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MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Wednesday 9 November 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 19 October 2022 (Cen.19.10.2022/2) (Pages 3 - 8)

Items for Discussion

- 3 Performance Management Report Q2 (Cen.09.11.2022/3) (Pages 9 - 32)
- 4 Welfare Advice - Presentations for Citizen's Advice Bureau and DIAL Barnsley (Cen.09.11.2022/4) (Pages 33 - 50)

Ward Alliances

- 5 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.09.11.2022/5) (Pages 51 - 82)
Central – held on 28 September 2022
Dodworth – held on 20 September 2022
Kingstone – held on 24 August and 5 October 2022
Stairfoot – held on 12 September and 10 October 2022
Worsbrough – held on 7 September (Environmental Working Group) and 8 September 2022
- 6 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.09.11.2022/6) (Pages 83 - 88)

Items for Decision

- 7 Procurement and Finance Update (Cen.09.11.2022/7) (Pages 89 - 106)
- 8 Date and Times of Future Meetings (Cen.09.11.2022/8)

To: Chair and Members of Central Area Council:-

Councillors Williams (Chair), Bowser, Clarke, K. Dyson, M. Dyson, P. Fielding, W. Fielding, Gillis, Lodge, Mitchell, Moyes, Ramchandani, Risebury, Shirt and Wray

Area Council Support Officers:

Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities
Sarah Blunkett, Central Area Council Manager
Lisa Phelan, Central Area Council Manager

Peter Mirfin, Governance Manager

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Tuesday 1 November 2022



MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Wednesday 19 October 2022
TIME:	4.00 pm
VENUE:	Worsbrough Common Community Centre, Warren Quarry Lane, Barnsley

MINUTES

Present Councillors Williams (Chair), Bowser, Clarke, P. Fielding, Lodge, Moyes, Ramchandani, Shirt and Wray

15 Minute Silence

A minute silence was held as a mark of respect for the recent passing of former Deputy Leader, Councillor Jim Andrews BEM.

16 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

17 Notes of the Inquorate Meeting of the Central Area Council held on 21st September, 2022 (Cen.19.10.2022/2)

The meeting received the notes from the inquorate meeting of the Central Area Council Members held on 21st September, 2022 (as appended to the minutes).

Members considered the recommendations contained within the notes.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the minutes from the Central Area Council held on 6th July, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record;
- (ii) that members note the Healthy Heart presentation and Kaye be thanked for attending the meeting, for the presentation and for answering members questions and that thanks be passed to members of the Team for all their hard work;
- (iii) that the Performance Management Report be received;
- (iv) that the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contract, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Well-Being Fund Projects, with associated timescales, be noted;
- (v) that the financial position to date for 2022-2023 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1-2 of the report be noted;

- (vi) that following the awarded Arts Council funding for Creative Recovery. The Executive Director Public Health and Communities be authorised to complete necessary paperwork in order to release the previously approved grant funding;
- (vii) that the Welfare Services Review paper at appendix 3 to the report be noted and that a workshop be convened to consider the options in more detail;
- (viii) that £7,725 for the extension of the DIAL grant for 3 months to 31st March, 2023 be approved;
- (ix) that the scaled back service from CAB in order to allow an extension to 31st March, 2023 at no extra cost be noted;
- (x) that the expiration on the 31st March, 2023 of the YMCA 'Building Emotional Resilience and Wellbeing in Children and Young People Aged 8-14 Years' offer be noted and that decisions regarding the next steps be ratified at the Area Council to be held on 9th November, 2022;
- (xi) that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be received; and
- (xii) that the report on the Ward Alliance Funds be noted

Chair

MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Wednesday 21 September 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room - Barnsley Town Hall

NOTES OF AN INQUORATE MEETING

Present Councillors Williams (Chair), Bowser, Clarke, P. Fielding, W. Fielding, Gillis, Lodge, Mitchell and Wray

8 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

9 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 6 July 2022 (Cen.21.09.2022/2)

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the Central Area Council held on 6th July, 2022.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes from the Central Area Council held on 6th July, 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

10 Heart Health - Kaye Mann (Cen.21.09.2022/3)

Kaye Mann, BMBC Public Health Team, was welcomed to the meeting.

Members were provided with an update on the collaborative approach to improving Heart Health in Barnsley by health partners from the hospital, Public Health, CCG, GP's, Pharmacies and Primary Care.

Members heard how heart disease, strokes and cardiovascular disease were one of the biggest killers in the country and that Barnsley's mortality rate was significantly above national averages. Statistics revealed that over 36,000 people were living with heart health issues and that every 13 hours someone passes away which equated to 55 deaths each month.

The aim of the group was to focus on prevention in early detection rather than treating heart health following something happening to try and reduce mortality and save lives. 80% of heart attacks and strokes are avoidable so a targeted approach across a number of health services had been designed to reach those most in need.

Members were informed that from the first signs of stroke symptoms such as slurred speech, drooping face and unable to lift their arms to seeking medical attention in Barnsley averaged at 15 hours, whereas the national average was 3 hours. It was advised that if a stroke was suspected then to dial 999 as Barnsley Hospital was not equipped with the specific medication required to help.

There were a number of non-modifiable risk factors of heart health including gender, age, genetics and ethnicity. But other factors such as high blood pressure, smoking, obesity, high cholesterol and diabetes could be addressed.

The 'How's Thi Ticker' campaign that had been carried out in the Dearne and North area to target men in their 50's and 60s who were the main high risk category. This was now expanding across the Borough in community centres, libraries and market stalls to try to capture as many people as they could.

The NHS had commissioned a health check service in areas of deprivation to check blood pressure, age, height and weight to identify risk of heart disease.

In the ensuing discussion matters of a general and detailed nature were raised and answers were given to members' questions where appropriate.

RECOMMENDED that members note the presentation and Kaye be thanked for attending the meeting, for the presentation and for answering members questions and that thanks be passed to members of the Team for all their hard work.

11 Performance Management Report Q1 (Cen.21.09.2022/4)

Members of the committee drew their attention to the detailed Q1 performance report and case studies.

Members raised previous concerns regarding numbers of interactions in the Dodworth ward for the DIAL contract. It was reported that this had been addressed with the provider and that a number of promotional leaflet drops had taken place in the ward and an update would be provided in the Q2 performance report to be submitted to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDED that the report be received.

12 Procurement and Financial Update (Cen.21.09.2022/5)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, noting that members would be unable to make any decisions due to the meeting being inquorate.

Members attention was drawn to the priorities and overviews of the contracts commissioned through the Area Council. The financial position showed existing contract spending in addition to future budget projections.

Members were provided with background information to the welfare services review and the range of provisions provided across the borough which varied significantly in terms of size and scale. Healthier Communities Officers had worked on the feasibility of a borough wide offer and had found there were insufficient funds to

provide the offer. Area councils had been requested to review their arrangements for welfare services.

The Central Area Council had grant agreements with CAB and DIAL to provide support, advice and guidance. Both were commissioned to the end of December, 2022 and had been asked whether it would be possible to scale down services in order to carry on within their financial budget that they had been commissioned under to stretch to the end of March, 2023. CAB had confirmed that they could provide a scaled down service but DIAL had confirmed it would not be practicable to do.

Members raised questions as to what a scaled back service would look like. They were informed that CAB would involve reducing the number of appointments on offer whereas DIAL were more face to face in the community which would be harder to scale back.

The Area Council Manager informed members that a workshop would be convened to consider the options in more detail with the additional insight from a Business Intelligence colleague to be held on 19th October 2022.

RECOMMENDED:-

(i) that the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Well-being Fund Projects, with associated timescales be noted;

(ii) that the financial position to date for 2022-23 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1-2 of the report be noted;

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13 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.21.09.2022/6)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Central held on 27th July and 24th August, 2022; Dodworth held on 21st June and 2nd August, 2022; Kingstone held on 13th July, 2022; Stairfoot held on 13th June and 11th July, 2022 and Worsbrough held on 16th June and 21st July, 2022.

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

14 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.21.09.2022/7)

Members were made aware of the Ward Alliance Fund finance remaining for allocation.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.



Central Area Council

Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot, Worsbrough

Performance Management Report

Quarter Two: July - September 2022

Central Area Council - Priorities, Principles and links to Corporate Outcomes 2022 - 2023



Reduction in loneliness and isolation in adults & older people



Improvement in the emotional resilience & wellbeing of children and young people



Creating a cleaner & greener environment in partnership with local people



Supporting Vulnerable People

Ensuring the following principles are promoted and embedded in all that we do:

Community cohesion and integration

Social value

Healthy and active lifestyles

Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

Barnsley - the place of possibilities





Healthy Barnsley	Learning Barnsley	Growing Barnsley	Sustainable Barnsley
People are safe and feel safe	People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships	Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities	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

Providers appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Central Area Council.

Service	Priority	Provider	Contract Value (this year)	Contract Dates	Grant / Commission
Advice Drop In			£23,175.00	July 2019 - June 2021 (extended to December '22)	Central Wellbeing Fund
My Community, My Life			£39,936.76	1 April 2021 - 31 March 2023	Social Isolation Challenge Fund
Thriving Communities			£39,432.57	1 April 2021 - 31 March 2023	Social Isolation Challenge Fund
Reds Connects			£14,601.48	1 April 2021 - 31 March 2023	Social Isolation Challenge Fund
Unity Project			£140,330.00	1 April 2020 - 31 March 2023	Central Area Council Commissioned
Detached Youth Work			£9,7000.50	1 July 2022 - 30 June 2024	Youth Work Fund
Street Smart			£39,000.00	1 July 2022 - 30 June 2024	Youth Work Fund
Clean and Green			£110,000.00	1 April 2022 - 31 March 2025	Central Area Council Commissioned
Targeted Household Fly - tipping Service			£35,000.00	1 April 2022 - 31 March 2025	Service Level Agreement - CAC Commissioned
Private Rented Housing Support Service			£35,000.00	1 April 2022 - 31 March 2025	Service Level Agreement - CAC Commissioned
Welfare Rights and Legal Advice Service			£30,000.00	January 2021 extended to March 2023	Financial Resilience Grant Fund

OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

Contract meetings were held for all CAC commissioned services and grant **agreement** providers this quarter. This report is a summary of delivery including key figures and case studies.



Full reports and data for all contracts are available from the area team. The "request" icon signifies more detail on case studies is available



The information icon signifies contracts that are due to end in their current format at the end of this financial year, 31 March 2023.

Recommendations for these **contracts/ grant agreements** are discussed in **Appendix 1 of the Finance and Procurement Report**



CENTRAL WELLBEING FUND

DIAL BARNLSLEY



£334,932

Unclaimed Benefits Generated since July 2022

£43

Generated for the local economy for every £1 invested by CAC

184

Residents attended advice sessions this quarter

75%

Reported reduction in anxiety & improved wellbeing

73%

Reported feeling more confident & having an improved outlook

By Ward	Apr - Jun 2022	July - Sep 2022
Central	84	74
Dodworth	28	44
Kingstone	31	71
Stairfoot	66	69
Worsbrough	103	91

The DIAL drop in service primarily targets residents with long term health conditions, out of work residents, carers and families who all have been affected by COVID- 19, welfare benefit changes to eligibility criteria and processes. This quarter, **19%** of the residents interacted with this quarter received outgoing referrals relating to "**5 ways to wellbeing**". **165** central residents accessed the telephone advice. *This telephone service is offered borough wide but is not funded by this grant.*

Health challenges reported by residents who contacted DIAL this quarter



In-person sessions have seen increased attendance this quarter. In addition, targeted outreach in the Dodworth ward and data validation work in Kingstone ward have both resulted in an increase in attendance recorded this quarter.

Total Residents Supported	2020-21	2021-22
	1514	1730



CASE STUDY

DIAL BARNLSLEY

Before DIAL

Mr B is a 55 year old man who had mental health issues for many years. He lived with his elderly mum and was her carer. She had recently passed away and this had worsened his mental health issues. He was getting help from bereavement counselling and this was helping a little, but he was still very depressed and had very little motivation. His counsellor advised him to make a claim for Personal Independence Payment.

Advice provided by DIAL

Mr B came to see us at our outreach at Kendray and we helped him to complete the PIP2 form. Mr B contacted a few months later to tell us that his claim had been refused. We booked him an appointment at our outreach in Kendray to help him with a letter for Mandatory Reconsideration of the PIP decision. He contacted us again a few months later to inform us that the Mandatory Reconsideration had also been refused, despite him sending further evidence from his bereavement counsellor. We saw him again at Kendray outreach and helped him complete the SSCS1 form to ask for an appeal. We went through the case with him, and the response from PIP, and it was clear that the DWP had not made an accurate assessment of how Mr B is affected by his mental health issues. The DWP seemed to believe that Mr B was bereaved but did not have severe mental health issues. We restated the case and explained why we disagreed with this opinion.

After DIAL

The PIP decision was overturned at appeal and Mr B now receives standard rate daily living of £679.90 a month.

Mr B said "I was very upset when my PIP wasn't awarded, it looked like they didn't believe anything I told them. The help I got from DIAL was brilliant and I am very pleased that I was eventually believed by the judge at tribunal."

Acknowledged Outcome

Benefit Awarded, Increased Income, Less Stress, More Confidence, Improved Health and Well Being, Felt Vindicated



FINANCIAL RESILIENCE GRANT FUND

CITIZENS ADVICE BARNSLEY



239

Client contacts this quarter

£11,238

Worth of debt managed this quarter

£22,219

Worth of benefits claimed this quarter

1666

Client contacts since the start of the project

£374,874

Worth of benefits claimed since the start of the project

£212,689

Worth of debt managed since the start of the project

This service is free, confidential, independent and impartial. Advisers listen to the problem, explain all the options available to the client (our residents) and, where appropriate, support them with the course of action they decide to take. The advice service provides advice to clients on claiming benefits and managing debt.

**Following Government (COVID-19) guidelines on Tuesday 17th March 2020 all Citizens Advice Barnsley face to face contact with clients was suspended. From this date all Citizens Advice services were transferred to Adviceline telephone and Email services. Clients can currently access the service through the telephone Adviceline or by digital means. (Email, Webchat or Video Appointment). A drop-in-service is scheduled to start shortly.*



The **top 3** enquiries this quarter (Jul to Sept 22) were, **Benefits, Debt and Relationships**. However, there were still high levels of enquiries relating to Legal, Charitable Support & Foodbanks, Housing, Utilities & Communications and Employment.

In the light of the cost-of-living crisis the service anticipates a rise in clients. Currently offering support to eligible residents with energy issues, giving fuel vouchers for clients on prepayment meters struggling to keep warm, offering in debt 1-2-1 energy advice appointments, carbon monoxide awareness for any properties with gas appliances and energy saving training.



CASE STUDY

CITIZENS ADVICE BARNELSEY

We all know someone who has had a relationship end badly - or have experienced it personally. We all know someone who has become embroiled in the pain of recriminations, accusations and allegations that spring from a sense of hurt and betrayal, whether real or imagined. When Evan* had split from his ex-partner and mother of his children, he had found himself facing accusations and the involvement of Social Services. Although the police investigated, no charges were brought against him.

It was an unhappy period in Evan's life, one that he thought he had successfully left behind. Yet here he was, several years later, facing the fact that, once more, allegations were being made against him. Worse still, the allegations were having an impact on his relationship with his new partner.

Evan was hurt and devastated: he felt that Social Services were treating him unjustly by dragging unproven historic allegations into his new life. Surely they had no right to do this? Knowing that his mental health was suffering, as well as his personal relationships, Evan decided to telephone Citizens Advice Barnsley for impartial advice...

An adviser ensured that he had all of the relevant facts from Evan, who mentioned that he had kept copies of all reports. The adviser suggested to Evan that the best way to tackle possible unfair treatment by Social Services was by actually contacting them to make a complaint. The adviser sent a link to do so and explained that a formal complaint had to be acknowledged within 3 - 5 days; this would then entail establishing a timeframe for investigating the complaint, allocating an investigator and establishing a formal, written resolution plan. If unresolved, the complaint could be escalated through the stages of a formal investigation and Review Panel Hearing. Ultimately, if unhappy with the outcomes, Evan could refer his case to the Social Care Ombudsman.

The adviser suggested that Evan keep written copies of reports and correspondence at all times. He also told Evan that DIAL Barnsley could offer him support with the complaints' process.

Evan knew that nothing could undo the damage already caused but felt that he now had a clear understanding of how to progress his case and to prevent future recurrences of the problems





SOCIAL ISOLATION CHALLENGE FUND

REDS CONNECT



40

Football / Walking Football
Attendees per session

47

Exercise Class Attendees per session

16

Walking Group Attendees per session

20

Sporting Memories Attendees per session

60

Volunteering Hours across activities this quarter

Reds Connect creates opportunities for local people in the Central Area to engage, participate and connect. It helps to address social isolation and loneliness, engender new relationships and enable local people to get (and stay) active.

The service delivers four day-time sessions per week, Sporting Memories, Walking Football, Walking Group and Exercise Sessions. All programmes consist of regular consultation with participants to ensure their needs are being met, with opportunities for them to feedback and provide recommendations.

Reds Connects receive regular referrals from the **Social Prescribing** team and **Health and Wellbeing Coaches** and continues working in partnership with **Barneslai Homes**, **BIADS**, and with the **Game Changer** programme, most recently by supporting community champions through mentoring and resources to be able to deliver a new sporting memories programme in the Ward Green area,



"The sessions are relaxed and friendly. I love most sports and reminiscing is great and it also gets you reminiscing about life in general and the topics just flow between everyone. In our group everyone gets to contribute and its nice to make new friends and feel part of a group. What I get out of it is time for myself, new friends and a total enjoyment that brings back so many memories "

"I enjoy the banter as much as the football side of things. The group are welcoming and it doesn't matter if you are good at football or not as the set up gives everyone the chance to get involved."



SOCIAL ISOLATION CHALLENGE FUND

AGE UK Barnsley



£49,640.24

Benefits gains following information and guidance

1298

Attendances to activities

48

Socially isolated older people on personalised plans

6

Shops/Premises participating Age Friendly and Take-a-seat project

The first element of this service addresses individual social isolation through 1:1 work with the Social Inclusion Team and Information and Advice Service. 48 people were supported this quarter. The social isolation officers continue to make signposting referrals for service users to other organisations including AGE UK's own groups/services and **Men in sheds**. As well as **Aids and Adaptations, Social Care** and **Food banks**.

This quarter Social Inclusion Officers maintained regular contact with agencies providing great support for our service users, these include South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, Neighbourhood Watch, Safer Communities Team, HealthWatch, Public Health, Multi Agency Migrant drop in, Berneslai Homes and various private housing associations



The second element is the development of new group activities and support for existing groups. This quarter people have been more willing to engage with community **groups** and outings and are less cautious since COVID restrictions were lifted. Main group activities include **Coffee & Conversation, Shaw Lane Bowls Group, Young at Hearts, Kate's Sandwich Bar** and Community **Allotment** project. Added value projects: Men-in-Sheds, BOPPAA, HEART HEALTH, Digital Project and MCS therapy



CASE STUDIES

AGE UK BARNSELY

Digital project case study - July 2022

Two ladies who lived in the same ward made self-referrals to the service as they had heard about the Digital project. On initial visits it came to light that they both attended a local knit and natter group. The Digital SIO contacted the group leader and asked if she could attend to give a talk about the Digital project and how they might benefit from it. She agreed and a visit took place.

After that talk a further 4 ladies signed up and they all decided they would like their digital sessions to take place as a group. After initial set up, the tuition was individual lead. With requests to be shown how to download audiobooks, how to access games online, how to take and edit photos, how to send emails with attachments and where to find knitting patterns that they could download for free.

The sessions also led to scam awareness discussions, the pros and cons of online banking, paying bills by direct debit and the importance of not storing your card details on any digital device. After several weeks 2 more ladies came along who had heard about the sessions and asked to be involved. 3 of the younger knit and natter group also offered to sign up as digital volunteers to assist the ladies in the future.

Information & Advice Case Study

A client was assisted to complete an Attendance Allowance application. The client is 89, lives alone and suffers from Arthritis in his right knee and hip and has epilepsy. He has had a knee replacement 9 years ago but this is now causing him pain. The doctors are reluctant to replace his hip and are giving him injections, although they are not working and he is still in constant pain.

He relies on his son to take him out in his car to medical appointments and uses a stick and furniture to get around the home. Everything takes a long time to do now. He has had several nasty falls resulting in been admitted to hospital, although he has not broken anything

The form was completed with the client and his Son present expecting at least the lower rate Attendance Allowance of £61.85 a week. The client rang to confirm that he has received higher rate of £92.40 a week and is very grateful for our help as he wouldn't have been able to complete himself even with his Son's help.





SOCIAL ISOLATION CHALLENGE FUND

Rotherham & Barnsley MIND



The Thriving Communities Project aims to develop community initiatives across identified area boroughs enabling diverse, marginalised, and isolated communities to come together to learn, collaborate and create networks of support. They work with hard-to-reach individuals who self-identify as feeling isolated and lonely. They champion the Central Area Council Priorities and measure our effectiveness against these.

28

New Referrals into project

145

Volunteers Hours

87

One-to-One Sessions Delivered

108

Group attendance

£1,620

Added Value (incl. cash and resource donations)

54

Socially isolated people supported

Group Attendance

There is now a well-established group for ladies, that meets weekly in the Central Area. Last quarter provision was extended for the ladies to include a Friday group. This group has now moved out into the community and takes place at Worsbrough and Kendray Family Centre.

The men's group has also moved out into the community. One week is Chill and Chat at Worsbrough Dale Pavilion, the next week is our Eco Gym community initiative at the Recovery College.

The Isolation Workshop was delivered to Counsellors working in the Cope Project. It contains concise information that helps others to understand loneliness and isolation and the impact that this has on people's lives. Referral links also made through attendance of their supervision group.

A CBT Group session supported 5 people with an evidence-based self-help CBT Course and supported to use it through session focussed group work. 2 In house workshops were run this quarter, a Mindfulness Workshop and an Eco workshop.

Partnership working

R&B Mind are currently working in Partnership with The Recovery College, Oakwell Training, Working Win, Endorphins, Social Prescribers and Worsbrough and Kendray Family Centre. We continue to promote the service through the Central Area Calendar and have featured as a Community Highlight in order to maximise our reach.



CASE STUDY

Rotherham & Barnsley MIND

Abi has been with the service now for over 12 months, she first referred into the service due to being lonely and isolated after the pandemic. Abi had lost all her confidence and due to anxiety, she was struggling to leave her home. Client lives with her mum, sister and nephew. Client said she is looking for friendship and wants to be able to get out of the house again. However, Abi is very anxious about mixing due to the Pandemic. She is frightened of catching COVID19 due to being classed as vulnerable person.

Aims/Objectives: Group sessions; Confidence Courses; Friendships.

What did "MIND" do?

Abi completed some 1-1 sessions over the telephone, then she started coming to our coffee and chat group, her confidence grew in that group. After attending our women's group on a Wednesday Abi's confidence has grown so much and we have supported her to enrol at Barnsley College.

What was the context / background?

Learning difficulty.... reduced life chances... wants to get out... at risk of increased isolation... mental health.... Helps care for autistic nephew

How was it organised and who was involved?

Internal / external partnerships

What resources did you need?

 Financial and human

Has it been evaluated? How successful has it been?

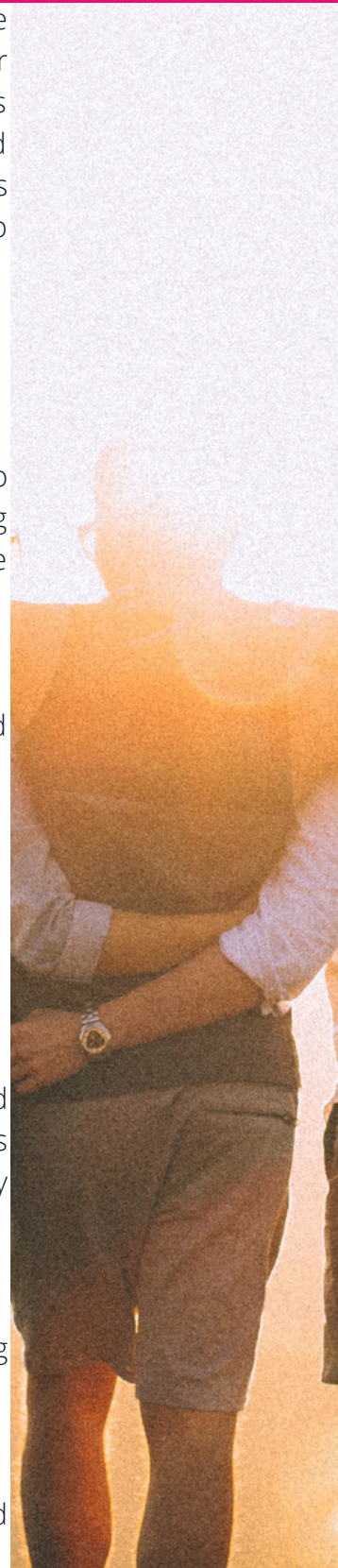
The client's journey with ourselves as been a pleasure to watch she as joined every outside agency workshops. She has been to every event offered and has now also taken up a level 3 qualification in health and social care at Barnsley College.

Future Plans

Client is eager to help and support others. After college client is considering looking at volunteering.

Key Learning Points

Abi has enjoyed attending the groups and making new friendships that she did not have before.





COMMISSIONED SERVICES

YMCA UNITY PROJECT



YMCA UNITY PROJECT
Building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people aged 8-14 years

30

Holiday Provision Sessions Delivered

60

Term Time Sessions Delivered

1040

Total attendances

3

Peer Support Sessions

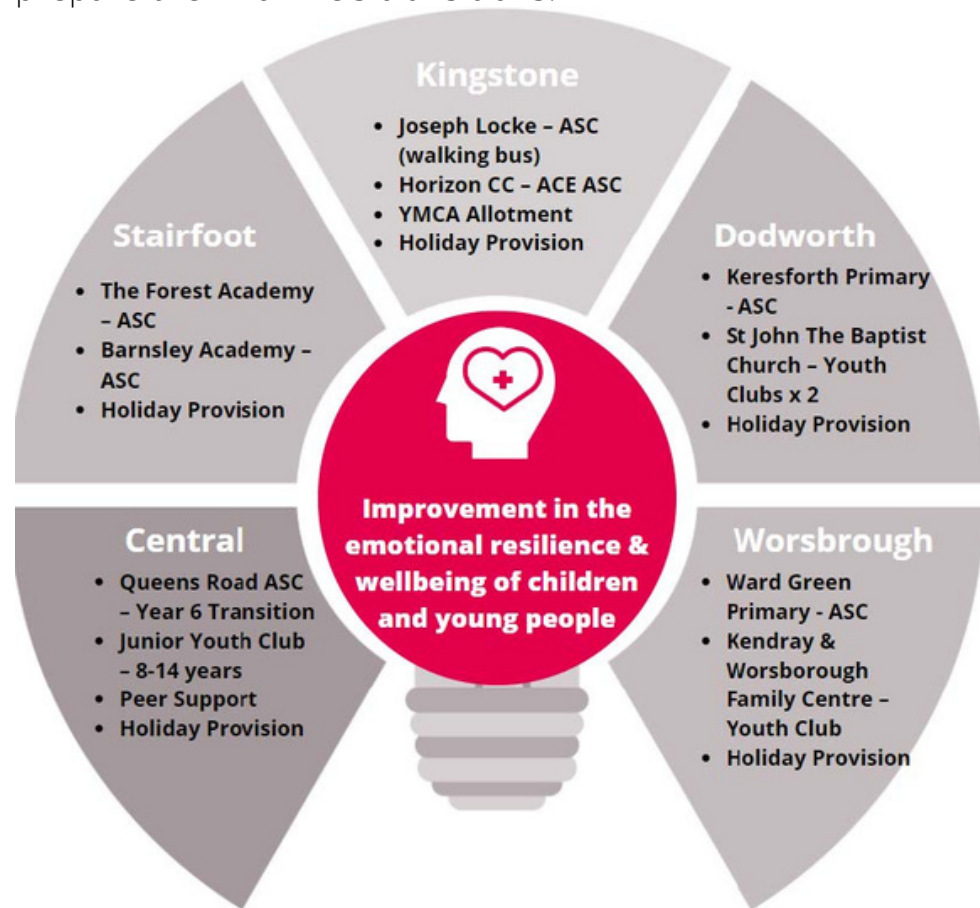
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New Attendees this quarter

3

Community organisations or partners supported

YMCA Barnsley deliver a programme of youth work for children and young people aged 8-14 years within the Central Area focussing on building emotional resilience and developing the skills and tools to encourage, maintain positive emotional health, wellbeing, and support, and prepare them for life's transitions.



The project continues its commitment to supporting local providers & venues including working with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Multi Agency groups, CVS, homelessness and housing, BMBC Area Council & parks teams and our youth work specific networks. Also continuing to work with the Area Team & the Youth Association to support the development and delivery of youth work with community groups.

Highlights from this quarter include **Active Kendray** joint Swanne step challenge, and **Festival of the Minds** art workshops but the bulk of the delivery during this quarter was the **summer holiday provision** which ran over 5 weeks, The young people had the opportunity to participate in a variety of indoor and outdoor sessions including shop/cook & eat, mocktail making, movie nights, a sleepover, arts & crafts, gaming, professional dance workshops, paddle boarding, fitness challenges and many more.



CASE STUDIES

YMCA UNITY PROJECT

Excerpt from a Case study on a youth person (*Tay) supported by YMCA this quarter

Impact of work with the individual:

Tay only knew one other person when they started attending YMCA sessions in the summer. Due to the nature of the activities and the support from youth workers, they made friends quickly and began really enjoying the sessions they attended. This culminated in them attending the YMCA Sleepover, at which they seemed like an entirely different young person. They were running around and getting involved with games, they felt incredibly confident raising any issues with our youth workers, and they knew that we would listen to them and act appropriately.

Tay's friendship with other young people on programme was especially touching to see, as they had started the summer as someone who appeared quite shy. Tay attended sessions where they knew that there would be others who they had not met previously, which was such a massive step for them, and they ended the summer with some strong friendships. The hard work done by our staff team facilitated this change, and created an environment where Tay could develop at the rate they did.

The journey they have been on in a six week period is incredible, from their ability to communicate the things that make them uncomfortable, to them actively participating in activities with people they had never met. Through delivering consistent youth work activities, we were able to provide Tay with stability through a time that was incredibly difficult for them.

Pictures below were taken at a festival of the minds workshop



COMMISSIONED SERVICES

TWIGGS - Clean & Green Service

TWIGGS
 Grounds Maintenance LTD



Twiggs Grounds Maintenance are commissioned by CAC to deliver a Clean and Green Service in partnership with local residents, community groups and businesses.

Barnsley Main Heritage Group, Barnsley Employability Group, Mencap, YMCA Barnsley, Worsbrough Tidy Group, Kendray Community Group, Reds in the Community, Barnsley Canal Group, Helpful Heathens, Pogmoor Pickers, Humankind, Bettalives, Hope In Community Group, Dearne Valley Country Park Group, St Marys Church, Men In Sheds and Recovery Steps were the **17** community groups supported over 60 sessions this quarter across the area.

47
 New volunteers engaged

440
 Volunteers engaged

60
 Interventions with groups

881
 Volunteer hours undertaken

31
 Provider led social action interventions/added value

3
 New/Emerging community groups supported

93
 Volunteering opportunities taken up

373
 Rubbish Bags Collected





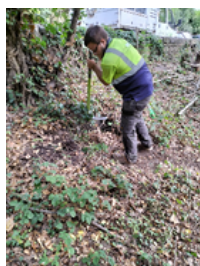
CASE STUDIES

TWIGGS

Twiggs produce a case study for each ward. The full reports are available from the area team.

WORSBROUGH WARD: Hollygate

Maintenance activities and utilisation of green waste to create habitat piles and fill in gaps between hedges. The projects focus was to create an area that was environmentally friendly and has a beneficial impact on the local eco system.



STAIRFOOT WARD: Joint Enterprise Morning

Organised by Stairfoot Ward Alliance, supported by Twiggs. This was set up to bring different community groups together to restore the war memorial. This gives different volunteers the chance to mix and socialize with others.



KINGSTONE WARD: Pogmoor Pickers

Ginnet clean and tidy up on Stanhope Street and Airton Road



DODWORTH WARD: Park Hill Drive

Twiggs Led session with new volunteers who are aiming to form a group and take responsibility for the area, therefore making it sustainable. The volunteers are all neighbours who are looking to take responsibility for their local area, they now communicate through a community WhatsApp group.



CENTRAL WARD: Our Place Garden Project

Our Place is a new group supported to carry out horticultural and educational activities





COMMISSIONED SERVICES

BMBC SLA: Private Rental Housing Support Service (HCO) & Targetted Household Flytipping Service (CSO)

87

Incidents recorded on "Pin on the map"

15

Side waste investigations

77

Fly tipping and duty of care cases dealt with

51

Written warning letters issued to individuals

274

Visual inspections taken place (Properties)

35

Visual inspections taken place (Streets)

176

Different households contacted/ visited where problem identified.

7

Vulnerable households identified

6

Formal notices to private landlords



The Housing and Cohesion Officer, HCO, advises and supports tenants living in privately rented properties on a range of issues such as debt issues and waste management.

This quarter the HCO has been instrumental in resolving ASB at a property in our area that has been the source of complaints for months, with problem tenants who were intoxicated often alcohol but hard drug use was also suspected. A CPN warning letter was issued which altered behaviour prior to police involvement.



The Community Safety Officer, CSO, handles jobs including side waste, waste in alleyways and fly-tipping/duty of care jobs. The service also gives advice to landlords, letting agents and tenants/residents. This quarter Wellington Place worked with landlords to clear and secure the outhouse (pictured), a location known to get fly tipped in and around and it was affecting tenants and other residents' wellbeing.

Most of the work this quarter for both the CSO and the HCO has surrounded the planning and reconnaissance up at Measbrough Dike. Surveying the area identified that the waste issues are currently exacerbated by contaminated bins, missing bins and a lack of knowledge or care regarding presentation of waste in the area so an extensive project is planned

YOUTH WORK FUND

STREETSMART: The Youth Association

StreetSmart is a scheme that improves skills, attitudes, and prospects by taking training and certification to street level. The project involves delivering street-based workshops, supplemented by sports, social action, and other initiatives. Youth workers deliver specific StreetSmart topics relevant to the needs of young people across the wards. Some activities from this quarter:



38

Different young people attended 3+ sessions

17

Young people participated in mental health workshops

40

Young people taking part in StreetSafe sessions

40

Sessions delivered

171

Young people engaged



Young men took part in **positive masculinity workshops**, delivered across the wards



StreetSmart workshops e.g. knife crime awareness, stop and search laws, drugs education, pictured YP in Kendray using hypothetical scenarios to discuss risk and consequence



Young women exposed to positive female **role models** - pictured are Young people outside the New York stadium before the Iceland vs France Euros 2022 Game

An area update which gives specifics in each area this quarter is available from the area team

YOUTH WORK FUND

YMCA Detached Youth Work



YMCA Barnsley deliver a detached programme of youth work for young people aged 13+ years in **Dodworth and Gilroyd** focussed on the development of social and life skills and strengthening emotional resilience, in preparation for a happy, healthy and independent adulthood



6

**Term Time Sessions
Delivered**

115

Attendees

110

Youth Work Opportunities

6

New attendees

5

**Holiday Sessions
Delivered**

The team maintain a weekly presence in and around the communities of Gilroyd and Dodworth. The summer holiday period offered the team a chance to explore localities at different times of the day. Maintaining regular contact with established groups and individuals, the different times offered opportunities to engage with young people previously not known to the YMCA team.





CASE STUDY

YMCA Detached Youth Work

Jill & friends – Anonymised

Jill is a relative newcomer to our provision on the streets / park in Dodworth. She appears a confident young woman at times and engages with our team with enthusiasm.

Our team first met Jill prior to the summer holidays and kept in touch throughout the holidays along with her peer group of all young women.

Jill had some concerns prior to the academic year recommencing in September that she was the only one in her group transitioning to a different school. She shared her concerns and it was very clear she was not looking forward to attending her new school without familiar faces around her and to share the experience with.

Our team facilitated a conversation with her and her peers around friendship and what traits a trusted and loyal friend would possess. With a little prompting, the group began to explore their individual traits and personalities and discussed their perceptions on what they can offer a friendship. They came up with their version of what loyalty meant and how in practice they displayed loyalty to a friend. They explored different scenarios and 'what if' moments. As good friends, how could they step up and reassure someone going through a hard time or comfort a friend who might struggle with issues of anxiety for example?

Our team suggested that despite being at separate schools, alternative means of keeping in touch on a day to day basis is very easy. They all use various forms of social media and the conversation shifted slightly to explore the appropriate and safe use of social media.

The group together with our team discussed how they could regularly meet up as they have through the summer months outside of school. Our team suggested that they would be happy to facilitate and provide activities for regular meet ups if they so wished which was met with enthusiasm.

On further exploration of activities, the group reported that they all had an interest in drama. Whilst they had all been involved in school productions together previously, the opportunity to repeat the experience had gone now they were at different schools. Our team suggested that perhaps drama based activities might be something they could facilitate, which again was met with enthusiasm. Further conversations led to topics that could be explored through drama, bullying and transition being two examples.

Our team are hopeful that the enthusiasm within the group will continue and these early discussions will produce a programme of work that will benefit them in a number of ways.

Our team are very mindful that activities should be process driven and whilst a finished product (perhaps to share with others?) is a wonderful goal to have, understanding the learning that can be achieved as we go, is key to any successful programme. Drama lends itself to this process well, as it does building and maintaining friendships and exploring things that challenge us on a day to day basis.

Our team are looking forward to further developing their relationship with this group of young women in the hope that Jill will feel less isolated from her peers in future.

COMMISSIONS

Unity Project
YMCA

Targeted
Household Fly
Tipping Service

Private Rented
Housing
Support

Twiggs Clean
and Green

COMMISSIONS		Unity Project YMCA	Targeted Household Fly Tipping Service	Private Rented Housing Support	Twiggs Clean and Green
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**

DIAL Youth Association StreetSmart AGE UK REDS in the COMMUNITY Citizens Advice Barnsley MIND YMCA Detached Youth Work

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Central Area Council Wellbeing Fund Advice Drop In Report July – October 2022

Presented by
Sharon Brown, Chief Executive Officer

Central Area Council
Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot, Worsbrough



About DIAL



Our aims

To improve access to information, advice and guidance so disabled people, their families and carers have increased understanding and are better informed to make choices

- To reduce social isolation of disabled people, their families and carers
- To increase access to opportunities for disabled people, their families and carers to achieve their potential
- To increase the opportunities for disabled people, their families and carers to have healthy lifestyles



What we've done so far

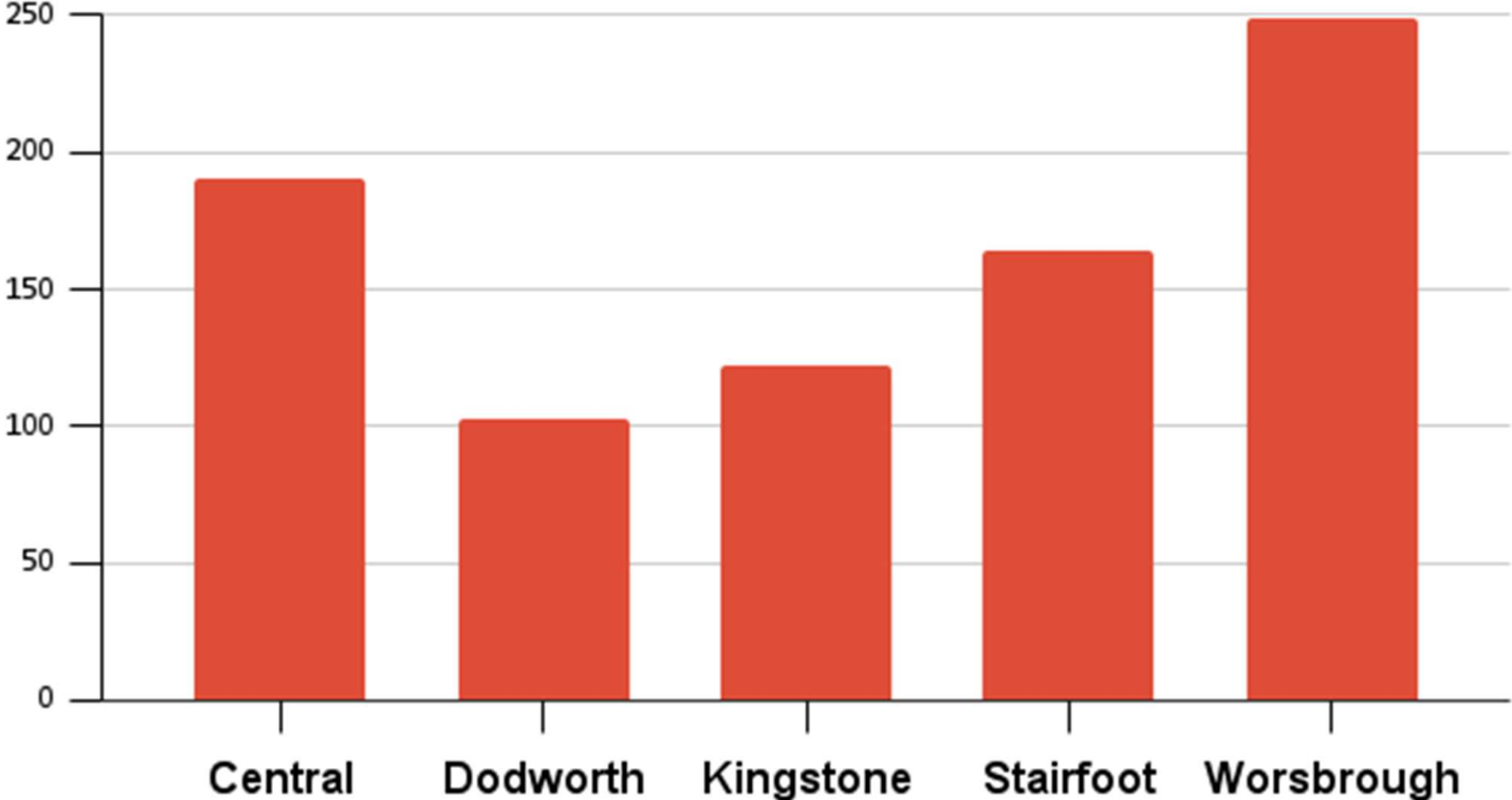
Service Highlights for July – October 2022

- **259** residents attended face-to-face sessions
- **233** residents received follow-up advice via telephone advice line
- **£334,932** additional income has been generated in unclaimed benefits
- For every £1 invested by the Central Area Council Wellbeing Fund has been generated £43 for the local economy
- **159** volunteer hours have supported the service equating to **£2,156** volunteer value being generated
- **75%** of residents reported a reduction in anxiety and improved wellbeing
- **73%** of residents reported feeling more confident and having an improved outlook



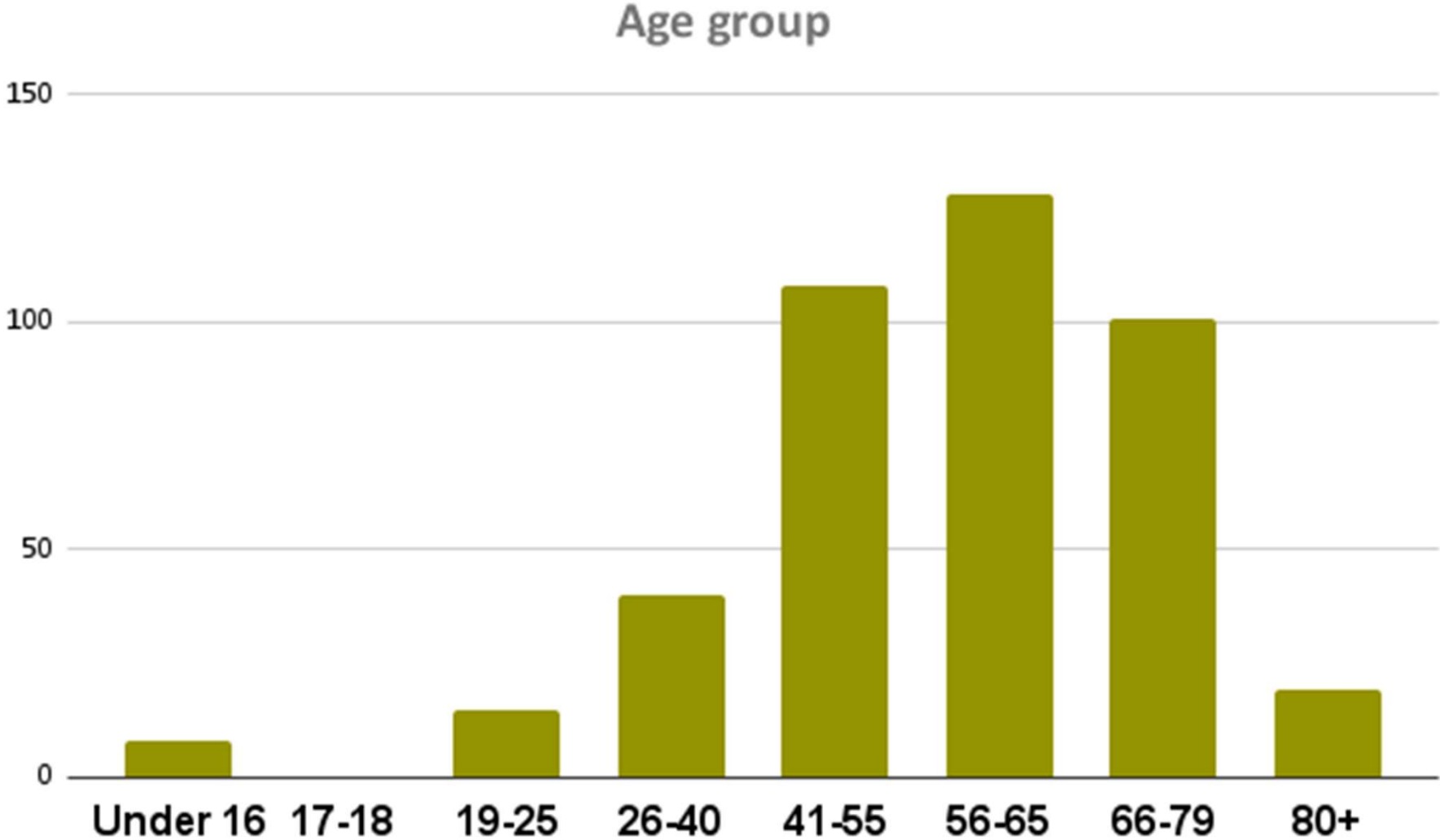
Residents by ward

Residents by ward





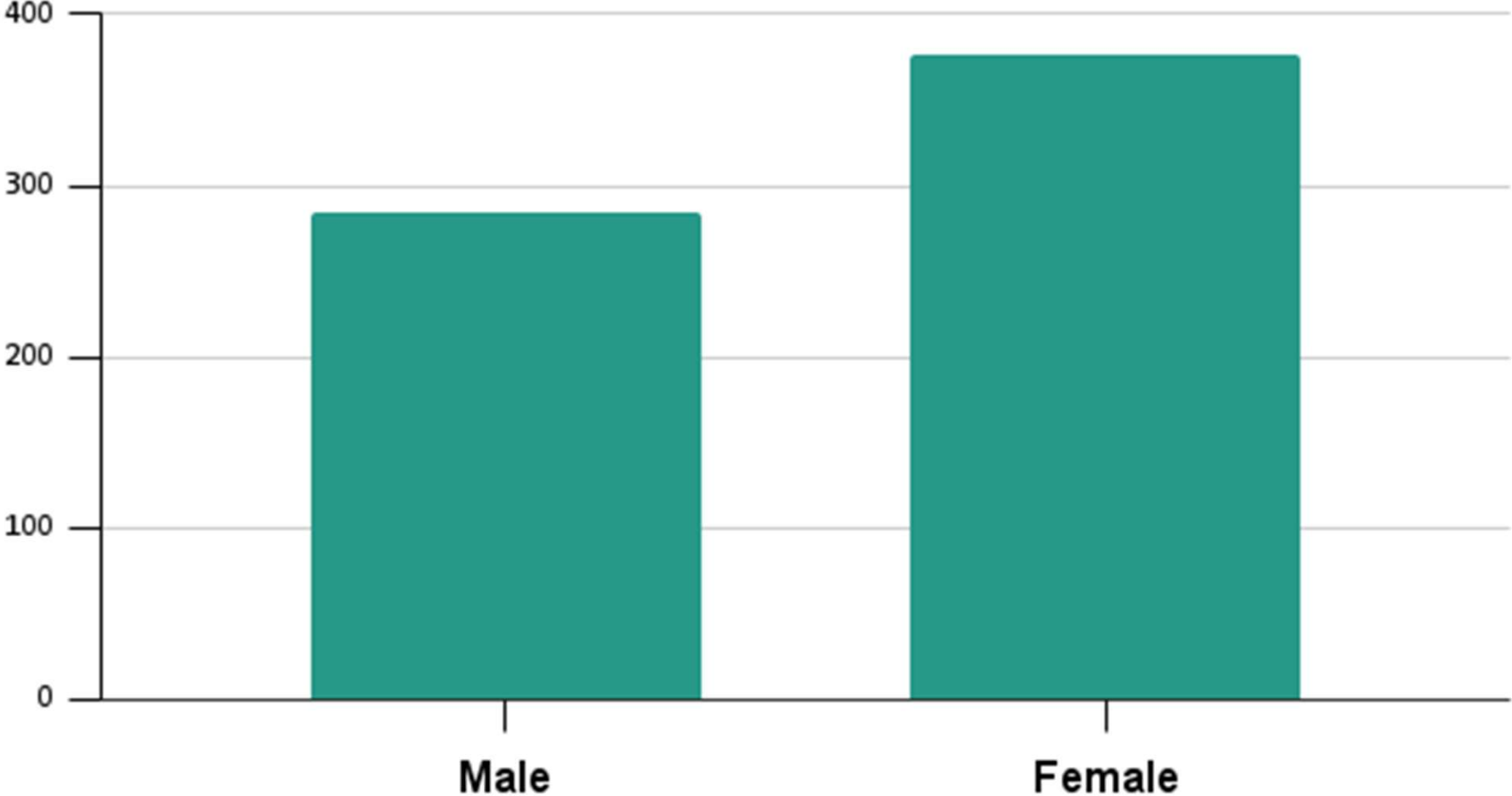
Age group





Gender

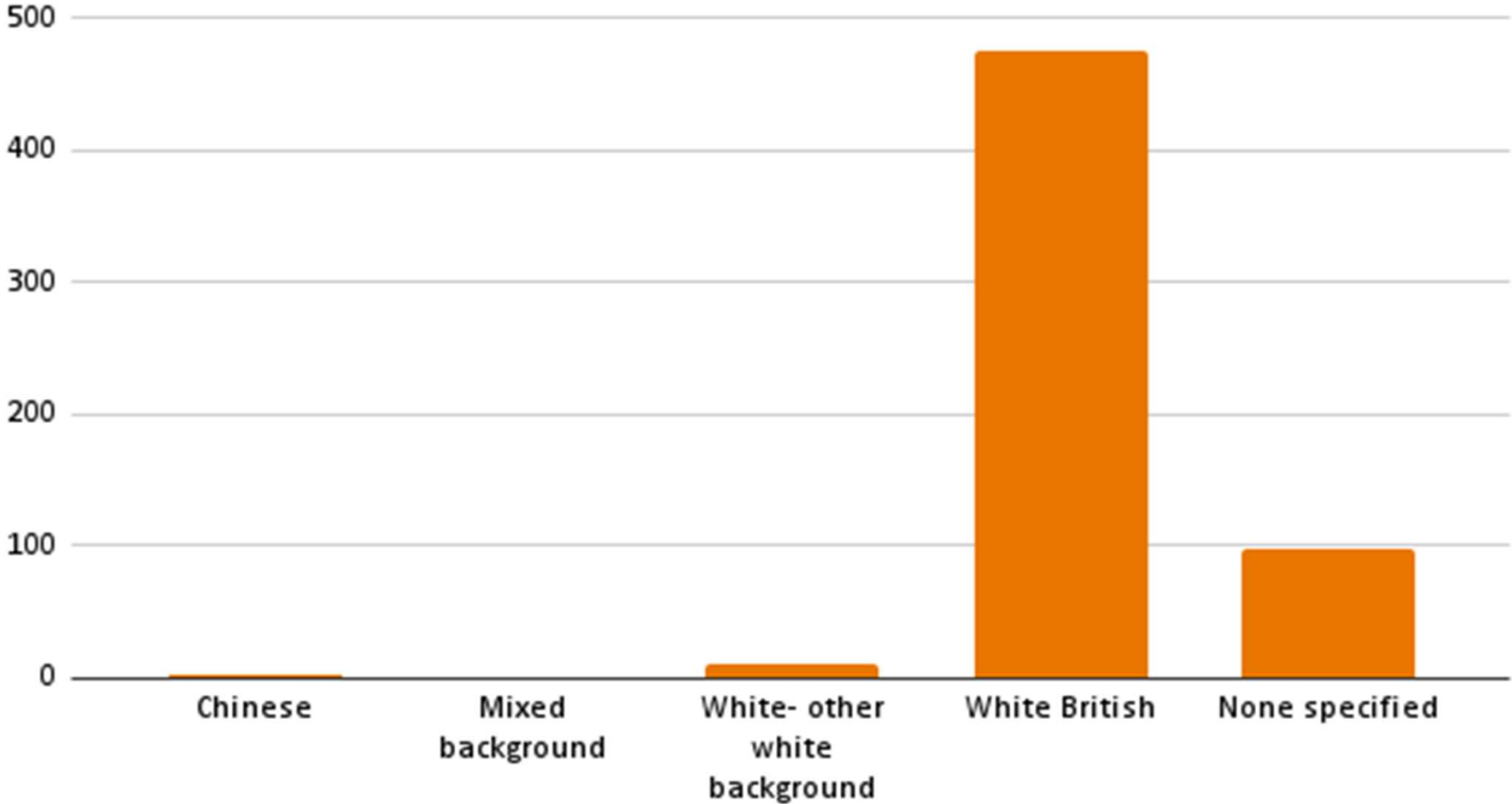
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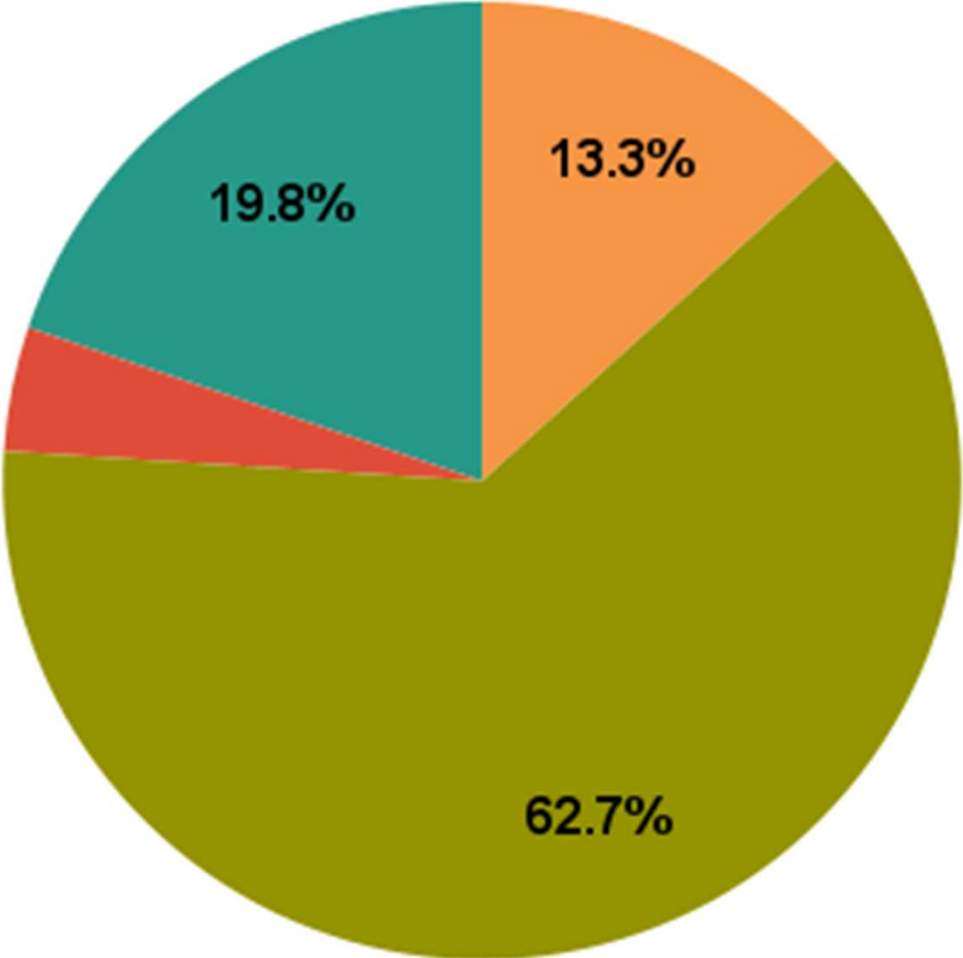




Health

Health Condition

- Mental health (primary)
- Long term condition
- Other disability
- none declared





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Case Study

Mr T



Before DIAL

Mr T is a gentleman in his 50's who has a heart condition, peripheral artery disease, restricted mobility due to breathing difficulties, chest pain, muscle pain and weakness especially in his legs and feet made worse by the onset of exertion He contacted DIAL during the Covid-19 pandemic for support with his benefits.

Advice provided by DIAL



- Mr T contacted DIAL and an advisor undertook a comprehensive benefit check and he was advised to make an application for Personal Independence Payment which we helped to complete.
- He received notification that he was to receive a telephone assessment and he contacted DIAL for guidance. DIAL did a medical assessment preparation interview with Mr T and explained what to expect and what type of questions they may ask in relation to his claim.
- Mr T's application was unsuccessful, and some time passed before he contacted DIAL again to update us. This was due to him moving home and his telephone number changed so we were unable to contact him.



- Mr T stated that he had attempted to apply for a Mandatory Reconsideration, but he had not had a response and we informed the Department that we were aware of difficulties at the site that deals with their mail during the pandemic and that it was not unfeasible for his request to have been misplaced We advised to complete a further Mandatory Reconsideration request even though it was late and completed this on his behalf.
- We advised Mr T to appeal the decision and supported him to make an application to the First Tier Tribunal. We noted that it was longer than the 13 month time limit normally applied but stated the exceptional circumstances and made a request for article 6 of the European convention of Human Rights and fair access to justice as grounds for the appeal to go ahead.

After DIAL



- Mr T has received a Direction Notice as applicant to the appeal and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions have received a Direction Notice as the respondent that the First Tier Tribunal, Social Entitlement Chamber state that the irregularity of the appeal being made outside of the 13 month time limit is waived and will proceed to prevent a breach of article 6 of the European convention of human rights. Stating that “to prevent the appeal proceeding would amount to a denial to justice and a breach of the human rights convention”.



Mr T said

“I know I still have to attend an appeal but I would have given up if it wasn't for DIAL. I just thought I had left it too long but you didn't give up and I look forward to having an appeal where the person who is going to decide can see what I am like”



Becoming a DIAL volunteer

- D started his volunteer training at DIAL 5 years ago He had previously been a postman but had to give up his job due to ill-health. As well as induction training he undertook our specialist benefits training and fuel debt advice.
- D worked supporting the advice line and then out in the community with the experienced advisors, listening and learning and making a difference
- D is now a paid advisor and delivers 5 face-to-face advice sessions each week including our Central Area Outreach in Dodworth and Kingstone

The difference DIAL made



- When asked what volunteering at DIAL has meant for him, D said

“ I thought my working life was over and I would be on benefits for the rest of my life. DIAL gave me to training, skills and confidence to do something different. I am grateful every day for the opportunity they gave me and I love what I do now. I see people who are just like I was and I hope my story inspires them”



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Item 5

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Central Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	28 September 2022 at 5.30pm
Location:	Barnsley Town Hall

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Cllr Janine Moyes (JM) (Chair)</p> <p>Doreen Cureton (DC)</p> <p>Jenny Hulme (JH)</p> <p>Paul Bedford (PB)</p> <p>Linda Wheelhouse (LW)</p> <p>Andrew Bogg (AB)</p> <p>John Twigg (JT)</p> <p>Scott Ireland (SI)</p> <p>Dawn Grayton (BMBC Central Ward CDO) (DG)</p>	<p>Cllr Martin Dyson</p> <p>Cllr Summer Risebury</p>

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
All welcomed to the meeting. The Chair welcomed AB to the meeting as a new member.		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
As detailed above.		
3. Update from TWIGGS	Action/Decision	Action lead
JT and SI gave an update on the work TWIGGS are undertaking in Central Ward and across Central Area Team. A lot of work is done with Barnsley Main Heritage Group, which is considered a flagship project and th groups at Dearne Valley Park. If any group would like support from Twiggs with litter picks or environmental projects please email		

	Community@twiggsuk.co.uk They both left the meeting at this point.		
4. Minutes From Previous Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	The notes from the meeting dated Wednesday 24 August 2022 were accepted as a true record	WA	
5. Declarations of Precuniary and Non Precuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action lead
	None		
6. Project Updates		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Noticeboards – ongoing Central Ward Alliance Cook-off Hanging baskets	Order has now been placed. All felt it had been a positive event. Special thanks must go to Carl who stepped in as a cook at the last minute. To have two test locations: Burton Road and Doncaster Road. DC volunteered to check lamp post numbers on Burton Road and JM/RS check numbers on Doncaster Road. It was suggested that hanging baskets should be placed outside Maggie’s café and the barbers. A further discussion took place at point 8.	DG WA SR, JM, DC
7. Budget		Action/Decision	Action lead
	WAF Budget = £14121.32 Small Sparks = £273.10		
8. WAF’s Applications		Action/Decision	Action lead

	Ward Alliance – brackets for hanging baskets	Agreed	WA
9. Upcoming dates/events		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Harborough Hills Allotment – Stepping Stones project are going on 18 October 2022 Hope House are holding a light party		
10. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Winter Warmer Event – after a discussion the group agreed to hold one in January 2023		

Next meeting date: Wednesday 26 October 2022 starting 5.30pm at Barnsley Town Hall.

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DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 20 th September 2022 @ 6pm
Location:	Collins Close, Dodworth

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Councillor Peter Fielding (Chair)</p> <p>Councillor Chris Wray</p> <p>Councillor Will Fielding</p> <p>Dawn Grayton – Community Development Officer (DG)</p> <p>Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK) – (Notes)</p> <p>Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH)</p> <p>Vicky Dickinson – Dodworth Business Owner</p> <p>Scott Ireland - Twiggs</p> <p><u>Observers</u></p> <p>Amanda Littlewood - Dodworth Resident</p> <p>Helen Totty – Higham Resident</p> <p>Shirley Musgrave – Higham Resident</p>	<p>Ben Scrivens – Dodworth Methodist Church</p> <p>Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident</p>

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Peter Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Ward Alliance Members to introduce themselves for the benefit of Amanda Littlewood, Shirley Musgrave and Helen Totty who were all in attendance as observers.</p> <p>Amanda Littlewood introduced herself stating that she was a Dodworth resident; Helen Totty and Shirley Musgrave also introduced themselves as residents of Higham. Vicky, Helen and Shirley are all interested in becoming Ward Alliance Members.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		
3. Twigg's Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Peter Fielding firstly welcomed Scott Ireland from Twiggs and briefly explained that Twiggs had been contracted by the Ward Alliance to work in the Dodworth Ward one day a week maintaining and improving both green and public open spaces. Such work includes grass cutting, removing and cutting back of vegetation and also litter picking and graffiti removal.</p> <p>Scott from Twiggs then briefed the Ward Alliance on what work and projects they have being recently focusing on including working with volunteer employees from Magna carrying out litter picking clean ups on the Dodworth Bypass. Paul reported that an event with residents on Park Hill Grove, Dodworth was taking place tomorrow to clear and cut back overgrown bushes and vegetation.</p>		

	<p>A future event is to be arranged to carry out improvements to the library raised beds. Due to no funding being available for any new and/or replanting to be done, the area will be weeded and cleared of overgrown vegetation and tidying up of the existing plants. It was suggested that Magna could be approached to see if they were willing to help with some volunteers.</p> <p>MH queried whether any monies were left over from the Principal Towns budget allocated for the library frontage improvement scheme that was completed in December. DG confirmed that no funding was left over from the scheme.</p> <p>Scott from Twiggs reported that the works carried out as part of the scheme appeared to be substandard and reported that the cracking of both the wall toppers and concrete/pointing was now being seen.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members suggested that Twiggs should advertise and communicate their events more widely and should use utilise both social media and the notice boards throughout the Ward. Scott agreed this would be beneficial and stated he would report back to John Twigg with this feedback.</p> <p>Ward Alliance Members thanked Scott for his briefing before he left the meeting.</p>		
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action led
	<p><u>Gawber History Group Funding Application</u></p> <p>DG confirmed that the application had been processed and that the History Group had agreed to have Dodworth Ward Alliance detailed on the Board as sponsors of the project.</p>		

Dog Fouling Poster

DG confirmed the competition template had now gone into school and the entries would be collected back in around the 30th September 2022. A winner will then be declared and presentation for the prize winner will be organised.

VD kindly donated a children's drawing and art set for the prize winner.

Storage Container

DG confirmed that the new storage container was now on site.

Organisation of the equipment to be stored in the container is in progress.

Christmas 2022

DG stated that 4 sets of Christmas lights had now been located, however no transformers had been found.

DG stated she would complete a Ward Alliance Application for the purchase of some new transformers.

DG reported she was still emptying the shed at the Worsbrough offices to see if any other equipment including lights had been stored in there.

DG also reported that new KDA sponsorship signs would need to be organised.

DG reported that the current projected spend on Christmas was currently £8,000. This included £1,000 towards the Christmas Fayre Event.

The remaining £7,000 is the estimated costs to erect and take down the 14 Christmas motifs, purchase of 2 Christmas trees (other 3 to be donated by KDA), Twiggs to erect 5 Christmas trees and put lights on, 5 new transformers, new sets of tree lights, connection of lights, new sleeve for Christmas tree.

	<p>DG will circulate by email a full breakdown of costs as listed above.</p> <p><u>Christmas Fayre – Dodworth High Street Events Group</u></p> <p>DG confirmed she has sent the necessary application form to all 3 Councillors in respect of the Barnsley Better Bond Scheme. DG suggested the form is completed and submitted asap.</p> <p>Councillor Peter Fielding confirmed the next meeting of the Events Group to discuss the Christmas Fayre will be held Tuesday 27th September 2022 4.30 p.m. at Central Club Station Road.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising, and the minutes of the last meeting held 2nd August 2022 were agreed as a true record.</p>		
<p>5. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>There were no declarations of pecuniary/non pecuniary interest made.</p>		
<p>6. Update from Central Area Council</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>Councillor Peter Fielding gave a brief update in respect of the Central Area Council. Councillor Fielding explained that Central Area Council is made up of 5 Wards ie Dodworth, Kingstone, Worsbrough, Stairfoot and Central. The 5 Wards all have varying different issues and problems to deal with.</p> <p>The Central Area Council has an annual budget of £500,000 which is used to address the various</p>		

	<p>problems and issues including matters such as social isolation initiatives, clean and green environment matters, rented properties issues, and youth work. It also commissions various services including Twiggs, YMCA and the Dial Service.</p>		
<p>7. Ward Alliance Funding Applications</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Dodworth Parish Church – Santa's Visit (Small Sparks Application)</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from St John’s Church, Dodworth requesting the amount of £150.00. The monies will be used to help fund a Santa’s Visit event. The project will be open to all children, but predominantly aimed at children in the Dodworth area. As part of the free visit to see Santa, children will receive a free gift which will be a book, but also will be given a free lunch bag including sandwich, drink, crisps and a biscuit.</p> <p>The monies requested will be used to help the purchase of the books intended for gifts.</p> <p>Following a brief discussion, Ward Alliance Members agreed to fund the application in full.</p>		
<p>8. Ward Alliance Projects</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>DG stated that it was proposed to fund a total of 50 hanging baskets initially, with 10 lighting columns in each of the main areas in the Ward being identified to have one. Locations and number of lighting columns still need to be confirmed in Higham.</p>		

<p>DG stated she would prepare a Ward Alliance application for the monies required and submit this accordingly for approval by Ward Alliance Members.</p> <p>DG is liaising with the volunteer resident in Dodworth who is co-ordinating a list of interested people who would like to sponsor a basket.</p> <p><u>Warm Hubs</u></p> <p>Councillor Wray reported that this issue was to be discussed next week at Full Council with hopefully a course of action approved for implementation Borough wide. If this is not the case and nothing is agreed, then discussions will be held looking at something more local.</p> <p>It was suggested that venues such as the Central Club and the Pollyfox Centre could be investigated.</p> <p>Councillor Wray will report back with the outcome from Full Council.</p> <p><u>Social Media</u></p> <p>Due to time constraints this item was unable to be discussed and therefore deferred for a future meeting.</p> <p><u>Community Consultation</u></p> <p>Due to time constraints this item was unable to be discussed and therefore deferred for a future meeting.</p>		
<p>9. Any Other Business</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>

	<p><u>Small Sparks Application – Late submission</u></p> <p>DG stated that a small sparks application from Dodworth Library had been submitted too late missing the deadline for it to be considered at this evening's meeting. However, the application is time sensitive and is requesting monies to implement a project for Halloween. Therefore, DG stated that she would circulate the application tomorrow by email to Ward Alliance Members for consideration and asking if they were in favour of funding the application or not.</p> <p>There was no other business and the meeting closed.</p>	<p>DG</p>	
<p>10. Date of next meeting</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>The next meeting will be held Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 6.00 pm.</p> <p>Dates of future Meetings</p> <p>6th December 2022</p> <p>17th January 2023</p> <p>28th February 2023</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulb planting – Prices from a parks recommended supplier means that we can more cost effectively brighten up areas in Kingstone. Using information from previous discussions area will be highlighted and permission requested. Flower types agree (Anemone Blue & Vanguard) Environment – look to event on Pensioners Way clearing moss and surrounding litter pick. Discuss with Twiggs for 17th Sept. Cost of living event – Look at winter warmer packs and bringing partners in to support an event at WCCA Hanging Baskets – information regards future hanging baskets to be sent out with the notes. 	<p>Areas to be identified and permission requested</p> <p>Contact Twiggs</p> <p>Cost out the winter warmer pack</p> <p>Check facility</p> <p>Check partners</p> <p>Email letter to members</p>	<p>KW/CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>
8. Any Future Agenda Items / issues for discussion	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk Mapping is being ratioed so resolution is suitable to go out and can be included in the winter leaflet as well as stand alone Activities for Autumn/Winter to be discussed at next meeting, so all need to bring ideas Winter Leaflet 	<p>All bring ideas</p> <p>Meeting invite for Leaflet design</p>	
9. Any Other Business:	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migration Drop in event Sept 14th – We are looking to visit this session to discuss Kingstone Ward Alliance and look at new members. May be a good idea to invite someone to discuss all Ward Alliances 	<p>Who can vote leaflet?</p> <p>KW boards</p>	<p>PR</p> <p>CA</p>
10. Date and time of next and future meetings:	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th October 5.45pm 2022 at Worsbrough Common Community Centre 		

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Kingstone Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	5th October 2022
Location:	Worsbrough Common Community Centre

1. Attendees	2. Apologies
Cllr Williams (Chair), Craig Aubrey (CDO), Peter Roberts, Peter Robertshaw, Vera Mawby, Kelly Quinney, Steve Bullock. Guests: Liam Fitzgerald, Andrea Spencer, Malcolm Gibson	Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Ramchandani, Florentine Booth-King

3. Declarations of pecuniary & nonpecuniary interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
4. Notes and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
Peter Roberts attending the last meeting and Peter Robertshaw did not.		
5. Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>AP discussed her role and the foundation trust. She invited the group to become a member of the trust and share this with our peers. She also talked about the upcoming governor elections, and they would welcome new ones.</p> <p>MG spoke about his role as a governor and the time that needed to do the role. KQ was encouraged to put herself forward with her experience and voice, and KQ discussed the possibility of her daughter being interested.</p>	Circulation of materials and information	All
6. Update from Twiggs	Action/Decision	Action lead
No one attended from Twiggs. Green agenda for Kingstone was discussed and its importance moving forward. KW said that he would be meeting with Twiggs to move it forward.	Chase up with Twiggs	KW
7. Budget	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Alliance Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget available: £13,646.73 • Environmental budget: £168.10 • Events budget: £157.11 • Small Sparks: £430 		
8. Ward Alliance Fund Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment budget • Events budget • Small Sparks <p>It was discussed how the ward alliance would need access to some budgets quicker than the WAF allows, particular as we now move forward with more projects for the community as a ward alliance. Projects on the horizon include bulb planting and winter warmer packs.</p>	<p>Agreed to raise to £2000</p> <p>Agreed to raise to £1500</p> <p>Agreed to raise to £1000</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>
9. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter warmer: The ward alliance discussed the issues arising with the cost of living, and felt it was in particularly important to support older populations with winter warmer packs. These packs would include items suitable to support improving warmth in the home. The WA were happy to work with private sector housing to identify suitable people for the packs. • Cost of living: To support households in Kingstone, the WA will put on an event at WCCC that invites partners who can support with what they can access and tips to decrease costs. This will be an opportunity share information to including more money in your pocket. • Bulbs discussed earlier, bulbs have been identified and we have been given green light with 3 areas. Working with volunteers and Twiggs, we will be putting in the bulbs over the next 4 weeks. • Halloween sessions were discussed, and the WA will support activities been done by others. • Christmas projects: The group discussed Christmas and events to be undertaken. Memories of past events were talked about and the group would like to do some carol singing and look at Santa's grotto. 	<p>Purchase 50 winter warmer packs and work with Private sector housing to distribute</p> <p>Event to take place on Nov 9th and invite partners to support</p> <p>Purchase through the environment budget and set dates</p> <p>Gather information and put plans in place for future event</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>CA/KW</p> <p>CA</p> <p>ALL</p>
10. Any Future Agenda Items / issues for discussion	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk Mapping – Craig as taken over and will share with PPro to be completed • Artwork – Creative recovery have been given the go ahead to complete the artwork. Future projects to look at working with volunteers to undertake painting • Community Newsletter – Partners to send information through of Christmas events 	<p>Complete</p> <p>Communicate with Creative Recovery to get conclusion to project</p> <p>All information to be sent through to CA</p>	<p>CA/Pro</p> <p>CA</p> <p>ALL</p>
11. Any Other Business:	Action/Decision	Action lead
12. Date and time of next and future meetings:	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th November 5.45pm – 7.15pm Worsbrough Common Community Centre 		

<p>Unfortunately fly tipping and rubbish is back in the area, so regular work needs to be undertaken</p> <p>The group looked at other areas for projects to take place; Gerald Rd/Neville Rd; Stairfoot sign area Doncaster Rd; Yews Lane Split.</p> <p>Community Payback is looking at starting projects in Barnsley and will be supporting the upkeep of Pacer's Field. The group suggested other areas including painting of play areas and some churches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of living projects: Planning help and support events, advice and access to information, including drop-in sessions. Working with local council partners and CAB. <p>It was discussed looking at social events for everyday of the week, so people can have access to warm facilities, tackle loneliness. It was agreed that the WA would like to support families, if possible, as well as other groups</p> <p>GF discussed the support the Caring for Kendray can offer. They are providing a free uniform exchange, moving it away from the schools to remove stigma, they can offer a free benefits support check for people too. He is looking at restarting the Caring for Kendray pantry model too.</p> <p>Look at reducing cost for families at Christmas the ward alliance are looking at a 'No present pact' between friends and family members in support of reducing outgoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween Projects: The ward alliance will look to do similar to the previous two years and hold a competition for families to decorate their windows and provide the materials for this. <p>They will also look at a walk in the different areas, either aligning with the windows or supporting a 'ghost' walk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Projects: Looking at Brass band performances in Kendray, Ardsley and Aldham – this will be carol singing for the people. Looking at refreshments too <p>Christmas lights at on trees throughout the ward</p>	<p>Pass on to Twiggs</p> <p>Pass information on to group</p> <p>Create events calendar and communicate with partners</p> <p>Create a plan and budget</p> <p>Send information to all members</p> <p>Create artwork around the event</p> <p>Create packs of tissue paper to be handed out, partner prizes and some events</p> <p>Look for people to host the ghost walk</p> <p>Plan event and book band</p> <p>Check for lights for trees</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA/FK</p> <p>GF</p> <p>CA/SP</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>CA</p>
<p>8. Any Future Agenda Items / issues for discussion</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSG/PACT – DW updated the group on the last CSG and PACT. A member of the crime commissioner's office visited the CSG and supported around the response from police to incidents. <p>CSG in Kendray to be developed by volunteers, but police will only attend one per ward</p>	<p>Create a plan</p>	<p>CA/CW</p>
<p>9. Any Other Business:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stairfoot Foodbank to look at supporting families with a Christmas Hamper. Before the next meeting a WAF will be put together to reflect this. • Ward Alliance Newsletter to be looked at with all Xmas information to come out on. 	<p>Information to be brought together from the group</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>10. Date and time of next and future meetings:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th October 10am at St Andrew's 		

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STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Stairfoot Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	10th October 2022
Location:	St Andrew's

1. Attendees	2. Apologies
Cllr Gillis (Chair), Craig Aubrey (CDO), Dave Winnard, Cynthia Cunningham, Sian Pearson, Cath Winder, Roy Marsden, Kay Thewlis, Guest: Adam Roberts	Gav Frost, Lisa Hammond, Fiona Kouble, Robert Stendall, Cllr Shirt, Cllr Dyson

3. Declarations of pecuniary & nonpecuniary interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
4. Notes and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
5. Twiggs	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AR updated the WA on the projects that have been doing throughout the Stairfoot ward. He updated on groups they were looking to work with in the future too. The group identified a number of areas that needed support from Twiggs, AR suggested these would be targeted over the next couple of weeks. The group discussed the beds outside Highgrove Care Home and the area needing a tidy up. A number of suggestions were put forward and AR said he would check up on the options. 	<p>Twiggs to target (Please Twiggs have already done the areas)</p> <p>Twiggs to organise event (Event organised for Nov 4th)</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>AR</p>
6. Budget		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main budget: £8,245.30 (Money for Defibs and ignite still not paid out, but has been removed from budget) Environmental budget: £451.77 Small Sparks Fund: £1,500 		
7. Ward Alliance Fund Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Hamper: CA put forward the proposal presented by Stairfoot Foodbank. For £7.50 per person they will provide Christmas food parcels for 100 people. This will include Christmas dinner food and snacks and such associated with Christmas. 	Agreed to fund full £750	CW/CA
8. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan	Action/Decision	Action lead

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of living: The ward alliance will look favorably on any projects that support this. We will look at sharing information through different mediums and where possible gaining support from services to hold events or drop ins <p>Halloween</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Window event – The ward alliance will be putting on a Window decoration competition for the residents of Stairfoot Ward, there will be packs available for people to collect to do this with tissue and black sugar paper Healthy Holidays – The ward alliance will look at restarting activities through the school holidays to support engagement, food costs and gain new volunteers. First will take place Friday 28th October, and food will be provided for children and parents <p>Christmas Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity costs to have plugged in lights aren't feasible and judgement of quality of battery powered, mean it isn't an option we'd like to do The ward alliance have agreed to put on 3 events at Christmas. This will be at Ardsley, Kendray and Aldham (14th, 16th and 19th Dec). It will involve brass band 30 mins and carol singing, with refreshments and mince pies free. No Present pact work will go ahead, highlighting the cost of living and starting conversations around no buying everyone presents. This will be an online/digital work 	<p>Information to be shared and organise services to support</p> <p>Organise prize and getting information/packs out</p> <p>Sort event for 28th Oct as trial for future events</p> <p>Lighting possibilities</p> <p>Confirm spaces</p> <p>Create the work</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>IS/CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA/SP</p>
<p>9. Any Future Agenda Items / issues for discussion</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter: all partners to send information about their groups and put forward activities for Christmas if they have any Ignite Project – School and Fire Service working together to sort out the programme for after October Half-term Defibs Project – Still waiting on deliver of the defibs, due to back-order issues. 	<p>Complete information ready for event dates</p> <p>Follow up</p> <p>Follow up</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>
<p>10. Any Other Business:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project from local police presented to be discussed. Whether it was feasible to bid into ward alliance funding for E-bikes. After discussion, the group decided more information would be needed to progress. 	<p>Further information to be gathered</p>	<p>CA/KD</p>
<p>11. Date and time of next and future meetings:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<p>14th November St Andrew's 10am – 12pm</p> <p>12th Dec TBC</p> <p>9th Jan St Andrew's 10am – 12pm</p>		

Environmental Working group for Worsbrough Ward Alliance



Date & Time:	Wednesday 7th September 5.30pm
Location:	Ward Green Baptist Church

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees			
Chair Person:		Kath Evans (KE)	
CDO:		Michelle Toone (MT)	
Attendees		Gill Carr (GC) Esther Parnham (EP) Alison Sidebottom (AS) Gordon Smith (GS) Cllr Lodge (JL)	
Guest:		N/A	
2. Apologies for absence			
Cllr Clarke (JC) Cllr Bowser (RB) Twiggs			
3. Notes of the last meeting		Action/ Decision	Action Lead
The notes of the last meeting were unavailable.		MT to bring to next meeting	MT
4. Matters arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	School poster competition This initiative has now been completed. The winners have received their prizes and the Tidy Group have started putting up the correx signs around the Ward. Cllr Lodge suggested John Partridge (JP) (fly tipping officer) could help identify other areas for the signs to be displayed.	JL to contact JP	JL
	Bottles & benches This initiative now has also been completed. The collection of bottles was fulfilled by Neighbourhood Services who sent two operatives in the PBU vehicle. The operatives engaged with the school children and answered questions. The benches were delivered a couple of weeks later with KE, MT, Elected Members and the NS operatives present. Steph Lee from BMBC comms has put together a video showcasing the project. This has been shared on the Ward Alliance and BMBC dump it and scarper Facebook pages. The initiative was a success. There are a couple of learning points such as timescales for delivery but overall the project	This is something that could be done year on year with different incentives for the school.	KE/ MT

	was a success with other Wards in the Central Area looking to replicate the scheme.		
	<p>Bin Audit Cllr Clarke and Cllr Lodge recently met with Matthew Holdroyd to discuss street bins including emptying schedule, current locations and the potential new bins. MH outlined the new framework that was being used to respond to requests for new bins, upgrades and resiting of existing bins. MH advised Members to submit all requests and they would be assessed within the new framework. Members had consulted WTG for feedback and recommendations before submitting 6 requests in total to MH</p>	MT to follow up with MH	MT
	<p>Areas of concern updates Addressed later in the agenda</p>		
	<p>WISH Stones As discussed in previous meetings the WISH stones are sited on the pit stack and are to mark the industry that was once in the area. It was previously suggested that the group could work with the History Group and Twiggs to make cut back overgrowth and make the stones more visible. This could also be linked into the Heritage Trail project.</p>	<p>MT to contact Twiggs to arrange a meeting to see if this is something they can help facilitate under the contract with Central Area Council. MT to contact Alan Littlewood for a copy of the map of the stone locations</p>	MT
5. Upcoming workdays			
	<p>8th September Joint litter pick with South Team. GS liaising with Charlotte Moulds (CM) from South Team to make arrangements.</p> <p>13th September WTG have decided to change the location of this work day. It will now cover Highstone Road / Cromwell Mount Area.</p>	<p>Gordon has been liaising with the South Team to make arrangements including refreshments.</p> <p>MT to liaise with Craig Aubrey CDO for Kingstone Ward to arrange a joint event with Kingstone Ward Alliance</p>	<p>GS/KE</p> <p>MT</p>
6. TWIGGS Upcoming Workdays			
	Twiggs have given their apologies for this meeting.	MT to arrange another meeting date with TWIGGS	MT
7. Hanging Basket & Christmas Tree Update			
	<p>EP has received positive feedback from sponsors. Snagging issues raised with First Impressions have been dealt with in an acceptable time period with good communication throughout. Christmas Tree scheme will continue as in previous year with register interested parties and previous sponsors invited to sponsor via email.</p>	EP to continue to manage the schemes	EP
8. Areas of concern			

	<p>Weed Killer on verges etc The group asked about the weeding schedule and if any more work was to be done as the weeds in the verges etc hadn't been removed.</p> <p>Cromwell / Highstone Concentrated effort to clear the historical litter is needed. Bushes round perimeter of the playing field need cutting back so litter can be accessed and removed.</p> <p>Worsbrough Dale Park The group raised concerns about Worsbrough Dale Park particularly an area of shrubby/ over grown bushes and trees that is attracting a lot of litter and fly tipped items. It seems to be a meeting point for youths gathering. There is also a high density of litter in the perimeter fencing of the bowling green that needs removing.</p> <p>Sheffield Road A61 The pathways are becoming obstructed by fallen leave making it difficult for walkers, particularly those with mobility issues.</p> <p>Rise in graffiti JL has obtained permission from BT to paint the open reach telecommunication boxes. BT have also supplied the paint. JL, EP and HP have also received training from Safer Communities Team on how to remove graffiti and have been working their way around the ward.</p>	<p>MT informed the group that in a previous meeting MH had indicated that the scheme would likely be completed at the end of September.</p> <p>The next WTG workday has been relocated from Haverlands Lane TPT to cover this area instead</p> <p>JL suggested a Joining Forces workday could be organised bringing together BMBC Safer Neighbourhood Team, volunteers, TWIGGS and Neighbourhood services</p> <p>JL to enquire about the street sweeper.</p> <p>Volunteers to continue to with removal.</p>	<p>JC to follow up with MH</p> <p>WTG/ WA/ Twiggs</p> <p>JL to liaise with Jill Griffiths in Safer team.</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL/EP/HP</p>
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9. AOB

	<p>Renewal of insurance KE confirmed WTG had renewed the insurance.</p> <p>Contract award for recycling centres KE enquired about the contract for waste recycling and the cost implications.</p> <p>Litter and Environmental crime strategy EP and KE to attend workshop and feedback to the group.</p> <p>The Mill Academy Banking NS have previously agreed to clear the banking.</p>	<p>MT to clarify if volunteer involvement is allowed.</p>	<p>KE</p> <p>MT</p>
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12. Date & time of next meetings

	Tuesday 18 th October, 5.30pm Worsbrough Library		
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Ward Alliance Meeting



Date & Time:	Thursday , 8th September @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Worsbrough Library

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees			
Chairperson:	Cllr John Clarke		
CDO:	Michelle Toone		
Secretary:	Andrea Greaves		
Committee Members:	Cllr Jake Lodge, Allison Johnson, Tracy Hamby, Alan Littlewood		
Guest:	Sarah Blunkett (central area manager)		
2. Apologies for absence			
Cllr Roy Bowser has sent his apologies.			
3. Guest Attendance – Sarah Blunkett, Live Funding Event			
Discussed as part of agenda item number 11			
4. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest			
Cllr Jake Lodge declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Bankend Primary School Small Sparks Fund application.			
4.1 Notes of Last Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Agreed as a true and accurate record.	All	AG
5. Matters arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Benches – Cutting Edge Crossroads & Kendal Crescent The Installation of the new bench on Kendal Crescent completed. The installation of the new bench on Cutting Edge to be completed by end of w/c 12 September.		MT
	Defibrillator The cabinet and defibrillator for Ward Green Pharmacy has now been delivered. Michelle to liaise with Berneslai Homes to enquire about fitting at zero cost to end user. Kevin Williams to liaise with Ward Green Chemist on behalf of Ward Green Baptist Church . Cllr John Clarke, on behalf of Cllr Bowser, enquired about the use of and purchase of paediatric pads for the defibrillators. Alan confirmed to continue to be a warden for the defibrillator at Elm Court	MT to liaise with BH and Kevin Williams to arrange installation. MT has emailed Joanne Watson at Yorkshire ambulance service to seek advice. Awaiting response MT to provide support to set Alan up on the	MT

		Circuit website so he can carry out the checks and update the status.	
	Retired Ward Alliance members WA agreed to fund flowers and thank you cards for the members that have resigned within the last 12 months as a way of thanks. Alan to coordinate.	MT to provide contact details to Alan.	MT/AL
	A61 Banking Following on from the last meeting Cllr Clarke reminded the group arrangements have been made with NS for them to cut back the shrubery and undergrowth on the banking that leads down to the Mill Academy School. Cllr Clarke will follow up with Matthew Holdroyd at the end of October to make sure this activity is on the schedule. It is Cllr Clarke's understanding that volunteer involvement is not permitted and asked for this to be reiterated to the Tidy Group.	MT to update tidy group and ensure they are aware that volunteers are not permitted to support the activity due to the hazards	JC/ MT
6. Ward Alliance Budget 2022/2023		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Total allocation for 2022/2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Fund = £11,612.33 Engagement Fund = £937.55 		MT
7. WAF Applications		Action/ Decision	Action lead
a.	Bankend Primary Group - Eco Warriors: £150 The funding will support the development of the school's outdoor spaces, including the creation of a 'seasonal garden' that can be adapted every term to suit the weather and seasonal requirements. The development of the outdoor spaces will help to improve the confidence and mental wellbeing of the children involved. Produce from the garden will be used in the school kitchen (where possible) and any surplus donated to Worsbrough Community Pantry.	Agreed in full. Cllr Clarke will be the 'buddy' for this project and provide feedback to the group. MT to inform Cllr Clarke when the project is up and running.	JC/MT
8. WAF Monitoring			
	WAF Monitoring As part of the WA application process WA members to buddy up with successful applicants and where appropriate provide support as well as feedback to the WARD Alliance		
	St Thomas' Wives Group The Wives group have had a break from meeting over the summer period. Andrea has arranged to attend their first meeting back in September.	Andrea to give feedback at the next Ward Alliance meeting	AG
	Dale Juniors Football Club Cllr Clarke provided feedback on behalf of Cllr Bowser. Cllr Bowser has visited the team on Sunday 28 th August and met with Scott. The £300 funding has been used to purchase new equipment and help towards the cost of the new kit. As of Cllr Bowsers visit the team were still awaiting the delivery of their new kit.	Cllr Bowser to revisit when team are wearing kit to take photos for the Ward Alliance Facebook Page.	RB

	<p>Low Whitehead Healthy Holidays</p> <p>Cllr Lodge gave feedback on Low Whitehead Centre. The group were awarded £750 to run weekly healthy holiday sessions throughout the summer. Cllr Lodge attended the sessions on 2 out of the 4 weeks and said it was a fantastic offer with good attendance by residents and support from the Youth Associations. There were lots of different activities suitable for the wide age range of children in attendance. The meals were substantial which was a huge help to those attending. The volunteers have done a great job in organising and delivering the sessions. A discussion took place around the number of attendees and the cost of each session. It was proposed by Cllr Clarke that any remaining money can be used to deliver a Healthy Holidays session during October half term.</p>	<p>All in agreement to allow carry over of any underspend to deliver additional Healthy Holidays sessions. Michelle to speak to the group to determine if delivering another session in October half term is something they want to do. Michelle also to clarify what funds are left.</p>	<p>MT</p>
	<p>Coffee & Crafts Group at Worsbrough Dale Pavilion</p> <p>Allison provided an update on how the £329 funding (to purchase new tables) had positively benefitted the group. Since the purchase of the tables the group have been able to expand and accommodate more new group members. The tables also accommodate more sewing machines, so the group are able to make more items to sell to raise further funds for the group.</p>	<p>Official monitoring information to be followed up by MT</p>	<p>MT</p>
9. Area Council Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The next Area Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st September.</p>	<p>Cllr Clarke to give an update at the next Ward Alliance meeting</p>	<p>JC</p>
10. Current/Ongoing Ward Actions		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p>Environmental Working Group (EWG)</p> <p>Going forward Michelle will bring the notes from the previous Environmental Working group meeting to the Ward Allinace meeting as a means of updating the group on what activity and action is taking place. A verbal update was given from the Enviornmental meeting that was held on Wednesday 7th September, the notes will be submitted as part of the Area Council papers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good attendance and participation. Discussed previous actions incl engagement with school; eg. Bottles for benches, poster campaign. Looking to engage senior schools such as creating paintings on the telecom boxes. This can also be tied in with the further development of the Hertiage Walk. • Organised litter pick taken place this morning (08.09.), which was well attended. Covered Station Road and Wombwell Woods. Next litter pick planmned for October. • Tidy group confirmed that they renewed their insurance (WA gave funding in 2021 to cover three years of insurance renewal). 	<p>MT to circulate notes of Environmental meeting as part of WA papers</p>	<p>KE / MT</p>

b.	<p><u>Worsbrough Local History Day 09/2023</u></p> <p>The next History day event is planned for September 2023 this will coincide with the national Heritage Open Days. A planning meeting has been scheduled for 10th October at 10 am in Miners Welfare. All WA members welcome to attend.</p> <p>As part of this action plan the Heritage trail will be developed further.</p>	Feedback of the meeting outcomes will be given at the next meeting.	MT/ planning committee
11. Upcoming Activities/ Areas of Focus			
a	<p><u>Carol Concerts</u></p> <p>It was agreed to host the Brass Band Mini Carol Concerts again this year. It was suggested to invite schools to send a small choir to support if feasible.</p> <p>Proposal to have the concerts in the same locations as last year as well as Ward Green Baptist Church - Outside or indoors depending on weather</p>	All agreed. Michelle awaiting response from Barnsley Brass to agree dates.	MT
b	<p><u>Live funding celebration event (Soup Events)</u></p> <p>Sarah Blunkett, Central Area council manager, joined the meeting to give an overview of the type of live funding events she had been involved in as part of her previous employment. The main focus of discussion was on a Soup type event.</p> <p>Soup events are live crowd funding projects, its concept originating from the U.S.</p> <p>Community groups/ volunteers are invited to come along to pitch their projects / funding ideas in front of a panel of judges and a community audience.</p> <p>Traditionally the funding pot available is made up of the entrance fees that residents and groups are charged. The fee also usually covers the cost of refreshments. As the WA have available funding a budget could be ringfenced to cover the cost of the initial event.</p> <p>The event would provide a great opportunity to promote the work of the Ward Alliance and the Ward Alliance fund to the wider community. It would also provide a platform for groups, volunteers, businesses and residents to network.</p> <p>In addition to the above the event could also lend itself to providing a hot meal and warm environment during the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>As part of the offer to groups / volunteers that pitch their ideas the WA could provide ongoing support to further develop initial ideas or assist with setting up new groups. Support could also be given the people prior to them pitching in front of a live audience.</p>	MT to invite Paul Robson to October meeting to explore how he might be able to support the groups with developing good project presentations. Paul delivers the Primary School Enterprise Challenge so has lots of experience in this field.	MT
c	<p><u>New Members</u></p> <p>Michelle has received two enquiries from residents that are interested in becoming Ward Alliance representatives. Michelle has sent application forms and the governance framework and has offered to meet with the individual s to discuss further and support them with applying if needed.</p>	Group to continue to promote WA and sign post potential new members to MT	MT

10. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><u>Cook & Eat</u> Event attendances disappointing. After two sessions cancelled due to low interest. As part of the offer participants were given a slow cooker. Those that did attend enjoyed the sessions.</p>		
b.	<p><u>Low level engagement events / WA Roadshows</u> As part of the plan to better promote the WA and encourage further applications for membership, Michelle is looking to have small popup events in local cafes and businesses. As part of this discussion it was suggested that the WA could deliver the rolling roadshows again.</p>	To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.	
c.	<p><u>Pantry update</u> Tracey provided a brief update. A new online application form has been developed and is now live. Previously the online application form was only accessible to Michelle as it was part of a BMBC platform that only staff have access to. The new form is a google form and can be accessed by Tracey. This is another step towards ongoing sustainability. Currently an average 27 people access the pantry every week, however there are in excess of 60 members registered. There is a core group of members that attended weekly and others that come every other week or once a month. It is expected the number of applications for membership and regular users will go up over the coming months due to further increases in the cost of living. The pantry is breaking even most weeks or making a small profit. The reserve funds are healthy with enough in the bank to operate the pantry for a minimum of a year. There are ongoing issues with the glass fronted freezer, which requires further repairs. The door on the fridge needs replacing as well. As both items are still under warranty this is at no cost to the pantry. New volunteers are supporting the weekly sessions with pantry members also taking on volunteering roles.</p>	The project continues to go from strength to strength, It isnt without its challenges but thanks to the hardwork of dedicated volunteers, particularly Tracey and Linda this provision continues to be a lifeline for those using it and a real asset to the Worsbrough community	TH
11. Dates and times of future meetings		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The Ward Alliance agreed to continue to the six weekly schedule and to conduct the meetings in person. There will be additional meetings in between with various working groups. The next meeting of the Ward Alliance is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13.10. @ 5.30 pm, Worsbrough Library • 24.10. @ 5.30 pm, Worsbrough Library 		AG

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Central Area Council Meeting

DATE: 9 November 2022

Report of Central Area Council Manager

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Submission Date: 20 October 2022

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform Members about agreed spend to date from the Ward Alliance Funds within the Central area for 2022-2023. This forms the report for the financial year and remaining allocations carried forward from the financial period 2021-22.

2. Recommendation

That the Central Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes spend to date for the Wards of Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough.

3. Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to the Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

Following the Council's decision to withdraw Devolved Ward Budget funding from 1st April 2016, the use of Ward Alliance Funding and the associated allocation of monies to Ward Alliances across the borough has also been reviewed and amended.

3.2 In considering projects for the use of Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4. Commitments to Date

4.1 A breakdown of the approved CAC spend for the 2022-23 financial year, is attached at Appendix 1.

4.2 Ward Alliances are currently reviewing priorities and updating action plans to ensure the timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance funds.

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

2022-23 Ward Funding Allocations

For 2022-23 each Ward had 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 remaining balances of the 2021-22 Ward Alliance Fund has been combined and added to the 2022-23 allocation, managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding were approved through the Ward Alliance.

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,718.84 Carried forward from 2021-22
£10,000.00 Base allocation 2022-23

£20,718.84 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Tub Track Family Trail Central WAF - Barnsley Main Heritage Group	£1,200.00	
A Royal Brunch: Buckley Jubilee Celebrations	£350.00	
Small Sparks Top up	£350.00	
Hope House Church: Hope house connects June-July	£313.00	
Queens Jubilee Canopy British Legion - Rockingham Trophies Plaques	£685.52	
Community Allotment Polytunnel Age UK	£962.00	
Angling Club Floating Platforms Hoyle Mill Coarse Fishery	£1,569.00	
Year of Fun on the Full House Estate	£1,500.00	
Forever Young Hands-Free Microphone	£631.00	
Full House Public House Secure Waterproof Defib Cover & Training WAF	£1,500.00	
Total remaining	£11,658.36	

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£11,041.52 Carried forward from 2021-22
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2022-23
£21,041.52 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Dodworth Mothers and Toddlers Group	£1,200.00	
Q1 Secretary Payment - Lisa Kenny	£125.00	
Jubilee - Dodworth Miners' welfare	£1,500.00	
Gawber History Group: Grant towards restart costs	£450.00	
Dodworth St Johns Primary Academy Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Yorkshire Ambulance Service Defib Gawber	£999.00	
Q2 Secretary Payment - Lisa Kenny	£125.00	
Refurbished (NEW) Storage Container	£4,235.00	
<i>Old Storage Container Budget (return)</i>		<i>£2,400.00</i>
<i>Refurbished storage container underspend</i>		<i>£337.10</i>
Dodworth Litter Pickers - Robert Acton Order	£470.00	
Gawber History Group: 4th Interpretation Board Design and Manufacture	£1,800.00	
Q3 Secretary Payment - Lisa Kenny	£125.00	
Total remaining		£10,949.62

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£12,395.23 Carried forward from 2021-22
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2022-23
£22,395.23 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
WCCA Queen's jubilee party singer and circus entertainer	£460.00	
Friends of Locke Park - Brass Bands in the Park	£1,570.00	
WA Contribution to Summer Hanging Baskets	£1,076.50	
Exodus Lawn Mower & Railway Carriage	£1,800.00	
Worsbrough Common Primary School Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Kingstone Artwork - Creative Recovery	£2,042.00	
Green Maintenance Project Locke Park Bowling Club	£1,159.30	
Total remaining		£12,487.43

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£16,729.75 Carried forward from 2021-22
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2022-23
£26,729.75 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Tub Track Family Trail Stairfoot WAF - Barnsley Main Heritage Group	£2,400.00	
Queens Jubilee in Kendray Central Park	£2,095.00	
Stairfoot Small Sparks	£1,250.00	
Jubilee Bunting Workshops	£276.45	
Christ Church Ardsley Refurbishment of floors/Scout hut	£2,000.00	
Stairfoot Ward Alliance Ignite Project	£1,500.00	
Stairfoot Defibs	£5,800.00	
Ward Alliance Contribution to Summer Hanging Baskets	£1,563.00	
St Andrews Church Room Hire	£360.00	
Total remaining		£9,485.30

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 9,240.43 Carried forward from 2021-22
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2022-23
£19,240.43 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Worsbrough Award Alliance Environment Working Group: Worsbrough in Bloom	£325.00	
Coffee & Crafts Group: Group Growth (YPO order)	£329.10	
Q4 Jan-Mar 22 Secretary Payment Andrea Greaves	£125.00	
Tub Track Family Trail Worsbrough WAF - Barnsley Main Heritage Group	£600.00	
Dale Jnrs Football Club Training Equipment U7/U8	£300.00	
Bottles for Benches: 3 Multicolour captain's junior seat benches from Recycled Furniture	£828.00	
Jubilee Picnic in the park: Bankend friends	£700.00	
Ward Green Baptist Church: Serving the Community Yorkshire Ambulance Service Defibs	£646.00	
Ward Green Primary Junior Wardens	£900.00	
Engagement budget Top Up	£2,000.00	
Lew Whitehead Community Centre Healthy Holidays	£750.00	
Q1 Apr-Jun 22 Secretary Payment Andrea Greaves	£125.00	
Q2 Apr-Jun 22 Secretary Payment Andrea Greaves	£125.00	
Martek order *reconciliation*	£24.66	
Total remaining	£11,462.67	

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**Central Area Council Meeting:
09th November 2022**

**Report of Central Area Council Managers:
Lisa Phelan & Sarah Blunkett**

Central Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up-to-date overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 The report outlines the financial position to date for 2022-23 and the projected financial position to 2023-24. Please note financial projections assume that the base income budget remains the same and that existing services are maintained.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Well-being Fund projects, with associated timescales.
- 2.2 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2022-23 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1 & 2 of this report.
- 2.3 Members agree Recommended Option 1a do not develop services to the previously earmarked £50k for environmental education and bring the funds back into the main commissioning budget
- 2.4 Members agree Recommended Option 2a to extend existing Social Isolation and Loneliness grants for a further year as follows:
 - Age UK Grant Funding of My Community, My Life Project from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 at a cost of £42,000
 - Reds in the Community Grant Funding of Reds Connect Project from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 at a cost of £15,500
 - Mind Grant Funding of Thriving Communities Project from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 at a cost of £41,800
- 2.5 Members agree Recommended Option 3a to progress the commissioning of services via a 'Supporting Vulnerable People' Fund, with a financial envelope of £65,000 per year for two years, from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2025 (to also include the procurement Welfare Advice services within the scope).

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Members are also asked that this is progressed by the Area Manager, in conjunction with a panel made up of CAC Elected Members, with delegated responsibility for the procurement of these grants to the Executive Director.

- 2.6 Members agree Recommended option 4a to extend grants to maintain detached Youth Work as follows:
- The Youth Association, Grant Funding of Streetsmart Project from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 at a cost of £52,000
 - YMCA, Grant Funding of Detached Youth Work in Dodworth & Gilroyd from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 at a cost of £12,395.
- 2.7 Members agree Recommended Option 5a to commission a new CYP Emotional Resilience Service with a financial envelope of £140k.
Members are also asked that this is progressed by the Area Manager, in conjunction with a panel made up of CAC Elected Members, with delegated responsibility for the procurement of these grants to the Executive Director.
- 2.8 Members note the contingency budget of £33,446 as the forecasted carry forward balance as at 31st March 2025. This remains available to cover any unexpected risks to services and to ensure that the CAC can respond to emerging need.

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3. Overview of Contracts and timescales The table below outlines all the Central Area Council contracts, Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and grants **currently** being delivered, together with values, timescales and recent actions **agreed**:

Priority	Service/Fund	Provider	Value	From	To	Type
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund My Community, My Life Project	Age UK Barnsley	Two years funding: £79,187	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Thriving Communities Project	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	Two years funding: £ 79,165.17	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Reds Connect Project	Reds in the Community –	Two years funding: £30,252.96	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
NOTE	<i>Procurement decisions against this priority agreed to 31st March 2023.</i>					
Children & Young People	CAC Commission Building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people aged 8-14 years	Barnsley YMCA	Year 1 £135,000 Year 2 £136,468 Year 3 £140,330 <i>Commenced 2020 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i>	01/04/20 01/04/21 01/04/22	31/03/21 31/03/22 31/03/23	Contract
Children & Young People	Youth Fund Street Smart	The Youth Association (TYA)	Year 1 £48,000 Year 2 £48,000 1m FOC Year 3 £49,440	01/06/19 01/06/20 01/06/21 01/07/21	31/05/20 31/05/21 30/06/21 30/06/22	Grant Agreement
Children & Young People	Youth Fund Detached Youth work	YMCA	Year 1 £12,000 <i>(amended dates)</i> Year 2 £13,303 <i>(amended and subject to approval)</i>	01/09/20 01/07/21	31/06/21 30/06/22	Grant Agreement
NOTE	Update on panel decision for future funding detailed in this report.					
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 £110,000 per annum	01/04/22 01/04/23 01/04/24	31/03/23 31/03/24 31/03/25	Contract
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Targeted Household Fly Tipping Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Cost: £35,000 per annum.	01/04/22 01/04/23 01/04/24	31/03/23 31/03/24 31/03/25	SLA
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Private Rented Housing Support Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Cost: £35,000 per annum	31/03/23 31/03/24 31/03/25	31/03/23 31/03/24 31/03/25	SLA
NOTE	Please note that 50k per year for 2 years for Clean & Green Education was approved at CAC in July 2022 (budget available from 1 st April 2023)					

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Vulnerable People	Central Well-being Fund Hope House Connects	Hope House Church	Year 1 £13,913 Year 2 £14,000 Year 3 £14,420	01/07/19 01/07/20 01/07/21	30/06/20 30/06/21 30/06/22	Grant Agreement
Vulnerable People	Financial Resilience Funding Welfare Rights and Legal Advice Service	Citizens Advice Bureau Barnsley	Initial 6m pilot funding 6m £20,000 (£10k funded via Ward Alliances) 9m extension at a cost of £30k 9m extension at a cost of £30k <i>*Scaled back the model to extend to 31/03/23</i>	01/01/21 01/07/21 01/04/22	30/06/21 31/03/22 *31/03/23	Grant Agreement
Vulnerable People	Uplift project	Creative Recovery	Year 1 £15,000 Year 2 £15,000 <i>Funding agreed as match funding with Arts Council</i>	01/10/22	30/09/24	Grant Agreement
Vulnerable People & Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund Advice Drop-In	DIAL Barnsley	Year 1 £30,000 Year 2 £30,000 Year 3 £30,900 Ext. £15,540 Ext. £7,725	01/07/19 01/07/20 01/07/21 01/07/22 01/01/23	30/06/20 30/06/21 30/06/22 31/12/22 31/03/23	Grant Agreement
NOTE						

4. Contract & Grant Financial Decisions

The Area Managers and expert colleagues facilitated Workshops for elected members focused around two CAC priorities:

1. 5th October 2022: Emotional resilience of Children and Young People
2. 19th October 2022: Supporting Vulnerable People (inc. Cost of Living and Welfare Advice Services)

The proposals recommended to this Area Council in Appendix 2 to this report and the associated budget provide the foundations around delivering the CAC's priorities in line with Barnsley 2030 and the Barnsley Plan.

5. **Clean & Green Education**

- 5.1 £50k per year for 2 years for Clean & Green Education was approved at CAC in July 2022 from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2025.
- 5.2 The need for this has now been surpassed as the Council is in the process of co-producing a Borough Wide Litter and Envirocrime Strategy. Alongside this it is anticipated that a community-led forum is going to support this workstream.

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5.3 26% of the Area Council budget is already being spent supporting Clean & green projects and the additional £50k per year results in a disproportionate amount of funding being spent on the Environmental Priority.

5.4 **Recommended Option 1a:** do not develop services to the previously earmarked £50k for environmental education and bring the funds back into the main commissioning budget

Option 1b: leave the £50k budget already earmarked to respond to issues emergent from the borough wide Litter and Envirocrime Strategy

6. Social Isolation & Loneliness

6.1 The Central Area Council Social Isolation programme was originally established by the Central Area Council for 2021-2024 to address the need for an overall co-ordinated Social Isolation and Loneliness Programme for the Central Area Council area.

6.2 A priority for the Central Area Council is to Reduce Social Isolation.

6.3 Up to date Business Intelligence presented to us from expert colleagues at the aforementioned CAC Members Workshop on 19th October informed the CAC that Loneliness and Isolation remains an issue across the lifespan of our residents and has a significant impact on people's wellbeing.

6.4 Our current services commissioned through grant arrangements target socially isolated, vulnerable, and lonely people living in the Central Area Council area.

6.5 All performance and monitoring is up to date from our commissioned services who delivery high quality services, are meeting or exceeding their milestones and targets and have their roots firmly down within the CAC geography.

6.6 All services are seeing an increase in demand for services with indications of a continued upwards trajectory.

6.7 As highlighted in appendix 1 to this report; delivery costs are rising due to the increased cost of living.

6.8 **Recommended Option 2a** is to extend existing Social Isolation and Loneliness grants for a further year with a small cost of living increase as follows:

- Age UK Grant Funding of My Community, My Life Project from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 at a cost of £42,000
- Reds in the Community Grant Funding of Reds Connect Project from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 at a cost of £15,500
- Mind Grant Funding of Thriving Communities Project from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 at a cost of £41,800

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Option 2b: Do not extend the existing grant and consider alternative options for the future of the Social Isolation Fund

7. Supporting Vulnerable People

- 7.1 Up to date Business Intelligence presented to us from expert colleagues at the aforementioned CAC Members Workshop on 19th October informed the CAC that the Cost of Living Crisis and the lasting impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is having a significant impact on our residents.
- 7.2 At the Area Council Meeting on 21st September, members considered the locality-based review of welfare services provision by Healthier Communities Colleagues.
- 7.3 CAB and DIAL have provided comprehensive and detailed performance report over the past 12 months. We have seen an increasing demand for services, particularly Welfare Benefits Advice.
- 7.4 Supporting Vulnerable People remains a priority for the Central Area Council
- 7.5 **Recommended Option 3a:** progress the commissioning of services via a Support Vulnerable People Fund, with a financial envelope of £65,000 per year for two years, from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2025 (to also include the procurement Welfare Advice services within the scope).

Members are asked that this is progressed by the Area Manager, in conjunction with a panel made up of CAC Elected Members, with delegated responsibility for the procurement of these grants to the Executive Director.

Option 3b: Do nothing and leave the funding in the main commissioning budget for progression at a later date

8. Children & Young People – Detached Youth Work

- 8.1 The Youth Work Fund was established by Central Area Council to deliver community-based and/or outreach/detached services for young people aged 13+ years across the Central Council area, to develop their social and life skills and strengthen emotional resilience, in preparation for a happy, healthy, and independent adulthood.
- 8.2 Our current services are commissioned via grant agreements who deliver community-based detached services for young people aged 13+ years across the Central Council area, to develop their social and life skills and strengthen emotional resilience, in preparation for a happy, healthy, and independent adulthood.

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- 8.3 Both the YMCA and the Youth Association provide excellent services that have consistent demand, they have provided regular performance monitoring information and have met or exceeded all milestones and targets.
- 8.4 **Recommended option 4a** is to extend grants to maintain detached Youth Work to March 2025 as follows:
- The Youth Association, Grant Funding of Streetsmart Project from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 at a cost of £52,000
 - YMCA, Grant Funding of Detached Youth Work in Dodworth & Gilroyd from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 at a cost of £12,395 per year.

Option 4b: Do nothing and leave the funding in the main commissioning budget for progression at a later date

9. Children & Young People – Building Emotional Resilience in Children and Young People

- 9.1 A Task group to consider the “building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people” priority area was established in August 2016. This Working Group was made up of 4 Central Area Council members, supported and facilitated by the Central Area Council Manager.
- 9.2 Further to this, services to build emotional resilience and wellbeing for children aged 8-14 years (Years 4-8) in the Central Council area have been commissioned via competitive procurement processes.
- 9.3 The YMCA are currently delivering the Unity Project and this contract is due to expire on 31st March 2023.
- 9.4 At the Workshop on 5th October, CAC Members heard presentations from Business Intelligence and Professional Colleagues and it was clear that there is still a real need for services to support the emotional resilience of children and young people.
- 9.5 Supporting the Emotional Resilience of Children and Young People remains a priority for the Central Area Council.
- 9.6 Strengthening services to support the future of our children and young people is a priority for the Council
- 9.7 **Recommended Option 5a:** Commission a new CYP Emotional Resilience Service with a financial envelope of £140k. Members are asked that this is progressed by the Area Manager, in conjunction with a panel made up of CAC Elected Members, with delegated responsibility for the procurement of these grants to the Executive Director, to revise current service specification to ensure value for money and focus on needs

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Option 5b: Commission a new CYP Emotional Resilience Service with a reduced financial envelope in line with delivering a balanced budget

Option 5c: Do nothing and leave the funding in the main commissioning budget for progression at a later date

10. Contingency Budget

- 10.1 Members note the contingency budget of £33,446 is the carry forward balance as at 31st March 2025. This remains indicative based on maintaining services at the current level and remains available to cover any unexpected risks to services and to ensure that the CAC can respond to emerging need.

11. Financial Position

- 11.1 Based on updated information relating to existing CAC contracts, SLA's and Grant Agreements, Appendix 1 provides a revised position statement on CAC funding. It shows actual income and expenditure for 2021-22.

The 2022-23 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

- 11.2 A finance overview with future projected expenditure for the period 2022 up to 2024 is attached for information featured in Appendix 2. This has been updated as at year-end and reconciled with Appendix 1 for accuracy.

Interventions being considered at today's meeting and other "informally agreed" services are shown in **amber**, with future potential proposals shown in **red**. There are no items for consideration at this meeting.

The 2022 to 2024 budget projections remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

The assumption is that the baseline budget remains the same year-on-year and this may be subject to change

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report – Actual income and expenditure

Appendix 2: CAC Budget Proposals to 2025

**CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING
BUDGET FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - 2017/18 TO
2022/23**

Contract Name	Delivery Body	Start Date	Length of Contract	Total Cost of Contract	2022/2023	
					Profile	Actual
Base Expenditure	Baseline Budget	n/a	n/a	n/a	£500,000.00	
C/F From Previous Year	C/F from the previous year	n/a	n/a	n/a	£214,028.45	
Additional Income from Grants	Internal & External Funding	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Additional Income from FPN's etc.	Fixed Penalties etc.	n/a				
TOTAL INCOME					£714,028.45	£0.00
Emotional Resilience - C&YP	YMCA (The Unity Project)	Apr-20	3 years	411,763.00	£140,330.00	£81,859.14
Clean & Green service	Twiggs	Apr-19	1+1+1	285,000.00	£110,000.00	£69,545.46
Clean & Green Education Element New for 2022						
Environmental Enforcement Service	District Enforcement	Apr-19	1+1+1	135,000.00		
	BMBC Enforcement SLA support	Apr-19	1+1+1	39,000.00		
Private Rented New tenancy support	BMBC - Community Safety (SLA)	Nov-19	1+1	65,000.00	£35,000.00	£35,000.00
Proactive flytipping SLA (Targeted Householed Fly Tipping)	BMBC SLA	Nov-19	1+1	64,000.00	£35,000.00	£35,000.00
Family Volunteer Home visiting service	Family Lives	Apr-19	1+1+1	150,000.00		
Wellbeing Fund	Hope House Church (Grant)	Jul-20	originally 2-yrs, extended to 2022 (new)	42,333.00	£3,605.00	£3,605.00
Wellbeing Fund	DIAL (Grant)	Jul-19	originally 2-yrs, extended to 2022 (New)	90,900.00	£30,900.00	£15,450.00
Wellbeing Fund	Creative Recovery (Grant)	Jul-19	(Extended delivery to	15,000.00	£7,500.00	
Youth Work Support and Training	waiver to be done - sept time (YMCA and Youth Association)	Apr-20		28,000.00	£10,000.00	
Youth Work Fund for 13+ (GRANT)	Youth Association	Jul-19	originally 2-yrs, extended to 2022 (new)	145,440.00	£12,360.00	£12,360.00
Youth Work Fund for 13+ (GRANT)	YMCA	Jun-19	originally 2-yrs, extended to 2022 (new)	21,977.25	£3,325.75	£3,325.75
Youth Work Fund New Grant 2022	Youth Association	Jul-22	Jun-24	104,000.00	£39,000.00	£26,000.00
Youth Work Fund New Grant 2022	YMCA	Jul-22	Jun-24	25,868.00	£9,700.50	£6,467.00
Financial Resilience Funding	Citizens Advice Bureau WA Projects	01.01.21 - 31.12.21			£30,000.00	£20,000.00
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Age UK Barnsley	Apr-21	2 years	79,186.68	£39,936.76	£29,952.57
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Reds in the Community	Apr-21	2 years	30,252.96	£14,601.48	£7,300.74
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	Apr-21	2 years	78,865.17	£39,432.60	£29,574.45
One off Age UK Covid Resilience						
Devolved to Ward Alliances						
Year-End reconciliation						
Expenditure Incurred in Year					£560,692.09	£375,440.11
Balance at year end to carry forward					£153,336.36	£338,588.34

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Central Area Council Budget Proposals 2022-2025 Officers Report

Purpose of Report

To provide Members with advice from the Area Manager (AM) on aspects of budget proposals to inform future commissions.

Background

The Council adopted our current model of Area Governance in April 2013 working to guiding principles to build stronger, more skilled, and resilient communities.

Area Councils are assigned the equivalent of £100k per Ward base budget therefore the Central Area Council (CAC) receives £500k per annum to spend to commission local services to serve communities within the Central Area against priorities set by the CAC.

In its inception year, the CAC did not spend its base budget and has since used the underspend that has been carried over year-on-year as required in line with the CAC vision and mission. This has gradually depleted as it has been spent throughout this time.

Robustness of Estimates

This report identifies potential risks associated with the setting of this budget however, some of the financial risks are fluid and not quantifiable but if unchecked could pose a threat to our financial stability and our commissioned services.

Financial Strategy and Budget Commitment Measures

A balanced budget can be delivered through the agreement of the proposals within the projections to 2025, however, this is contingent upon the additional matters' details below.

1. That the Council maintain our base budget for CAC at £500k.
2. The implementation of projects delivered within the scope of the budget.

It is likely that projects will require further efficiencies to deliver services within the financial envelope due to the rising cost of living, specifically fuel and energy.

In addition to the known pressures over the planning period, any additional pressures from here on in will need to be contained within the ongoing resource envelope, if for whatever reason projects are not achievable within this then the AM will instigate a budget review with the Central Area Council.

Budget Recommendations

As indicated in Appendix 1 of this report, the 3-year forecast sets a balanced budget to 31st March 2025.

The proposals identified within the budget papers provide the foundations around delivering the CAC's priorities in line with Barnsley 2030 and the Barnsley Plan.

Context and Risk

The context remains a challenging one as we are still recovering from the Coronavirus pandemic and ongoing challenges that new variants and case rises bring. This puts pressure on our commissioned services, and they have continued to be agile and adaptive to change with all providers delivering against agreed outcomes and outputs to help us to build our borough back 'fairer and better'.

The rising cost of living and lack of any clarity about government funding, means great financial uncertainty for the Council (as a whole) over the next few years and beyond and the Leader has informed us of preparations for this including a moratorium on spending that was announced at the end of September and a Transformation Programme that all service areas across the council will take part in.

Area Councils are well placed to support the increasing demand on public services to tackle poverty and address the related inequalities through our innovative commissioned services and by building community capacity.

The AM will continue to pursue external funding opportunities with colleagues and the Council continues to pursue external funding streams that may create opportunities for the CAC.

The CAC plays a key role in Barnsley 2030 which sets out the Councils long-term vision for Barnsley and how we will work together with our communities to achieve it.

The Council Plan supports Barnsley 2030 over the next three years, delivering the borough's vision: 'Barnsley - the place of possibilities'. The plan gives us a clear direction to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and build our borough back better and fairer. The CAC plays a key role within the plan, it focuses on how we collectively deliver our services across the council to best support residents, communities, partners and business and it provides the framework for making decisions about priorities in the council and helps drive performance by setting out what we are seeking to achieve and how it will be measured (Council plan 3.2).

The Councils medium-term financial strategy sets out nine design principles within its planning and prioritising of resources to achieve 2030 ambitions and the council plan.

The CAC plays a key role as all services must consider enabling more people to help themselves and each other:

Through customer insight, early help, early intervention, prevention, and a strengths-based approach to delivery. the following as part of their business planning and developments: The CAC takes an assets-based community development approach to all it does, and most commissioned services deliver early help and prevention projects.

- The CAC works closely with community groups and organisations to support them with community asset transfer and to make best use of community buildings. This will support the Council to rationalise its estate, reducing the number of face-to face delivery locations and ensuring that where possible delivery sites are co located alongside other public services:
- Area offices are local hubs for people to drop in and our officers spend much of their time in local communities, supporting residents and providing a friendly accessible and trusted face. This supports the Council to move more transactions with residents online, but still allow telephone and face-to-face delivery for those who require it most.
- The Area Governance model supports innovative and creative opportunities to build stronger and more resilient communities. We look at more creative ways to influence the behaviour of residents that better helps themselves and reduces costs to the Council.
- Our ongoing community listening, engagement and tentacle like reach into our communities makes the CAC key to providing the information to provide the temperature checks needed to support service redesign. This supports the Council to consider the needs of Communities/Neighbourhoods to inform service redesign.

Area Council Expenditure over the last two years

Figure 1

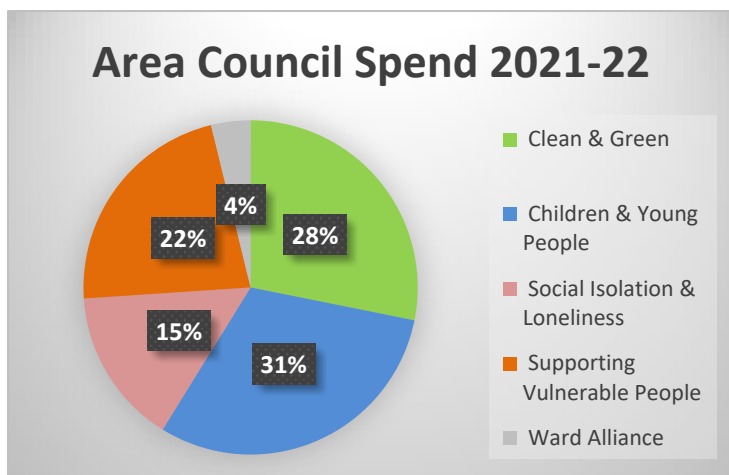
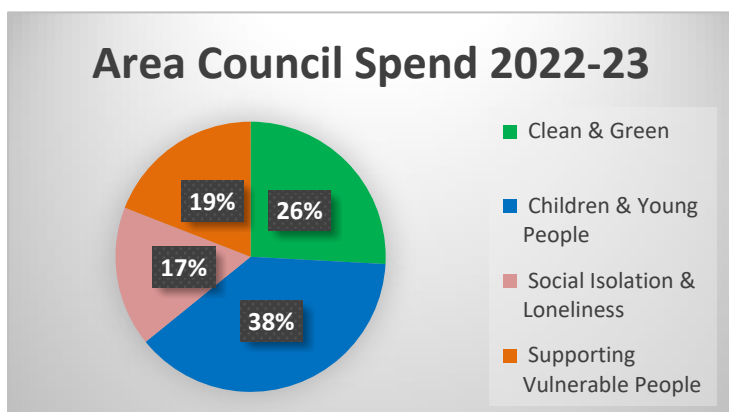


Figure 2



Future

The key focus of this strategy is to delivery CAC priorities.

The carry forward position will continue to reduce year on year to maintain existing services. To mitigate for the unquantified emerging risks, it is now considered appropriate to request that the CAC keep a contingency as carry forward to cover any unexpected risks to services to ensure that the CAC can respond to emerging need.

This will ensure that the CAC is well placed to deal with any further adverse changes to the current assumptions. This position will be kept under constant review being mindful of the emerging risks identified elsewhere within this report.

Options

Committed expenditure is shown in black on the spreadsheet Appendix 1 to this report. Any other non-committed expenditure can henceforth be considered by the Central Area Council.

As there are so many variables, the recommendations below have been made by the Central Area Council Managers in consult with the Area Chair. This provides a prudent budget, with a contingency to be able to respond to emerging need over the period to the 31st March 2025. Any future carry forward (if contingency is unused) could maintain and/or develop new services into the financial year beginning 2025 (after a full review of priorities) or to devolve additional funds to Ward Alliances (if required).

This budget delivers against the CAC priorities and is in line with Barnsley Councils strategic ambitions.

Recommendations

The key considerations that have not already been committed are detailed in the recommendations below. All recommendations would need consultation with strategic procurement to ensure commissioning compliance. All other committed decisions have already been agreed through the Central Area Council governance process.

Creating a Clean and Green Environment:

Recommended Option 1a: do not develop services to the previously earmarked £50k for environmental education and bring the funds back into the main commissioning budget

Option 1b: leave £50k budget earmarked to respond to issues emergent from the borough wide Litter and Envirocrime Strategy

Financial Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Twiggs Clean & Green	110,000	110,000	110,000
BMBC Fly Tipping	35,000	35,000	35,000
TOTAL	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
<i>% of Total Spend</i>	26%	26%	26%

Social Isolation and Loneliness

Recommended Option 2a: extend existing grants for a further year with a small cost of living increase as per the table below

Option 2b: do not extend the existing grants and look at alternative options to open a new Social Isolation fund

Financial Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Age UK	39,936.76	42,000	TBC (spreadsheet figures remain indicative only of maintaining financial envelope)
Reds in the Community	14,601.48	15,500	TBC (spreadsheet figures remain indicative only of maintaining financial envelope)
Mind	39,432.60	41,800	TBC (spreadsheet figures remain indicative only of maintaining financial envelope)
TOTAL	<u>93,970.84</u>	<u>99,300</u>	<u>TBC</u>
<i>% of Total Spend</i>	17%	18%	

Supporting Vulnerable People:

Recommendation 3: commission services with a financial envelope of £65,000 pa

Financial Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
BMBC Housing Officer	35,000	35,000	35,000
Creative Recovery	7,500	15,000	7,500
DIAL	30,900	-	-
CAB	30,000	-	-
Hope (Cheeky Monkeys)	3,605	-	-
NEW Supporting Vulnerable People Fund		65,000	65,000
TOTAL	<u>107,005</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>107,500</u>
<i>% of Total Spend</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>19%</i>

Building the Emotional Resilience and Children and Young People:

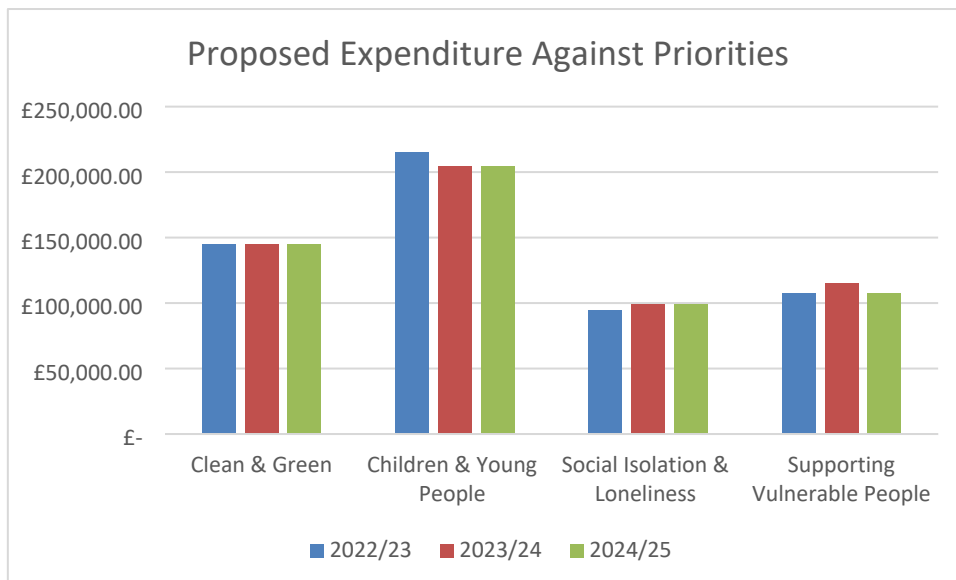
Recommendation 4: extend grants to maintain detached Youth Work to March 2024

Recommendation 5: commission new CYP Emotional Resilience Service with a marginally reduced financial envelope of £140k

Nb. The Area Manager is working with colleagues to identify other sources of funding for the youth work training fund

Financial Year	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
YMCA Emotional Resilience Contract	140,330	-	-
NEW Emotional Resilience Contract		140,000	140,000
Youth Association – Detached Youth Work	39,000.00	52,000	TBC (spreadsheet figures remain indicative only of maintaining financial envelope)
YMCA – Detached Youth Work	9,700.50	12,395	TBC (spreadsheet figures remain indicative only of maintaining financial envelope)
Youth Work Fund	25,685.75	-	-
TOTAL	<u>214,716.25</u>	<u>204,395</u>	<u>204,395</u>
<i>% of Total Spend</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>37%</i>

Figure 3



References

Barnsley Council Medium Term Financial Strategy
Barnsley 2030
Our Council Plan 2021-2024

APPENDIX 1

Central Area Council - Budget Forecast Recommendations 2022-2025										
Income	Priority	2022/2023			2023/2024			2024/2025		
Central Area Council Allocation		£		500,000.00	£		500,000.00	£	500,000.00	
Carried forward from previous year		£		214,028.45	£		153,336.36	£	89,641.36	
Other Funding Applications TBC										
Total Available Spend:		£		714,028.45	£		653,336.36	£	589,641.36	
Expenditure - Service / Provider		2022/2023			2023/2024			2024/2025		
		Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal	Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal	Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal
Clean & Green	C&G	£ 110,000.00			£ 110,000.00			£ 110,000.00		
Targetted Fly tipping and Waste Collection Education	C&G	£ 35,000.00			£ 35,000.00			£ 35,000.00		
Emotional Resilience Contract - YMCA	CYP	£ 140,330.00			-			-		
Youth work fund - YMCA & Youth Ass.	CYP	£ 15,685.75						-		
Voluntary Youth Support (for consideration CAC Feb 22)	CYP	£ 10,000.00			-			-		
Youth Work Fund (agreed CAC Feb 22) YMCA & Youth Association	CYP	£ 48,700.50			£ 64,395.00			£ 16,098.00		£ 48,297.00
NEW CYP Emotional Resilience	CYP					£ 140,000.00			£ 140,000.00	
Social Isolation Challenge Fund	SI	£ 93,970.84				£ 99,300.00				£ 99,300.00
Central Well Being Fund - Dial	SVP	£ 23,175.00	£ 7,725.00		-					
CAB Service	SVP	£ 30,000.00			-					
Creative Recovery	SVP	£ 7,500.00			£ 15,000.00			£ 7,500.00		
NEW Supporting Vulnerable People Fund	SVP					£ 65,000.00			£ 65,000.00	
Private Rented Tenancy Support	SVP + C&G	£ 35,000.00			£ 35,000.00			£ 35,000.00		
Central Well Being Fund - Hope House	SVP + CYP	£ 3,605.00	-		-					
Totals:		£ 552,967.09	£ 7,725.00	£ -	£ 259,395.00	£ 304,300.00	£ -	£ 203,598.00	£ 205,000.00	£ 147,597.00
total anticipated contract spend:		£		560,692.09	£		563,695.00	£		556,195.00
In Year Balance		£		153,336.36	£		89,641.36	£		33,446.36

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