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MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 14 March 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 11, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

2 Notes of the North Area Council meeting held on 17th January 2022 (*Pages 3 - 4*)

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3 Anti-Poverty Outreach - Information Advice and Guidance Service - David Andy
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4 Stronger Communities Grant 2022/23 (*Pages 23 - 28*)

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5 Discussion following workshop held on the 10th March 2022

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6 Performance Report Q3 2021/22 (*Pages 29 - 86*)

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7 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance (*Pages 87 - 94*)

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8 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund (*Pages 95 - 104*)

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Darton East – held on 14th December 2021, 11th January and 8th February 2022
Darton West – held on 18th January 2022, 15th February 2022
Old Town – held on 14th December 2021, 11th January 2022
St Helen's – held on 13th January 2022.

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Crisp, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Newing, Pickering, Platts, Spence and Tattersall

Area Council Support Officers:

Tom Smith, North Area Council Senior Management Link Officer

Rosie Adams, North Area Council Manager
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities
Elizabeth Barnard, Council Governance Officer
Cath Bedford, Public Health Principal - Communities

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Friday, 4 March 2022

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 17 January 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

NOTES

Present

Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, Crisp, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Pickering, Platts and Tattersall

41 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

42 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 29th November 2021

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th November 2021.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 29th November 2021 be received and noted.

43 Housing and Cohesion Update - Bradley Beatson and Carolyn Nichols

Bradley Beatson and Carolyn Nichols were welcomed to the meeting and updated the meeting with regard to the work they have been involved with. Bradley's presentation included a case study he had been involved in, which had led to a positive outcome. Carolyn explained the role of the wardens, work they had been involved in and the difference they are making in the community. Members were urged to make contact with the wardens in the community to introduce themselves and to make them aware of any issues.

RECOMMENDED that:

- (i) Members note the update;
- (ii) Bradley and Carolyn be thanked for their attendance and contribution at the meeting and for the hard work they and the workers are doing in the community and
- (iii) Thanks be passed on to the wardens and all those involved.

44 Stronger Communities Grant 2022/23

The Area Council Manager explained that this grant opportunity closes for applications at the end of January. Members were asked to encourage any groups they were aware of to apply. The evaluation meeting has been arranged for 17th February.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the update.

45 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members with the financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed. Once more information has been received about current projects Members will feel able to give a steer about future plans.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the update and a workshop be set up to work through options.

46 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members with regard to the Ward Alliance spend.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the report

47 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 9th November 2021; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 16th November and 7th December 2021; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 14th November 2021; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 7th December 2021. Members were provided with a brief update from respective Chairs

RECOMMENDED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

Chair

North Area Council Outreach Project

Project Delivery from September 2015 to
31st December 2021

Project Overview (1)

- The service is jointly delivered by Citizens Advice Barnsley and DIAL
- The service delivers Generalist and Specialist Benefit outreach advice to residents and workers in Darton East, Darton West, St Helens and Old Town Wards via outreach services
- Prior to 23rd March 2020 this project was delivered at various outreaches throughout the North Area. Since that date all client contact has been either via the telephone or digital. It is proposed to restart outreaches on Monday 28th March 2022

Total Project: Summary of Results

Since this project was initially funded in September 2015 we have made:

- **10,481** client contacts
- In excess of **£11.82m** of additional welfare benefits gain
- In excess of **£1.74m** of debt managed
- A return on investment of **£20** per **£** spent

Client Numbers

Clients assisted with 23,900 Issues

An average of 32 clients assisted each week

Pre Pandemic, home visits undertaken to assist
clients in their own homes

Clients assisted with various forms, from benefit
applications, Blue Badge applications to replies to
court forms

Project Benefits Outcomes

1800 clients assisted to claim benefits
an average of over £6,500 per client

One client assisted to claim £24,400 of benefit
another £22,100 another £15,000

Project Debt Outcomes

300 clients assisted with debts,
an average of over £5,900 per client.

Two clients assisted with debts over £34,000, a
number in the £ teens, but also some clients with
debts only of a few hundred £, but it's the impact of
those debts on clients lives.

Top 5 Project Enquiry Issues

The top five enquiry areas as dealt with by CAB over the total project are:

- Benefits & Tax Credits
- Benefits Universal Credit
- Debt
- Employment
- Relationships & Family

On this project, DIAL supports clients with welfare issues so all their enquiries relate to welfare benefits

Research & Campaigns work

Using North Area client evidence, we have escalated 21 social policy issues with our national policy team in support of national campaign work. The highest number related to: Employment, Discrimination and Housing

Currently Profile Data shows

- **56%** are female, **44%** male
- **76%** of clients report a long term health condition or disability
- **7%** of clients that use the service are retired
- **8%** of clients are employed
- **3%** are unemployed
- **82%** on Benefits

Case Study 1 CAB

Overview: Client resides in mortgaged property with their partner. Previously client was a director and shareholder of a company, which went into liquidation.

Help given: Creditor obtained CCJ and applied to court for a Charging Order and an order for the sale of the property. Advised on orders courts could make and how to defend against the Charging Order.

Outcome: Client able to deal with this matter so that they and partner could remain residing in the property but also deal with the debt in an affordable manner.

Case Study 2 CAB

Overview: Client dismissed by employer while on sick leave covered by fit notes provided by GP. Client worked for employer for several years. Client was dismissed by email following failure to act on emails, sent to client regarding meetings and sickness, which were sent to their works email account, which client due to illness, was unable to access.

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Help given: Advised client may be able to claim unfair dismissal due to actions taken by employer. Also advised on entitlement to holiday pay, disability discrimination, challenging dismissal, appeals process and employment Tribunal.

Outcome: Client felt more able, with support from Citizens Advice and partner, to deal with the employment and dismissal and seek further assistance from qualified advisers and ACAS to pursue unfair dismissal.

Case Study 1 DIAL

Overview: Couple on low income, with two disabled children and one of the parents also disabled, struggling with the disability benefits system.

Help given: Carried a full benefit check, assisted clients to claim, 2 X DLA for children, PIP for one parent and other enhanced related benefits

Outcome: Client had benefits income increased by £543 per week and were able to obtain a car via mobility which was vital during the current pandemic.

Case Study 2 DIAL

Overview: Client has been in receipt of PIP for a number of years, however; lost it all on review. Leaving client in financial difficulties during the current pandemic.

Help given: Assisted client to access all their data and make an appeal to the Tribunal.

Outcome: Client successfully won the appeal and had the benefits reinstated. This amounted to £218 per week. Client now has reduced stress and felt, prior to DIAL's contact, that they had not been believed and called a liar by the DWP.

Client Comments

- I struggled alone with the same problem for years, not realising that Citizens Advice Barnsley could have helped me. If I had made contact with them sooner it would have saved me many sleepless nights. If everyone knew more widely about the help available, it could help with all kinds of stress and mental health issues.
- Excellent service so close to home has been a massive help.
- Very helpful, made to feel at ease, given plenty of useful phone number to move forward. Thank you
- I was told about Citizen Advice from a friend. It was the first time I have seen them and it made me feel better about myself and the help I got from Zoe was first class.
- This service has been my family's life line and with it being local to me has helped my mental health in getting my financial difficulties sorted.

Client Comments

- “What a difference this is going to make to all our lives. I cannot believe how knowledgeable the advisor was, not only about all the different benefits but about my child’s condition. He really understood it !”
- “I would never have been able to appeal like DIAL did. You must know so much to be able to understand the law and where it was not applied properly”.
- “I have used DIAL on a number of occasions and always had the very best advice and guidance on every occasion, I would have no hesitation in using them again or recommending them to friends and family”
- “I can’t thank DIAL enough. The difference this makes is enormous”.
- “DIAL has helped me to get a positive result from my appeal, something I could not do for myself. They have provided a professional, first class, friendly service ”

ANY QUESTIONS

Thank you

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

14th March 2022

Agenda Item: 4

Report of North Area Council Manager

North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members about the North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant application and allocation process.
- 1.2 To update members on the outcome of the grant panel meeting and the projects recommended for funding.
- 1.3 The report also outlines the performance management and monitoring arrangements for successful projects.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 **Members note the NAC Stronger Communities Grant update.**
- 2.2 **Members note the projects that have been recommended for funding, pending further information.**
- 2.3 **Members note that the Panel will reconvene to confirm that the requests of the panel have been met.**
- 2.4 **Members agree the performance and monitoring arrangements outlined in Section 7.**

3. Background

Having noted the success of the Stronger Communities Grant funded projects which have been delivered throughout 2015/16 to 2021/22 it was agreed at the Area Council Meeting on the 29th November 2021 that the North Area would run the Stronger Communities Grant funding opportunity for the project delivery in 2022/23.

The NAC Stronger Communities Grant was established as a grants programme totalling £40,000 (2022/23) to address the identified North Area Council priorities. It is aimed at developing the capacity of community groups and organisations,

social enterprises and not for profit organisations, with a view to enabling them to bid for future procurements.

The North Area Council recognises that 2020 and 2021 have been exceptionally difficult due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The impact on lives across all sectors of society has been severe. For the year 2022/23 North Area Council welcomed applications that will help to alleviate the pressures of the pandemic. Particularly those that have been affected by financial hardship. During our recent Community Listening activity conducted during July and August 2021, residents identified the current needs and wants:

- Activities in the community for children, young people, individuals and families
- Opportunities to learn new skills
- Creative and craft-based activities
- Activities in nature and greenspaces.

The grant opportunity was advertised at the beginning of December 2021 and the final date for submission of applications was the 28th January 2022. A total of 4 applications were received before the deadline, totalling **£23,716.34**. (Plus one ineligible application from a private business.)

The Grants Panel Member received their panel packs electronically w/c 7th February. This included an information sheet, copies of all the applications and 'Scoring Matrix' top sheet for each application which needed to be completed prior to the panel meeting.

The Wards were represented by the following Councillors.

Darton East	Cllr Steve Hunt
Darton West	Cllr Sharon Howard
Old Town	Cllr Phil Lofts
St Helen's	Cllr Sarah Jane Tattersall

4. Recommended Projects

The Members had an opportunity to independently score each application before meeting for the Evaluation Panel on Thursday 17th February. The scoring matrix provided a robust qualitative and quantitative basis upon which to identify suitable applications. All applications required a majority recommendation from the panel in order to be successful. The panel was chaired by Cllr Howard and supported by the Area Team. The approval process can be found as Appendix 1.

COVID-19 – the panel particularly welcomed applications that supported the community with recovery from the far-reaching impacts of Covid-19.

The panel also considered the Five Ways to Wellbeing as part of the scoring and moderation process.



2 applications were recommended for funding, **pending further information from the applicants**. At the time of writing the projects have yet to be submitted for approval by the Head of Stronger Communities.

The recommended projects are as follows (they are in no particular order):

Mother Runners – Stronger Mums – up to £10,000

Mother Runners is a free to access community group established in January 2020 to address the physical and mental well-being needs of ladies in Barnsley. Historically it has been proven that mums struggle to motivate themselves to keep fit and healthy owing to the increasing pressures of family life. The group was created by a mum who followed a Couch to 5K plan herself and realised the mental and physical benefits of running. Being able to use the familiar streets around Barnsley meant that the activity was free of charge, which was one of the most important issues to the group to enable inclusion of as many as possible.

When we launch our “Stronger Mums” project, we will be seeking to empower other women in this way. By setting up satellite groups around the North Area with a dedicated leader and tail walker, as the group progresses through the 9 week Couch to 5K programme we would then identify participants to train up to continue the group. Our vision is to set up 4 new satellites with 25 mums in each group, who once they finish their training would be able to roll out the training to grow their own groups.

With almost 100 members and a long waiting list we know that the approach has proven to be a success, notably with support from the Yorkshire sports foundation and National Lottery funds previously. As our team grew, we now have a full committee and constitution and would seek to embark upon a new project entitled “Stronger Mums” starting in Easter of this year.

N.B. The Grant Panel wished to ensure that the project was as inclusive as possible. Mother runners have been requested to produce further information and consider extending the reach of their project prior to the release of funding.

Maplewell and Staincross Greenspace and Recreation Group – Maplewell Park – Children’s Cycle Path – up to £10,000.00

The aim of the project is to encourage children to learn to ride a bike. The benefits are improved motor skills, balance, strength, and co-ordination. Improved mental health and wellbeing of participants, including noted increases in confidence, self-esteem, and sense of achievement. Training children to cycle safely -Bike ability training to encourage cycling and improve road safety. Encouraging active travel to combat childhood obesity and improve our children’s future.

N.B. The project is a capital project at the point of submission which focusses on the installation of a cycle track. The Grant Panel wishes to ensure that the funding and associate projects deliver outcomes for the community. The Panel have requested that the Area Team liaise with the applicants and develop the project further, prior to approval of funds by the Panel.

Applicants have been given 28 days to respond. The Panel will reconvene in late March to ensure that the applicants have conformed with the requirements determined above.

5. Lessons Learned

- 5.1. The inclusion of the Five Ways to Wellbeing in the scoring criteria have helped the Panel understand how the North Area Funding contributes to the wider determinants of health and wellbeing.
- 5.2. The fund was undersubscribed for the first time.

6. Project Development Work

The Area Manager will now work with the applicants to follow up the Grant Panels requests for further information. Ensuring that all the projects are robust: deliverable within the timescales, and outcomes/outcome indicators and targets developed.

7. Grant Awards and Performance Monitoring/Management

Provided the applicants are able to make the amendments to their projects as requested by the panel. The Panel will be updated and approval to proceed sought.

Once approved, all organisations will be notified and asked to sign Grant Agreement which, together with a detailed application form, will form the basis of the contractual agreement between the Council and the organisation for the grant awarded.

Those projects significantly under £10,000 will receive a one-off grant payment for the full amount and will be asked to submit their monitoring information at the end of the project.

All applicants have submitted a monitoring/performance framework and quarterly payment schedule as part of their application. Where a quarterly payment is agreed the payments will only be released once the North Area Council Manager is satisfied that monitoring/performance targets for the previous quarter have been met, or if not met, a satisfactory reason is given as to why this is the case and revised targets for the following quarters agreed.

Progress on projects will be reported back to North Area Council on a regular basis and a full evaluation report about the NAC Stronger Communities Fund process and projects will be presented to North Area Council on completion of all projects, anticipated early 2021/22.

8. Next steps

- 8.1. The Area Manager will keep the Area Council apprised of further developments.

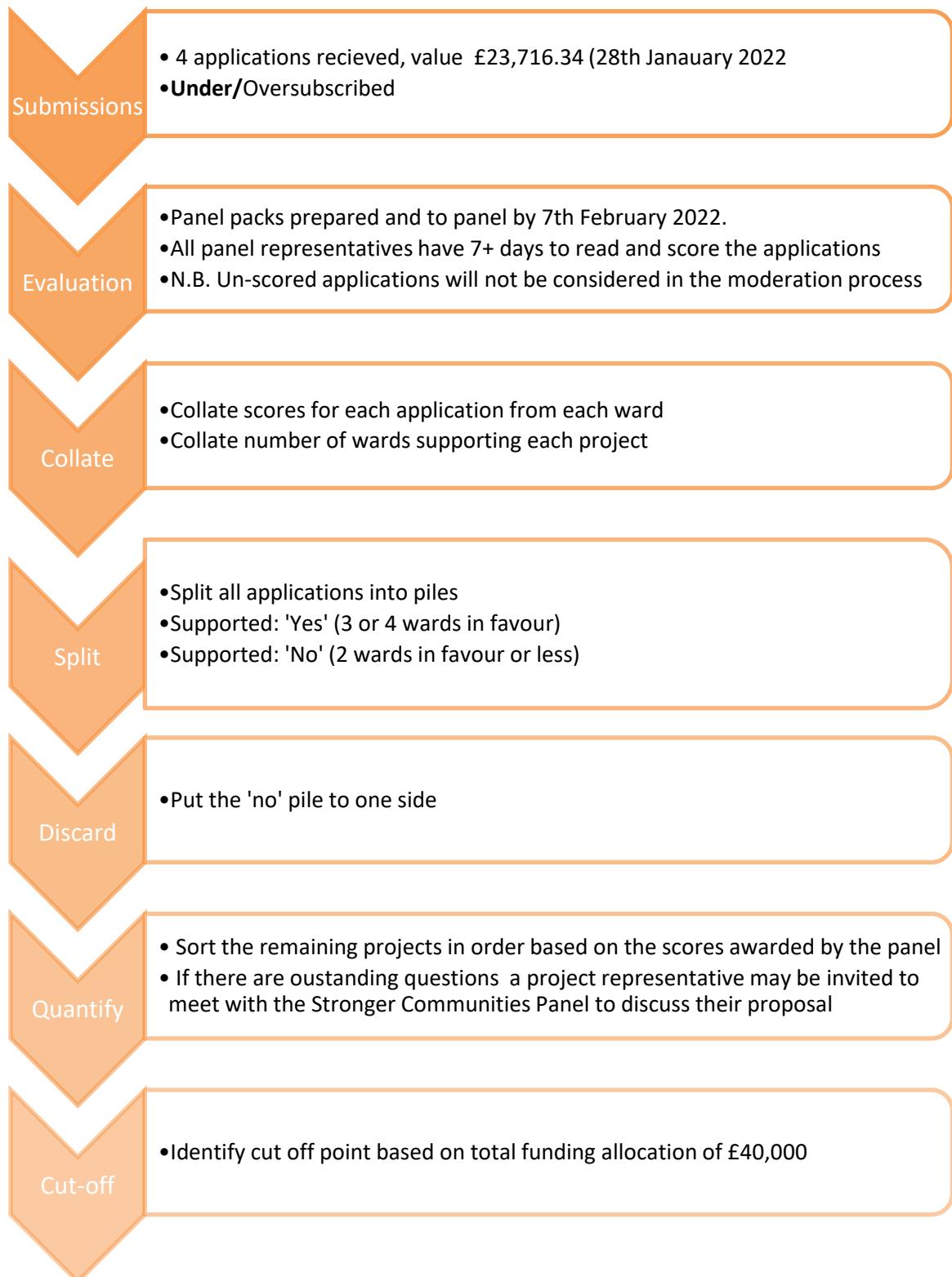
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20/02/2022

Appendix 1: North Area Council

Stronger Communities Grant 2017/18 onwards - Approval Process



BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

14th March 2022

Agenda item: 6

**Report of
North Area Council Manager**

North Area Council – 2021/22 Quarter 3 (October – December 2021) Performance Management Cover Report for Commissioned Projects and Stronger Communities Projects

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1. Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report
Attached, Appendix 1.**

Background

A comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report for the period October to December (2021/22 Quarter 3) has been produced and is attached, Appendix 1.

Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)

Part A of the North Council Performance report provides North Council members with an aggregate picture of how all the North Council contracted services contribute to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives.

The information provided in Part A reflects information gathered from each contract for the period October – December 2021.

Contracted Service Providers:

- CAB & DIAL – Community Outreach Project
- Twiggs Grounds Maintenance – Creating a cleaner, greener environment in partnership with local people

Extended Grant – Youth Resilience Grant

- YMCA
- Ad Astra

Area Council Funded Posts

- Housing and Cohesion Officer

Part B provides North Council members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2021 Quarter 3 (October – December 2021). The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from all North Area Council Providers, following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings.

The report provides a link between the commissioned services and the Public Health Outcomes: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/public-health-outcomes-framework>

Part C provides a summary of performance information from the 12 month grants - Stronger Communities Grants Projects.

In addition to the information provided in the summary reports, more detailed information is available on request, including case studies with photographs for each contracted service, and some performance data on a ward basis.

Performance Report –Issues

Two of the North Area Council contracts continue to perform well. The CAB and DIAL contract is consistently running over capacity.

Appendices

Appendix 1: North Council Performance Management Report - Quarter 3 2021/22 (October – December 2021).

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Date:

2nd March 2022

North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

Project Performance Report

Q3 - 2021/22 (October - December 2021)
Covid-19 Innovation & Adaptation



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North Area Council Priorities



**Access to information,
advice & guidance**



**Community
Involvement**



**Community
Safety**



**Improving the
local economy**



**Improving the local
environment**



**Opportunities
for young people**



Health & Wellbeing

Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

Barnsley - the place of possibilities

Healthy Barnsley

People are safe and feel safe

Learning Barnsley

People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships

Growing Barnsley

Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities

Sustainable Barnsley

People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their community.

People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible

Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment

People have a welcoming safe and enjoyable town centre and physical towns as destinations for work, shopping leisure and culture

Our heritage and green spaces are promoted for all people to enjoy

We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough

People have access to early help and support

People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes

Fossil fuels are being replaced by affordable and sustainable energy and people are able to enjoy more cycling and walking

Enabling Barnsley

We are a modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high-performing council

Contractual Overview

Table 1 below shows the Providers that have now been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the North Area Council.

Service	Priorities	Provider	Contract Value (per year)	Start Date	Updates
Anti Poverty Outreach Page 12	 Improving the local economy  Advice & guidance	 DIAL	£190,000 2 years (+1 year)	14th September 2017	Contract Live Performing well
Environmental Education Page 15	 Improving the environment  Community Involvement  Young People		£169,932 2 years (+1 year)	1st April 2021	Contract Live - Programme under development
Economic Regeneration	 Improving the local economy				Current gap in provision
Housing & Cohesion Officer Page 22	 Improving the environment  Changing the Relationship  Improving the economy  Community Involvement  Health & Wellbeing		£35,500 12 month contract	19th October 2020	6 months notice period required
Social Inclusion & Cold Homes Page 26	 Advice & guidance  Improving the economy  Health & Wellbeing		£150,000 2 years (+1 year)	1st September 2018	Contract Concluded
The Fleets Page 29	 Improving the environment  Community Involvement		£30,000 (Total) 2 years	April 2020	March 2022
Youth Resilience Page 32	 Advice & guidance  Community Involvement  Community Safety  Improving the environment  Health & Wellbeing  Young People	 	£90,000 2 years (+1yr)	1st November 2020	Contract extended to 31/10/2022

**Our Council Plan
2021 - 2024**

COMMISSIONS

Anti-Poverty Outreach Environmental Education Housing & Cohesion Officer Social Inclusion & Cold Homes The Fleets Youth Resilience

	Anti-Poverty Outreach	Environmental Education	Housing & Cohesion Officer	Social Inclusion & Cold Homes	The Fleets	Youth Resilience
Healthy Barnsley	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Growing Barnsley	Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities					
	People have a welcoming safe and enjoyable town centre and physical towns as destinations for work, shopping leisure and culture					
	People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Learning Barnsley	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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 all people to enjoy		✓		✓	✓
	Fossil fuels are being replaced by affordable and sustainable energy and people are able to enjoy more cycling and walking					

Our Council Plan

2021 -2024

GRANTS

Training Facilities

Healthy Lifestyles

Connections Project

Covid Recovery North

Afternoon Tea Dance

5 Star Wellbeing

Transitions with the Reds

Healthy Barnsley	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Growing Barnsley	Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities	✓	✓				✓		
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Anti-Poverty

Performance Indicator



&



Public Spaces

Number of financial debt settlements negotiated

Target

Achieved
to date

N/A

1

Cases of homelessness prevented

N/A

0

Overall benefit gain (in £)

N/A

£1,073,723

Debt Managed (in £)

N/A

£80,593



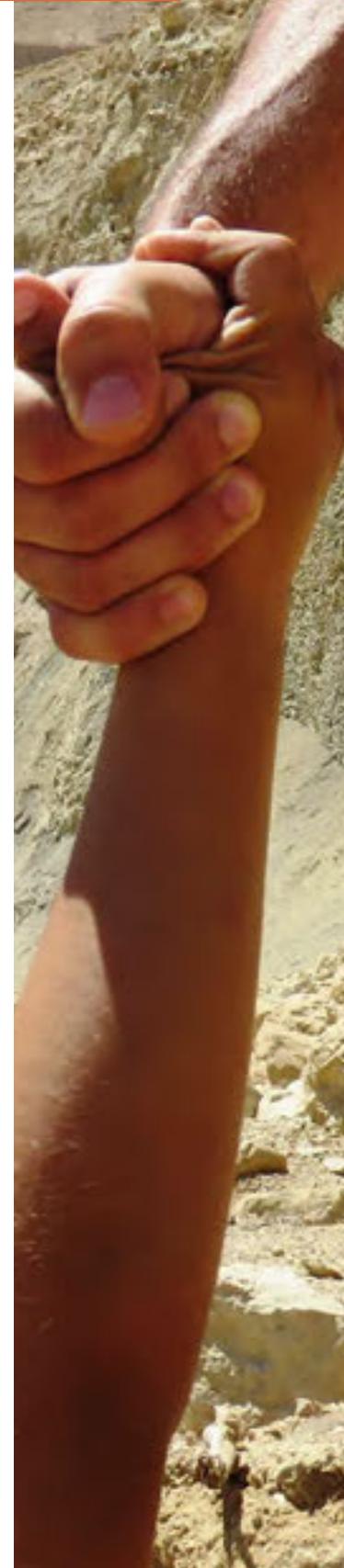
Home environment (regardless of tenure)
Social Isolation & Cold Homes

Achieved to date

Savings derived as a result of energy switching (in £)

Y4

£7,258





Environment: Education & Support

Performance Indicator

TWIGGS
Ground Maintenance LTD.



Public Spaces

Number of local businesses supported at planned events

Target

50

Achieved
to date

54

Number of new groups formed with support of Twiggs

4

4

Number of hours of volunteering generated

1200

3,015

Number of volunteers trained in horticultural skills

40

63



Private Rented Homes
Housing Cohesion Officer

Achieved to date

Number of vulnerable households identified

Total

49

Number of properties improved because of service intervention

Total

43

Number of requests to landlords (both formal and informal)

Total

11

Number of community protection written warnings issued

Total

3



Home environment (regardless of tenure)
Social Isolation & Cold Homes

Achieved to date

Numbers of household receiving heating and energy efficiency measures. (Energy Switching)

Y4

43

Number of volunteers trained to deliver home energy advice and energy switching sessions

Y4

0





Health & Wellbeing

Performance Indicator



Anti-Poverty

Local residents experienced improved health and wellbeing

Target

%

N/A

67%

Local people feel more able to manage their own affairs

N/A

84%



Opportunities
for young people

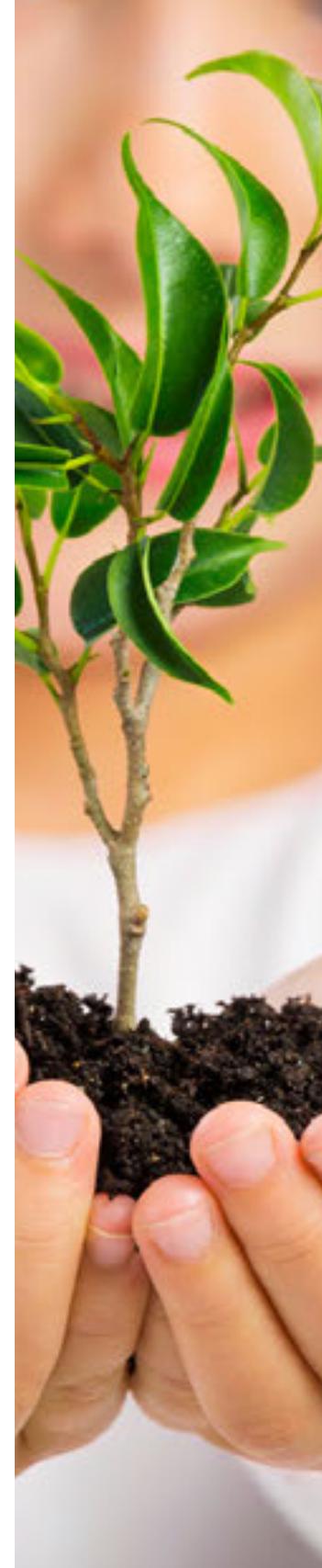
Young People

Performance Indicator

QUARTER 1



Number of unique individuals engaged	42	102
Number of peer support sessions delivered	8	0
Number of young people attending Buddy Training / Peer Support	42	102
Number of school holiday sessions delivered	3	N/A
Number of young people reporting greater confidence in their transition once in Year 7	N/A	N/A
No. young people reporting an improvement in their emotional wellbeing	N/A	151
No. Family members engaged in the project	2	0
No. young volunteers	4	0



PART A: OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

3 contracts have formally completed their contract monitoring/contract management reporting for Q3 2020/21. The following tables, therefore, reflect the overview of the performance of **3 live contracts** only.

These contracts are:

- Twiggs – Year 3, Q2
- CAB & DIAL - Contract 2, Year 4, Q2

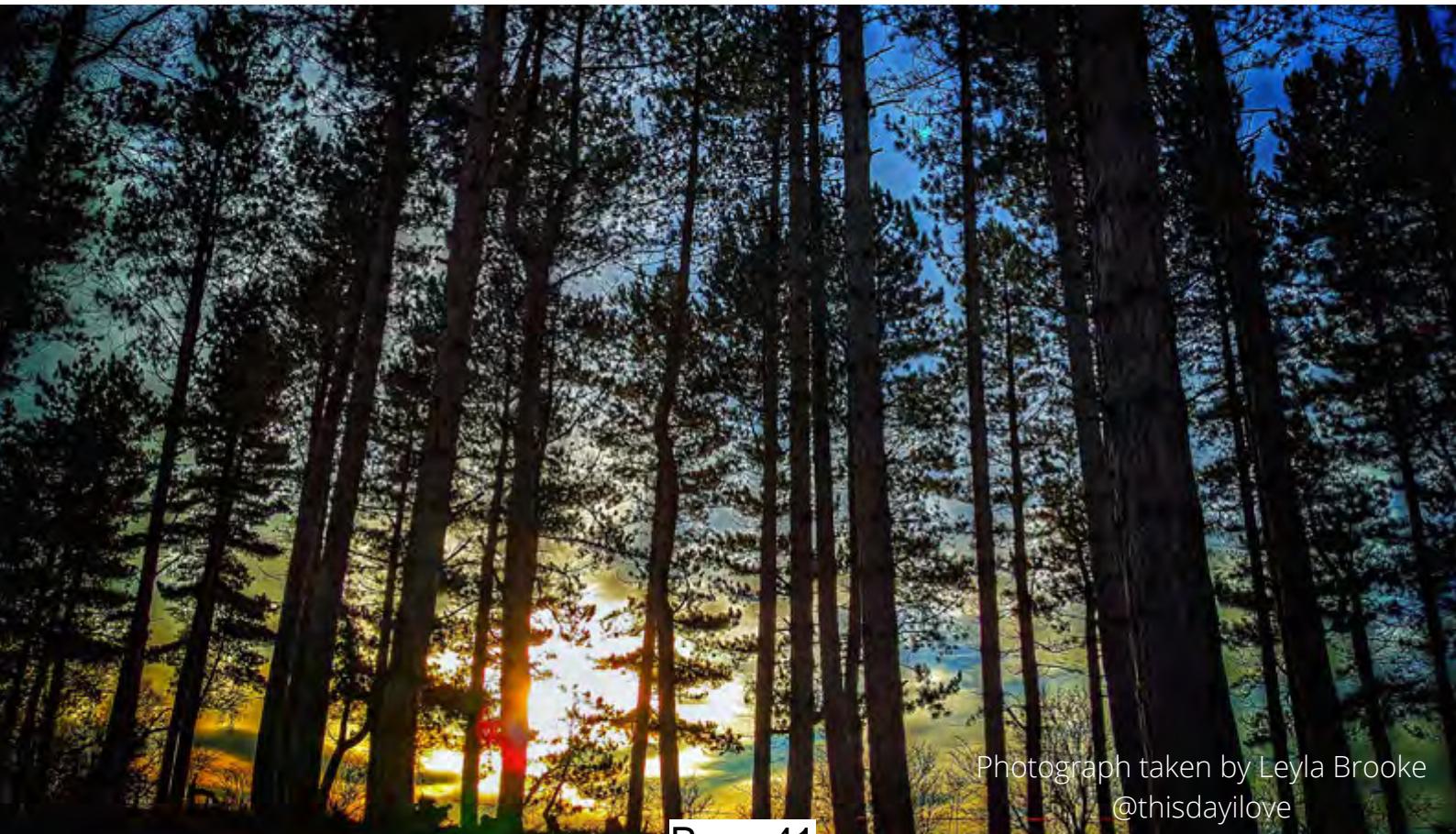
DIAL (Social Isolation) – Final Report

Two providers are currently delivering the Youth Resilience Grant

- YMCA
- Ad Astra

The North Area also funds contracted posts:

- Housing Cohesion Officer (post holder commenced employment on 19th October 2020)



Photograph taken by Leyla Brooke
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Access to
information, advice &
guidance

Anti-Poverty Outreach



Improving the
local economy



- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
- Milestones achieved
- Outcome indicator targets met
- Social value targets met
- Satisfactory spend and financial information
- Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract

Service Outline

Delivered by Citizens Advice Barnsley and DIAL Barnsley, the NAC Outreach service advises local people on all the issues they face. Their services are free, confidential, impartial & available to everyone.

Both providers deliver AQS quality marked advice that is independently and externally audited. They advise on all categories of law including debt and money worries, in-work, out-of-work and disability benefits; housing and homelessness; employment; relationship and consumer issues. This breadth of knowledge means they are uniquely qualified to provide wrap-around services to support people with multiple interlinked issues. They help clients sort out problems before they reach crisis point and through income maximisation & debt management, they help stabilise people's finances to prevent and reduce the impact of poverty. The client feedback they gather shows this advice work helps to improve health and wellbeing and reduces stress.



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£1,073,723

Overall benefit gain (in £)

£80,593

Amount of debt managed

1

Number of financial / debt
settlement negotiated

Extract from performance report

In the period 1st October to 31st December 2021, advisers from both organisations have provided information and advice to 442 client contacts, supported clients to claim £408,360 of welfare benefits and manage £15,465 of debt.

Since March 17th 2020 this service has now been delivered by telephone and Email due to face to face services being suspended until further notice due to the Corona Virus. DIAL stats appear high due to them contacting all clients whom they have assisted during the previous 12 months to enquire if they need any further help and support during the current COVID pandemic. Included within the CAB stats are also the North Area debt project data and statistics.

As in previous reports, the majority of clients for both organisations accessed the service for help with benefit-related issues. The generalist adviser from CAB has also supported clients with a range of other issues including employment, housing, relationship and family issues, legal, consumer, debt, health and community care, education, financial services and capabilities, utilities & communication, immigration & asylum and other issues. Of the 442 client contacts, this quarter 73 have required help with form filling – a total of 17% of the clients, the majority of which are related to the benefits system.



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Case Study

Hailey was at her wits' end. It felt as though every way she tried to improve her situation, she arrived at a dead end. Some of the problems had been ongoing for months. Others, for years. Everything was weighing her down, and as a single parent, she felt solely responsible... Finally, Hailey decided to contact Citizens Advice Barnsley - something had to change!

The adviser who read Hailey's email soon arranged to telephone her - there were several complex issues to consider. Through the phone call, she clarified Hailey's situation to make sure that her advice was relevant and covered all of the areas.

Essentially, Hailey had ongoing problems with her social housing. Although the council had reclassified her house as three bedoomed rather than four-bedroomed at Hailey's request, that wasn't yet reflected in the rent - and they said she couldn't claim a refund on rent previously paid because of this.

Hailey's biggest concern with the house, however, was the damp. Water was constantly oozing into the cellar, and whenever she decorated, her efforts were soon spoiled by mould. No amount of heating and ventilation stopped it. Years on, despite outdoor repairs, the installation of a sump pump and fans by the council, damp was still affecting their living conditions. And it wasn't doing her son's asthma any good....

Then, there was the issue of her benefits, since finishing work on health grounds some months previously. Hailey was claiming Universal Credit but receiving little. They stated that her sons had to contribute towards the rental of the property - and the extra room might impact on the housing element. Also, as Hailey had previously been overpaid tax credits, repayments were being deducted from her Universal Credit, leaving her struggling financially. Because of her health worries, Hailey had applied for Personal Independence Payments - PIP - and for Employment and Support Allowance, but hadn't yet been awarded either, or even seen any progress made with these claims.



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Case Study

Following their telephone conversation, the adviser promised to respond by email, so that Hailey could check back on the advice given, and could access further information via the Citizens Advice website links included.

First, the adviser gave Hailey information regarding the rights and responsibilities of the landlord as regards maintenance and ensuring that a property is fit for human habitation. She included for Hailey the links for information to check the situation, and whether she had the right to take legal action or to involve the Housing Ombudsman. If her son's health was being adversely affected, Hailey might even be eligible for Legal Aid if she wanted to make a claim. As to any reimbursement from her rent - that was at the discretion of the landlord.

The adviser went on to give Hailey detailed advice regarding her benefits. She explained that deductions from her Universal Credit could be anywhere between 15% and 25% of her standard allowance - and if they were more than the minimum amount, Hailey could request that the amount be reduced if it was causing her hardship.

The adviser then continued to explain the procedures around Hailey's claims for Employment and Support Allowance and Personal Independence Payments, together with advice about pursuing her claims and appealing decisions if necessary.

However, all of these processes take time - and Hailey was struggling now. Having asked her permission, the adviser ensured that she had access to a food bank to alleviate a little of the immediate strain, and arranged for one of her colleagues to contact Hailey to make an energy appointment, to ensure that she was getting the best available deal.

Hailey still had a lot to do to resolve her difficulties, but at least now she had access to accurate information - and to ongoing support from Citizens Advice Barnsley.



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Case Study

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“DIAL always helps me with benefits for myself and for my son and I don’t know what I would do without them. I am very happy that the claim was dealt with so quickly and my son and I didn’t have to go for another assessment”

Mr T

”

Before DIAL

Mr T rang us as he needed help to complete a Personal Independence Payment claim form for his 21 year old son who has learning difficulties. Mr T acts as the appointee for his son and helps him with his daily care needs. His son was getting PIP, which was due to end, and they had been sent a review form which Mr T was having difficulty completing himself.

Advice provided by DIAL

DIAL helped Mr T to complete the PIP 2 form over the telephone. We explained to Mr T that his son may need to have another assessment but, as assessment centres were closed due to Covid, this would likely be done over the telephone rather than face to face. Mr T was happy about this as it was very difficult for his son when he attended the previous assessment and he felt it would be much easier to have a telephone assessment rather than putting his son through the stress of attending an assessment centre.

After DIAL

Mr T received a letter from PIP informing him that his son's PIP had been re awarded at the same rate and they did not have to have another assessment, as the DWP already had enough information from his previous claim. His son was awarded an enhanced rate of daily living and enhanced rate of mobility giving him a total income of £659.31 each month.



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*CAB & DIAL contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

1.09 | Sickness absence rate

1.15 | Statutory homelessness

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

2.23 | Self-reporting wellbeing

Health public health and preventing premature mortality

Objective 4: reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities

4.13 | Health related quality of life for older people

4.15 | Excess winter deaths



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Environmental Education

TWIGGS
Grounds Maintenance LTD

How the commission meets the Council Plan?

**Our Council Plan
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Learning Barnsley

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

Sustainable Barnsley

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Purpose and Function Overview

The North Area Clean and Tidy Team's focus is on building independence and increasing resilience within communities. Working with residents, schools and local businesses. The Clean and Tidy Team's performance is measured on the work that they do with volunteers and attracting new people to help keep the North Area clean, green and tidy for many years to come.

There is a strong emphasis on proactive work and transfer of horticultural skills to volunteers. This is an educational based contract. N.B. Twiggs do not have a maintenance contract for North Area. BMBC Neighbourhood Services retain this function and every effort must be made to prevent duplication.





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**Extract from the providers quarterly
narrative report**

Performance Indicator	Yr 1 Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Cumulative
Number of community clean-ups	10	69	65	59		194
Twiggs social action events	10	8	-	-		18
New community groups supported	4	2	2	0		4
No. of sustained volunteers (recruited and retained)	80	63	134	144		341
Number of new volunteers at Twiggs events	120	6	8	151		165
Areas of blight targeted	10	42	48	21		111
Local business engagement	50	8	16	30		54
Number of volunteers trained (6 week active volunteer course)	40	30	27	6		63
Local spend	90%	90%	/	95%		95%

*TWIGGS contribution to public health outcomes

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1.04 First time entrants to the youth justice system

1.16 Utilising outdoor space for exercies and health reasons

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

2.13 Proportion of physically active and inactive adults

2.13 Self-reported wellbeing



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Case Studies

Darton East

Mapplewell Bowling Club

05/10/2021 – Assisting members from the Bowling Club in maintaining the hedges. We trimmed and shaped the hedges to enable easier maintenance for the volunteers when they are lone working.

6 sustained adult volunteers

12 volunteer hours



13/10/2021 – Supporting the Bowling Club members continuing with hedge maintenance. We generated a whole van load of waste.

3 sustained adult volunteers

15 volunteer hours

17/11/2021 – Trimmed the perimeter hedges and cleared leaves.

2 sustained adult volunteers

4 volunteer hours



St Helen's

Athersley Cares Jolly Boys Group

01/12/2021 – St Helens Church, Laithes Lane

Installed the Christmas tree and decorated it with festive lights.

Supporting 10 new Adult volunteers

20 volunteer hours





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Darton West

Twiggs Educational Activities

27/10/2021 - Darton Park

With support from Councillors, Age UK, Men in Sheds, Voice for Darton, Darton Bowling Club and the North Area Team.

Delivered our Educational Event at the Official Opening of Darton Park (Halloween themed). We carried out the activity of making bird nesting boxes with assistance from Men in Sheds volunteers. We also put together some wildflower seed bombs.

Councillors and Voice for Darton trimmed up the event with Halloween decorations to support the children in fancy dress. Refreshments were provided.

20 New young people engaged

2 New adult volunteers

50 volunteer hours



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Old Town

Fresh Ground, Brettas Park (Large Environmental Project)

16/10/2021 – The Old Quarry, Monk Bretton

Working together with The Fresh Ground Group, including young volunteers and two local councillors. We prepped the area ready for the planting of 9 fruit trees. We dug out 3 large holes and filled them with a layer of horse manure.

Towards the end of our event, 2 members of staff from Taylormade Signs & Banners at Cundy Cross and their children came along. The family were keen to start to engage in community projects as it has been highlighted in the children's studies at school. Fresh Ground kindly donated 2 Hi-Vis vests and 2 litter pickers for them to independently clear litter.

Litter Picked – 1 bag

(15 volunteers in total)

7 new Young volunteers

6 sustained Adult volunteers, 2 new Adult volunteers

37.5 volunteer hours



Christine Wormald

It was a gd day today Thankyou to everyone . And thankyou fresh ground for our Fresh Ground HV Vests . My granddaughter really enjoy herself

Like · Reply · Message · 4d



01/12/2021 – Fresh Ground, Brettas Park Christmas Tree installation in preparation for the community Christmas light switch on (03/12/2021).

30/10/2021 – 2nd Phase Fruit Tree grounds preparation. (Event postponed due to extreme weather conditions)



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Purpose of Post

To ensure compliance with the legislation and statutory obligations of the Council dealing with poor housing and environmental conditions in the Private Rented Sector, ensuring effective regulation with a balanced proactive and reactive approach through the discharging of informal, formal and legal actions. Contribute to improved standards in the local private rented sector and stability for both tenants and landlords.

- Provide advice, guidance and support in accordance with approved Council policies, procedures and statutory responsibilities pertaining to private sector housing and the environment.
- To pro-actively engage and liaise with internal and external stakeholders including tenants, landlords, members of the public and partners, developing strong and cohesive working relationships.
- Respond to requests for service, investigate complaints and provide advice on sub-standard housing conditions in the private rented sector.
- Contribute to the development and delivery of a highly visible proactive approach to raising standards of poor-quality private sector housing across the Borough.



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250

Initial contacts with
households

(leaflet drops, action days
& talking to residents and
inspections)

17

Number of vulnerable
households identified

10

People signposted to other
agencies for additional
help & support

Extract from the Performance Report

Throughout this quarter I have continued to work pro-actively throughout the whole of the North area and continued working towards creating safe and pleasant communities. This hard work has included a variety of different things including working closely and building good working relationships with both internal and external partners, working alongside, and mediating the relationships between landlords, letting agents and tenants, and identifying problems using effective risk assessment.

As a service we are continuing to work under a business continuity plan due to low staffing levels, this has meant that I have been taking on reactive jobs as well. The reactive jobs have been a wide range of different cases and have given me a lot more experience and also given me the opportunity to work alongside different teams within the service.

During this quarter I took part in a large-scale operation organised by South Yorkshire Police which was took place across the whole of South Yorkshire. I, alongside members of the North Area Policing team carried out ASB surveys on a certain street which has been facing problems recently. The feedback from residents was extremely positive and everyone was really engaging.

Case Study - Housing Disrepair & Neighbour Tension

I first became aware of this case when a complaint was made due to disrepair at a certain address. The disrepair was having a significant effect on the neighbouring property. The relationship between the occupiers at both properties had broken down and an altercation had occurred where SYP had to intervein. The Garden at the property was also extremely overgrown and was damaging the neighbouring properties fence. It was my role to ensure that the necessary work was completed to the garden area and to the guttering at both front and back which was damaged. I also had to mediate the relationship between both parties as best as possible, keep SYP informed with all relevant updates regarding the case and make further referrals to SYFR due to fire safety concerns at the property.

I firstly visited the property to speak to the owner of the property who we had received a complain about. It was proving very difficult to engage with the occupier and the answer on the first 3 times of visiting.



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Before



After



I then sent a letter out to the occupier including all the information regarding the complaint we had received and the following works that needed completing. I eventually received a response from the occupier, but he was very reluctant to complete any of the work. I explained that this could be resolved informally if the work was completed in sufficient time, otherwise, I would have to serve a legal notice due to the effect it was having on the neighbouring property. A visit was made around 3 weeks later to inspect the progress but again unfortunately no progress had been made. There was once again no answer from when knocking at the door and it was proving very difficult to contact and engage with both occupiers at this address. I then liaised with a planning and enforcement officer and was able to draft a section 215 notice, this would give the occupier a set amount of time to improve the state of the back garden or further enforcement action would be taken. After a further 3 weeks' time had passed, I returned to the property to inspect the progress and thankfully the garden had been completely cleared (see photos at bottom). I contacted the occupier and thanked them for completing the work and informed them that the case would be closed once the guttering had been repaired.

I then sent out a letter to the occupier explaining the next steps that needed to be completed for me to close the case. This included the necessary repairs to the guttering at both front and back of the property. The damage to the guttering was having a detrimental effect on the neighbouring property due to rainfall splashing over at both front and back. Once again this proved very difficult over a period to both engage with the occupiers and to get the work completed. Eventually I was in a position where I had no other option but to serve a Housing Act Notice due to being unable to resolve the situation informally.



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After the notice period had finished, I made another visit to inspect if the work had been completed, when I arrived the guttering was still damaged at both front and back of the property. I then had to complete the necessary follow up work to arrange works in default to take place at the property which has now been completed.

This case has taught me that sometimes due to different circumstances and vulnerabilities not everyone is going to engage. This can make the role very difficult but by being patient and following all the correct procedures I was eventually able to get all the necessary work completed.

*Housing Cohesion Officer's contribution to public health outcomes

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Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

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| 1.01i | Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20) |
| 1.06ii | Adults in contact with secondary mental health services who live in stable appropriate accommodation |
| 1.15 | Statutory homelessness |
| 1.17 | Fuel Poverty |
| 1.18i | Social isolation: Percentage of adult social care users who have as much social contact as they would like |

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

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|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2.23 | Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20) |
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Health public health and preventing premature mortality

Objective 4: reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities

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| 4.13 | Health related quality of life for older people |
| 4.15 | Excess w |



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The Fleets



Service Outline

- Maintenance of fruit trees
- YWT held two engagement events with YMCA
- Wildflower sowing preparation begins

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Purpose of the Youth Resilience Grant

The North Area Council Youth Resilience Fund has been established by North Area Council for the academic year 2020/2021, to support the delivery of a range of positive after school and holiday provisions (interventions/projects/activities/sessions) that will contribute to building the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people (aged 8-13). This resilience-building will prepare children in years 5 and 6, who are displaying additional emotional support needs, with extra skills that will prepare them to successfully transition to senior school.

The grant opportunity is currently delivered by two different providers: YMCA and Ad Astra. Below is an extract from the performance reports:





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Ad Astra

September to December has been a busy term with the Buddy Training – we started in all three primary schools in September – In Laithes Primary we have done all of their Year 5s as they didn't want to split the classes as they were trying to catch up on their academic skills, so each half term we have done two full classes. In Athersley South and North, we have done two-thirds of the Y5s we did the split Y5/6 group followed by half of the Y5 group and this has worked out very well in both schools. The feedback we have got from schools has been very positive and the young people have really enjoyed the programme of activities.

The weather has limited the time we have been able to do outdoor activities but in both Laithes and Athersley South we have access to their hall where we can do a selection of physical activities, in Athersley North we only have the outdoor play area so we have done many more creative craft sessions.

In Year 7 the young people at Carlton have really benefitted from having someone to talk to on a weekly basis.

The topics have been wide and varied including:

- Self-Belief
- Sexuality and gender
- Resilience and Bravery (differences)
- Bullying
- Worries / Concerns / Expectations
- Promotion of positive Mental Health as part of the ongoing programme plus part of National Mental Health Week
- Ambition/reflection of the progress they have made whilst being with us





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Ad Astra

We got several visits from the Y8 pupils whom we supported last academic year and when we went into school as part of the Safe Guarding week we were inundated with Y7s that we had done Buddy Training within their Primary Schools – this was a great response to the relationships we had made with the young people

The Youth club ran to capacity throughout the term and in January we are going to have to split the youth club into Junior and Senior sessions as we have picked up several younger people, from the Primary schools we have done Buddy Training in.

Many of these young people attended our holiday provision in October and December.





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Darton Academy Peer Support Training Programme

The youth work team are currently working with the school to ensure the Peer Supporters can contribute to supporting other pupils in school and the transition process for the next Y6 cohort. They have already been supporting the school open evenings and there are plans for wider engagement within their feeder primary schools starting in January 2022.

The Peer Support training course was delivered with the new cohort and we were pleased to welcome and see again 2 familiar faces from our primary participants. The knowledge that the young people had already met the YMCA youth workers and their engagement allowed the other participants to feel more comfortable within the Peer Support training. These individuals were also more confident in their participation and were able to share their experiences of transition with the wider group. This also demonstrates the impact that having consistent positive relationships with trusted youth workers who are able to support young people over longer periods of time.

Project staff will be continuing to support both the new group and previously trained peer supporters as they begin to support the school's enrichment and transition programme.

The Peer Support programme enables the participants to develop new and existing skills, particularly in the areas of communication, working with others and problem-solving, building their self-esteem and confidence and their understanding of themselves, their sense of place and belonging not only in their schools but also as YMCA participants.



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Kexborough Primary

From September the model has changed following a review of the current needs with the school.

This year's Y6 cohort is a very different group and there is a need for a more focussed support small group model to support targeted children with social and emotional issues.

Gender-Specific needs:

- **Girls:** Socially & emotionally less mature and naïve group with low self-esteem and who are lacking in confidence levels.
- **Boys:** Overconfident and at risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour.

The YMCA youth work team have been working with a girls group from September – to Christmas and the programme has focussed on building emotional resilience, self-esteem and confidence. All our programmes are planned alongside participants to meet their needs and this group have enjoyed using arts-based activities and creating is work they proud of, the workers have also used these activities as a tool to explore wider issues and manage feelings and emotions.

This small group model has proved effective and has had a noticeable impact on those involved, enabling the development of core skills, increasing self-esteem and confidence and being able to provide 1:2:1 support as needed.

The next step for this project is to begin work with the boys from January to half term/Easter depending on need. Then during the summer term potentially work with a mixed group to build relationships and support transition with a wider group before they start the transition.



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Wellgate Primary

The youth work team have continued delivery of the targeted model supporting children within the year 6 group who have been identified as those who would most benefit from the project.

The current programme is based around group work and themed activities focussed on exploring the feelings and emotions associated with transition and building emotional resilience, confidence and transition support. The young people have really enjoyed the sessions and planning their programmes. There have been notable improvements in personal development and behaviour and feedback from the school is again really positive.

The project delivery in both Wellgate and Kexborough Primary schools has enabled the children to form positive relationships with the YMCA Barnsley staff team and as participants from both schools access holiday provision and the detached youth work sessions during the summer they have also built positive relationships with other young people. This will provide the year 6 children from both schools who are transitioning to Darton Academy and Horizon Community College with a familiar face and support from a trusted and consistent youth worker they already know and access to already established relationships with other peers.

Holiday provision:

The youth work team engaged with participants from the schools and other participants from Kexborough, Darton and Mapplewell as part of our holiday provision. This was a mixed model of street-based sports, games, team building and outdoor learning activities as well as the regular programme of detached youth work sessions. We plan to continue this programme with some indoor sessions at Mapplewell Village Hall and the Detached programme during October Half Term.



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(Supporting Kexborough Primary, Wellgate Primary and Delta Academy Darton.)

The schools work in the North Area is now all fully implemented and running weekly with lots of positive feedback from the participants and school staff.

RISK: At this time there is one school that has been offered intervention but has not engaged with the providers. The Area Manager intends to contact the school again now that the providers are working with five of the six primary/junior schools and renew the offer of support

Detached Project:

As is expected throughout winter months, cold, wet and darker nights impact on a number of young people engaged at street level. That said, our team have maintained a weekly presence around Kexborough and Darton and have maintained contact with key young people that access our provision.

Whilst our staff team is prepared for all weathers and can plan activities underlit, pop-up tarpaulin shelters, some young people we engage with clearly don't have access to big coats, or at least don't wear them. Hot chocolate goes some way to keep warm but the general order of the day is brief chats, consultation around future activities and community engagement, and how to build on our existing fairer weather / green activities as we continue to navigate the pandemic.

In recent months, parents familiar to us have accessed courses via BMBC North Area colleagues and Kexborough Primary School. The parents have kept us informed of their activities and expressed an interest to maintain their group once the courses have finished. The parents expressed a particular interest in voluntary youth work and asked our staff team if they could have some input, or at least meet their wider group along with their course facilitators. Jeff attended a meeting at Kexborough Primary School and was asked to give an overview of his experience as a youth worker, also put it into a local context and talk about youth work in their community.

A number of these parents have been very supportive of our programmes and often in fairer weather get involved with sports and games, litter picks etc. Their enthusiasm and can-do attitude are very encouraging and thankfully was still very evident after the meeting, even after discussing the lesser attractive side of youth work, the need for risk assessments for example.

Whilst continuing to engage with these parents and their families, our team have been in negotiations with colleagues at Berneslai Homes. Our team have accessed their premises on Priestly Avenue in Kexborough previously on occasion through winter months to engage with group work and art and craft activities. As we enter 2022 we are delighted that Berneslai Homes have once again offered us their space and sessions will commence from 11th Jan.



Access to information, advice & guidance



Community Involvement



Community Safety



Improving the local environment



Health & Wellbeing



Opportunities for young people

Youth Resilience Fund

How does the commission meets the council plan?

Our Council Plan 2021 -2024

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Learning Barnsley

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

Growing Barnsley

- People have a welcoming, safe and enjoyable town centre and principal towns as destinations for work, shopping, leisure and culture.

Sustainable Barnsley

- People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their community.

As a broader offer, and although numbers are limited to meet organisational Covid restrictions, we will be inviting 3 parents along to the sessions with their young people, these are some of the same parents discussed earlier in this report. Mindful that primarily our role is as youth workers and the needs of the young people remain paramount in our planning, this will only happen when and if appropriate, and of course with full agreement with the young people.

The overall vision is that the parents will get some experience by observing youth work in practice, but also as we transition through to springtime, perhaps take on some responsibility for the planning and prep of sessions.

The model will be carefully and consistently monitored and reviewed. If the parents remain engaged and wish to formalise their volunteering experience or take their journey further then a broader conversation with colleagues within BMBC and Berneslai Homes would be welcome.

*YMCA & Ad Astra's contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

- | | |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.01ii | Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20) |
| 1.03 | Pupil Absence |
| 1.04 | First time entrants to the youth justice system |
| 1.16 | Utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons |

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

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|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2.07 | Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (0 - 14 years) |
| 2.08ii | Percentage of children where there is cause for concern |
| 1.04 | Self-reporting well-being |

Community Grants Summary Performance Management Report

April 2019 – March 2020

Service	Priorities	Provider	Contract Value (per year)	Start Date	End Date	Updates
Reds in the Community Page 41	 Health & Wellbeing		£8,551.38	April 2019	March 2019	Update provided Sept 2020





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Healthy Lifestyles



How the grant meets the Council Plan?

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Project Impact

Reds in Community proposed and adapted model. New participants were consulted about and online provision, however the majority wanted to postpone the start of their course until they could meet in person. Individually they felt this would benefit them more and from a professional point of view retention is better with in person delivery.

Project Summary

The Fit Reds Healthy Lifestyle Programme

The programme will improve the health and wellbeing of both young people and adults in the North Area: through the delivery of structured physical activity sessions coupled with lifestyle workshops, we will encourage and empower participants to adopt more active and healthier lifestyles. To ensure the programme reaches a broad cross-section of local people and achieves maximum impact, delivery will take place under distinct strands aimed specifically at men, women and young people aged 7 to 11 years. These strands are as follows:

Healthy Kicks

We will engage with pupils from years 3 to 6 during the school day with each school receiving 8 hours of delivery time over a two-day period. Pupils will have the opportunity to extend their learning and sports participation through our pathway programmes including Friday & Saturday Coaching Clubs, Premier League Kicks, Street Games and Fit Red Family Hubs.



Healthy Lifestyles



Healthy Kicks

508

Number of participants engaged

Baseline and follow up Participant Questionnaires identified the following

100%

Participants increase their physical activity during the period of intervention

100%

Participants identified small manageable changes they could make to improve their physical activity levels

96%

Participants increased their knowledge of Healthy Eating

94%

Participants increased their knowledge of the importance of physical activity

Case Study

KC attended Fit Reds at Honeywell in July 2021. He had been steadily putting on weight after a serious knee injury led to an operation and a long recovery period. He said that during this time he had felt very low and this had led to him overeating and increasing his alcohol consumption. Although his job is a physical one, which helps towards his activity levels, the job demands he both travels and stays away which has led to him grabbing too many fast food meals and drinking on an evening in the hotel bar.

A number of his family and friends were getting concerned about his health so he made the decision to attend Fit Reds and try and make some lifestyle changes.

After the course KC said "I have really enjoyed doing Fit Reds at Honeywell and have recommended the course to many friends and family. I met some great people on the course. For me personally, after gaining weight since injuring my knee playing football, Fit Reds gave me a big help in getting my fitness levels back and helped me to lose weight. This also helped with my mental health. During the course I found out a lot of good information regarding dietary things that I wouldn't have known without attending and the leaflets provided come in handy to refresh the information. I have continued to lose weight and have made some lifestyle changes that will help me keep my weight under control. I'm now back training regularly and playing for an o35s football team. I feel much fitter and healthier."

KC has also attended other exercise sessions at Reds in the Community to help him with his progress. He keeps in touch regarding his progress and kindly agreed to let us show his improvement.



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Healthy Lifestyles



Fit Reds Men's and Fit Red Women's

95%

Number of participants
completing the programme

87%

Number of participants who
increased levels of physical
activity

72%

Number of participants
who increase consumption
of fruit and vegetables

82%

Number of participants
who reduced their weight

90%

Number of participants
who reduced the
circumference of their
waist

Fit Reds Men's and Fit Reds Women's

We will deliver Fit Reds Men and Fit Reds Women's programmes to male-only and female-only groups in community-based settings. These 8-week programmes consist of weekly sessions involving 60 minutes of exercise and a 45-minute healthy lifestyle workshop. The exercise sessions include warm-up and circuit-based exercises incorporating boxercise, football and conditioning. Each workshop covers different aspects of nutrition and diet.





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Healthy Lifestyles



Fit Reds Men's and Fit Red Women's

85%

Number of participants
who reported an increase
in their **knowledge** of CVD
(Cardiovascular Disease)

85%

Number of participants
who have **reduced** their
blood pressure

85%

Number of participants
who have **increased** their
knowledge of healthy
lifestyles

59%

Number of participants
reporting **increase in self-**
confidence

Individuals

In addition to the wellbeing groups that have been created the Social Inclusion Worker has actively worked with individuals on a 1 to 1 basis. We are actively working with 41 service users in the community and supporting them with any issues they may have, for example, booking and attending Covid boosters, hospital/doctor appointments, worries around heating/energy costs, information around accessing transport such as Dial-A-Ride, signposting to existing groups within their area and accompanying service users to groups such as Butterflies dementia days.



Community Grants Summary Performance Management Report

April 2021 – March 2022

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Barugh Green Weekly Social Club Page 42	 Health & Wellbeing		£2,721.94	October 2021	March 2022	Quarter 3 Received
Connections Project Page 46	 Health & Wellbeing		£19,000	April 2021	March 2022	Quarter 3 Received
Covid Recovery North Page 47	 Health & Wellbeing		£10,000	April 2021	March 2022	Quarter 3 Received
Five Star Wellbeing Page 51	 Young People		£8,640	April 2021	March 2022	Due April 2022
Transition with the Reds Page 54	 Young People		£8,638	April 2021	March 2022	Due April 2022 Interim update included



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Barugh Green Weekly Social Club



Butterflies Dementia & Activity Group

Providing weekly social groups for the remaining 26 weeks of 2021/22. We are conscious that for most of the year we will only be able to offer this to restricted numbers, but as the vaccination roll-out continues we hope that we can grow these weekly numbers so that this event can be self sustainable from April 2022.

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Project Aims

- Connect socially isolated and vulnerable people with other people, other services and other activities.
- Be active, through dance, through chair-based exercises and by travelling to and from their homes. We know that this improves mental and physical health.
- Helping others through volunteering. One of our main sources of volunteer recruitment is from people attending these events, They valued the events and they want to put something back to help others to become more confident, more independent and to improve people's self-esteem.
- Make people more aware of what is going on in their locality, by making information and guidance available and supporting people to access the support they want and need.

“It’s given me a new lease of life, I have made new friends it’s hard to make new friends as you get older, well I think it is anyway”



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Barugh Green Weekly Social Club



“I can't thank Julie and the team enough I love it here”

“I get support for my mum and me, coming here helps me cope, looking after mum can be so hard, this helps me realise, it's not just me in this situation which helps me understand mum a little more.”

“I was frightened to go out before I came here, since coming here I have even been on a short holiday, it's amazing I have got my life back”

Performance Summary

(extract from providers report):

Setting: Where did the event take place?

The events take place at Barugh Green Club, which is well placed for the local community as well as surrounding villages in the Northern Area Council area, within easy walking distance or a short drive, the Club is situated on a convenient bus route. The Venue is on one level therefore disabled access is good. There are many windows ensuring good ventilation, the room is large enough to accommodate our Covid 19 controls allowing as many people as the restrictions permitted. The staff at the club ensure a warm and welcoming environment for all BDSAG attendees.

Activity: What activity did you undertake?

Was there a problem that needed solving? Strict Covid 19 controls were put in place making people feel safer encouraging attendance and more people reconnecting with society, encouraging good Covid 19 habits; boosting attendees' confidence in leaving their homes. Providing live music encouraging exercise through dancing, offering refreshments and creating a welcoming environment where attendees were introduced to each other to forge new friendships ensured an enjoyable afternoon that improved mental health and wellbeing. Staff and volunteers share information on other local activities and support available

Action: What did the people involved do?

BDSAG volunteers staff and Barugh Green Club created a safe, warm and welcoming environment, where attendees enjoyed quality live entertainment, refreshments. Attendees made new friends, sang along, danced and generally enjoyed a good chit chat with friends new and old. BDSAG supported attendees in dealing with their personal issues. Attendees had access to other local information and activities. Many now enjoying the new normal in socialising taking part in other local activities getting access to appropriate support from other organisations across the Barnsley area.



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“It’s so easy to get to, I only live up the road.”

“I have made new friends here I really enjoy my Wednesday afternoons, my family love it that I am getting out, it takes the pressure off them as they don’t worry about me so much.”

“The afternoon is brilliant I love coming along look forward singing and dancing.”

Barugh Green Weekly Social Club

Performance Summary

(extract from providers report):

Results: How did it turn out?

BDSAG believe we have hit a winning formula, a good venue with entertainment and support that people want. Initially, our numbers were restricted to 15 however as restrictions have lifted our numbers have increased to around 66 people attending per week; we feel there is the capacity for this to increase further. Attendees feel more able to reconnect with society, their mental and physical health and wellbeing has improved. Attendees have made new friendships that have not been restricted to this tea dance. They have felt confident to join in new activities, many have joined BDSAG on short holidays and have more planned. Barugh Green Club has been very welcoming, not just the staff but the club community as well.

Ending: What is different now?

We feel that we are helping attendees to live their best life, feedback has been extremely positive. Many have made donations that will help BDSAG sustain this event. By showcasing BDSAG's success we have managed to secure funding from Postcode Lottery to fund Project Manager post, as well as National Lottery funding to secure Administration costs and vital support sessional workers to continue our work throughout Barnsley. The rental income has helped Barugh Green Club recover from the financial effects of the pandemic, securing their jobs, The entertainment artists have been able to sustain their livelihood. BDSAG have also enrolled two new Trustees as a result of this project, cementing BDSAG's sustainability.

“I was scared to come out because of the pandemic. I know here everyone has been vaccinated and I feel everyone cares about my safety”



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Connections Project



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Project Summary

A project working with older people to help combat isolation. The project aims to promote and support the promotion of physical health; connections with others through various social groups and activities, specifically designed to stimulate the mental capacity of an ageing generation. The project will also seek to network with older people, provide transport through volunteers and maintain regular phone contact with those who are socially isolated or housebound.

Offering regular activities and one-off events to promote a holistic service to the local over 55+ population which will promote healthy eating, physical exercise and mental stimulation. These activities will include things like healthy cooking workshops, healthy exercises for the over 55's, chair fitness, craft groups, IT groups, afternoon teas, talks and demonstrations as well as other groups shaped by the steering group.

The project will include the development of a buddy system to maintain contact with isolated people and encourage volunteers to form a local network of support.

Performance Summary

Recruitment delayed due to COVID-19. The social inclusion worker commenced their induction on the 1st of September 2020.

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Connections Project



Report Extract (October - December 2021)

On October 2nd we organised a 'Songs of Praise' community event at Emmanuel with Pam Rhodes followed by refreshments, this was very well attended.

On October 4th and for the next 7 weeks I organised for an IT course to take place at Emmanuel Church led by Jenni Jarvis, the digital champion. Not massive numbers but those who came found it very helpful.

On October 16th we delivered over 200 harvest gift packs to older people in the community. This was very much appreciated, the doorstep chat was very important too.

Throughout November we organised a number of community coffee mornings at Pogmoor, Barugh Green, Emmanuel Church, Kexborough and Buckley. I supported a number of community events held in our Churches through this quarter.

I delivered winter warmer packs to the community

On December 22nd we delivered 86 Christmas gifts to people who are housebound in the community.

For those who felt they would be able to go out, we organised a Christmas Party, but very sadly had to cancel this because of a rise in COVID infections.

For the deliveries we have made, many of the people have been referred to me by other charities, for example—Age UK, Berneslai Homes, Butterflies ... I have held meetings or conversations with Berneslai, Butterflies and Age UK to look at ways we may be able to work together or support each other into the future.

None of the above projects could happen without a great team of volunteers, now around 80 people

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Week 3: Using email & recognising phishing emails
Week 4: Accessing public services & health services online
Week 5: Online shopping
Week 6: Learn to video call & watching/listening online
Week 7: Using Facebook and YouTube

To book a place ring Carol on 07816308505





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Covid Recovery North



Project Aims

- The aim of the project is to support older people to get back into their communities and pick up their independent lives after Covid.

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Project Outcomes

- Age UK specialises in providing support to over 55s, although a large proportion of their clients are 80years+.
- Support is focused on people who do not have local support networks.
- Support with low mood and wellbeing
- Stimulating activities will be provided to help residents stay engaged and keep their minds active.

Performance Summary

(extract from providers report):

Walking for Health Athersley

We identified that Athersley lacked outdoor activities that also promoted people's health and wellbeing. With this in mind we started a walking group in Athersley and the route went round Athersley field, down to Carlton Pond and back again. This was well attended and conversations were broad and many subjects were discussed. The older people found this enjoyable and therapeutic. They enjoyed being out in the fresh air and creating new friendships.



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Covid Recovery North



Project Aims

- Age UK have the capacity to form individual plans to help each person get mobile, providing them with encouragement, and exercises to strengthen and prevent falls.
- The service will aim to ensure that older people will feel valued, 'better' in themselves, more resilient and better able to deal with the restrictions and anxieties they currently face.
- Age UK's service delivery provides additionality to the existing service provision in the North Area (both commissioned and grant-funded).

Programme Summary

Wellness Group Darton

Due to the lack of physical activities in the Darton area, contact was made with the owner of the Darby & Joan Centre in Darton. A chair exercise and wellbeing group was created for older people to motivate them into light exercise but also provide a space for positive social interaction. We distributed posters and leaflets around the area and the Social Inclusion Worker attended the local summer fayre and spoke to local residents about the new group that was being provided.

The first session was very well attended and has steadily increased over the weeks.

The feedback from the clients has been positive and they all enjoy coming.





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Programme Summary

Wellness Group Darton

Due to the success of the Athersley walk, the Social Inclusion Worker approached the existing Wellbeing and chair exercise group and asked for their thoughts on a walking group to be started in the Darton area. This was well received and a group started on a Thursday afternoon meeting at the Darby & Joan Centre. There are currently 2 routes, one along Longfields Park and the second around Darton Park. The 2 routes cater for different abilities but also for differing weather conditions and make it accessible for everyone.

Extensive promotion also welcomed new clients and this group has also grown steadily in size.

Tai Chi

Social Inclusion Worker had a meeting with Lorraine Headon at Athersley Cares and it was agreed that a Tai Chi exercise group would be welcomed. A Tai Chi instructor agreed to deliver a 6-week free course which was very well attended. Once the course ended some of the attendees accessed other groups.

Monthly Coffee Morning - New Lodge

The community centre in New Lodge had groups already using the facilities but nothing for older people. A meeting with the community centre manager took place and monthly coffee morning was organised. This was well attended and the interest in other activities was identified. Due to this, a Christmas/Winter Warm Event has been organised for December.

Walking Football Honeywell

A walking football program was created in partnership with Pogmoor AFC. It was and still is attended by 6 service users from the North area. Walking football is a great opportunity for older people to get regular exercise and meet like-minded people within a safe environment.





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Programme Summary

Allsorts Group

Pre COVID an Allsorts Group was held at the Queen's Road offices. Post COVID it was decided to move this project out into the community.

Two venues were found. One in St Edwin's Croft, Athersley and the second in Wilthorpe & Redbrook Community Centre. The group at Wilthorpe & Redbrook Community Centre saw a positive start and we had games, quizzes, bingo and discussed future projects and outings.

Healthy Bones

Age UK Barnsley have been working in partnership with a Healthy Bones instructor who has started a session at the Emmanuel Church on Huddersfield Road. Initial interest has been positive however, the program is in its infancy and we fully expect a big attendance.

The program is designed to measure progress and prevent falls in older people.

Love Later Life Event

The Love Later Life Event was held at the Darton Darby & Joan Club. The Event attended by 30 older people. This was a well-attended event and a demonstration of the Tai Chi was well received. There were many interested in the programme however; this changed to the Healthy Bones programme and is held at Emmanuel Church, Gawber.

The afternoon was a success and was attended by local councillors and the Chair of Age UK Barnsley. Jam and cream scones were served with tea and coffee, and a singer provided an hour of entertainment for everyone. A large basket of fruit and vegetables was given to every older person who attended. The basket was extremely well received by all.



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Five Star Wellbeing



553

Number of times young people have attended the sessions

Target: 25

25

Number of times young men attended the session

Target: 24

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted
- Project milestones achieved
- Project indicators / targets met
- Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract

Service Outline

The aim of this project is in line with all the work we deliver in our local communities addressing raising aspirations and positive well being. This project is planned to run throughout the lunchtime period one day per week in Darton Delta Academy.

The plan is to run one session for young people to address Period Poverty and issues that affect young people around their menstrual cycle and a second session which will be a specifically gender-based programme for young men only and this will be addressing positive mental health and look at ways of managing emotions that young men struggle with on a daily basis

We will offer advice, support and sanitary products to young people struggling (or just caught short) with their menstrual cycle.

The young men's group will run either as a listening support session or as a more physical session within the grounds of Darton Delta Academy

Performance Summary

The project has been delivered differently from what we envisaged although it has been much more settled than the last term.

With the distribution of sanitary products, we found it worked much better if we walked around the dining /breakout areas and distributed them to the young people who needed them. The stigma of actually coming and asking for products is still at the forefront of young people's minds. So, this term we have had over 550 visits to/from our staff team over the 13 sessions we were in the school.



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Issues we have dealt with this quarter

- Y7 starting period and the fear of all issues surrounding this including not being able to use schools toilets and only wanting to do this with her mother. – this Alfie2020
- Led to us going to the safeguarding team for additional support for the young person.
- Y7 – transition – young people totally overwhelmed by going into secondary school after coming from a small primary. They had no idea that there were staff on site that could support these young people so we opened communication with staff and the young people
- Self-Harming – this has come to the forefront of many conversations with young women – we have had to speak to staff about the wounds becoming infected.
- Body image and food issues were prevalent this term
- Sexuality was discussed at length with several young people – families not wanting to know or denying it was happening
- Friendship and group dynamics has been a big topic within some groups as there are some disruptive individuals who have a tendency to overpower the ones with more urgent issues
- Y11 – we have supported a few young women with their college interviews by prepping them for an interview and talking through their choices for when they leave school.
- Exam pressure / personal pressure – we have one young person who is putting themselves under a lot of pressure for their exams which has caused concern for us and school after we reported this to them.
- Family issues – dealing with siblings' mental health
- Our work with young men is being done in the dining room where the staff team have gone round to individual tables and spoken to young men about issues that are causing them concern – the main issue has been about expressing emotions.
- Our latest referrals in December were from Y8 these were based on gender ID – sexuality and Personal Hygiene issues.



Five Star Wellbeing



Case Studies

B - Year 11 pupil

B comes from a very supportive family and is ASD which is causing some of the issues that they are struggling with. The expectations (academic) she puts on herself are aspirational unfortunately whilst they have been doing their mocks the results haven't gone through as high as they expected. This has caused a great deal of anxiety for the young person.

We have worked with the school so that they are aware of the expectations they are putting on themselves and additional support is available although they only want to discuss these issues with our team.

What we have arranged is that they attend our MAD group and this young person is participating in the full session but is attending weekly and enjoying getting out of the family home and meeting other young people. We will continue to support and encourage more social contact.

T - Y10 pupil

T has been self-harming for a few years and some of the injuries have become seriously infected. T has started coming to our MAD group to enable them to make new friends and have new experiences. At these sessions, we have contact with mum and we have explained about the work we do and our concerns (with the YP's permission) about self-harming. There is a lot of denial but we are working through this with the young person who attends every week in Darton and every week at our MAD session so we can offer additional support.

A - Y9 pupil

Struggling with sexuality and personal self-esteem – They come from a family that have many issues and a poor reputation in the community. They are struggling with their identity as a young person and trying to escape the family's reputation. We continue to support most weeks but some weeks they struggle with their emotions. They also don't want anyone to see them as being weak so they hide around the school.



Transition with the Reds



Aims

- To enable pupils to feel happier and more settled in school
- To support pupils to transition back into school following lockdown and/or moving from primary to secondary

Project Outcomes

- Pupils have improved emotional and physical wellbeing
- Pupils have more confidence, self-esteem and self-belief
- Pupils have better relationships with their peers
- Pupils feel happier and more settled in school

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted
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Service Outline

Delivery Model

12-week support programme, Transition with the Reds, from April 2021 onwards in 6 schools in the North Area to improve the emotional wellbeing of pupils transitioning back into school. Delivery taking place on school premises during the school day and after school.

The programme will comprise of 4 distinct elements:

Multi-sports Sessions

Multi-sports, e.g. football, circuits, badminton, etc, are in line with social distancing guidelines to promote active lifestyles, improve physical and emotional wellbeing and build skills such as confidence and teamwork.

Wellbeing Workshops

Wellbeing activities involving group tasks, shared experience and peer support. These activities are designed to enhance skills, such as resilience, stress management and self-esteem, and encourage positive lifestyles and behaviours, including breaking harmful patterns and healthy peer relationships. We will also cover nutrition, diet and lifestyle to ensure pupils understand how these areas can impact emotional wellbeing. The programme will also delve into specific concerns students may have around Covid-19 and support them back into a structured routine.

Activities to improve life chances and learning outcomes including financial literacy, active maths and English and project-based tasks to promote independence, teamwork and self-belief.



Transition with the Reds



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Project Impact

- Pupils have more knowledge on how to look after their mental and emotional health
- Pupils have enhanced skills and strategies for managing their mental health and life's challenges
- Pupils feel more empowered to talk about their emotional health and seek help
- Pupils feel happier and more settled in school

Lunchtime Support Sessions

Our qualified coaches will be stationed around the school during lunchtime to provide support in a one-to-one or small group capacity. These sessions will enable pupils to share any worries, problems or anxieties they may be experiencing. Our staff are generally perceived as positive role models. As such, we will harness this to inspire, encourage and support pupils to actively engage in school and break down the barriers impacting this.

After-school Physical Activity Sessions

Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in physical activity sessions after school to further enhance peer relationships and learning outcomes developed during the workshops. We will use the power of sport to support their mental and physical well-being.

We will also encourage participants to become Transition Buddies who provide support to other pupils who may be struggling. This will be done through ongoing support with the schools and using older students to be role models who have lived experiences of transition.

At the end of the programme, each school will receive a scheme of work comprising resources, lesson plans and videos in order to reach and support future students.

Performance Summary (extract from providers report):

Due in April 2022



Health &
Wellbeing

Transition with the Reds



Performance Summary

Quarter 3 - Interim Summary

- Kexborough Primary School – 2 Groups of Y5 Pupils, 16 Children per group, with 32 in total – the 12-week delivery has been complete.
- Darton Academy – 1 Group of 12 Y7 Children, the 12-week delivery has been complete.
- Mapplewell Primary School – 1 Group of 16 Y6 Children, we are currently at 8 weeks of delivery with 4 remaining after half term.
- Wellgate Primary School – 1 Group of 15 Y5 Children, we are currently at 4 weeks of delivery with 8 remaining.
- Athersley North Primary School – 1 Group of 12 Children, 7 Y5 and 5 Y6 Pupils, we are currently at 4 weeks of delivery with 8 remaining.

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
14th March 2022**

Agenda Item: 7

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

Commissioning, Project Development and Financial Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position the existing the funding commitments.**
- 2.2 **Councillors discuss the Anti-Poverty Outreach IAG provision in relation to the Welfare Advice Review; confirming if they wish to fund the IAG provision until the end of the calendar year 2022.**
- 2.3 **That Councillors note the progress with the 2022/23 Stronger Communities Grant opportunity. (Full details in Item 4).**
- 2.4 **Councillors are requested to confirm the commitment to extend the Youth Resilience Grant funding for the original 3 years. It is proposed that an additional 4th years funding be committed to the grant funding (Report reference 3.7)**
- 2.5 **Councillors are requested to note the updated projected spend, appendix 1.**

3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project

Contract 1 commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one-year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 in total. The initial contract has now concluded.

Contract 2 commenced on the 14th September 2017 for a two-year term at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the 13th September 2020.

The Area Council agreed to continue to fund this project in September 2019. Due to procurement pressures during Covid-19 the decision was taken to submit a waiver in the summer of 2020 and extend the existing contract by 12 months until 13th September 2021.

UPDATE: The Area Manager submitted as waivers as requested by the Area Council. This has been approved and new contract is in place for a further 12months delivery, running until 13th September 2022.

Risk: The boroughwide review of welfare advice has been completed. It is currently recommended that the boroughwide core provision is increased and the offer is more equitable across the borough. The changes to provision will need to be agreed by Cabinet. It is proposed that the revised offer will be operational from January 2023.

These changes will mean that the offer in North will decline by nearly half the outreach provision if the North Area choose not to re-invest in this service.

Recommendation:

Short Term - That the North Area Council submit a waiver and obtain a minimum 3-month contract extension, value up to £26,000. To ensure provision is in place until 13th December 2022.

Long Term – The North Area Council discuss it they wish to supplement the boroughwide offer, by means of additional Information Advice and Guidance provision. This could take the form of additional hours or empowerment and confidence building

3.1 The Clean and Green Service

Contract one was delivered by Forge Community Partnership commenced on the 14th September 2015. Prior to the end of the contract the tender opportunity was advertised.

The second environmental contract commenced on the 2nd October 2017 at a value of £85,000 per annum. The provider, Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd, commenced service delivery on the 2nd October 2017. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the end of September 2020.

N.B. The current contract was tendered in autumn 2020. Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd secured a two-year contract with the opportunity for a final one-year extension. The contract commenced on 1st April 2021.

3.2 Housing and Cohesion Officer (Private Sector Housing) – At the November meeting 2017 it was agreed that the North Area would fund a private sector housing officer post at Grade 6 for 12 months fixed term. The successful candidate started on the 22nd January 2018 and proved to be a great asset to the area. The officer left the North Area council at the end of June 2019 for a promotion within BMBC.

The current Housing and Cohesion Officer started in post on Monday 19th October 2020. The Area Council have committed to fund the post for at least 24 months.

In addition to the salary fees the Area Council agreed to fund uniform, PPE including IT, phone and bodycam, plus a £5k annual working budget.

UPDATE: At the September 2021 meeting the Area Council reaffirmed the commitment to fund the post for the full 2 year duration. Enabling the Area Manager to extend the contract until 18th October 2022.

ACTION REQUIRED: Contractually the position is covered by a permanent contract to ensure employment rights for individuals. If the Area Council agreed to cease funding the position a 6-month notice period will be required.

A review of performance will be necessary to establish if the Area Council wish to commit funding for a further year from October 2022 – October 2023.

3.3 Health and Wellbeing – Connecting Communities Grant

At a series of workshops in 2021 the Area Council discussed the loneliness and isolation and the impact of Covid-19. In July 2021 it was agreed to fund a grant program for two years with a budget of £100,000 per annum.

The grant opportunity was advertised at the end of September 2021 and the final date for submission was the 22nd October 2021. A total of 9 applications were received before the deadline totalling £615,710.39.

Stage one moderation took place on the 1st November and 4 organisations were invited back to present their projects on the 8th November. 3 applications were recommended for funding. The total allocated amount for these 3 projects was £186,766.44.

Successful Projects:

- Age UK Barnsley – North Area Social Inclusion Service - £79,600.20
- DIAL Barnsley – Connection Hubs - £66,450.00
- Reds in the Community – Reds Connect - £40,716.24

N.B.: £13,233.56 remained unallocated and will remain in the Area Council budget for forthcoming delivery.

3.4 Stronger Communities Grant 2021/22 –

The total funding available for 2021/22 is £50,000. Each grant has an upper limit of £10,000. A total of 6 applications were received, totalling £55,772.06.

At the Grant Panel on Thursday 11th March 2021, five projects were recommended for funding.

Successful projects:

- North West Church – Reconnect Building Resilience and new confidence with older people - £10,000.00
- Ad Astra – 5 Star Well Being: Gender Based - £8640.00
- Reds in the Community – Transition with the Reds - £8,638.06
- Age UK Barnsley – Covid Recovery North Area - £10,000.00
- Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group – Barugh Green Social Club, weekly afternoon tea dance - £2,721.94

3.5 Stronger Communities Grant 2022/23

For a full update please refer to Item 4.

3.6 Devolved Funding to Ward Alliances

The Area Council has profiled £20,000 to be devolved to Ward Alliances during 2022. This means a £5,000 allocation per ward where the end of years balance is less than £10,000.

N.B. Members are confirmed at the January 2022 meeting that they wish to make this allocation in 2022/23.

3.7 Health and Wellbeing – focus on Young People

In November 2019 the North Area Council agreed to fund a project for up to three years. The project entitled 'An Empowerment Programme Enabling Resilient Transitions for Children and Young People Aged 8-14 Years' was advertised as a competitive grant in early 2020. The process was unsuccessful. It was agreed in on the 16th March that the opportunity should be chunked down to allow the VCS to respond.

N.B. This opportunity has been tailored to help address the fall out of COVID-19 lockdown and aid in the delivery of the COVID-19 Recovery Strategy. The grants went live on the 1st November 2020, delivered by YMCA and Ad Astra.

The Area Council has committed to fund this work for up to three years. Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions caused delays and for a time schools would not permit external partners into schools. The providers are now working within 5 schools.

UPDATE: Grant agreements are in place with providers until October 2022. It is recommended that this funding is extended to until October 2024. This included the third year originally agreed and an additional year's funding, a commitment of £90,000p.a., enabling the existing providers to support students adversely affected by Covid-19 and support them in their educational transitions, primarily the move to senior school.

4. Financial Position

- 4.1. At the end of 2020/21 there was a significant **underspend of £130,266 (includes underspend from previous years)**. The budget was varied during the 2020/21 year due to Covid-19 adjustments.
- 4.2. **The forecast for 2021/22 shows that the underspend (including underspend from previous years) was profiled to reduce to £66,781.00.** This is because the in-year balance exceeded the annual budget by approximately £34,500.00.
- 4.3. The Area Manager has identified additional funds totalling £20,000 which will be utilised to support the covid recovery and social isolation priority commitments of the Area Council. **Hence the increase in underspend in the current budget projections to £82,609.00.**
- 4.4. Outlined annual commitments from April 2021:

Contract	Proposed Spend 2021/22
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£95,000
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	£85,000
Housing Cohesion Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£35,000
Stronger Communities Grant	£40,000
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+hOurbank) – 6 months remaining on contract	£40,000
Children and Youth People Resilience Grant	£90,0000
Devolved funds to Ward Alliances (£5k per WA)	£20,000
Fleets Nature Park	£10,000
Age UK Support for Older People	£7,000
Connecting Communities Grant 2021-2024 £100,000 per annum for 2 years	£12,500
TOTAL	£434,500

- 4.5. Provided that the Area Council continues to commit funding as outlined in Appendix 1, the total spend profiled for 2021/22 is £434,500.00

- 4.6. As a result of delays to project during 2020/21 the underspend was reduced but not as much as originally intended. Hence the decision to continue the Stronger Communities Grant during 2022/23.

5. Commissioning programme from April 2021

- 5.1. Appendix 1 lays out the proposed spend. On the 23rd November 2020 the North Area Council agreed to the forward plan for years 2020/21 and 2021/22. This programme was varied at the April 2021 meeting to support Covid recovery.

6. Commissioning Programme from April 2022

- 6.1. Due to the re-organisation of boroughwide Welfare support the North Area Council is currently reviewing it's priorities and (at time of writing) intends to hold a workshop on the 10th March to review current spend.
- 6.2. The Area Council will need to decide if it wishes to fund supplementary Welfare Advice and Guidance Sessions in the North Area or if the funds will be invested in alternative provision from September 2022.

7. Risks

- 7.1. The proposed budget would take the Area Council approximately £34,500.00 over budget per annum for 2021/22. However taking into account the current under spend, the investment profiled in Appendix 1 would be feasible.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1. Future commissioning is on hold until the outcome of the welfare reform review is known. This will inform the commissioning budget and subsequent project development.
- 8.2. Ensure that the Area Manager is alerted to any proposed commissioning profile variations so that feasibility considerations can be made at the earliest opportunity.

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Date:

25th February 2022

Appendix 1: North Area Council Proposed expenditure April 2021-March 2024

Project / Service				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach <i>Contract End - Sept 2022</i>	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People - <i>Retender Oct 2020 Contract Start - April 2021</i>	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00
Housing and Cohesion Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Stronger Communities Grant	50,000.00	40,000.00	-	-
Youth Resilience Fund (November 2020 - October 2022 - YMCA & Ad Astra)	45,000.00	90,000.00	45,000.00	-
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+ hOurbank) 2018-2020 (+1year) £75,000 + £10,000	85,000.00	40,000.00	-	-
Connecting Communities Social Isolation Grant (£100,000 pa for 2 years)	-	12,500.00	92,000.00	82,500.00
Devolved funding to Ward Alliances <i>(where year-end balance is less than £10,000)</i>	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
The Fleets - Nature Park	20,000.00	10,000.00	-	-
Covid - Age UK	10,000.00	7,000.00		
TOTAL	425,000.00	434,500.00	372,000.00	297,500.00

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council:
14th March 2022**

Agenda Item: 8

**Report of the
North Area Council Manager**

Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2020/21 period.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That Ward Alliances pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid-19 Recovery Plan document when developing projects during the remainder of 2021/22, appendix 1 – progression toward standard operating procedure.**
- 2.2 **That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2021/22, in line with the guidance on spend.**

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition, the Area Council has devolved £10,000 to the Ward Alliances between 2014/15 and 2019/20; no additional funding was devolved in 2020/21 and a reduced amount of £5,000 was devolved in 2021/22.
- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Funding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocated to projects where there is match funding.
- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:
- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
 - it is in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
 - it represents value for money.

4.0 2021/22 Financial Position

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2021/22 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2021/22 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

4.2 Budget allocations for 2021/22

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2020/21	Additional DWB (Announced 09/2020)	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£2,781.00	£5,000	£19,204.16
Darton West	£10,000	£1,289.04	£5,000	£19,567.49
Old Town	£10,000	£10,717.28	£5,000	£26,674.53
St Helen's	£10,000	£7,628.13	£5,000	£23,393.83

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

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 2 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

- 5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2021/22. This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities. Due to COVID-19 many of these meetings will need to be held virtually.
- 5.2 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.
- 5.3 Proactive promotion of the Ward Alliance Fund to local not for profit groups and organisations is highly recommended to ensure efficient expenditure over the financial year.

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Date:

1st March 2022

Appendix 1:

COVID19 WARD ALLIANCE RECOVERY PLAN

There is a desire for Ward Alliances to continue to conduct business in support of their community and residents. This recovery plan is intended to show the steps we will take to allow business to continue.

Whilst this plan is being issued to illustrate and inform our direction of travel, it is necessary to keep this fluid and under review. Progression through each step will only occur when the government guidance and local data tells us that it is safe to do so.

PHASE	MEETINGS	PROJECT DECISIONS
1 (lockdown protocol)	No meetings held – projects agreed via email.	<p>Decisions taken on any projects via email objection (consensus assumed unless objection raised).</p> <p>Projects should be relevant to helping communities to recover. Initiatives involving public gatherings (including outdoor) should not be progressed.</p> <p>50% volunteer match is relaxed.</p>
2 (lockdown protocol)	<p>Where possible, Ward Alliance meetings to be held virtually using IT.</p> <p>Guidance and support can be provided to facilitate this.</p>	<p>Applications discussed and decided via virtual meetings. Ward Alliance members unable to join the virtual meeting are given chance to comment in advance.</p> <p>Projects should be relevant to helping communities to recover. Initiatives involving public gatherings (including outdoor) should not be progressed.</p> <p>50% volunteer match is relaxed.</p>
3 (explore this now for individual WAs)	<p>Ward Alliance meetings to be held observing social distancing.</p> <p>Larger venues may be necessary to facilitate this.</p> <p>Refreshments should be avoided.</p> <p>Where possible, WA Members should have the option to 'dial in' via IT.</p>	<p>Applications discussed and decided via the meetings. Ward Alliance members unable to join the meeting are given chance to comment via the 'dial in' option.</p> <p>Projects should be relevant to helping communities to recover. Initiatives involving public gatherings (including outdoor) should not be progressed.</p> <p>50% volunteer match is relaxed.</p>
4 (explore this now for individual WAs)	Ward Alliances begin to meet as pre-Covid arrangements.	<p>Applications are discussed and decided at the meetings.</p> <p>Projects begin to broaden out.</p> <p>Public events begin to be planned.</p> <p>The volunteer match element is reviewed.</p>
5 (explore this now for individual WAs)	<p>Ward Alliances return to a standard way of operating.</p> <p>As part of our 'new normal' the option for members of the Ward Alliances to 'dial in' may wish to be retained.</p>	<p>Ward Alliance applications can be considered as pre-Covid arrangements including indoor and outdoor public events.</p> <p>Volunteer match element is reintroduced to ensure we facilitate volunteering and social action.</p>

Appendix 2:

2021/22 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2021/22 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 for the Ward Alliance Fund and an £5,000 has been devolved from the Area Council Budget.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2020/21 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2021/22 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

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

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

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council.

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

Due to the extraordinary times as a result of COVID -19 pandemic, the non-match funding element of allocation has been suspended.

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

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

Income / Return Grant	£1,423.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£2,781.00
Total Available Funding	£19,204.00

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) 'Total Available Funding'
1	Litter Bin 0393 Relocation	£125.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£19,079.00
2	Cold Calling Stickers	£860.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£18,219.00
3	Litter Picking Equipment	£343.30	£657.60	£9,602.00	£17,875.70
4	Children's Activities 2021	£1,000.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£16,875.70
5	Volunteer Tool Bank	£547.20	£548.00	£9,602.00	£16,328.50
6	Happiness Hamper	£600.00	£137.00	£9,602.00	£15,728.50
7	Secretary Payment Q1	£125.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£15,603.50
8	Butterflies Afternoon Tea Dance	£780.00	£5,343.00	£9,602.00	£14,823.50
9	Keswick Road Park Safety Matting	£271.25	£0.00	£9,602.00	£14,552.25
10	Secretary Payment Q2	£125.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£14,427.25
11	Darton East Working Budget	£300.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£14,127.25
12	Autumn Planting	£685.00	£411.00	£9,602.00	£13,442.25
13	Christmas Lights for Mapplewell	£2,250.00	£274.00	£9,602.00	£11,192.25
14	Children's Discos	£1,441.50	£493.20	£9,602.00	£9,750.75
15	Community Christmas Celebration - Les Cadeaux	£320.00	£137.00	£9,602.00	£9,430.75
16	Replacement Defibrillator Pads	£200.00	£89.05	£9,602.00	£9,230.75
17	Darton East Community Mascot	£999.00	£493.20	£9,602.00	£8,231.75
18	Secretary Payment Q2	£125.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£8,106.75
19	Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall 'Pop-in' Club	£285.00	£342.50	£9,602.00	£7,821.75
20	Winter Wellbeing Health Event	£1,500.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£6,321.75

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

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

Income / Return Grant	£3,512.40
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£1,289.04
Total Available Funding	£19,801.44

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Q4 Secretary Payment - Richard Haigh	£125.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£19,676.44
2	Butterflies Afternoon Tea Dance	£780.00	£1,342.60	£9,900.72	£18,896.44
3	Replacement Bench - Wilthorpe Redbrook	£1,300.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£17,596.44
4	Children's Activities 2021	£500.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£17,096.44
5	First Stage Summer School	£844.40	£3,781.20	£9,900.72	£16,252.04
6	Happiness Hamper	£400.00	£137.00	£9,900.72	£15,852.04
7	Secretary Payment Q1	£125.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£15,727.04
8	Replacement Bin at Harry Road Recreation Ground	£300.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£15,427.04
9	Video Recording Equipment	£4,342.40	£33,537.60	£9,900.72	£11,084.64
10	North Gawber Girls	£472.04	£0.00	£9,900.72	£10,612.60
11	Replacement Defibrillator Pads	£115.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£10,497.60
12	Autumn Planting	£1,090.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£9,407.60
13	Christmas Tree Motifs Kexborough	£525.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£8,882.60
14	Community Christmas Celebration - Les Cadeaux	£320.00	£137.00	£9,900.72	£8,562.60
15	Christmas and Beyond	£55.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£8,507.60
16	Remembrance Project	£766.45	£0.00	£9,900.72	£7,741.15
17	Barnsley Local Television	£623.00	£623.35	£9,900.72	£7,118.15
18	Churchyard Heritage Trail	£1,000.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£6,118.15
19	Angel Voices Performing Arts Academy	£2,100.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£4,018.15
20	Christmas in Darton West 2021	£600.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£3,418.15
21	Family Support Packages 2021	£200.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£3,218.15
22	Secretary Payment Q2	£125.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£3,093.15
23	Secretary Payment Q3	£125.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£2,968.15
24	Spring Hanging Baskets	£500.00	£0.00	£9,900.72	£2,468.15

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

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

Income / Return Grant	£1,734.96
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£10,717.28
 Total Available Funding	 £27,452.24

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Container for Pogmoor Recreation Ground	£4,668.00	£0.00	£13,726.12	£22,784.24
2	St Pauls Afterschool Club	£700.00	£1,918.00	£13,726.12	£22,084.24
3	Defibrillator for Old Town	£999.00	£0.00	£13,726.12	£21,085.24
4	Butterflies Afternoon Tea Dance	£780.00	£1,342.60	£13,726.12	£20,305.24
5	Volunteer Tool Bank	£547.20	£137.00	£13,726.12	£19,758.04
6	Spring Bulbs 2021	£660.00	£0.00	£13,726.12	£19,098.04
7	'4T's' Green Heroes Plaque Stand/Display	£520.00	£219.20	£13,726.12	£18,578.04
8	Minibus Braking System Renewal and Insurance Project	£700.00	£8,000.80	£13,726.12	£17,878.04
9	Barnsley Retirement Fellowship Group	£1,254.60	£3,288.00	£13,726.12	£16,623.44
10	Old Town Christmas Working Budget	£3,000.00	£0.00	£13,726.12	£13,623.44
11	2021 Winter Wellbeing Packs	£2,000.00	£0.00	£13,726.12	£11,623.44
12	Defibrillator for Pogmoor	£999.00	£0.00	£13,726.12	£10,624.44
13	4Ts' Green Heroes - Disability Bench Installation	£1,500.00	£1,972.80	£13,726.12	£9,124.44
14	Fresh Ground Community Family Activities	£180.00	£137.00	£13,726.12	£8,944.44
15	WW2 Bomber Commemoration	£200.00	£205.50	£13,726.12	£8,744.44

ST HELEN'S WARD ALLIANCE

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

Income / Return Grant	£765.70
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£7,628.13
Total Available Funding	£23,393.83

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Secretary Payment Q4	£125.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£23,268.83
2	St Helen's Guides in Athersley	£500.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£22,768.83
3	Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group	£780.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£21,988.83
4	Repainting Seating Area - Smithies Rec Play Area	£825.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£21,163.83
5	Volunteer Tool Bank	£547.20	£0.00	£11,696.92	£20,616.63
6	Secretary Payment Q1	£125.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£20,491.63
7	Noticeboard for Smithies Rec	£1,400.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£19,091.63
8	Twiggs Educational Sessions	£380.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£18,711.63
9	Spring Bulbs 2021	£1,500.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£17,211.63
10	Secretary Payment Q2	£125.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£17,086.63
11	New Lodge Tables	£1,866.72	£0.00	£11,696.92	£15,219.91
12	Winter Wellbeing Packs	£2,000.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£13,219.91
13	2021 Christmas Working Budget	£1,500.00	£0.00	£11,696.92	£11,719.91
14	Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Safeguarding	£1,500.00	£68.50	£11,696.92	£10,219.91
15	Athersley Annual Community Bonfire	£1,200.00	£2,055.00	£11,696.92	£9,019.91
16	Secretary Payment Q3	£125.00	£0.00	£11,843.32	£9,187.71
17	Get Fit with Vik	£500.00	£548.00	£11,843.32	£8,687.71

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 14th March 2022**

Agenda Item: 9

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report apprises the North Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance implementation.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to the 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 (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during December 2021, January and February 2022.

Appendices:

Darton East Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix One
Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Two
Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Three
St Helens Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Four

The reporting into the North Area Council, of the Ward Alliance notes is in line with the approved Council protocols. The notes are for information only.

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Date:

28th February 2022

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
Tuesday 14th December 2021 – 6 PM
Teams Meeting

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Helen Altun – Minutes
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man
Janine Williams – Local resident
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
David Lockwood – Local Business Man
David Hilton – Green space
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Teresa Williams – Principal Town
Fiona O Brian – Principal Town

1. Apologies:

Cllr Harry Spence -Darton East Ward Councillor
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager
David Oates - Local Business Man

2. Declarations of Interest – Yes Nick Hibberd.

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising – The letter which was sent to the Chronicle from Councillor Harry Spence was not within the Ward Alliance governance framework. Everyone on the Ward Alliance should support each other's decisions. Members were not happy that it had been sent in and said it was untrue as Christmas was not cancelled the tree and the event was put at The Village Hall rather than the Co op. No apology had been printed in the Chronicle so far which the members would like to see, but an apology email had been sent out to The Ward Alliance members.

5. Principal Towns Update – Teresa and Fiona attended the meeting to give an update on where we are with the Principal Town project, brought in to invest in the borough, 6 main towns and 11 smaller towns e.g Mapplewell. Signs for car parks were discussed and signs need to be put on the street to allow people to see the signs.

The ladies said if anyone had any projects in mind to let them know it doesn't have to be in the centre of Mapplewell and it doesn't have to be restricted to buildings. Now Barnsley town centre is finished there is a big push on Principal Towns.

An application made by The Village Hall would be a capital investment to make the building more sustainable.

The criteria are capital projects not revenue. It's all about sustainability.

Principal towns to be put on the agenda of the next meeting and then we can feedback to Fiona with any ideas.

A member asked if there was a timescale. It is a 5-year investment plan but local centre works would be completed sooner.

A member said they would be happy to help with any applications regarding Mapplewell Park.

- 6. Financial Update** – Balance is £7931.75. This is a healthy budget with 3 meetings left before the end of the financial year. We do have more in our budget than this time last year. A member asked if it was guaranteed that the money was carried over. It is not guaranteed to be carried over.

7. Applications for Funding –

Pop in Christmas event - £285.00 Approved.

8. Ward Action Plan

- 1) Ears and voice of the community:

- Facebook page is ongoing.
- The Darton East website is ongoing.

- 2) Environmental: No update

- 3) Young people:

- The Christmas disco went down very well and The Mascot teddy bear was very well received.
- Springtime activities to be thought about.

- 4) Health and well-being:

The Wellbeing event will be on the 08/03/22. A member had spoken to various organisations and they will be coming along to the event. Dial a ride will also be able to bring people to the village hall for the event. Addresses need to be submitted to dial a ride by the middle of February. The member will check that there is enough space for all the different organisations. Care homes are not allowed to indoor events at the moment.

- 5) Older people:

- Christmas event will be held for members of the pop in club.

Community events:

- History and heritage trail – There are a couple of concerns with some of the sites which will be looked at again in the New year.

9. Darton East Website.

The website is still being tweaked. The site is doing well and working well. It will continue to be developed. It needs linking to the Facebook page and maybe put some sponsored adverts on it.

10. Christmas

Two Christmas events were completed at The Village Hall Mapplewell and Woolley Colliery.

Both events went well. The Village Hall switch on event went well and tied in well with the Beer festival. Children were singing from local schools but it was acknowledged that a better sound system was required. This could be looked at under a Ward Alliance application. A quote can be supplied from a local supplier who a ward alliance member was in touch with.

The Woolley event also went well with mince pies and hot chocolates but it was agreed that carol sheets were needed for the next event.

A big thank you was given to everyone involved in the ward alliance events and a big thank you was given to Rebecca Battye for all the organising and Gerard Morrell for helping to put up the Christmas trees.

The Beer festival was a huge success and the Friday night light switch on set it off well. The beer festival raised just over £10,000.00. Local businesses supported it very well and the village hall was an huge asset.

11. Health and Wellbeing/Winter warmer.

An update is provided above.

12. Logo – A logo was emailed out and a member asked for a reply to be emailed back within 10 days so a logo could be chosen and put in place.

13. AOB – An apology should be put in the Chronicle from Councillor Harry Spence and be made public after his piece of Christmas is cancelled was published. The council have been notified of the story. It's not political, it's about behaviours. Politics should be kept out of the ward alliance. The Ward Alliance will send in a story regarding the Christmas events that did take place. All member's will be sent out the ward alliance pack again with the rules around being a member of the ward alliance. All Ward Alliance representatives should publicly support Ward Alliance decisions even if it is against your views. The Chronicle was made aware of the beer festival and the members were told a photographer would attend but no one turned up to the event from the Chronicle.

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
Tuesday 11th January 2022 – 6 PM
Teams Meeting

Present:

Clr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
David Hilton – Green space
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager

1. Apologies:

Cllr Harry Spence -Darton East Ward Councillor
David Oates - Local Business Man
Helen Altun – Secretary
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

2. Declarations of Interest – None

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising – No matters arising

5. Financial Update – Balance is £7,696.75. It is not guaranteed that the balance will be carried over to the next financial year.

6. Applications for Funding:

Winter Warmer/Health Event - £1500 Working Budget

7. Ward Action Plan

1) Ears and voice of the community:

- Facebook page is ongoing.
- The Darton East website is ongoing.

2) Environmental: No update

3) Young people:

- The Christmas disco went down very well and The Mascot teddy bear was very well received.

- Springtime activities to be thought about.
- 4) Health and well-being:
The Wellbeing event will be on the 08/03/22. A member had spoken to various organisations and they will be coming along to the event. Dial a ride will also be able to bring people to the village hall for the event. Addresses need to be submitted to dial a ride by the middle of February. The member will check that there is enough space for all the different organisations. Care homes are not allowed to indoor events at the moment.
- 5) Older people:
• Christmas event will be held for members of the pop in club.
Community events:
• History and heritage trail – There are a couple of concerns with some of the sites which will be looked at again in the New year.

The Ward Action Plan and Priorities for 2022/23 will be discussed and agreed at the February meeting.

- 8. Darton East Website** – The website is regularly tweaked and businesses added to it. Starting to publicise events on it – any information to be shared on the website send to Nick.

9. Principal Towns

A discussion was held around potential projects for Principal Towns. These included:

- Village Hall – refurbishment of the large community hall
- Footpaths in the village being made more DDA accessible, currently some are hard for people in wheelchairs/mobility scooters/with prams to access.
- Ibberson Gardens
- Railings on the Church on Greenside

Principal Towns Officers to be contacted to see if there is any guidance/clarity on what can/cannot be funded through Principal Towns. Officers to be invited to a future Ward Alliance meeting.

10. Winter Warmer Event

Planning for the event is going well, lots of advice organisations will be attending. Dial-a-ride will be providing transport. Everyone who attends will be offered a free hot meal and given a winter warmer goody bag.
Event has been well promoted on facebook.

11. Logo

Ward Alliance logo was agreed and approved.

12. Any Other Business

- It was fed back to the Ward Alliance that the Christmas Pop In Event which they funded was a great success.
- Following recent articles in the Barnsley Chronicle it was raised whether there was a way to ensure what goes in the paper is fact. Perhaps a member of the Ward Alliance could become the media representative for the group?
- It was reported there had been youths riding motorbikes in Mapplewell Park, churning up the football pitch. Thanks to the quick action of PC Jameson, both bikes were seized and one youth was caught. The Ward Alliance would like to thank PC Jameson for his quick action.

13. Time and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th February 6pm

Darton East Ward Alliance
'CAN DO-WILL DO'
Tuesday 8th February – 6 PM
Teams Meeting

Present:

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Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Helen Altun – Minutes
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man
Janine Williams – Local resident
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
David Lockwood – Local Business Man
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager

1. Apologies:

Clr Harry Spence -Darton East Ward Councillor
David Hilton – Green space
David Oates - Local Business Man

2. Declarations of Interest – None

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising – None

5. Financial Update – Balance is £6,196.75.

6. Applications for Funding – None.

7. Ward Action Plan

The kid's events went well. Everyone loved Maple Bear at the Christmas Disco.
The Christmas light switch on in the village went well and the beer festival went well.
The website and Facebook page are ongoing.
The community fridge is going very well.
The cold calling stickers were well received from residents.

8. Action Plan April 2022 to March 2023.

Teenagers/Young People.

The group agreed it would be good to introduce something for teenagers and young adults under 25 in the area.

It was suggested that we look at what other areas in the borough are doing for this age group and see if there is anything we can implement in our local area. It was suggested that the rifle club at the village hall may be able to have an open day.

The library could also be used including the 12 computers available. There could be some employer talks/recruitment events aimed at this age range. It was suggested that a cinema club may be nice to be put on in the school holidays and it was suggested that the manager of Parkway cinema in Barnsley may be able to help.

People with disabilities/isolated or in later life.

It was agreed that it would be great to share skills and interact more with this group of people. It was mentioned that businesses could help to put some events on for this group. It was agreed it would be a good idea for The Ward Alliance to put a monthly column in the Arrow to raise awareness of The Ward Alliance. A member of the group explained they would check with the council's communications team and investigate prices to write a column in the Darton Arrow.

Twiggs/Litter picking/Sponsored hanging baskets.

It was agreed by the group that they wished for Twiggs to still interact and hold events with the local community along with litter picking and the sponsored hanging baskets.

The Great British spring clean is on between 25/03/2022 and 11/04/2022.

Health and wellbeing.

It was agreed that if the winter warmer event was successful it would be a good idea to do another health and wellbeing event.

The Friday afternoon pop in club is doing well at the village hall and is open to all ages.

Other Events

The group suggested a Queen's jubilee event for the village. The village hall will be doing something for the Queen's jubilee on Friday 3rd June which the Ward alliance could support.

It was suggested that bunting can be put up in the area.

A sub group was formed to discuss the Queen's Jubilee in more detail. Members of the sub group will be Nick, Caroline, David Lockwood, Janine, and Helen.

The group also suggested it would be a great idea to do a community event celebrating volunteers in the area around Autumn time.

9. Health and Wellbeing/Winter warmer.

Everything is going to plan. 18 agencies are now engaged and involved. Dial a ride is now going to be charging to pick up and drop off residents. The village hall café will do the food.

Can any pictures taken be sent to Rebecca for the Ward Alliance notice board.

10. AOB

A member said that dog fouling in the area was increasing and Sack up Lane was very bad at the moment. It was suggested whether the ward alliance could fund some dog fouling bin and bag stations. It was also suggested that camera's need to be put up and owner's prosecuted. A member will speak to Neighbourhood services about this.

The hanging baskets will be going up in Spring. When they are up the North Area team will ring up previous sponsors to see if they want to sponsor a hanging basket with a sign. New sponsors are also welcome. The cost to sponsor a hanging basket will be £90.50.

The group was asked how they would feel about going back to face to face meetings. Members were happy to go back to face to face meetings. So, face to face meetings will recommence from the next meeting in March.

Meeting closed.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 18th January 2022

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Trevor Cave, Christina Carroll, John Ryan, Ann Carroll, Annabelle Watson, Shelly Oates, Dominic McCall, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Tom West, Ann Plant.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The Minutes of the Meeting 7th December 2021 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

Rebecca to contact Paul Castle on behalf of Cllrs A Cave, S Howard, T Cave, re: Litter bin issues at Gawber.

Rebecca to officially invite Safer Neighbourhood Team Wardens to the next meeting re: their role at Harry Road Recreational Ground.

Rebecca to follow up progress at Uplands Park Garden project.

Rebecca to look at Spring Hanging Baskets requirements across the Ward for 2022.

Shelly and Ann to look at area around Memorial Garden and adjacent pathway re: any issues and improvements required.

Cllr Sharon Howard to contact Tom West re: Horizon Dance Students involvement at the Star Awards Ceremony.

Cllr Sharon Howard to follow up car parking issues at BBIC with Highways and Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Cllr Sharon Howard and Cllr Alice Cave to follow up Kexbrough Club initiatives re: any help needed with development of Community Events.

Cllr Trevor Cave to contact Fiona O' Brian re: Darton Parks issue of tarmac grass verge adjacent to the Parks driveway.

Cllr Trevor Cave to alert all respective parties of the Longfields/ Active Travel, February 2022 Sub Group Teams Meeting.

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Action Plan, this was discussed by Members and contributions made.

4a WAF Budget update was presented by Rebecca.

Remaining Budget £2,863.64

4b WAF Applications

None.

5 Ward Deprivation Issues and Discussion

Cllrs Sharon Howard and Cllr Trevor Cave to investigate Data and update Group when available.

6 Ward Stars Evening Update and Discussion

Cllr Sharon Howard updated all members of arrangements for the event.

7 Longfields/ Active Travel Project Update

Cllr Trevor Cave updated of current events and date of Sub Group meeting. Cllr Cave will confirm February 2022 Teams meeting with all respective parties.

A.O.B.

Nothing to report.

Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday, 15th February 2022 at 5.00 pm (Venue to be announced)

Stars Award Meeting 15th February at 4.00 pm. (Prior to above)

Darton West Ward Alliance

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 15th February 2022

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, John Ryan, Annabelle Watson, Shelly Oates, Ann Carroll, Christina Carroll, Tom West, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Cllr Trevor Cave, Ann Plant.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The minutes of the meeting 18th January 2022 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

Cllr Sharon Howard to update re: any further information about litter bins installation at Gawber.

Cllr Sharon Howard to update re: car parking issues at BBIC as required.

Rebecca to arrange date for Cllrs and partners to have a site visit to Uplands Park.

Rebecca to finalise Hanging basket provision across the Ward and update.

Rebecca to organise a meeting with representatives of Kexbrough Club to advise on available funding streams.

Rebecca to contact Redbrook/ Wilthorpe Community Centre and organise a date for Cllrs to visit to offer any assistance as required.

Shelly to update of any progress made with the Memorial Garden Project.

Shelly to investigate any possible links for future Ward Alliance discussions re: Ward Deprivation Needs and Assistance with local Issues.

Tom to meet with Cllr Sharon Howard re: area available for Horizon Students Dance Performance at Barnsley Town Hall

Richard to contact Anthony Devonport re: Tree planting at Kexbrough Recreational Ground and update.

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Sharon Howard (on behalf of Cllr Trevor Cave) presented an updated Ward Action Plan, this was discussed by Members and contributions made.

4a WAF Budget update was presented by Rebecca.

Remaining Budget £2,363,64

4b WAF Applications

Darton History Group Exhibition Boards. (**Declined**)

Defibrillator funding £250.00 (**Agreed**)

Barugh Green Recreational Ground Resurfacing. £1500.00 (**Agreed**)

5 Safer Neighbourhood Team Wardens (Harry Road) Role and Responsibilities. Agenda item next meeting

6 Ward Deprivation Issues and Discussion

Cllr Sharon Howard updated members this will feature as an Agenda item.

7 Ward Stars Update and Discussion

Cllr Sharon Howard updated members of the programme and arrangements. Agenda item.

8 Longfields/ Active Travel Project Update

Cllr Sharon Howard updated members of current developments. (Agenda item)

A.O.B.

Cllr Alice Cave (Chair) would like to personally thank all members for their continued help, support and outstanding contributions as Ward Alliance Members.

Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday, 15th March 2022 at 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.

Darton Stars Event Friday 4th March 2022, 5.00 pm arrival for members. 5.30 pm commencement of proceedings at Barnsley Town Hall.

Appendix Three:

**Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell,
Old Town and Pogmoor
Notes of 14th December 2021**

In Attendance

Cllr Pickering (Ch), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Bill Gaunt, John Love, Gill Nixon, Cameron Stirk.

Teresa Williams and Fiona O'Brien, Principal Towns Project Managers.

Apologies.

Sheila Lowe, Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair).

This meeting was held both virtually, via MS Teams and in the Town Hall.

Teresa and Fiona gave a brief description of the Principal Towns Project. Investment plan to improve Old Town Ward. Looking for ideas for further investment to improve the area. One off single project or a mixture of smaller projects. Capital projects. G.N. suggested having a special meeting to discuss ideas. Discussed Wade St Chapel. Various members had good suggestions regarding how the funding may be used. To discuss further in January.

Previous Meeting Notes

Accepted.

Matters Arising. None

Funding Bids

- 1) BLTV - £623 for Old Town promotion video, Agreed that C.P. to discuss with Corporate Comms, agreed in principle pending agreement from Corp. Comms. - Agreed £623.
 - 2) Insurance – Agreed for B.G. to put in paperwork. £350 -Agreed.
 - 3) Love Gawber and Pogmoor Group, organise the remembrance service in January to commemorate the crashed bomber on Creswell St; money to fund this event and for refreshments afterwards in the Tommy Treddlehoyle pub. £200 – Agreed.
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- . L.S. gave feedback on the Pen-Pal project, which is hoping to go ahead in January, 50 school children and 50 older residents to be pen-pals.
 - . Queens Jubilee, many celebrations hoping to take place. Hoping to produce a brochure.
 - . L.S. to explore Sponsored Hanging Baskets in January.
 - . Winter Warmer Packs, L.S. hoping to distribute to older residents in the O.T area.

Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 11th January 2022 at 7pm, at the Town Hall and via MSTeams.

Old Town Ward Alliance
**Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell,
Old Town and Pogmoor**
11th January 2022, 7pm, Committee Room 1, Town Hall

Present: Cllr Pickering, Cllr Newing, John Love, Bill Gaunt

Apols: Cllr Lofts

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

- All ok

2. Funding Bids

- Willowbank Community Partnership provided a bid for event insurance. It covers multiple events, up to 500 people and up to 45 events for any partnership member to use. Total cost is £355.11 for the year.
- All agreed it was a good idea and of benefit to the community. Full amount approved

3. Upcoming Projects

Snowdrops

- 5,000 snowdrops are going to be delivered into the ward around March / April time and Ward Alliance need to be considering where they go / who will plant them
- It's possible to use schools and local community groups e.g. Pogmoor AFC, 4T's project, Friends of Wilthorpe Park, Canal Group, Brettas Park.
- It was agreed to consider the options and discuss at a future Ward Alliance

Hanging Baskets

- Lee explained that the chance for sponsored hanging baskets for 2022 is coming up again
- Most Wards will be taking part and Old Town Ward Alliance has a choice to do so also, but this will have to be decided soon because of timescales.
- Lee agreed to find details on the process and costings and will explain more at the next meeting

4. Any Other Business

- Cllr Pickering explained there's a community group interested in helping secure Wade Street Chapel for future use. They are working with the Church to explore options on delaying putting on the market (by Community Asset Transfer?) and will be a start until Principle Towns can assist in finding funding to secure the building
- Lee explained that the hairdressers at Pogmoor have chosen not to host the defib for the area. There is however significant interest from Tommy Tredlehoyle pub to do

this. Lee is aiming to get a meeting with them to confirm this and help put in bid to SY Ambulance Service to secure second half of funding to pay for this (the £999 for the defib has been passed by the Ward Alliance at a previous meeting).

5. Date of next meeting

- Tuesday 8th February 2022, 7pm. It was suggested meeting online as restrictions on the town hall around physical meetings and difficulties with technology.

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 13th January 2022, 4pm via Teams

Present : Cllr Platts (Chair), Cllr Leech, Cllr Tattersall Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, Madge Busby, John Hallows, Kath Bostwick, Neil Wright, Michelle Cooper

Apologies : Freda Stenton, Tony Lowe

Welcome and Introductions: Happy New Year. Everyone was thanked for their attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes were passed as a true record by the members. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes,

Funding Applications:

There were no applications for this meeting.

John Hallows mentioned that the funding money was taking longer than usual to be paid into bank accounts. Cllr Platts to look into the reason.

Events:

Jubilee Event - This is a 4 day event, running from June 2nd to June 5th. Lee Swift explained that this is a good opportunity to do lots of good things as a community, e.g. Gala, Street Parties, make bunting to hang on lamp posts, souvenir brochure, etc.

He also explained that some people will do their own parties but that we could also plan a community party on the village green.

Lee to speak with Darton West to see what their ideas are for the event.

It was also discussed that a working group be set up for this event. Cllr Tattersall, Kath and Michelle agreed to be part of this working group. Lee to organise a meeting with them to discuss plans.

Ward Plan: We are looking to put a brochure together to let everyone know what is happening in the community. Hopefully we can encourage people to get back out in the community and help to reduce isolation.

A working group is to be set up to gather information to go in this brochure.

Lee, Cllr Platts and Kath agreed to join this group. Lee to set up a date for a meeting.

Treasurers Report: Lee reported a total of £4,138.21 as of 13/1/22 if all projects confirmed. There was a discussion about the Hanging Baskets and if we were doing sponsored ones this year. It was agreed that we would and Lee said they would be around £87 per basket this year. (This would be for the basket and an engraved plaque).

Lee will put out a sponsor form and hopefully get numbers on how many will be funded and how many will need to be funded by the Ward Alliance.

Spring Bulbs - There are going to be 3,000 snowdrops delivered ready to be distributed and planted. Ideas needed on where they will be distributed, e.g., schools, Ad Astra, community gardens, etc.

Forthcoming Projects and Bids:

Madge will be submitting a bid for new equipment for the TARA office once she is given the all clear to be able to re-enter.

A working budget will also need to be submitted once we have numbers for the hanging baskets.

Any other business:

John Hallows reported litter needing moving on Laithes Lane. Cllr Platts to report it to the relevant people.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Meeting closed at 17.00pm

The next meeting is on Thursday 24th February 2022 at 4pm, New Lodge Community Centre.

Madge Busby put in her apologies for the next meeting.

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