and learner receiving certificates. In formal Digital Inclusion and the social aspect continues to add value over and above the contract's aims and formal targets.

DECV



94 people learning

27 new learners

27 learner achieving
qualifications

7 learners into employment

27 learners into further training



Jill

Jillian started the sessions after an interview with the DWP. She was told that she needed IT skills to help broaden the type of work she could apply for. Jill said, "I haven't been in a learning environment for a long time, so when the Jobcentre suggested I go along to a class, I was nervous, especially because of my stress and anxiety."

She was supported to access online health resources which was a good introduction into basic IT skills and helped with her health. This led to Jill being confident to come to class learning and finally making an appointment with a GP.

Although her learning was disrupted during lockdown she managed to complete a number of courses including a Level 2 accreditation in Customer Service. Jill is now enrolled on a course with Doncaster College.

Employment

During the last year 36 learners have gone on to employment. Here are some of the organisations that employ them:

ACM Bearings

Aldi Warehouse

ASOS

British Heart Foundation

Community Shop

Greenacres School

Honest Home Care

John Lewis

Market Kitchen

McDonalds

Port West

Seasalt

Sentry Doors

Sunhealth Care



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Housing and Migration Officer

There has been no written report submitted for the last quarter in relation to the Housing and migration officer work. The officer has been off for a while due to ill health but has now put in his notice. However, to ensure continuity an officer from the reactive team will be doing all of the proactive work for the Dearne Area Council.

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**

53 people supported

71 issues raised

£7,779 of benefits claimed

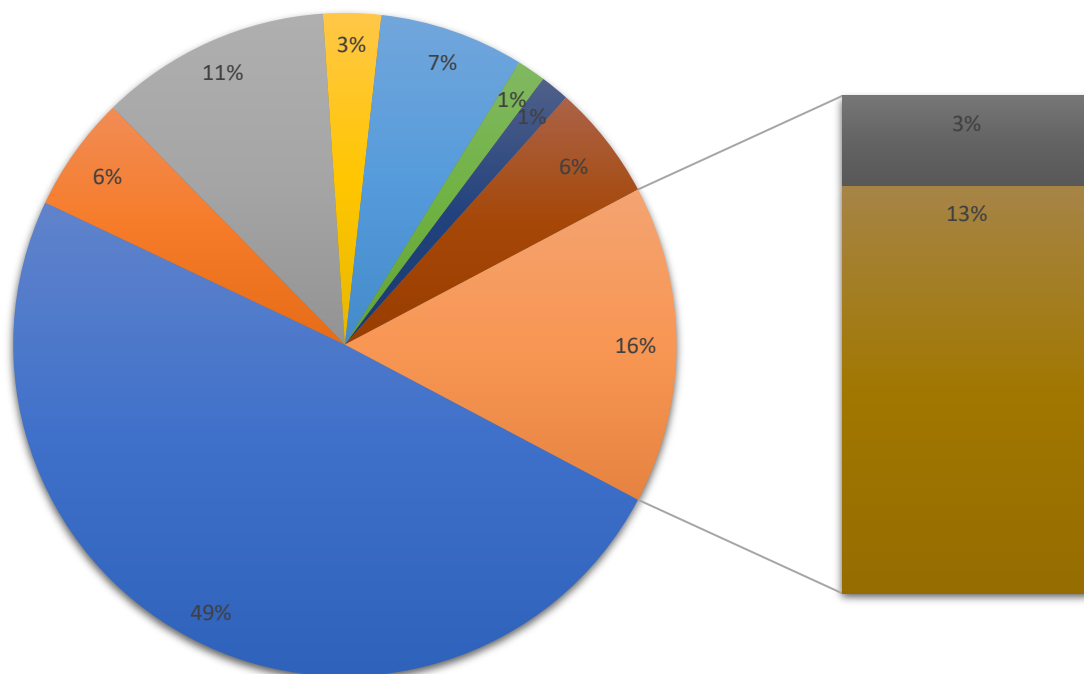
£7,825 of debt managed over last
two quarters



Case study

Karen is a renter in private housing, she had an issue with rats. She had twice contacted the housing company but they refused to pay for the rat situation to be dealt with. Citizens Advice Barnsley informed Karen that in a private rental, the landlord is liable for most repairs if the house isn't safe or fit for human habitation - which includes infestation by pests. Also, that the repairs must be completed within a "reasonable" period of time. Karen was also urged to contact Shelter who could also give support with housing issues. All this advice and support gave Karen the confidence to go back to the landlord with the knowledge that she knew the legal situation.

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 121 people received comprehensive telephone advice. DIAL also introduced safe and well checks to support vulnerable residents who were either shielding or self-isolating. Since start of project each £1 spent has returned £9.64 into the Dearne.

DIAL

Barnsley

152 enquires made this quarter

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

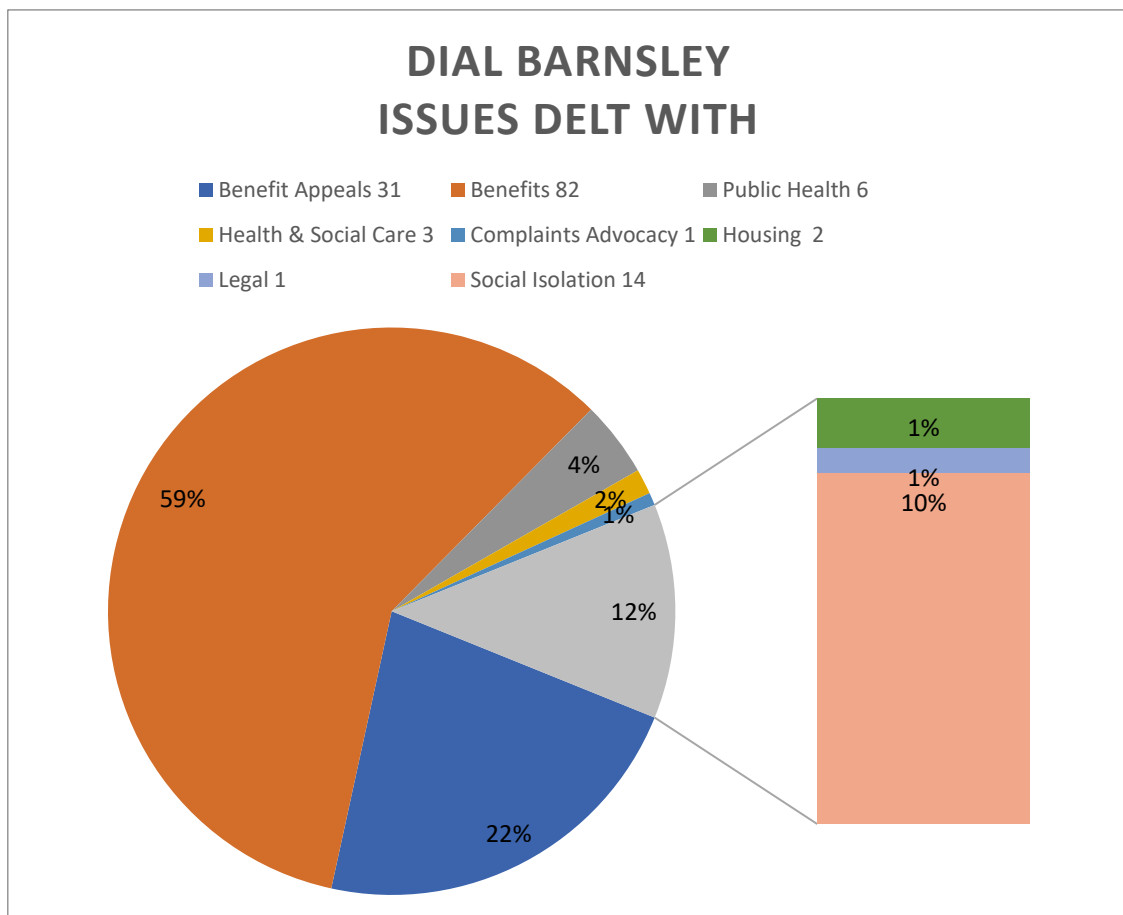
£24,670 benefits claims supported



Case study

Mr A is 86 years old has Parkinson's disease, his wife is his primary carer. His mobility is now severely affected making it difficult for them to go shopping and attend appointments. A friend suggested that a blue badge may make things easier for them. They contacted DIAL who took them through the process and advised them that they may also be able to claim for Attendance Allowance benefit this resulted in extra weekly income.

Mr A said: "I looked into applying for the blue badge but it seemed that we would have to do it online so I wasn't going to bother. When I spoke to DIAL they were really good. Not only did they help me with the blue badge, they also advised me about Attendance Allowance and helped me with that too. I am delighted with the advice and help that DIAL gave me. Without their help I don't think I would have been able to go places like I used to."



Goldthorpe Development Group

The Older Generation Get Together events continue to be buffet style but to allow a COVID safe environment for volunteers and guests. As well as the usual entertainment the March meeting the Violence Reduction Unit, from the South Yorkshire Police attended. They gave a presentation and listened to concerns and worries to feedback the local issues.

Older Generation Get Together

180 people attending

30 volunteers assisting



Case study

There are now a good group of volunteers who help at the event. The February event was attended by some 12 volunteers, all willing to take up their assigned roles and help the event go smoothly. Each has a role such as on door, greeting people with a squirt of hand sanitiser or a disinfectant wipe serving the tea and coffee, the raffle, bingo and all the other simply help getting people seated and generally ensuring guest they have everything they need. The community really comes together to make the events a success.

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 16th May 2022

**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 2021/22/23

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 extended the housing officer post at a cost of £8,441 leaving £25,342.34 in the original Dearne Area Council budget to spend on priorities. The Area Council also have an additional £31,638 from the practical support grant, which is an increase from the previously reported allocation. Bringing the total to £56,980.34 to carry over into the next financial year.

- 3.2 Assuming the allocation for 2022/23 remains the same the total allocation will be £256,980.34. Finances are already committed to the services, employment and skills, environment, education and volunteering, social inclusion and the housing and cohesion, neighbourhood and engagement officer post. The neighbourhood and engagement officer was successful in securing a part time community development post, therefore the costings previously allocated to the full time post is now reduced, which have been put back into the area councils budget. Taking all of the above into consideration the amount allocated to these services is £197,277 leaving £59,703.34 to spend on Dearne area priorities during the 2022/23 financial year. This will no doubt increase slightly once the final payments have come through from the soon to be vacant housing officer post.

4.0 **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 24th of May 2021 Dearne elected members allocated a further £30,000 to the Dearne Development Fund. Dial received £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. Finally £3,000 was granted as a contribution towards the bounce into summer event. Therefore the Dearne Development Fund remaining allocation is £14,003.41.

See Appendix one for financial breakdown

Appendices

Appendix 1: Financial update

Officer

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Date: 16th May 2022

Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000	
Carry forward	£8,783.34	£56,980	£	
Total allocation for year	£208,783.34	£256,980.34	£	
Employment and skills	-£33,000	-£34,000	-£34,000	-£34,000
Housing and Cohesion Officer	-£8,441	-£33,277		
Dearne Clean & Tidy	-£85,000	-£85,000		
Dearne Development Fund	-£30,000			
Social inclusion	-£27,000	-£28,000	-£28,000	-£28,000
NEO post		-£17,000	-£17,000	
Total spend (actual)	£183,441	£197,277	£79,000	
Practical support grant	+£31,638			
Overall allocation remaining	£56,980.34	£59,703.34	£	

Dearne Development Fund

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 th 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
Goldthorpe Development group	August 2022	£3,000	£14,003.41

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**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 Alliance 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 meeting was held virtual on 22nd March 2022 with two new members welcomed to the meeting Michael Bunting & Denis Blade, both received a full introduction.

No funding applications were received both ward alliance and working fund finance were discussed, the committed spend and the balance to carry forward to 2023. The Community Development Officer highlighted potential projects to look at running in 2022, all agreed to start planning future events at the next meeting in May after the forthcoming elections. Cllr Coates proposed an idea to the Ward Alliance to consider projects like events, environmental projects and social get togethers. She also suggested having subgroups for these from the members within the Ward Alliance.

The treasurer gave a brief update on the working funds and the committed spend from projects that have already been approved.

Community Groups all gave their updates regarding their forthcoming plans and activities.

The date of governance framework and new members introduction training will be confirmed at the face to face May meeting.

4.2 The Dearne North Ward Alliance meeting was held virtually on 22nd March 2022.

The main focus at the meeting was around potential projects to look at developing in 2022 and what funding would be needed, all agreed to start planning future events at the May 2022 meeting.

The treasurer gave an update on the finances – five applications were submitted for recommendation from Thurnscoe Reservoir Funds & Dearne Kids Outdoor Activity Group – all agreed to fund. The other three applications were from Mind Matters regarding a train the trainer course on Mental Health, Church Street and Chestnut Grove. The Ward Alliance felt that they were not clear about these applications and needed more information, all three were deferred until next meeting.

Community Groups all gave their updates regarding their forthcoming plans and activities.

4.3 The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliance, 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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Dearne North Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	22.03.2022 – Online Microsoft Teams (2pm-4pm)

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Alan Gardiner (Chair) – Elected Member Cllr Wendy Cain – Elected member Derek Bramham – Big Local Thurnscoe Peter Shields – Dearne Memorial Group Pauline Phillips –Thurnscoe Flower Park volunteer Sue Bellamy – Resident Glennis Lingard - Resident Sue Miller – The Hill Primary School Marie Sinclair – Community Development Officer – Dearne Area Team Darryl Hand – NEO Neighbourhood Engagement Officer – Dearne Area Team (Minutes) Gillian Totty – Community Engagement Officer, Berneslai Homes	Charlotte Williams – Station House Community Association – (Treasurer) Jackie Kenning – Salvation Army

1. Welcomes & apologies

2. Notes from previous meeting & any matters arising

All agreed as a true record.

3. Finance

- Remaining WA budget

MS - There's £4720 in the working funds left

AG - The ward alliance funds left there is £2797.92

- Submitted applications

Dearne kids activity group

AG – I'm quite happy with this.

DB – in their application it says there's people from Dearne south ward and I was wondering if the amount should be split?

AG – majority are from Thurnscoe.

AG – everyone happy?

WC – some of the items look quite expensive and there doesn't seem to be asking for a lot considering how many kids go.

AG – is the application therefore agreed?

(all group voted in agreement of the application)

Thurnscoe Reservoir Group

AG – this group is asking for funding for treatment for the pond

SM – we use the reservoir for pond dipping with the children, it's a great asset.

WC – I don't understand why he wants to keep the wood for 2 years. My worry is that he will keep coming back for more money for more wood.

AG – are we agreeing this application?

(all group voted in agreement of the application)

Church Street crafty sew n sews

AG – I think it's the first time they've asked for funding.

GT – I think £500 is a lot of money to give to a crafting group.

GT – I would also question why Mandy the scheme manager is not asked to be involved. She's qualified in delivering armchair aerobics and has all the equipment needed.

DH – they have arranged

AG – we will get further information and the application to be re-submitted.

MS – can you send me your queries and ill bring them to the next meeting.

Mental Health train the trainers

DH – I'll declare an interest and leave the meeting for you to discuss.

AG – we have agreed that it is a lot of money so would need further info. Can you find out the success rates, how many is then trained from the trainers post session and what the mental health rates are in the area. Can you give some statistics on the current crisis? Also, how do we know there's been interest in Dearne North?

(DH returned to meeting)

DH – thank you, I will get this information for the next meeting.

4. Update on hanging baskets sponsorships for summer 2022

- WA to sponsor Thurnscoe & Goldthorpe

MS – we have a grand total of 23 brackets on Barnsley Road. We have 14 sponsors and need 9 baskets. I'm asking 4 from the North WA and 5 from the Snaptin. In Thurnscoe we've got 25

brackets, 21 sponsors – so we need the WA to pay for 4.

5. Potential projects planned for 2022

- Community cinema
- 3 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) community car boot
- Summer holidays plans – healthy lifestyles & lots of activities (ideas please)
- Games day (Shake, battle & roll)
- The Big Clean/volunteer week

MS updated on planned projects based on current WA action plan / consultation with members.

DB – at the end of May or beginning of June the Plaza will be an ideal location for events once its completed.

6. Group updates including COVID19

Dearne Memorial Group:

PS – we are having problems with the website. PayPal have decided we are a business and we're struggling to get funds. People are unable to get information from us due to issue purchasing credits on our website. I've been in touch with Anthony in bereavement services to take it over.

Thurnscoe Big Local

DB – the plaza is well underway and is on target. The footings and mouldings for the café have been done. We are in process of getting Yorkshire water to put water in. The official opening date is Sunday June 5th – last weekend of the Jubilee. We've got a company coming with a cannon. We are waiting for our last 2-year plan be approved by local trust. Spring newsletter will be going out in April.

Thurnscoe Flower Park

PP – The swing that was damaged has now been replaced by Balmoral Tanks. Robert Ogden Children are working on a wild flower meadow. We've used covid funding to top up some roses. Dearne churches together are joining us for some work. July 2nd Picnic in the Park with a stage,

rides, and stalls. The Queen's canopy this year we're doing a small Orchard.

MS – in this morning's Dearne South meeting Alison did say that the Salvation Army are running low on fruit donations and would welcome them.

Neighbourhood Engagement Officer (Covid-19):

DH – from 31st March all the mobile testing sites across Barnsley will no longer be available. From 1st April home testing Kits will be charged for – it's not clear how much. PPE is still available free from BMBC to community groups. As we approach Covid recovery plan it's important to integrate face to face meetings.

7. AOB

GT – Dearne Housing Team are doing a Live Q&A on Friday 1ST April 3pm – 5pm. Invites will be sent out.

Notice board relocation

MS – sadly the notice board that we paid for through the environmental funds has been vandalised and it's going to be re-located to the bottom of the hill away from the MUGA.

PS – my granddaughter has won 2 trees and would like them donating to the Thurnscoe Flower Park.

8. Dates & Time of next meeting - Tuesday May 17th 2pm

Agenda:

- **Governance Framework**
- **MHFA application**
- **Crafty Chestnuts information**

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Dearne South Ward Alliance

MEETING NOTES (in-person)

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	22.03.2022 – Willowcroft Flats, Bolton-upon-Deane (10am – 12pm)

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Cllr Dorothy Coates – Elected Member (Chair)</p> <p>Marie Sinclair (CDO)</p> <p>Darryl Hand (Minutes)</p> <p>Alan George (Treasurer)</p> <p>Pat Hubery – local resident</p> <p>Carole Hoyland – BODVAG rep.</p> <p>Alison Sykes – Salvation Army rep.</p> <p>Dennis Hogg</p> <p>Kelly Burton (Dearne Active Champion)</p> <p>Michael Bunting</p>	<p>Cllr Sam Danforth (Chair) – Elected Member</p> <p>Cllr May Noble – Elected member</p> <p>Donna Gregory (Local Resident)</p> <p>Julie Medlam (Dearne Playhouse)</p> <p>Mick Moore – Dearne Allotment Group rep.</p>

- Welcomes & introductions

- Dennis Blade (New member)
- Michael Bunting (New Member) – Chair of Goldthorpe Development Group and Caretaker of Goldthorpe Embankment.
- Kelly Burton (Dearne Active Champion) – Kelly introduced herself and explained her role within the Dearne and her weekly schedule. She explained it can be found as a pinned post on her Facebook page.

MB – where can I pick up what you're doing – dates and times?

KB – look for my Facebook page – Dearne Active Champion Thurnscoe and Goldthorpe.

DC – Can I request that Bolton on Dearne is added to your Facebook name?

KB – yes I'll sort that today.

MS – can I request you go into some sheltered accommodations / care homes and perhaps take them on a walk?

KB – yes I will do.

DH – its probably important to add Kelly's demographic is 18+

DC – if you need to borrow any sports equipment, you can borrow them from Great Houghton

AG – just out of curiosity are you first aid trained?

KB – I'm not no

DC – I think it's very important you had first aid training.

DH – how many of the WA members need first aid training?

(9 of 10 raised their hands)

MS -I will have a look into it.

DC – can we look into training for first aid, safeguarding, risk assessment and food hygiene training to help youth groups or community groups.

- **Apologies**

Cllr Sam Danforth (Chair) – Elected Member

Cllr May Noble – Elected member

Donna Gregory (Local Resident)

Julie Medlam (Dearne Playhouse)

Mick Moore – Dearne Allotment Group rep.

- **Notes from previous meeting & any matters arising**

MS – Defib Training. I have spoke to Joanne from NHS and she is happy to provide that training, so I will add that to the other training.

AG – it says Dearne North on page 1 not Dearne South.

MS – Christmas lights have risen to a cost of £22.000 this year.

CH – what about Christmas trees, they didn't have them up this year?

MS -we can look into that its about £75 without the lights and about £85 with lights but I will confirm prices.

DC – did the trees go up in Goldthorpe?

MS – no because Colin from Hollygrove volunteers to do it and just didn't have the time do it last year.

DC – what about hiring a man with a van to do it?

MB – it was a shame they were not up last year.

MS – the shops have paid for the baskets this year, so we can see about the trees.

DC – the public do like the trees.

DC – if we got in early enough and had the right costings, we could partner with the Snaptin and put some money aside.

DC – can I have a proposer and a seconder.

CH – I'll propose them as a true record

AG – I'll second them

- **Finance**

- Remaining WA budget for 2021/22

MS – the remaining budget is £5817

DC – I'm not asking for a decision now as I know we can't, but I'm really keen to set up a youth group in Bolton. I just know the costs involved

CH – where would you put it?

AS- can we ask the youth provision to attend a meeting?

DC – they are open, but they are a targeted service.

DH – the contact is Jade Beever's and I'll circulate her details.

- WA Working Funds

AG – in the library funds there's £918

DC – can I ask why we have a library fund?

MS – it's money that is ring fenced for Linda and the activities at the library.

DC – when we say working funds are we taking any money out at the end of the year and putting it into the working funds?

MS – not at the minute

DC – can I suggest that the working funds is put in a different way for the new financial year? Say for example a £1000 per year into the working funds.

AG – There's £3257.57 is left in the account. This is ringfenced to 3 areas.

DC – can them figures be typed into agenda for future reference?

MB – can I just ask how much we get each year into the WA?

AG – were given £10.000 each year.

- **Projects for 2022/2023**

Summer Holiday plans (*healthy holidays/mental health projects*)

The Big Clean (GBSC 2022)

Volunteer week

MS – Hanging Baskets Dearne South WA already have 5 baskets. They need 13 in total so they're 9 short. I'm going to propose that Snaptin pay for an additional 4 baskets / Ward alliance 5 baskets.

- **Group updates including COVID19**

Bodvag:

CH – We've nothing happening as yet but I am looking to put a funding bid in for some flags.

MS – you could get some money from the working funds if the group agree it.

CH – I know I need £200 to put some jubilee flags in St Andrew's Square.

MB – can we have some flags in Goldthorpe.

DC – it depends on the boundary we only go as far as Asda Bridge.

CH – I'm going to suggest ordering some generic flags.

Embankment Group:

MB – we are desperately trying hard to get the embankment open and at regular times. The issue is the vandalism, so it needs to be manned. We do have anti-vandal paint and CCTV cameras. We are in the process of creating a website with opening times and what's happening. A notice board will also showcase opening times. We have tried to get a notice board for the last 6 month's

MS – are you wanting volunteers to open it?

MB – the council do not want me to be down there on myself when it's open. We've agreed that 2 people will be down there at all times.

DC – thankyou for that it's really useful.

Goldthorpe Development Group:

MB – the pensioners get together each Month at Goldthorpe Unity Club is back up and running.

AG – how much is it?

MB – its £3 a head.

MB – we have a free taxi service for those that have poor mobility or unable to get.

DH what about the bounce into Summer?

MB – we are doing it on Wednesday 24th August (12pm-4pm). We hire loads of inflatables for the children.

DH – its outside Dearne Playhouse.

DH – what's the cost?

MB – its £4 for a wristband for the full 4 hours with unlimited rides.

Neighbourhood Engagement Officer (Covid-19):

DH – from 31st March all the mobile testing sites across Barnsley will no longer be available. From 1st April home testing Kits will be charged for – it's not clear how much. PPE is still available free from BMBC to community groups. As we approach Covid recovery plan it's important to integrate face to face meetings.

Salvation Army:

AS – we are having a real lack of fresh fruit and veg. we are still paying for fair share, but we really need people who home grow to donate. On a Monday you can get referred from service for a food parcel and they can collect from us on a Monday. It is a Barnsley initiative and needs to be referred only.

MS – you can go to Dearne Allotment and see Mick Moore.

AS – we have seen a significant increase in people going onto the sick and not actively seeking work.

DH – the salvation army has seen a real significant increase of people presenting with low level mental health problems such as anxiety and depression.

DC – can we not get Rory from DECV to attend?

DH – how's Humankind going?

AS – it has been working really well.

DH – how's the Uniform Fairy going and the Green Doctors?

AS – I've referred a lot of people to the Green Doctors. They go into peoples home and give adaptations to reduce energy costs such as draft excluders, energy lightbulbs etc.

The uniform Fairy was there yesterday and managed to help 18 families and 31 children. It's really working.

Snaptin Community Hub:

AG – the School Council are now going to start using the Snaptin as an alternate venue. They met yesterday.

Dearne Active Community Group:

PH – we have taken a community allotment on.

DC – there's a lot of work to be done, it's very early stages. We are aiming to make it as eco friendly as possible. We are currently taking gifts out as 'covid thankyou's'

- AOB

DC – can I just ask do WA members have an induction?

MS – yes the CDO's sit an induct them and go through the governance framework. It is always difficult to explain it all which is why we ask them to observe the first meeting.

DH – have you seen Age UK's plea about fundraising events for this year. They're asking people to have a 'time for tea' event. I'm proposing that all the community groups across both wards have a tea/coffee morning and half the funds raised goes to the group and half to Age UK.

- Dates & Time of next meeting - 17th May 10am (venues to be discussed)

- Discuss Christmas Trees at Next Meeting
- Ask targeted youth service to attend and feedback (Jade Beevers)
- Invite Laura Sharman from Section 106
- Application from Mind matters on mental health training
- Check amount given to WA for the new year from BMBC

**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 and South 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 nine projects at a cost of £8,858.03 leaving a balance of 1,324.89

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 four 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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2021/22 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2021/22 each Ward will had 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

<u>App no.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
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
	Recredit Shaw Alliance (monies no longer required)		£693.00	£4,682.92
006	Community Notice Board – Hanover Street play area Thurnscoe East	31.12.2021	£1380.00	3,302.92
007	Goldthorpe Pentecostal Church	31.12.2022	£505.00	£2797.92
008	Thurnscoe Reservoir Ponds	31.12.2022	£909.17	£1888.75
009	Dearne Kids Activity Group	31.12.2022	£563.86	£1324.89

Total spend = £8,858.03

Match funded = £5,178.03

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**

<u>App no.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
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 st 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 = £5,500.00

Match funded = £3200.00