

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 17 December 2021
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes and Notes

- 2 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 22nd October, 2021
(Sac.17.12.2021/2) *(Pages 3 - 8)*
- 3 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.17.12.2021/3) *(Pages 9 - 24)*
Hoyland Milton and Rockingham – held on 1st September and 3rd November, 2021
Darfield – held on 16th September and 18th November, 2021
Wombwell – held on 20th September, 2021

Items for Discussion

- 4 Public Health Update - Smoking Cessation - Dayna Towns (Sac.17.12.2021/4)
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Items for Decision

- 5 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.17.12.2021/5) *(Pages 33 - 36)*

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- 6 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.17.12.2021/6) *(Pages 37 - 42)*
- 7 Performance Report Q2 (Sac.17.12.2021/7) *(Pages 43 - 58)*

To: Chair and Members of South Area Council:-

Councillors Markham (Chair), Andrews BEM, Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, J. Higginbottom, Lamb, Osborne, Shepherd, Smith, Stowe and Sumner

Area Council Support Officers:

Diane Lee, South Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
Lisa Lyon, South Area Council Manager
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Thursday, 9 December 2021

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MINUTES

Present Councillors Markham (Chair), Andrews BEM, Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, J. Higginbottom, Osborne, Shepherd, Smith and Stowe

15 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

No Member wished to declare an interest in any item on the agenda.

16 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 3rd September, 2021 (Sac.22.10.2021/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 3rd September, 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 3rd September, 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

17 Environmental Enforcement - Mark Giles (Sac.22.10.2021/3)

Mark Giles, Group Leader, Safer Neighbourhood Service, was welcomed to the meeting. Members were reminded that an Environmental Enforcement Policy had recently been approved by Cabinet. This outlined the approach to be taken across Barnsley.

Following the approval an exercise was undertaken which considered provision across the borough, and it highlighted that this varied considerably between wards. It was also noted that all current enforcement contracts were due to cease at the end of March, 2022.

Moving forward, the approach being taken would involve procuring a single contract which to provide a boroughwide service. This service would be provided at zero cost, with the provider receiving any income from notices issued. It was proposed that the service would cover areas such as littering, dog fouling and car parking previously commissioned in the South Area, but would also enforce areas such as non-presentation of bins, fly tipping and commercial waste. In allowing a single contractor to concentrate on enforcement, BMBC resources would then be focused on prosecutions.

It was suggested that the contract would allow flexibility for Area Councils to procure additional resource over and above that provided by the main contract.

Members noted that the specification for the service required the adoption of technology used by the council for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices. This would allow

monitoring on a geographical basis to ensure the service was being delivered appropriately across the borough.

Questions were raised around the external procurement of the service, and whether this could be provided in house. It was noted that there was currently not the resource to do so within the Council, and the process to recruit and train significant numbers of staff would be time consuming and costly.

Comments were received that Members needed to know the basis for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices so that they could support the process, for example by ensuring yellow lines were maintained, and that cameras were located in correct positions.

Queries were raised around the funding of additional services above the base level of service, and income from any notices issued. Members heard that any income generated from any additional service funded by the Area Council would be returned to the Area Council.

Members discussed CCTV and the monitoring of this, which is undertaken by South Yorkshire Police. It was noted that covert cameras were being used for operations, including to combat off road biking.

With regards to environmental education, Members questioned how this would be provided. Members heard that this would be through schools, at community events and through leaflets and the provision of other information.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That thanks be given for the presentation;
- (ii) That the Area Council receives further information relating to the Environmental Enforcement Service in due course; and
- (iii) That future performance reports feature information relating to the Area Council funded covert cameras.

18 Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing - Lauren Nixon (Sac.22.10.2021/4)

Lauren Nixon, CYP Emotional Health and Wellbeing Transformation Lead, was welcomed to the meeting. Members were made aware of the work to date in this area. A mapping and scoping exercise had been undertaken in order to record all services supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of young people. From this a number of recommendations for improvement had been developed.

A multi-agency group on the theme had been convened, which was well attended by a broad spectrum of organisations. The formation of the group was designed to enable strategic decisions to be made collectively.

The CAMHS service specification had also been reviewed and a model developed which puts the child at the heart. Members heard how the service was now in a mobilisation and implementation period, but improvements had already been seen in waiting list times.

A Mental Health Support Team was also in the mobilisation phase. Specialising in early intervention and mental health support in schools, the service would be fully

operational by March 2022, but was already operating in all secondary and special schools, and some primary schools.

Members also heard of the bereavement and healthy relationship councillor roles, which operated boroughwide.

Investment had been made to provide a physical space, with the CYP Emotional Health and Wellbeing Hub located in the town centre. This was partly operational but would be launched fully in the new year.

Members were made aware of the CYP Emotional Health and Wellbeing Improvement Plan which focused on 5 key areas:-

- Early Intervention and Prevention:- assistance is provided through a mental health support team supporting schools to embed a whole school approach to mental health including looking at the causes of mental health issues and how to support those with adverse childhood experiences;
- Workforce Development:- a training calendar has been developed which had been rolled out to educational settings;
- The role of schools and school settings:- investment has been made with schools having a designated mental health lead, and a forum to share best practice and input into service development has been developed;
- Improved support for vulnerable children and young people:- the Mental Health Support Team specifically work with groups such as LGBT, Young Carers, and those at risk of exclusion;
- Engagement and Coproduction:- working with such as the Youth Council, there has been significant engagement over the summer, and charter for services to commit to has been developed.

Members noted the ongoing workstreams, which included the Self Harm Strategy, All Age Eating Disorder Working Group, development of the Hub Building and the provision of a centralised multi-agency training offer.

Members discussed past issues and variable relationships with schools, with many now being academies. Assurances were given that all secondary schools were engaged with the agenda. It was noted that it was mandatory to have a designated mental health lead in all schools, and for these to be fully trained. Whilst not all primary schools were taking part, it was hoped that this would be developed over time, with the opinion of schools sought on the barriers. It was hoped that schools would see the benefits of engaging in due course.

Those present discussed the waiting times associated with different CAMHS pathways, and whilst many of these had improved, there was still need for further improvement. It was suggested that historically emphasis had been on diagnosis, with more support required once a diagnosis had been given.

Members noted the need to improve access to mental health services for all residents, with much to do in order to improve waiting times for those with serious mental illness. Members heard of the recently established Mental Health Partnership, and it was noted that the concerns of Members could feed into the group.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation and update.

19 Children's Social Care Assessments - Liz Stenton (Sac.22.10.2021/5)

Liz Stenton, Head of Children and Family Social Care, was welcomed to the meeting. Members heard of work completed by the Nuffield Foundation and published in July, 2020. The work considered levels of poverty and deprivation and the impact on decision making for children in social care. Members were reminded that Barnsley was the 38th most deprived borough out of 317 authorities.

Members heard of the work Service Director Debbie Mercer had been involved in, leading a service of practice focused workshops with children's services staff. These allowed time for reflection on practice and to make recommendations for the future.

Since this time there had been an opportunity to look at the next steps, working with families and communities to poverty proof assessments.

Members heard that issues with families were often not as a result of neglect but often due to problems associated with poverty. Historically some practitioners had struggled to make the link with poverty, and this was an important factor to be sighted on during assessment.

Those present heard of the difficult choices families in crisis often had to make in relation to their finances, and how this may often impact on other areas. It was seen as important to ensure practitioners unpicked the underlying reasons and looked at ways to support families.

Work also looked to strengthen collaboration across the Council to support families, noting the phrase 'it takes a village to raise a child', and it was acknowledged that the primary focus was for children to stay with their family wherever possible.

In practical terms, Members noted that a poverty task and finish group had been established and had developed an action plan. A poverty checklist for managers to use when supervising staff had been developed, and poverty champions were now in place. Links had been made with staff in Department for Work and Pensions, and Citizen's Advice Bureau to look at how families can best access support. An agreement for training, advice and guidance to be provided by officers in housing was now in place and the review of the neglect strategy would take into account the links between poverty and neglect. Members noted that child assessment and protection templates would now also take account of the poverty context of the family.

Future work in this area included broadening conversations with families and further engagement with the third sector and across departments. Members noted that Covid had put additional pressures on households, and linking families to support to maximise income was more important than ever. Assurances were given that the voice of families and of children continued to be at the centre of work, and that work with families continued on a strength based restorative approach.

Members discussed the impending changes to universal credit and the expected impact. The need for support to ensure residents received the benefits to which they are entitled in order to maximise their income was noted.

Support provided at an Area Council or Ward level, including welfare rights advice, winter wellbeing work, and access to food through such as healthy holidays provision, was noted, and the need for practitioners to be aware of this. It was suggested that any gaps in support identified could potentially be addressed by the Area Council or Ward Alliance. All agreed that a joint approach to addressing poverty and assisting families was required.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation.

Chair

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Notes for Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance Meeting

Held on Wednesday 1 September 2021

Via Microsoft Team

Present

Cllr Nicola Sumner	Rockingham Ward (Chair)
Cllr Jim Andrews	Rockingham
Cllr Chris Lamb	Rockingham
Cllr Mick Stowe	Hoyland Milton
Cllr Tim Shepherd	Hoyland Milton

Peter Latham

Joy Hart

Janet Cartwright

Julie Phillips

Friends of Elsecar Park

Birdwell Residents Alliance

Apologies

Cllr Robin Franklin	Hoyland Milton
Allan Wood	Chair Owd Martha's Community Garden
Anne Sanderson	Neighbourhood Watch
Brian Clarke	Birdwell Community Centre
Rev Stephen Chapman	Holy Trinity Church Elsecar
Ian Warhurst	Hemingfield Action Group
Leanne Cooke	Berneslai Homes

In attendance

Dawn Grayton	Barnsley Council
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1. Welcomes and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Notes from Ward Alliance Meeting held on 7 July 2021

The notes were accepted as a true record.

3. Update on Ward Alliance Budget

An update was given on the Ward Alliance budget.

4. New Projects:

- Hoyland Community Choir (£1200) – agreed.
- Mates of Milton – Litter pickers (£300) – agreed
- Jump Environmental Group – Christmas Tree and Carols (£350) – agreed
- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance – Slips, trips, and falls (£8000) - agreed but need to make sure we include some winter warmer packs as well as vouchers for slippers.
- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance – Healthy holidays (£2500) – agreed
- Birdwell Lunch Club – Let's do Lunch (£1026) – agreed
- Birdwell Residents Alliance (the Wombles) – Christmas in Birdwell (£1000) – agreed
- Owd Martha's Yard Community Garden - Upgrade fencing, provide one picnic bench, garden sundries (£1021.47) – agreed.
- Batteries Not included – set up costs for new group in Jump (£3000) – Refused. This is a lot of money for a group that is unproven, although members of the alliance did confirm that they believed groups like this are needed in communities as games are very expensive and young people are unable to keep up with their friends. There was also doubt about safeguarding and how players would only be able to play age-appropriate games. Email to be sent to applicant advising them to contact SYFAB and the Police and Crime Commissioner for funding
- Christmas in Hoyland (£2054.15) – agreed
- Hoyland Community Theatre (£388.51) – agreed

5. Ongoing projects

- Mates of Milton – Safer playing field - agreed
- Update on Slips, trips, and falls – feedback given.
- Update on the memorial garden – Look at land at Allott's Corner, Hoyland Common and consider at the next meeting.
- South Area Team Community Engagement exercise reminder to everyone to complete a survey either in person or online. Link to survey sent by email.

6. Any other business

- Feedback from tree planting meeting with Twiggs - attended meeting with colleagues and Twigg's to discuss tree planting exercise. The idea is that the Ward Alliance identifies areas to plant trees and work in partnership to develop these ideas. Twiggs will then submit a Ward Alliance bid to pay for trees. This feeds into BMBC Tree Planting programme. It was agreed that the Ward Alliance will consider this as part of other projects going forward.
- Remembrance Day Parade – Forge. It was generally agreed that Forge Community Partnership should be encouraged to submit a Ward Alliance application up to approximately £1000 and once received this should be circulated quickly around the WA membership to ensure that the work is complete in time for Armistice Day.
- A question was asked about meeting returning to face to face rather than Teams. It was decided that the alliance should start working towards this as they are more productive, and members feel as though meetings are more inclusive.

7. Date of next meeting Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 5pm, place to be confirmed

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Notes for Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Joint Ward Alliance Meeting

Held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Hoyland Centre, Lift Building

Present:

Cllr Nicola Sumner	Rockingham Ward (Chair)
Cllr Jim Andrews	Rockingham Ward
Cllr Mick Stowe	Hoyland Milton Ward
Cllr Robin Franklin	Hoyland Milton Ward
Peter Latham	Resident
Joy Hart	Resident
Rev Stephen Chapman	Holy Trinity Church Elsecar

Apologies:

Julie Phillips	Birdwell Residents Alliance
Cllr Lamb	
Cllr Shepherd	
Janet Cartwright	Friends of Elsecar Park
Anne Sanderson	Neighbourhood Watch
Brian Clarke	Birdwell Community Centre
Ian Warhurst	Hemingfield Action Group
Leanne Cooke	Berneslai Homes

In attendance

Lisa Lyon	Barnsley Council
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1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest – hanging baskets – Cllr Andrews and Stowe declared an interest and have been involved in their work to support groups to deliver the hanging baskets and Christmas tree hanging projects. This has been in an advisory, signposting and support role only. Cllr Franklin declared an interest in Forge Community Partnership.

2. Notes from Ward Alliance Meeting held on 1st September 2021

The notes were accepted as a true record. At this point the chair discussed the sad news that Allan Wood had passed away. The Ward Alliance asked to send a condolence card to Allan's family and to look into a donation or contribution to Owd Martha's Yard in remembrance for all that he contributed.

Information shared: On Sunday 7th November at 6.30pm the beacon at Owd Martha's Yard will be lit in honour of Allan Wood. Allan worked tirelessly to secure funding for Martha's Beacon, he loved the fact that the beacon was designed by Alex Dodson a local artist and was made in Hoyland too, so is a fitting tribute to Allan. It is suggested anyone wishing to attend the lighting to gather from 6.00 pm.

3. New Projects:

New Ward Alliance applications:

- Hoyland Remembrance service event - £980 (Insurance £300, Traffic management £500, PA system £190)
- The Friendship group in Rockingham – Restarting the project £1000 – (£180 Fitness instructor, £780 Rent of venue, £40 Promotional leaflets)
- Birdwell Christmas Tree Brackets £1509 – (63 brackets and £300 contingency for repairs)

All three applications were approved at the meeting. As this meeting wasn't quorate Lisa Lyon will circulate the applications to members of the Ward Alliance not present.

*Update - following the Ward Alliance the applications were approved by members making the decision quorate.

Actions: Lisa Lyon to contact Age UK Barnsley to offer support to The Friendship group to promote the group and increase membership.
Lisa Lyon to work with the new Community Development Officer to look at alternative brackets that have dual functionality for summer hanging baskets and hanging Christmas trees rather than having to swap brackets every season.

4. Any other business

Lisa Lyon gave an update on the falls prevention event going ahead at Hoyland Lift building on the 19th November, 10am – 2pm. Slipper vouchers are being funded by the Ward Alliance. A full risk assessment and covid measures have been carried out by the team.

The Ward Alliance will have a stall to hand out the Winter Wellbeing packs. The slippers and vouchers will be handed out by Claytons. Refreshments will be available however numbers may need to be limited in the community rooms.

Discussed having a second event before the end of the year at Birdwell Community centre. Lisa to check out dates with the centre and provider availability.

Meeting in person discussed for next meeting. It was agreed that the Lift building worked well and to use this venue again.

5. Date of next meeting

5th January 2022, 5pm – 7pm, Hoyland Lift building

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Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 16th September 2021
4:30pm at Billingley Village Hall

Present: Brian Moore, Mike Fenna, Colin Ward, Cllr Kevin Osborne, Cllr Pauline Markham, Cllr Trevor Smith and Matthew Smith

1. Welcomes and Introductions

Cllr Markham welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented how good it was to be able to meet in person following 18 months of virtual gatherings.

2. Apologies

John Davies

3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The notes from the July meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

4. Ward Alliance Fund 2021/2022

There is currently a balance of £14,846 in the Darfield Ward Alliance fund.

Tanya informed the meeting of a change in procedure for the Ward Alliance fund. We now require a copy of a bank statement in the name of the group which evidences the account details which any successful grant is to be paid into. This needs to be provided at the application stage.

Funding applications for consideration:

- **Darfield Museum £150, Christmas Tree 2021** – The Alliance agreed that this is a lovely small scale community event which will be very well received this Christmas. It was agreed to fund the full amount.
- **Darfield Cricket Club £1000, Community Fireworks Display** – The Alliance particularly liked how this would act as a focal point for fireworks, detracting from lots of individual events and felt it would be good for the village. It was agreed to fund the full amount as well as offer the support of the local Neighbourhood Engagement Officer re. covid safety
- **Barnsley Leaders Junior Basketball Club £500, Boosting Basketball** – It was positive to hear that the club was receiving record number of enquiries. The Alliance were in full support of the application.

Update – At the time of the meeting it was thought the Club were requesting 50% of the cost and so £250 was approved. Following the meeting it came to light that the Club were in fact requesting the full £500 from the Ward Alliance. This increase received majority support from members via email.

- **Happy Café / Time to Talk** – Tanya informed the Alliance that she is currently working with a local family who are wanting to set up an informal ‘cuppa and a chat’ session where those who are looking to get out of the house can come along, grab a drink and if they want to have a chat. The sessions are hoped to help improve low level mental health. Talks are

underway with Darfield Museum who has kindly agreed to host these sessions on behalf of the family. Details are yet to be finalised however they are looking to approach the Ward Alliance for any start up costs. The Alliance agreed to consider this application ahead of their next scheduled meeting due to the family being keen to start them as soon as possible.

5. Ward Alliance Projects

- **Healthy Holidays – Update on Summer Provision.** The bowling session unfortunately had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, but the basketball session went ahead as planned. Numbers for this were low however those that did take part enjoyed it.

Barnsley Council will be offering support to families in receipt of free school meals for the October holidays. In terms of Ward Alliance support, it was felt that we needed to rethink the focus of this project and how it can support families who are not being picked up by the Council scheme recognising particularly that Christmas is going to be a tough time for many families.

- **Hanging Baskets Sponsorship Scheme – Next Steps.** The Alliance agreed that they would like to offer mini-Christmas trees as the next sponsorship scheme. The remainder of the money ringfenced for the summer hanging baskets is to be used to purchase the necessary brackets with sponsors covering the cost of the tree, lights, and plaque. **Action: Tanya to start and promote the scheme asap.**

6. Community Listening Update

The South Area Team has held 4 Darfield events to speak to people about their thoughts on what support the community needs moving forward. These have run alongside an online survey. The results are yet to be looked at, but common themes so far include activities for young people, the environment and parking. A general discussion took place around these themes and what role can the Alliance play in these. Once the results have been evaluated, they will be brought to a Ward Alliance meeting so that they can be discussed in detail and inform the Alliance's priorities.

In addition to speaking with members of the public, Tanya has also run 2 drop-ins for community groups to find out what support as a group they need. One of the support needs is around increasing numbers and so work is underway to deliver a 'spotlight' campaign to highlight groups looking for new members.

7. Darfield Ward Alliance – Revised Priorities

It was agreed that this should be looked at once the results of the Community Listening survey have been evaluated. If timelines allow it was agreed to look at this at the November meeting with a view of consulting on the revised priorities January to March 2022 allowing them to go live from April 2022 onwards.

8. Any other business

Tanya updated the Alliance about some new community activity that has come to light including a sit down and talk session aimed at ex-veterans and a Darfield Christmas parade. The Area Team has been in touch with those involved to offer them support and guidance.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 18th November, 4:30pm at Houghton Main Sports Ground. **Action: Colin Ward to book.**

Darfield Ward Alliance
Notes of meeting held Thursday 18th November 2021
Houghton Main Sports Ground 4:30pm

Present: Brian Moore, Mike Fenna, Colin Ward, Cllr Kevin Osborne, Matthew Smith, John Davies, Tanya Dickinson and Laura Dixon

1. Welcomes and Introductions

Cllr Osborne welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Laura Dixon, who is the new Community Development Officer for the Darfield Ward (taking over Tanya).

2. Apologies

Cllr Pauline Markham
Cllr Trevor Smith

3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The notes from the September meeting were approved.

Matters Arising:

- i) The Basketball funding was amended to the full £500, which was discussed and agreed outside of the meeting and an update has been made to reflect this change within the minutes.
- ii) The Christmas trees for lampposts was extremely well received and the work is now in process for the 30 Christmas trees to be put up.

4. Ward Alliance Fund 2021/2022

There is currently a balance of £12,776 in the Darfield Ward Alliance fund. In addition to this we still have £3000 which is ringfenced for Health Holiday activities.

Funding applications for consideration:

- **Billingley Village Community Association, £850** – This application is for a proposed ‘Winter Warmer and Healthy, Safe Living’ event at the end of January 2022. The application includes the purchasing of slippers, as part of ongoing slips, trips and falls work across the Borough, stew packs for attendees and replacement of kitchen appliances at Billingley Village Hall where this would be held and soup and refreshments would be served. The Alliance agreed to support this application.
- **Ratification of the Happy Café/Time to Talk application, £450** – The Alliance ratified by email its approval for the application received from a local family to host a weekly 2 hour ‘cuppa and chat’ session bi-weekly, on Fridays, which will provide low level mental help to local residents. Sessions will be held at Darfield Museum and start on 26th November 2021.

5. Review of 2020/2021

- **Annual Report**

The Alliance reviewed the previous Annual Report for 2020/2021 and noted the help that the Darfield Ward had offered over the past year which the Alliance agreed had been brilliant especially given covid restrictions.

- **Action Plan October 2020 to March 2021**

It was noted that the only action on the list that had not been addressed was the family budgeting support and the supportive training programme, all other programmes of work had been completed. The money ringfenced for the Summer Gala had gone back into the pot due to covid restrictions and this not being held. Cllr Osbourne congratulated members for all the work that has taken place. Going forward it was agreed the Alliance needs to look at strengthening the promotion of events via social media and other channels.

It was agreed that going forward the Alliance would look at tackling financial issues, isolation, unemployment and training issues such as 'Brain Train'. As part of the first step, Laura agreed to contact the Citizens Advice Bureau to look at setting back up physical sessions

6. What the Community is saying – Results of Community Listening Update

Laura confirmed that the Community Listening event closed at the end of September 2021, the results of which are being analysed. Although we don't have specific Darfield Ward data as yet, there are some key themes emerging from initial analysis which is as follows;

- People are friendly, there's good access to local amenities such as the library etc.
- Road maintenance and antisocial behaviour needs tackling as well as people being actively fined for dog fouling and littering.
- To add to people's quality of life they would like to see more woodland walks, better selection of shops and more volunteers to help keep the neighbourhood clean and tidy.

Laura confirmed as a result of the early analysis BMBC had commissioned Neighbourhood Wardens to work across the Borough to help deter low level criminality, environmental offences and anti-social behaviour. Laura to email Cllrs with details on working arrangements and work remit of the new Neighbourhood Wardens.

7. Are our priorities still fit for purpose?

The Alliance looked at the deprivation data for the Darfield Ward which has shown as the most deprived 20-30% area within the Country. Statistics were reviewed for crime, health, education, income, employment, living and housing. It was noted that the current Ward priorities address these issues and were still fit for purpose with the caveat that training and tackling isolation should be addressed first.

8. DWA Project Plan 2021/22

The Alliance agreed to explore the following projects over the next 12-month period;

- Increasing membership of the Ward Alliance
- Health Holidays work
- Tackling social isolation
- Providing training opportunities with recognised qualifications
- Hanging baskets Scheme; The Alliance further agreed to pursue the hanging basket scheme for Summer 2022. The Alliance has previously funded 20 brackets to date however it was

agreed that to make this scheme self sufficient money wise, 30 baskets would be offered on a first come first served basis next time, at full price and any excess funds would be put back into Ward Alliance Funding to spend on something else.

- Summer Gala 2022; to include education organisations such as RSPB, local employers, small local businesses providing bespoke items and for them to be able to showcase their work.

9. Any Other Business

i) Healthy Holidays Winter Scheme 2021; The Alliance emphasised supporting the focus of family support and pushing the various services / publicity campaigns which can help families who have recently had a reduction in income etc.

With regard to the winter campaign, Laura to contact schools with regard to numbers for preparing activity packs for children. Cllr Osborne to review nurseries within the Ward to see if they should be included in this work.

ii)The Alliance thanked Tanya for all her hard work over the last few years and wished her all the best in her new area of work.

10. Date and time of next meeting

The Alliance agreed that they should continue to meet bi-monthly every third Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on 20 January 2022 at 4pm – venue TBC

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Wombwell Ward Alliance

Notes from meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021

Present: Cllr Frost, Cllr Eastwood, Cllr Higginbottom, Dan Higgins, Sam Higgins, Karen Whiting, Chelsey Rigby, Sabeena Chavan, Theresa A. Jamie Hinton-Wardle, Amanda Bradshaw (BMBC)

Guests: Fiona O'Brien, Teresa Williams (BMBC Principal Towns)

Apologies: Leanne Cook (Berneslai Homes), Steve Whittingham

1. Cllr Frost opened the meeting and welcomed the new members Theresa & Jamie and introductions were made.
2. Notes last meeting – matters arising.

Cllr James Higginbottom raised the matter of Ward Alliance members profile stating that he would be contacting members personally to get their views.

Brenda informed the group that there was capacity for the luncheon club to take on new members, numbers have dropped because of the pandemic and members still feel uneasy about coming out. Action: AB to do a poster for the luncheon club.

Notes were accepted as a true record

3. Project Update: - Newly formed High St Business group - Theresa informed the meeting that the group was for anyone who has got a commercial business in Wombwell and everyone who had was welcome to join them. There are 13 members now. Key issues they are wanting to address is bringing footfall back onto the High St, and bringing a permanent Post Office onto the High St. Theresa informed the group that their next meeting was on 27th September and WA members were invited.

Principal Town's: Fiona informed the meeting that they are still addressing the tendering process. Still in negotiations to purchase back the toilet block. Next stage of the project is to encourage new businesses to take up empty new units. There is a £5,000 grant for new businesses accessed through BBIC and there is also a window grant. Contact Fiona for more information on this.

Fiona circulated the Wombwell Investment plan stating that this is a working document and can be amended at anytime to address outcomes from consultations. Action AB to send Fiona Ward Alliances email addresses so she can circulate this document.

Discussions re the Burton Building Informed it is in the 2nd Phase of the Town Investment plan. Plans will be ready for bidding for funding for Wombwell.

Question Theresa raised the idea of engaging young people to work with local artists to improve the look of the shop shutters

Question raised re having more cash machines on the High St.

High St Christmas Event – AB informed the group of interest shown via local residents in a Sponsor a mini-Christmas tree for the lamp posts. Cost of tree, lights, battery replacement, brackets & small plaque is £95. Alliance agreed to promote the project to public at a cost of £75. Action AB to put post of facebook and get groups to share.

Discussion took place re Alliance's lamp post motifs and Christmas tree. Ward Alliance have 16 lamp post motifs which cost £2400 to put up plus cost of Christmas tree £200 + switch on cost of £150. It was agreed that with the support of the High St Business group we would try to get some sponsorship from local businesses towards this cost. AB + Cllr Eastwood are meeting with Street lighting to look at extending the Christmas lamp post display beyond the precinct. It was agreed to host the High St Christmas event on Saturday 4th December. A planning group will be formed to discuss things in more details. Action AB to notify markets, events team, and Tidy team of the date.

Volunteers 'thank you' evening on 13th October. Invites are going out, room is booked (St Michael & Angels and we are looking at an entertainer. Locally based caterer is to be approached and plaques are nearly ready to be ordered once funding has been confirmed. AB thanked Brenda & Karen for their support.

Anti-social behaviour – Sabeena informed the meeting of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the park especially recent incidents of some children intimidating other children. Action: Cllr Higginbottom to bring the matter to the attention Fiona Tennyson & the Inspector.

4. Funding Applications. The following applications were approved by the Alliance.

The Station Community Garden £2000

Volunteers Training Budget £1120.00

Barnsley Junior Basketball £500

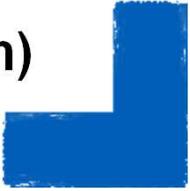
Thank you for volunteering evening £1547.00

5. A.O.B

6. Date of next meeting 15th November 6pm.



Yorkshire Smokefree Barnsley



Dayna Towns – Community Stop Smoking Advisor (South)



With **all of us** in mind.

Aims of Presentation

- **Introduction**
- **Yorkshire Smokfree Barnsley**
- **My role & Development**
- **Future Plans**

Introductions

- **Dayna Towns –
Community Stop Smoking Advisor (South Area)**
- **Started – August 2021**
- **Main role – To promote and develop YSF Barnsley across
the South Area.**



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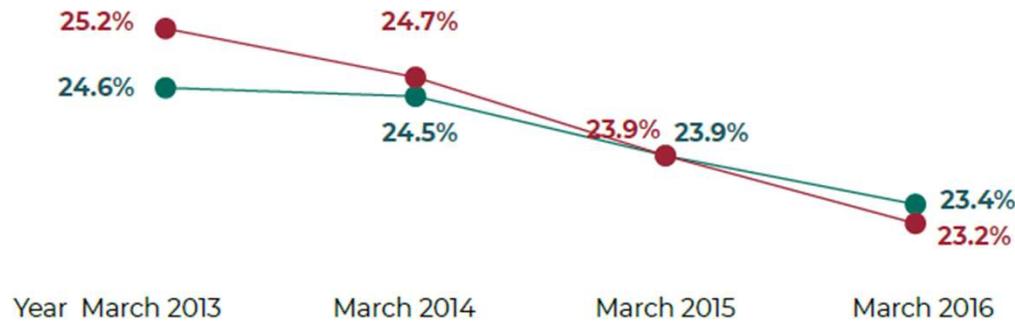
Smoking Prevalence

Smoking

Prevalence - Adults (over 18's)

—●— South

—●— Barnsley

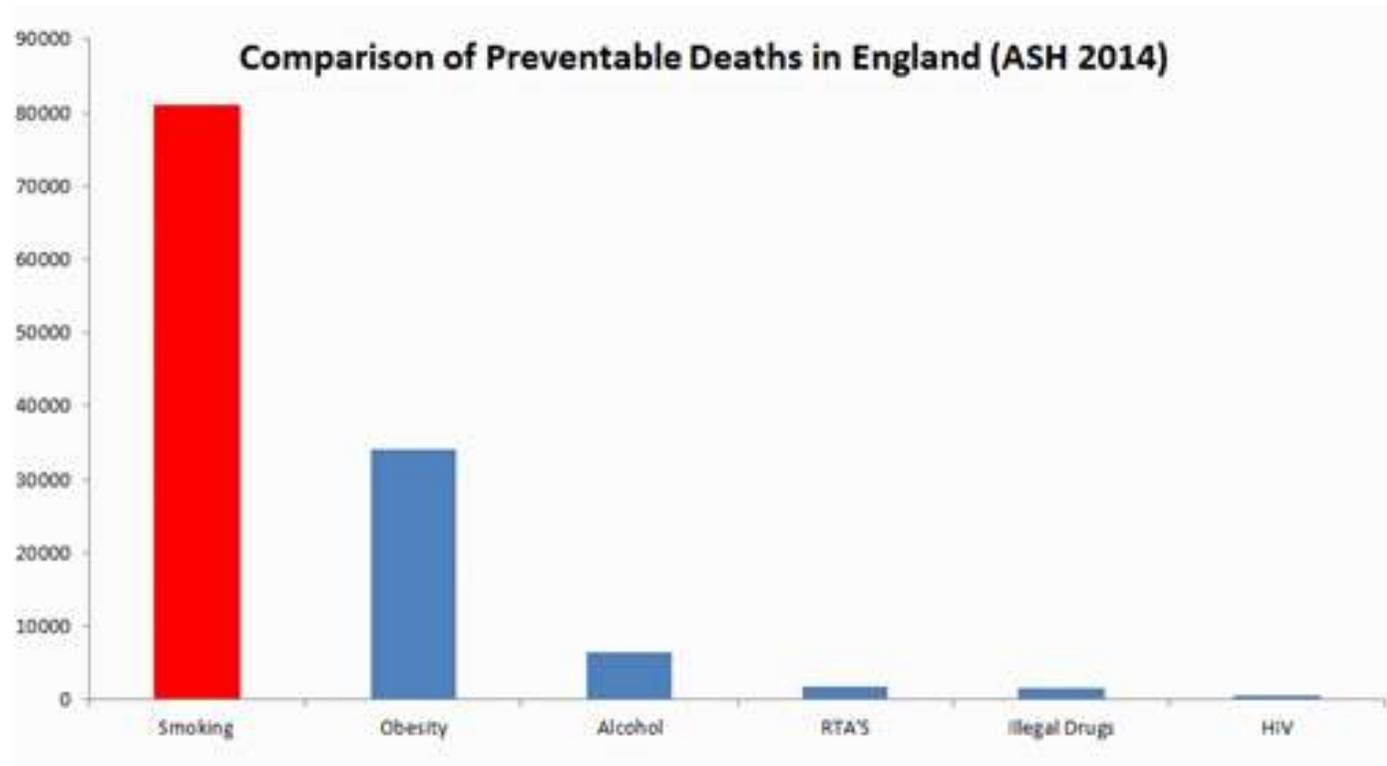


No England data available for smoking prevalence as the Area Council and Barnsley data has been calculated locally from GP records.

- While the smoking prevalence in the South area is marginally lower than the average in Barnsley.
- Just over two in five adults in the South area Smoke.

With **all of us** in mind.

Why Smoking Cessation?



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Yorkshire Smokefree

At Yorkshire Smokefree we.....

- Provide a 12 week support programme
- Offering support over the telephone or virtually (1-1 or in groups) – with the aim to going back face to face when permitted.
- Free products for client for the full 12 weeks.
- Online resources to support along side behavioural support.

My role & Developmental Work in the South

- Creation of 1-1 and group clinics
- Network meetings
- Promotional events
- Smoking Cessation In Practice (SCIP) Visits

Aims for the future

- To work closely with the area councils to build strong working relationships.
- Create accessible clinics for all across the South.
- Help the South area to work towards the governments plan of a smoke free society by 2025.

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council
17th December 2021

Report of South Area Council Manager

South Area Council – Procurement and Financial Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide a financial and procurement update and provide a steer on future commissioning intentions for the:
- Environmental Enforcement contract
 - Private Sector Housing Officer Service Level Agreement (SLA)

2. Recommendations

Private Sector Housing Service Level Agreement

- 2.1.1 That Members note the update on the Private Sector Housing Officer SLA and recommends that the post be extended for a further two years until 31st September 2024 at a cost of £34,000 per year.
- 2.1.2 That Members recommend option b to approve a variation to contract to extend the current provider for a further 6 months at a cost £10,831. It is also recommended that £21,662 be ringfenced to purchase additional resources from the new provider as part of the Borough wide offer. The risk that the current provider, District Enforcement Ltd, may not have the staff to extend is acknowledged.

3. Private Sector Housing Service Level Agreement

- 3.1 The South Area Council currently fund a Private Sector Housing Officer through an SLA with BMBCs Safer Neighbourhood Services. The annual costs for this service are currently £33,528 per year. The SLA finishes at the end of the September 2022.
- 3.2 At the South Area Council meeting on the 25th June 2021 a full review of this post was carried out by the South Area Council. Based on performance, continued need and funding the post was extended until 31st September 2022. Since this review BMBCs Safer Neighbourhood Services have completed a review of these posts as part of the SLA held with this service. As a result, the post will become a permanent post rather than fixed term contracts from the 1st April 2022 and a new SLA will be issued. This was an opportunity for the South Area Council to look at its future intentions of the post.
- 3.3 Members of the South Area Council held a workshop on the 2nd December 2021 and agreed that this post is still relevant and provides a much needed reactive service to tackling need in the area. As such the workshop has recommended option b below and the post be extended for a further two years until September 2024 at a cost of £34,000 per year.
- 3.4 The following options were considered:
Option a) The post be extended for a further two years until September 2024 at a cost of £34,000 per year.

Option b) SLA to be terminated 31st August 2022. All support as part of the SLA would cease from 31st August 2022.

Option c) The post be extended for a further one year until September 2023 at a cost of £34,000 per year.

Background

3.4 The officer works in partnership with residents, letting agents and landlords across the South Area Council communities to improve the quality of tenants lives and tackle poor quality rented housing stock. The post works proactively supporting landlords and tenants carrying out property inspections and signposts vulnerable tenants to appropriate support, encouraging tenants and landlords to take responsibility for the areas they live. No referrals are needed to work with the officer, and they have the powers to issue formal notices where needed. The officer has delivered a number of environmental projects in partnership with agencies and partners where issues have been identified locally.

3.5 This SLA delivers helps to address the following South Area Council priorities:



3.6 The service has adapted its delivery to target people in need throughout the Pandemic and changing Government guidance. The service had to be adapted to ensure social distancing and lockdown rules were being followed. The officer, however continued to play a fundamental role in helping to identify vulnerable people and properties throughout the pandemic. The local knowledge, contacts in the area, relationships with partners, Elected members, tenants, agencies and landlords meant the officer was able to act as eyes and ears to help the communities within the South Area Council. The support has included ensuring support services were targeted in the areas of need, helping with licensed premise visits, delivering Covid 19 contact centre information to properties across our area and supporting the community responder scheme when we have been unable to make contact with people and urgent welfare checks have been needed.

4. District Enforcement Limited – Environment Enforcement

4.1 Over previous years the Safer Neighbourhood Service have commissioned an enforcement contractor for the Town Centre and the South Area Council have commissioned a different provider. The contractor's main responsibility has been to provide uniformed staff to issue fixed penalty notices for low level offences such as littering, parking and dog fouling. The contracts for the Town Centre and for the South Area Council are currently in place and are due to end in March 2022.

4.2 The Safer Neighbourhood Service is responsible for dealing with environmental enforcement issues across the Borough. This includes everything from the

issuing of fixed penalty notices for issues such as littering through to prosecutions for matters such as Fly-Tipping.

- 4.3 Following re-approval of the Environmental Enforcement Policy the Safer Neighbourhood Service has identified that a single contract providing a boroughwide service needs to be procured and steps are underway to build the specification for this. It is anticipated that the single contract will support the service in issuing fixed penalty notices across the whole borough on a range of issues such as littering, dog control, fly-tipping, duty of care and more.
- 4.4 There will be no request from the Area Council's to pay for this single service however, if the Area Council require additional specific resource for their area then this can be paid for as part of the new offer and it will be commissioned from the single provider at the relevant costs.
- 4.5 The South Area Council currently contract with District Enforcement Ltd to deliver 18.5 hours of parking patrols per week to encourage behavioural changes and keep traffic flowing safely at Wombwell High street, Hoyland Town Centre and Darfield Local Centre. An additional 4 hours per week funds patrols across the South Area to reduce dog fouling and littering.
- 4.6 The current contract runs until 31st March 2022. As the new borough wide provider will be in place from 1st April 2022 the South Area Council held a workshop on the 2nd December 2021 to consider its future commissioning intentions for environmental enforcement.
- 4.7 The South Area Council considered the following options at the workshop:

Option a) Contract to be terminated on 31st March 2022. All enforcement as part of the South Area Council contract would cease from 1st April 22. Any enforcement offer would be through the Borough wide offer.

- No cost implications.
- Service wide provision unclear until Borough wide offer and new provider in place.
- £21,662 would be available to be reallocated to alternative priorities for spend.

Option b) Contract with District Enforcement Ltd be extended for a period of 3 or 6 months in order to consider what the new provider can offer and £21,662 be ringfenced to buy in future support.

- This would be subject to District Enforcement Ltd agreeing to extend the contract and able to extend staffing for this period.
- This option would allow time for the South Area Council to consider the Borough wide offer and ensure the level of parking enforcement and additional littering and dog fouling enforcement are maintained at the current level.
- £5416 3 month extension, £10,831 6 month extension and ringfence £21,662.

Option c) Allocate £21,662 to buy in additional service from the 1st April from the new Borough wide contract.

- Provider and services won't be known until the contract is awarded.

- The Borough wide offer may include a wider offer than currently available i.e., to include fly tipping offences and evening and weekend operating hours

4.8 The South Area Council recommended option b and requested the South Area Council Manager to discuss and approve a variation to contract to extend the current provider for a further 6 months at a cost £10,831. It was also recommended that £21,662 be ringfenced in order to purchase additional resources from the new provider as part of the Borough wide offer. The risk that the current provider, District Enforcement Ltd, may not have the staff to extend the contract was acknowledged.

49 Until a provider has been awarded the new Borough wide contract and the subsequent offer for the South Area is unknown. The South Area Council felt it was important not to have a gap in service or level of enforcement, particularly in terms of parking enforcement on the high street. Option b was therefore the preferred option.

5. South Area Council Finances

5.1 The South Area Council currently have a commissioning budget for 2021/22 of £24,800 which is unallocated. The list below outlines committed funding to date.

Contract / Service / Project	Contract start / end date	Value
Welfare rights drop in service	1 st July 21 – 31 st August 24	£81,261 per year
South Tidy Team Service – Twiggs	1 st April 21 – 31 st March 24	£181,721 per year
Private Sector Housing Officer SLA	1 st October 21 – 30 th September 22	£33,528 per year
Environmental Enforcement – District Enforcement Ltd	1 st April 2020 - 31 st March 22	£21,662
Environmental Enforcement SLA	As above	£1740
Better Together service – Age UK Barnsley	1 st April 21 – 31 st March 24	£59,935
Health & Wellbeing Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age UKB – Men in Sheds in Wombwell • Reds in the Community (Fit Red session left to deliver in a community setting) 	Allocated in 2019 – 2020. Some activities delayed due to Covid.	£10,000
Tackling off Road Biking initiative	Ongoing	£2130
Healthier Communities Covid Pot	In development	£37,996 Income
Covid Practical Support Fund	Allocated based on need	£20,000 Income
Functional Fitness MOT training	TBA	£1200

Report by: Lisa Lyon, South Area Council Manager, lialyon@barnsley.gov.uk

2021/22 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

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

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

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

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

The carry-forward of any remaining balances of the 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.

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

DARFIELD WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation
 £4,642.18 carried forward from 2020/21
 £1375 unspent grants
£16,017.18 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £8,008	Allocation Remaining £16,017.18.18
Hungry Caterpillars	£1080	£863.10	£8,008	£14,937.18
Summer Hanging Baskets	£2830	£438.40	£8,008	£12,107.18
Darfield Xmas Tree	£150	£1096	£8,008	£11,957.18
Darfield Cricket Club Fireworks display	£1000	£27,400	£8,008	£10,957.18
Barnsley Leaders Junior Basketball Club	£500	£4,644	£8,008	£10,457.18
Darfield Time to Talk	£430	£1644	£8,008	£10,027.18
Winter Warmer - Billingley	£850	£575.40	£8,008	£9,177.18

HOYLAND MILTON/ROCKINGHAM WARD ALLIANCE

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

£20,000 base allocation
 £26,270.36 carried forward from 2020/21
 £2,326.61 Returned Grants
£48,596.97 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £24,298.49	Allocation Remaining £48,596.97
Hoyland Craft Club	£1600	£1863	£24,298.49	£46,996.97
Elsecar Colliery Angling Society	£4930	£548	£24,298.49	£42,066.97
Elsecar Main Junior Football Club	£1020	£6850	£24,298.49	£41,46.97
South Area Tidy Team - Autumn Planting at Hoyland Ceneotaph	£3192	£164	£24,298.49	£37,854.97
Hemingfield Action group	£500	£876	£24,298.49	£37,354.97
Celebrating the festive season in Birdwell	£1000	£164.40	£24,298.49	£36,354.97
Healthy Holidays Project	£2500	£342.50	£24,298.49	£33,854.97
Mates of Milton	£300	£342.50	£24,298.49	£33,554.97

Hoyland Community Choir	£1200	£383.60	£24,298.49	£32,354.97
Christmas in Hoyland	£2,054.15	£82.20	£24,298.49	£30,300.82
Hoyland Community Theatre Group	£388.51	£1370	£24,298.49	£29912.31
Mates of Milton - Safer playing	£2141	£657.60	£24,298.49	£27771.31
Jump Environmental group	£350	£82.20	£24,298.49	£27,421.31
Lets do Lunch	£1026	£411	£24,298.49	£26,395.31
Sloppy Slippers	£8000	£822	£24,298.49	£18,395.31
The Friendship Group - Restart and Recovery	£1000	£68.50	£24,298.49	£17,395.31
Hoyland Remembrance Service and Parade	£990	£1205.60	£24,298.49	£16,405.31
Xmas Tree Brackets - Birdwell	£1509	£342.50	£24,298.49	£14,896.31
Owd Marthas Yard	£1021.47	£1,726	£24,298.49	£13,874.84

WOMBWELL WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation
 £8,521.16 carried forward from 2020/21
 £30.45 Income/ Returned Grants
£18,551.61 total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining £18,551.61
			£9,275.80	
Covid Safe Venues	£750	£1644	£9,275.80	£17,801.61
Thank you for volunteering celebration event	£1547.50	£41.10	£9,275.80	£16,254.11
Training for volunteers	£1120	£1644	£9,275.80	£15,134.11
Wombwell Station Community Garden	£2000	£411	£9,275.80	£13,134.11
Barnsley Leaders Junior Basketball Club	£500	£4644	£9,275.80	£12,634.11
High Street Xmas	£1800	£767.20	£9,275.80	£10,834.11

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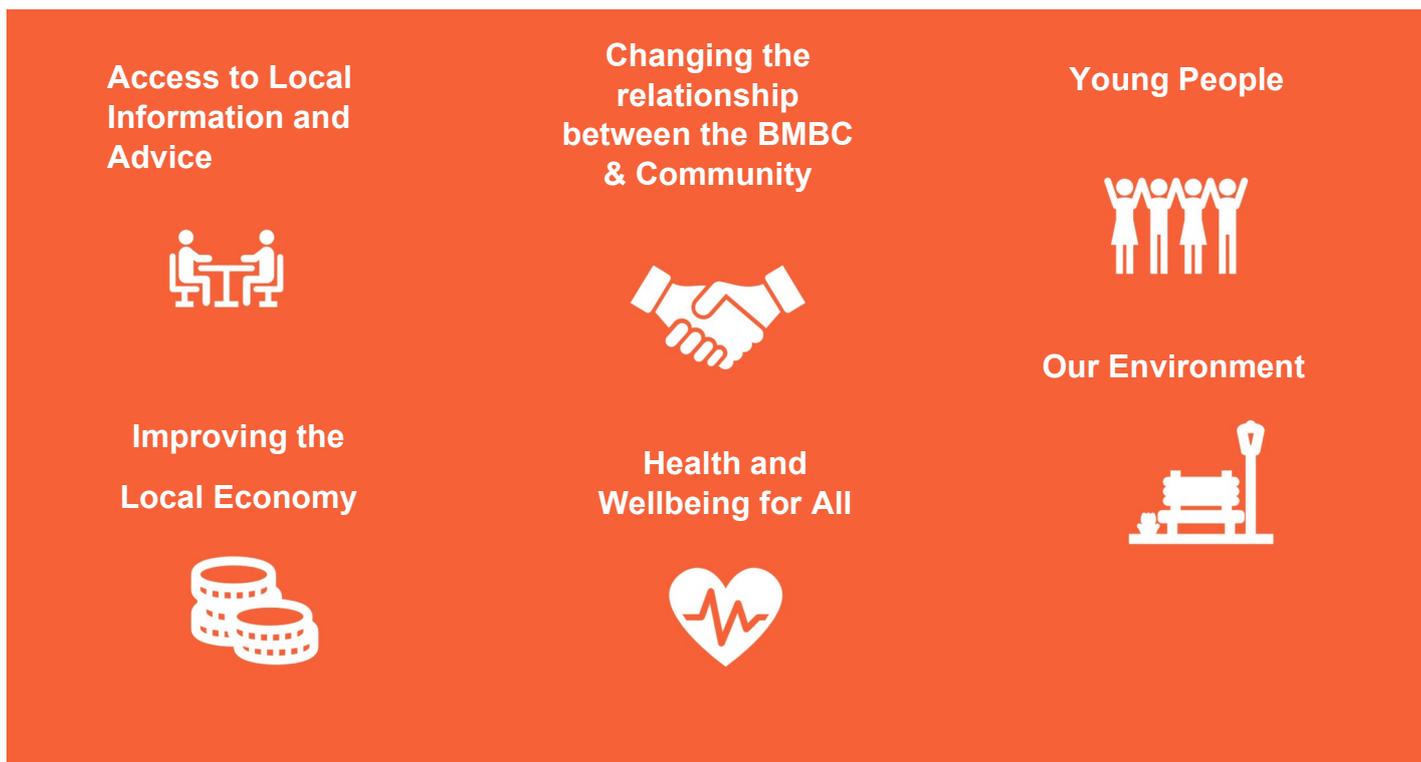
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Q2 Performance Report

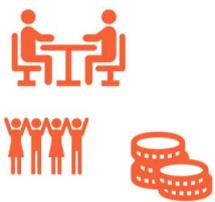


Area Council Priorities



These providers listed below have been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the South Area Council during 2021/22

Provider	Service	Contract Value/length	Contract end date	Priority
Twiggs – Tidy Team	Environmental, volunteering and education service	£181,721 per annum	Funded for 3 years commenced on 1 st April 2021	
Age UK	Social Isolation	£59,935 per annum	Funded for 3 years. Commenced 1 st October 2021	

District Enforcement	Environment Enforcement	£21,662	Funded until March 2022	
BMBC	Environmental Enforcement	£5,000	Ongoing	
BMBC	Private Sector Housing Enforcement	£33,528 per annum	Funded until September 2022	
CAB	Advice Services Contract	£79,572 per annum	Funded till June 2024	

The information which follows is a summary of the information provided to the South Area Council Manager at quarterly contract management review meetings. This includes both quantitative figures appended in the tables below and more qualitative information which is outlined in the short narrative report included for each project.

Commissions



Improving our Local Environment

Tidy Team - Twiggs



Target	Target	Q2 Actual	Target met
Large environmental projects	8	10	Green
Litter picking events	30	49	Green
Community Clean ups	12	101	Green
Intergenerational projects	3	1	Yellow
Volunteering hours	500	1026	Green
Cashable volunteering	£3,039.75	£15,172.55	Green
Number of groups supported to reinstate infrastructure / activities since lockdown	20	14	Yellow
People supported to reduce isolation	30	75	Green
Targeted opportunities for young people	3	6	Green
Bags of rubbish collected	No target set	480	Green
Number of projects supported by steering group	1	0	Yellow
Number of internships	0	1	Green

Case Studies



2.



02/07/2021 – Working with Hemingfield Action Group at their village green area. Litter picking, reinstating curb and foot path edges, grass cutting and strimming. We were treated to chips from the local chip shop Micks Plaice and to a drink and buns from a local resident. Future event planned to sort the park play area. 22 bags of waste removed from site. 6 adult volunteers. 12 volunteer hours.

Thanks Simon.

Really enjoyed working with you and the team. Had loads of good feedback (as usual) the Green looks brilliant.

Also thank the lads, they were a pleasure to work with. You have a good team there. Very rare to get young lads with that level of enthusiasm and commitment. Well done.

Looking forward to our next adventure

Ian



29/07/2021 – Impact session at 'The Peace Park' in Wombwell, supported by volunteers from the Wombwell Womblers and their newest and youngest member Master Joseph. We helped cut back overhanging trees, weeded beds, litter picked, pruned shrubbery and cleared paths. 4 sustained volunteers. 8 adult volunteer hours. 2 young volunteer hours. 4 bags of litter.

Tidy Team Supported Projects



01/07/2021 – Following a street walk on Southlea Drive with 3 local councilors, we cut back shrubs and overgrown grass on the footpath up to the Hoyland Centre. Area is now more accessible to public. A local resident, who had a recent fall in the area also came out to compliment the job.



19/08/2021 – Footpath on Southlea Drive cleared of weeds following a request by Cllr Lamb.

Tidy Team Led Projects



02/07/2021 - Fantastic turnout from BMBC Housing Department for a litter pick around Elsecar Heritage Centre car parks, TPT and canal footpath with Alison and her team. 19 adult volunteers. 24 bags collected. 36 volunteer hours.

06/07/2021 - Wombwell Park. Outdoor meetings with Jo (BMBC), Janette (CVS), Gavin (RHS), Tracy (Age UK) and Sabina (Volunteer). The meetings were productive linking everybody together to discuss ideas for future projects and permissions from BMBC. We assisted 6 members of XPO, activities included pruning, weeding, grass cutting and planting the donated plants. Stone Mason, Dave and his men who were working in the park, helped us load some of the donated materials kept aside to utilize in the park for volunteer landscaping. 6 XPO, 1 Age UK, 3 Dave Stones volunteers. 3 volunteers of Wombwell Park. 5.5hrs volunteer hours.



29/9/21 - 2 main areas turfed and area cleared of any waste. Additional funding of £3192 contributed by the Ward Alliance.

Tool bank Projects

07/07/2021 – Independent volunteers Margaret and Stephanie. Below are the details of all the independent litter picks, locations, dates, and number of bags collected by these two volunteers. Data provided to support the service.

Examples of Groups Supported by the Tidy Team in Q2

29/07/2021 – Impact session at ‘The Peace Park’ in Wombwell, supported by volunteers from the Wombwell Womblers and their newest and youngest member Master Joseph. We helped cut back overhanging trees, weeded beds, litter picked, pruned shrubbery and cleared paths. 4 sustained volunteers. 8 adult volunteer hours. 2 young volunteer hours. 4 bags of litter.



03/08/2021 – Wombwell Park. Five volunteers from ASOS supported. Activities included weeding, clearing litter, reinstating footpaths and removing self-sets. 5 sustained adult volunteers. 9 bags of litter.



14/8/21 - Hemingfield Park. Activities carried out by volunteers of all ages including strimming, weed removal, litter

picking, shrub pruning, footpath reinstatement, tree pruning, grass cutting and painting of play equipment. Paint supplied by BMBC. A massive improvement to the area and now an inviting location for parents and children to enjoy. Hemingfield Action Group supplied sandwiches and drinks. 11 new adult volunteers and 8 new young volunteers. 8 sustained volunteer hours. 32 new adult hours. 14 new young volunteer hours. 5 bags of litter collected removed.



Supporting Older People

Access to Local Information and Advice

Better Together Service

This report covers the period July 2021 – September 2021.

This service is funded by the South Area Council. There are two Social Inclusion Workers in post supporting Hoyland/ Milton and Rockingham, Wombwell and Darfield. They each provide 32.5 hours per week over 5 days. We also have 1 Information and Advice Worker who provides 7.25 hours per week to the South area.

Covid 19 has severely impacted the delivery and certain milestones of this service. However, more meaningful, alternative and useful ways of supporting the older vulnerable community have been completed. While maintaining the service aims of tackling social isolation and loneliness, we are very aware that the pandemic has left many older people facing deteriorated mobility and balance and mental health problems. We are focusing on creating activities that address these issues before winter, as you will see below. The Better Together service has served many older people and groups in the South Area who are very appreciative of the work that has been carried out.

1:1 Working

The team continue to work in the community of the South area providing support to people who are 50+ and vulnerable. The number of service users that have been supported in this quarter is -



Target	Target	Actual	Target met
Number of service users referred	35	15	
No of new Good Neighbour relationships	8	4	
Increase No of people engaged in physical activity	10	69	
No of Community Car journeys	30	38	
Number of Community Groups/services visited ref Dementia Friendly	5	0	
Number of shops/ businesses worked with to become Dementia Friendly	20	0	
Number of Community Events- Hoyland, Rockingham and Milton	1	1	
Number of Community Events- Darfield	1	1	
Number of Community Events- Wombwell	1	1	
Social Media releases	2	4	

Social Value Objectives

Target	Target	Actual	Target met
Benefit Gains I&A	£40k	£29,689.76	
No of new groups created inc. Digital and Men's	3	2	
No of existing groups supported		5	
No of groups supported to become more inclusive		1	
No of clients signposted for IT skills / functional skills (No target set)		2	
No of new volunteers	7	3	
Total no of volunteers in service	7	78	
Total no of volunteer hours (new and existing volunteers)	150	161	
Number of local people involved in Age Friendly	5	0	
Number of Age Friendly Events	1	0	

Case Study

Over the past year we have supported: 112 residents
 Volunteers in this service have provided: 683.5 hours of support
 A total of 91 volunteers have been in service this year
 25 new volunteers have been active in this 12 month period

The aim of the Good Neighbour volunteer is to allow the volunteer and service user to build a relationship as "Good Neighbours" to help support each other as friends that will be sustainable beyond the life of the service. This has been pertinent this year due to the pandemic, the volunteers have been delivering shopping, activities, winter warm bags, volunteering at the lunch club, telephone befriending, offering transport when needed and now home visits.

683.5 volunteer hours = £9,247.75 in Social Value this year

Over the course of the year 12 new group activities have been developed. The new groups include:

- Elsecar Walking For Health
- Wombwell Walking For Health
- Yoga at Retro Fitness Wombwell
- Crafternoon Workshops at Cloughfields Community Centre Hoyland
- Walking group for residents at Sheltered Housing Scheme Hoyland Common

Highlights of the year

- We have provided a supported shopping service throughout Covid for the isolated and vulnerable older person
- A variety of activities were delivered to **72** people to carry out at home, these included things such as Art, Craft, Cooking, Wildlife, Reading, Jigsaws, Gardening to name but a few
- Wellbeing food boxes were delivered out to those in need
- Mother's day was celebrated with our service users by delivering a small gift to make them feel valued
- Easter was celebrated in the Sheltered Housing Schemes by delivering out a themed quiz, along with Hot cross buns
- We took part in Mental Health Awareness Week by taking a group of service users for a walk around Wentworth Woodhouse
- We ran a weekly Food Tasters Club in which we worked with local suppliers to judge items of food each week, the biggest success was the Pork Pie Challenge
- We have rolled out the Digital Project and have supported our service users to become Digital Friendly
- We have shown our appreciation to our valued volunteers by celebrating Volunteers Week
- We have supported local groups such as Owd Martha's Yard and Friends Of Wombwell Park, Men In Sheds have made Bat Boxes, Bird Houses, Fairy Garden items, Planters, and Bee Hotels all to be used in these areas.
- We supported the Healthy Holidays activities by involving Men In Sheds to make wooden items for the children to paint, and our Knitting ladies to make Easter chicks to hold chocolate eggs for children at Easter

Civil & Environmental Enforcement

Our Environment



Activity Interventions

This quarter, 10 FPNs have been issued, 2 of which are for Dog offences and 8 for Littering. We have also issued 123 PCNs for parking in the area (114 in Wombwell, 5 in Hoyland and 4 in Darfield).

Stephen Tarbuck has now retired and is enjoying a lot more time with the family, so two other officers, Paul Wilcock and Sharon Foster, were given the parking training and have carried out the parking enforcement for the majority of this quarter. The Officers concentrate their patrols in the main around the Wombwell and Hoyland areas, but at the request from the local councillors, they have carried out additional patrols of the Darfield area as well. We have also been utilising intelligence led information from the parking tasking received via BMBC Parking Services process and also from complaints on the street, from the community at large.

As well as the officers acting as a visible deterrent within the area during their foot patrols, they have been aided by the administration/observation time of issuing a ticket being reduced now to 3 minutes instead of the 5 previously, which had caused a lot of problems previously with issuing the PCNs within the area as the offenders have witnessed the officer at the side of their car, noting the details and they quickly return and drive away, they still have this opportunity, but at least the time has been reduce. This quarter we have had 161 occasions where the officer has commenced logging the vehicle, but the driver has quickly turned up and drove away before the process could be completed, (102 in Wombwell, 48 in Hoyland and 11 in Darfield).

Patrols in Wombwell were centred around all the parts of Wombwell with disabled bays, 37 PCNs were issued by our Enforcement officer to those vehicles illegally parked.

Environmental Enforcement



Target		Target met
FPN's Revenue Raised	£700 (Dog and Littering)	
Hours Patrolling	254.5	
No of targeted Parking operations	1	
No of tasking targeting Parking/Dog fouling/Litter	44	
% of contract spent patrolling	87%	

Case Study

Parking has long been a problem within the Wombwell area of the South. The main High Street is where the majority of shops and other businesses can be found. There is a generous

amount of free parking spaces all around Wombwell. In each car park there are bays for disabled parking, as well as on the High Street and other side streets coming off it , so that disabled drivers can easily gain access to the local amenities. Problems about non-disabled drivers parking in these bays had been brought to our attention by complaints, received either verbally from local residents and from the Area Council, or from tasking received via the BMBC parking services email address, or even by the officers carrying out their routine foot patrols.



Report by the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer

Changing the Relationship between BMBC and the Community

As restrictions have eased, I have been out and about across the south area more. Due to the business continuity plan my work has become more reactive and has crossed over into other areas within the borough. That said I am still in the South Area being as proactive as possible within the limitations of the business continuity plan. During the Summer I had leave with my family which is reflected in the work completed during August.

On visiting and speaking with the tenants from reactive cases there would appear to be less vulnerability with these tenants. They are confident and able to contact BMBC to make reports and as such I feel the most vulnerable within are community are found through my proactive work being visible and approachable where tenants feel comfortable within familiar surroundings. It is less challenging to build a relationship with someone who has reported problems and is open to wanting the support and advice. Within reactive and proactive work, because of the pandemic and lock down, situations are coming to light that wouldn't have been as complex to deal with prior to lockdown and as such cases take a lot more time due to the sensitivity required and the number of agencies then becoming involved.

It has been good to get back out in the community, with Elected Members, Berneslai Homes colleagues and other agencies. Walkabouts have resumed and I am attending and organising more community events.

I have done lots of work with Twiggs, concentrating on hot-spot areas that have litter and weed issues and dealing with waste in gardens at the same time.

I am currently looking into developing a community garden in Elsecar, a location has been pinpointed and I am waiting other departments confirming whether it is a viable option before proceeding.

During the quarter I have been on walkabouts in Jump and Wombwell. I have attended two MAAG meetings and one PACT meeting and prior to the business continuity plan I did partnership work with SYP on a pop-up stall in Hoyland. More pop-ups are in the diary and Berneslai Homes staff and elected members will be sent information with dates and locations across the south area.

I have completed some training via Shelter; introduction to Migration; section 21 notices and tenants' rights in ending tenancies.

Housing Enforcement



Target	Target	Actual	Target met
No of contacts made	100	48	
No of vulnerable households identified	10	12	
No of physical inspections	10	12	
No of properties improved	8	12	
No of informal requests for action to landlord	8	14	
No of formal notices – private landlords		1	
No of people signposted to other services	8	15	
No of fly tipping cases		0	
No of interventions in Hoyland Milton	25	12	
No of interventions in Rockingham	25	0	
No of interventions in Wombwell	25	7	
No of interventions in Darfield	25	7	

Outcome Indicators	Target	Actual	Target met
Geographical targeted campaigns undertaken	1	2	
Contacts with household waste on premises	20	15	
Households directly supported with waste recycling	20	15	
Household making improvements during service intervention	15	10	

CASE STUDY 1:

This property is privately owned by a gentleman who recently lost his job of 30 years due to the pandemic. This has a massive impact on him, he has lost confidence and he is embarrassed at the state of the garden and the inside of his house. He is suffering from mental health issues, depression and anxiety and as a result struggles to maintain both the internal and the external of the property. Complaints were received regarding the smell of waste from the rear garden and the overgrown state. Initial contact was with the son of the owner, he had recently moved in to support his father and improve the situation. We discussed what was needed and there was a reluctance to let me into the property. He agreed to pay for the garden to be strimmed and the shrubs and garden to make it more manageable and after this for me to then build a relationship with his father with the intention of addressing internal issues. At this point I had no idea what the inside of the property was like and on numerous visits when the son was at work, the resident did not answer the door or acknowledge me. On the day the gardens were cleared I attended again and was able to see in through the windows. The resident was in the property and in my persistence to speak to him he finally answered the door and allowed me in. This was a massive step for him and quite overwhelming allowing me to take photos in the property and discuss such personal issues. I will update once progress has been made internally. This is an ongoing case which is in its early stages and I suspect it will take a lot of time to support this person. I am in the process of getting support agencies to work with the resident and also looking at how to deal with the internal issues which include a large amount of waste throughout the downstairs, no heating and unusable toilet and bathing amenities. There is a big difference already to the external of the property and I am confident that with support the resident will engage, and his well-being and home conditions will improve.

CASE STUDY 2:

After noticing a smashed window at an empty property, I contacted the landlord who explained that she was in the process of getting the entire property renovated to rent out again. Whilst at the property the shared back gardens of this and 2 properties on the row came to my attention. They were overgrown, had contaminated bins and general waste. There was also an issue with a tenant using a concrete plinth in a different garden to his own for placing his bins on. After addressing the garden issues with the three tenants it became apparent that one of the properties had disrepair issues. The tenant, a single mum with children was reluctant to contact her landlord yet was living in awful conditions. She has several children in a tiny 2-bedroom property, no gas safety check, no working smoke alarms and damp throughout the property. On my initial visit she had no gas or electric on due to lack of money and had barely enough food to last more than a couple of days. She did not have a working cooker and relied on a slow-cooker and microwave to cook. My immediate concern was the electric and food, so I contacted the Salvation Army who provided funds and food for both the same day. I then did a referral to CAB for a benefits check completing. In the weeks following I dropped food parcels regularly and was supported by the Salvation Army who provided her with a new cooker and smoke and CO2 alarms. After building a relationship with the tenant I carried out an inspection of the property and I am currently working with the landlord to rectify the disrepair. There is a concern over communication between the two parties and a familiar problem of the tenant not informing the landlord when problems arise. There is really good progress with this case, the tenant has recently found employment and is looking for a bigger property to provide more space for her family. She is a very proud person, she has a degree, has always worked but due to issues with domestic violence and mental health found herself in this situation and didn't know how to get out of it, or where to turn. I feel this is a good example of where with a little bit of support and encouragement she has turned things around massively. She is also getting support for her mental health and the relationship with her family has improved.

Citizens Advice Barnsley

Access to Local Information and Advice



During this quarter of this project (1st July to 30th September 2021) advisors assisted a total of **167** client contacts. Out of this figure there were 69 unique clients and 98 repeat clients.

The top enquiries were benefits, consumer, employment, housing and relationship issues. However, there were also enquiries relating to debt, financial services and capabilities, health and community care, immigration, and legal issues.

Of the 167 client contacts, 28 were from Darfield, 56 were from Hoyland Milton, 28 were from Rockingham and 55 were from Wombwell.

Barnsley Citizens Advice



Target	Actual	Target met
People supported	167	
Debt managed	£11,254	
Benefit gain	£108,854	

Case Study 1

If you've never applied for benefits before, the application process can seem very daunting - especially so if you need to apply for several different elements and your circumstances don't fit the usual scenarios.

Mr A had been diagnosed with a long term and debilitating illness at a young age. He already used a range of adaptive support to make things easier around the house, but recently his health had deteriorated, and he and his partner were considering other options that were available - including moving to a more accessible home or installing a stair lift.

As part of this transition, Mr A applied for PIP but was surprised to find the application and assessment had awarded him zero points - meaning he wouldn't be eligible for the benefit. He was also under the impression that he might be eligible to claim UC as well but hadn't put in a claim while he was waiting for the outcome of the PIP application.

Mr A rang our helpline and was given a telephone appointment with our Welfare Benefits Specialist. The adviser went through lots of information with him, explaining how to make a Mandatory Reconsideration to challenge the original PIP decision. The adviser also did a lot of research into his more unusual employment circumstances as they may have a significant effect on how any UC is calculated.

Mr A was made aware of the variety of different outcomes that could be expected and was recommended to make a follow-up appointment with the benefits specialist when outcomes from both applications had been received. This will allow the specialist to check the calculations and ensure Mr A is getting everything he is entitled to - and if not the adviser will be able to advocate on the client's behalf to challenge the decision with the DWP if appropriate.