

<b>MEETING:</b>	South Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Friday, 24 June 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 3, Barnsley Town Hall

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes and Notes

- 2 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 8th April, 2022  
(Sac.24.06.2022/2) *(Pages 3 - 8)*
- 3 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.24.06.2022/3) *(Pages 9 - 20)*  
Hoyland Milton and Rockingham – held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022  
Darfield – held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 and 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022  
Wombwell – held on 21<sup>st</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

### Performance

- 4 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.24.06.2022/4) *(Pages 21 - 24)*
- 5 Annual Performance Report (Sac.24.06.2022/5) *(Pages 25 - 52)*
- 6 Age UK Barnsley – ‘Better Together Service’ contract update – Debby Bunn  
(Sac.24.06.2022/6)

### Items for Discussion

- 7 Children and Young People - Mental Health and Physical Activity - Stuart Rogers  
- Senior Public Health Officer (Sac.24.06.2022/7)

### Items for Decision

- 8 Bulky Rubbish Scheme report - Lucy Raynor - Private Sector Housing officer  
(Sac.24.06.2022/8) *(Pages 53 - 54)*
- 9 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.24.06.2022/9) *(Pages 55 - 60)*

To: Chair and Members of South Area Council:-

Councillors Markham (Chair), Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, Higginbottom, Lamb, Osborne, Shepherd, Smith, Stowe, Sumner and White

Area Council Support Officers:

Diane Lee, South Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
Lisa Lyon, South Area Council Manager  
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities

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Thursday, 16 June 2022



<b>MEETING:</b>	South Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Friday, 8 April 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

### Present

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

### 7 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Lamb each declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items on the agenda referring to Forge Community Partnership in so far as discussions related to their positions as directors.

Councillors Markham and Frost both declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items on the agenda due to their positions on the board of Age UK Barnsley.

### 8 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 17 December, 2021 (Sac.08.04.2022/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 9 Notes of the informal meeting of South Area Councillors held on 18th February, 2022 (Sac.08.04.2022/3)

The notes of the informal meeting of South Area Councillors held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 were received.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the notes of Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance held on 19th January, 2022; Wombwell Ward Alliance held on 20th January, 2022; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 10th January, 2022 be received;
- (ii) that the report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds submitted on 18th February, 2022 be received;
- (iii) that thanks be given for the Public Health presentation; and that further discussions take place on how South Area Council can assist in delivering the Mental Health Strategy; and
- (iv) that further discussions be undertaken with relevant groups and agencies in order to establish current provision for children and young people and identify gaps where the Area Council may be able to intervene.

## **10 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.08.04.2022/4)**

The meeting received the notes Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the Ward Alliance be received.

## **11 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.08.04.2022/5)**

Members received the report which highlighted the amount of finance carried over for use in the 2022/23 financial year.

It was noted that each Ward Alliance had significant amounts of finance remaining, and that Community Development Officers were working with Ward Alliances to consider how best to support groups in their area. Members acknowledged that much of the finance remaining was due to the pandemic, and those present were confident that there would be an increased demand as groups started to be revitalised.

It was also noted that the Area Team had been successful in securing external finance to support projects, which had therefore reduced demand on the Ward Alliance Funds. Thanks were provided to the Area Team for their work that led to this success.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

## **12 Citizen's Advice Bureau - David Andy (Sac.08.04.2022/6)**

David Andy was welcomed to the meeting to provide an overview of the Outreach Project which had been delivered by CAB from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.

Members were reminded that the project had been delivered at various venues throughout the South Area until the pandemic, when the service moved to be delivered remotely. More recently the service had recommenced face to face support in Hoyland and Wombwell, and venues were being considered in Darfield.

Since the service started 5475 client contacts had been made had been made with clients supported with 10,177 issues. £6.93m of additional benefits had been gained, and £1.86m, of debt managed. There had been a £20 return on investment per £1 spent. Members suggested that this would be higher if a full analysis of Social Return on Investment was undertaken.

Members were provided with case studies, which served to highlight the human impact of the service.

Those present supported the work to re-establish outreach provision in the Darfield Area, and a number of suggestions of potential venues were made. The issue of unclaimed benefits was discussed, and it was noted that work was undertaken to publicise the service, which included the opportunity to undertake a full benefit check. It was noted that there was work underway to consider the best way

of keeping residents informed, and that the service worked closely with partner organisations.

Members received assurance that the service had the capacity to deal with expected increases in demand from the increased cost of living, with the service being scalable in the event of a significant increase.

In relation to those in work accessing the service, it was noted that the service was open until 7pm on Mondays and could be accessed via email, with responses provided within 48 hours.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given for the presentation and the continued hard work of all those involved in providing the service.

### **13 Public Health Update (Sac.08.04.2022/7)**

Garreth Robinson, Senior Public Health Officer, was welcomed to the meeting and began the update by referring to the recent review of E-Cigarettes by Office of Health Improvement and Disparities. The seventh in a series, it considered all vaping products. Members noted that smoking was the largest single risk factor which led to death and living in ill health in England and the role of alternative nicotine devices, such as vaping was acknowledged.

Members heard that Covid-19 was likely to have an impact on smoking and vaping, but this was not yet known. The government was set to review the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations in 2022, and a new Tobacco Control Plan for England was expected in Summer 2022.

Members were made aware of the findings of two surveys undertaken to understand the behaviours of young people. Vaping and smoking prevalence looked to have stayed the same in recent years, however it was suggested that enforcement of sales needed to be improved and more research into the addictiveness of vaping products needed to be undertaken.

Surveys into adult behaviours showed that the proportion of long-term vapers was increasing and prevalence was higher in disadvantaged groups which mirrored the pattern of smoking. How best to communicate the evidence of relative harms needed to be considered to influence smokers with a view to them moving to quitting completely.

Questions were asked in relation to the link with schools and it was noted that the issue of young people smoking and vaping was discussed at each meeting of the Tobacco Control Alliance.

Members expressed concern about the numbers of young people taking up vaping who had never smoked, and the view that vaping was now seen as normal. Consideration was being given to the enforcement of vaping material, but that this needed more central government support to reduce marketing aimed specifically at young people.

Questions were asked around the long-term impacts of vaping and it was acknowledged that it was less harmful than smoking, however long-term data on vaping would not be available in the short or medium term.

The link between unregulated sales and organised crime was noted, and it was suggested that there was an opportunity to access funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for a project to address this.

Members went on to consider the Best Bar None scheme, which provided accreditation, supported by the Home Office, to improve standards in the evening and night time economy. This led to benefits such as a reduction in crime and improvements in the relationship between licensed premises and the Council.

It was noted that the scheme had commenced in 2018 with 13 venues in the Town Centre taking part, and, although being paused in 2020, had expanded to 25 Town Centre venues and 9 Dearne Area venues in 2021. It was acknowledged that the number of venues participating in 2021 was lower than originally anticipated, as many understandably decided to concentrate on their response to the pandemic.

Members were made aware of the arrangements to undertake the scheme, which included communication with the national scheme, training of assessors and recruiting licensed premises. It was noted that the scheme concluded with an awards ceremony to celebrate success.

With regards to the Dearne Area and the pilot conducted in 2021, Members were made aware of the outcomes which included the accreditation of 9 venues and the training of 30 additional staff in first aid. 9 venues now had up to date safety records and 5 of the venues received an award. Members were made aware of the costs to the Area Team to implement a similar scheme, with the main cost being to train assessors (£600 for 20).

Members supported the initiative and suggested a number of venues in the area which may wish to be part of a similar pilot. Noted were the added benefits of licensed premises having a positive relationship with the Council, which helped to raise standards and reduce the need for enforcement. It was suggested that a future meeting could consider funding a pilot in the South Area.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That thanks be given for the update; and
- (ii) That a future meeting of the Area Council considers a pilot of the Best Bar None scheme in the South Area.

**14 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.08.04.2022/8)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item and made Members aware that the workshop to consider the Children and Young People's priority had been cancelled but would be rearranged.

Members were made aware that the Boroughwide Contract for Environmental Enforcement had been awarded to District Enforcement. Members were reminded that the Area Council had previously approved a six-month extension to the Area Council Environmental Enforcement contract to ensure there was continuous service.

It was noted that the Area Council Manager was in discussion with colleagues in Safer Communities about whether this was still required and would provide an update in due course.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received.

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Chair

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**Notes for the meeting of the Hoyland Milton and Rockingham joint Ward Alliance**

**Held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

<b>Present</b>		<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllr Nicola Sumner	Rockingham Ward (Chair)	Ian Warhurst	Hemingfield Action Group
Cllr Chris Lamb	Rockingham Ward	Caroline Reeves	Bernslai Homes
Cllr David White	Rockingham Ward		
Cllr Robin Franklin	Hoyland Milton Ward		
Cllr Tim Shepherd	Hoyland Milton Ward		
Cllr Mick Stowe	Hoyland Milton Ward		
Charlotte Moulds	BMBC CDO	<b>Absent (No Apologies)</b>	
Julie Phillips	Birdwell Community Group	(awaiting new officer)	Age UK
Brian Clarke	Birdwell Community Group	Joan Whittaker	Resident
Janet Cartwright	Friends of Elsecar Park	Danielle	Tesco
Joy Hart	Milton Resident		
Peter Latham	Milton Resident		
Rev. Chapman	St Mary's Church		
Clare Archer	BMBC CDO		
Sam Metcalfe	Twiggs		

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the group introduced themselves to new Cllr David White. Clare was also welcomed as an observer.

**2. Notes from the Ward Alliance meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

The notes from the previous meeting were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

**3. Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary interest**

Julie and Brian declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Birdwell Community Group WAF.

**4. Twiggs Update**

Sam gave an update on Twiggs current work across the two wards including with; Birdwell Chapel, Birdwell Community Group, Jump Environmental Group, Owd Martha's Yard, Mates of Milton and also identified work to be done on the Cenotaph and Hoyland Town Centre. He took a number of requests from ward alliance members of future works/projects.

**5. Priority Review**

No immediate nor obvious changes to be made to the priorities. The chair asked for any comments or questions to be raised to Charlotte ahead of the next meeting.

**6. Update on current project/s**

**Hanging Baskets**

Due to be installed early June.

**Community Fridge**

Julia has set the community fridge up independently from the council and it is situated in The Cabin at 12b Hall St with an open day on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May 10am-2pm. Charlotte has maintained her offer of support if Julia ever needs it in the future.

### **Healthy Holidays Future Planning**

Speak to various providers to identify gap within HMR for Summer holidays provision.

### **Elsecar Village Stone**

All in agreement of supporting the professional clean of the stone as volunteers will maintain from there on after. Charlotte to proceed and bring WAF to next meeting / circulate via email if any earlier.

### **Defib Mapping**

Defib mapping exercise shows no placement in Jump nor Birdwell. JUMP WMC is to be explored as members of the Ward Alliance thought they may have previously had one. Birdwell is to be explored for suitable venue; potentials include community centre or speaking to the Travellers pub. Members were also keen to hear of any plans for the new Parkside facility. Charlotte will explore.

### **7. Ward Alliance Budget = £25,518.84**

Healthy Holidays = £2189.83

Christmas = £767.00

Wellbeing Events = £427.32

### **8. Ward Alliance Applications**

SSAFA – Jubilee Event on Pine Close - £500

Passed with full agreement but notes raised around future bids being asked to contribute when other CIC's/Institutes are involved.

Birdwell Community Group – Computer, Printer, Accessories, Signage for building - £2,500

Passed with full agreement

Schools Jubilee Bunting Project & New Town Flag - £1,286.25

Passed with full agreement

St Helens Court Jubilee Events - £300

Passed with full agreement

### **9. Any Other Business**

**Janet Cartwright** – Asked if Friends of Elsecar Park could potentially submit a WAF for a summer project, all members of the ward alliance encouraged her to do so.

**Charlotte Moulds** – Displayed the big cheque for the ward alliance and explained how it will assist with promotion. She also said she would circulate a lite of community led events for the Jubilee.

**Cllr Sumner** – Notified the group that the Hoyland Business Group is back meeting.

### **7. Date of the next meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm**

7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 4pm  
Darfield Community Centre  
Illsley Rd, Darfield, Barnsley S73 9AL

**Minutes of the meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Attendance: Colin Ward, Cllr Pauline Markham, Cllr Kevin Osborne, Brian Moore, Lisa Lyon, Sam and Adam – South Area Tidy Team and Mike Fenna

Apologies: Cllr Trevor Smith, John Davies (resignation letter received), Matthew Smith

3. Minutes of previous meeting  
Agreed as a true record

4. Discussion of upcoming events:

- The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 22 – The Ward Alliance discussed wanting to fund something that was a lasting and long term legacy. Cllr Osborne suggested Queens Jubilee benches, plaques and tree planting, linking in with the 2030 sustainability plan and tree planting scheme. Suggested locations include Inkerman fields (add on to the orchard), Billingley village - bench on Billingley green lane, Middlecliffe, Station Road play area. Jo Birch to be contacted to progress and provide some costings and options.
- Great British Spring clean, 25<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April – Keep Britain Tidy Campaign South Tidy Team discussed with the Ward Alliance different sites for days of action / clean up etc: Pinfold play area, clean up, link up with church group, school litter picking and activities in garden area, painting metal goal posts, Darfield
- Darfield gala – South Area Tidy Team to support by clearing site ahead of the gala and will look to keep the grass low in discussion with parks. Action: gazebos and tables needed for gala – Twiggs agreed to help with moving tables and setting up. Gazebos to be sourced and Twiggs agreed to help with transportation.
- Darfield ring – discussion about what can be put in place as a long term solution to the maintenance of the Darfield Ring. Wild seeding was initially discussed however the feedback from the Tidy Team is that it would not be the best option as wild seeding is more difficult to maintain and manage and the soil and site wasn’t ideal. The Tidy team suggested planting such as lavender and pollinators, these would be easy to maintain and keep low. Planting perennial plants would have the benefit of keeping the soil healthy and creating an insect habitat, supporting biodiversity for the area. This fits with Barnsley 2030 sustainability plans. The site will need some ground preparation. It was agreed that a variety of plant is the preferred option. Principal Towns to be approached initially for funding and if this isn’t an option a Ward Alliance application would be

submitted. The planting can be an event where the community can attend and support. The CDO to work with the Ward Alliance and Tidy Team to plan this.

- Tidy Team talked to the Ward Alliance about litter picking packs available and asked people to get in touch if anyone needs one.
- Volunteer week, 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 22. Agreed that spotlight on Darfield social media campaign started by Tanya Dickinson would be really useful to keep rolling out to help highlight groups and activities in Darfield. Volunteer week to focus on groups struggling to get on their feet after Covid and needing to recruit volunteers.

#### 5. Ward Alliance Fund 2021/2022

- Current balance stands at £11,486. It was noted that Darfield Ward Alliance had previously allocated its spending each year. Covid has seen less community activity and also other funding coming into the area. It was recognised that this has led to less applications during Covid and alternative sources of funding secured.
- The Ward Alliance discussed ways in which the budget can support groups this year and it was agreed that funds could be used for paid for adverts on Facebook to promote the availability of Ward Alliance funding to groups and encourage more applications. The new Community development Officer will be looking to pick this up and combine this as part of volunteer week. Costings to be looked at.
- Tanya Dickinson will be supporting Clare Archer, the new officer, to close down an bank account that isn't in use. Any funding in the account will be transferred to the Ward Alliance budget and options for spend will be discussed.
- Ward Alliance Form (WAF) Darfield Gala Application: £1500 - Approved by all. The application was discussed. In previous years the gala has been very welcomed in the area. The last gala did not go ahead due to Covid so it was felt this would be very timely to help bring the community together. There will be an emphasis on supporting families that may be struggling and including useful stalls and information. The tidy Team offered to have a table to promote the volunteering opportunities and also run something fun on the day for families to get involved in. Age UKB could be asked to run a Thai chi session as an intergenerational session or something similar.
- Discussion took place on timing of event. The start of the school holidays was agreed so families not able to book holidays could take part. Date agreed: 27<sup>th</sup> July.  
**UPDATE:** *Due to Wombwell's Gala already being booked on the same day the date will be changed to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022*
- Suggested that Morrisons, Tesco and coop community champions be approached for contributions to gala.

6. Update on New Darfield Community Development Officer - Clare Archer has been appointed as the new Community Development Officer taking over from Tanya Dickinson who has moved to the Penistone area. Clare joins the South Area Team with lots of experience working with families and young people in Darfield as part of the Family centre team. She has also worked supporting the Youth council. The Ward Alliance wanted to note their thanks to Tanya and welcome Clare to the role.

7. Date and time of meetings:

- 4pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in month:  
19<sup>th</sup> May 22  
21<sup>st</sup> July 22  
15<sup>th</sup> September 22  
17<sup>th</sup> November  
19<sup>th</sup> January 23  
16<sup>th</sup> March23

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**Darfield Ward Alliance**  
**Notes of meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**Darfield Community Centre, 4:00 pm**

**Present:** Colin Ward, Councillor Markham (Chair), Councillor Kevin Osborne, Councillor Trevor Smith, Lisa Lyon (South Area council Manager), Sam (Twiggs South Tidy Team)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Apologies:** Mike Fenna, Brian Moore, Clare Archer (Community Development Officer), Matthew Smith

**3. Notes of previous meeting:** Agreed as a true record

**4. Updates from last meeting:**

- Darfield Ward Alliance Budget – Total budget for 2022 /2023 is £20,507.18. The budget is made up of £10,000 from this financial year and £10,507.18 carry forward.
- Bank account closure. Clare Archer, Darfield Community Development Officer, is in the process of closing the account down. Any funding remaining will be added to the Ward Alliance budget
- Great British Spring Clean – Sam gave an update that 56 volunteer pack were given out to residents and some new volunteers joined in the activities. Using the Co-op as a drop off point for purple bags during this week worked really well, the team will look at potential to develop this. Sam reported that the team are struggling to get volunteers at Broomhill, Cllr Osborne knows a volunteer that may want to get involved. Sam has programmed in work at Broomhill to clear the litter and is contacting Parks to see if the overgrowth can be cut back so the are isn't as secluded.

**5. Upcoming Events**

- Environment and litter strategy: Neighbourhood services are planning a consultation event on a new litter and environmental strategy. A number of names have been identified of local volunteers who would like to take part. In addition Cllr Osborne and Cllr Smith have expressed an interest.
- Hanging Baskets: Order has been improved so should see baskets in place in next two weeks. The Ward Alliance wanted to pass on their thanks to Clare Archer for the work that she has picked up which has been in a very short space of time and whilst new in post.
- Darfield Gala – Confirmed date of 26<sup>th</sup> July – 11- 2, date was changed to this due to clash with Wombwell Picnic in the Park. Action plan. Lisa took the Ward Alliance through the Area plan produced by Clare. Action plan updated with names and dates.  
Key points:
  - Packed lunches – to be targeted and need to be healthy and balanced
  - Councillor Osborne to contact Garland House
  - First Aiders needed, community centre manager may help, need to arrange training and enquire about St Johns attendance. This may come at an additional cost to the budget.
  - Neighbourhood wardens, libraries and Age UK Barnsley to be invited
- A planning meeting and date will be confirmed by Clare.
- Jubilee Benches – A proposal for Jubilee benches was shared and discussed. The six benches proposed will be worked up into a funding bid. Action: check that the benches are powdered and galvanised. Locations: Darfield Park, Darren Path, Low Valley Station Road, Middlecliffe, Billingley.

- Volunteer Week 1<sup>st</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> June – The area team will be promoting groups and individual volunteers as part of this campaign week.
- Cost of living event – The area team are planning to run cost of living events across the South Area. This was discussed with the Ward Alliance on how to work together. Clare will bring an update to a future meeting. As part of the discussion Councillors asked for Citizens Advice Barnsley (CAB) to revisit the option of using Darfield library to run a drop in session from there. Lisa Lyon to discuss with CAB.
- Awards Night – The Ward Alliance discussed wanting to hold an awards night to recognise and thank the amazing volunteers, groups and individuals across Darfield. Venues were discussed and it was agreed to look into using Barnsley Town Hall. Hoyland, Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance 'Stars of Hoyland' is held there and has been very successful. Darfield CDO will help pull together some option on how to run the awards night and nominations. Councillor Osborne was keen to involve young people in nominating their peers.

## **6. Ward Alliance Funding Applications**

- Darfield Gala Gazebos - £1899.94 – recommended for approved. Gazebos will be stored at Houghton Main and will be made available from the Ward Alliance for community wide events and groups and reduce hire costs.
- Darfield Community Centre Security Cameras – £740 – recommended for approval. The Crime commissioned funding for looked at but had closed its applications. Violence reduction fund considered but timescales were unknown and Ward Alliance felt the funding was required more urgently due to the ongoing ASB and damage to the community centre. Bernslai Homes are funding secure shutters. The security cameras are required to monitor the building and parking. Principal Towns have funded security cameras on the high street and it was felt this will provide added security in the area.
- Upperwood School project - £350, recommended for approval. This is a community garden project which will be supported by Twiggs South Tidy Team which have helped set it up and a local allotment volunteer. Twiggs have already started working with year 6 to carry out some initial planting.
- Darfield Church notice board – funding requested £426.34. This was not recommended. The group discussed that there is a good quality, high specification notice board in storage at Houghton Main. Colin will look at the notice board and speak to Clare about whether this can be used by the Church. The group also discussed doing an audit of notice boards across the South area in order to make the best of local communications.
- Hanging Baskets – recommended for approval - £800. The funding will be used to increase the number of brackets for hanging baskets in order to extend the scheme this year. Any funds not used will be reported back and the Ward Alliance can then decide whether to keep as a contingency for broken / damaged brackets or baskets or return to the overall funding pot.

## **7. Any Other business**

The Ward Alliance discussed working with Clare to promote the work of the Ward Alliance and recruitment of members to the Ward Alliance.

## **8. Date and time of next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in month (Bimonthly)**

- 21<sup>st</sup> July 22
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 22
- 17<sup>th</sup> November 22
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 23
- 16<sup>th</sup> March 23

## Notes from Ward Alliance meeting held at Cemetery Hub Wombwell

21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

### Present:

Cllr Frost, Cllr Eastwood, Steve Whittingham, Karen Whiting, Daniel Higgins, Jamie Hinton Wardle, Theresa Arnold, Sabeena Chavan

Amanda Bradshaw BMBC

**Apologies** Chelsey Rigby, Leanne Cook (Berneslai Homes) , Cllr James Higginbottom,

1. Cllr Frost chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone
2. Notes from the last meeting were accepted as a true record
3. Matters arising – Discussion took place about raising profile of WA and for groups to acknowledge of where their funding is coming from. AB informed the meeting that the Area team had now got each WA a large cheque which can be used for photo shoots when community groups are awarded funding.

4. **Budget** the WA members were informed that there was £5537 remaining

Funding applications- Healthy Holidays £2500 approved

5. **Ward Alliance priorities/future projects** – AB circulated the Ward Alliance priorities for discussion. Consensus was that they encompassed the work of the Alliance, but it was agreed that they would be brought to the next meeting for further discussion.

Discussion on future projects took place – Cllr Eastwood informed the meeting that she had been approached by residents asking for the park pavilion to be open for sale of refreshments during school holidays. The alliance members agreed that this would have a twofold beneficial effect keeping a presence in the park which could deter some of the anti-social behaviour that is currently happening there plus raising funds for the FOWP. However additional volunteers would be needed for this to work. Action- Steve Whittingham to put a call out for volunteers for this on Wombwell Wise and interested persons to be sign posted to Sabeena Chavan (Chair of FOWP)

Discussion on the pilot youth project that the Alliance were considering prior to the pandemic. Cllr Frost informed the meeting that the South Area Council alongside partners were in the early stages of looking at a South Area Council wide pilot youth project for young people 11yrs+ This approach would have the advantage of securing bigger pots of funding and be more sustainable than a Ward Alliance led project.

6. **Updates for Business Group High St Jubilee event 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Theresa informed the meeting of progress so far but asked for help as there is an awful lot to do.

Darren Taylor had done an initial recci of the High St and had identified the area outside Gabby's for the actual tea party.

Jamie had sourced fairgrounds ride from Tuby's - Action Jamie to arrange for Tuby's to come out and assess area in front of his shop for 2 small children's rides

Cllr Eastwood and Cllr Eastwood in a recent meeting with Maria Cotton had spoken about the planned event and Maria had promised fake grass, markets parasols. Action Amanda to confirm & book these items and check if there is also going to be a normal Friday market on this day.

Tasks were shared amongst members at the meeting

Karen to oversee the bunting and organise workshops if need be, liaising with Lorraine at Age Uk

Theresa responsible for organising food for tea party/tablecloths etc

Steve- advertising, Ron Macbride (radio), social media

Theresa is in process of putting together information packs for schools for the Wombwell king & Queen (Key stage 1 & key stage 2 nominations)

#### **. Friends of Wombwell Park**

The alliance was informed that the Picnic in the park would be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July and that £500 had been received from Captain Allots fund towards the picnics. Planning meetings will be taking place over the coming weeks

20<sup>th</sup> April Family event Easter holidays funding via Ward Alliance HH fund working with Area Team CDO

4<sup>th</sup> June Jubilee picnic

Trees have been donated by residents will be planted to commemorate the Queens Jubilee

Wellbeing event for older residents 25<sup>h</sup> March at Wombwell library – AB distributed leaflets/posters for members to distribute. There would be several agencies at the event, volunteers will be serving refreshments and slippers purchased from local market trader will be handed out to Wombwell residents over 50.

Gt British Spring clean runs from weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> March until 10<sup>th</sup> April. Twiggs Tidy team have planned several events with local schools, community groups. Sabeena informed the meeting that Park St will be doing a litter pick. AB had contacted the Army Cadets, Brownies/Guides & Scouts about the campaign. Brownies responded and will be doing a litter pick on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### **7. A.O.B**

Karen informed the meeting that the Cemetery group are working with Age Uk to start a tea & natter session at Cemetery Community Hub

The Cemetery group will host a Heritage weekend in September & craft fair.

Sabeena raised the question of having a Community Fridge in Wombwell. All members were asked to keep looking for a suitable venue/volunteers

#### **8. Date of Next meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May Community Hub Wombwell Cemetery**

**Wombwell Ward Alliance Meeting Notes**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 6pm**

**@ Community Hub Wombwell Cemetery**

**Agenda**

1. Present/ Cllr Eastwood, cllr Frost, Cllr Higginbottom , Karen Whiting, Chelsey Rigby, Sabeena Chavan, Jamie Hinton Wardle Amanda Bradshaw ()BMBC
2. Apologies Daniel Higgins, Theresa Arnold, Leanne Cooke (Berneslai Homes)
  
3. Notes last meeting /Matters arising – Accepted as a true record – no matters arising
4. WA budget update  
  
£3037 carry over from 2021/22  
  
£1300 underspend from Well Being event for older people  
  
£10,000 2022/23 budget  
  
Total = £14337.00
  
5. Funding applications.  
  
Lundhill Community group – withdrawn BMBC Parks are looking into the work the group are wanting to carry out.  
  
High St Jubilee event approved £1700
  
6. Update from Jubilee Events – High St – plans well under way. Invitations had been delivered by hand to the 3 primary schools for them to nominate pupils for the Jubilee king & Queen key stage 1 & 2. Deadline for nominations is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Brenda has arranged for the king & Queens to arrive on the High St via limousine courtesy of Wombwell Funeral services. Catering to be organised via Kitchen Witch co. Amanda informed the meeting that all entertainers had been booked and briefed. Daniel has taken on the task of pulling together material for the jubilee display boards; the boards have been made by Age UK ‘men in sheds’ project Jamie is liaising with fairground operators. Tickets for the Jubilee tea are now on sale at Magical Moments and Kitchen Witch coffee house.
  
7. Wombwell Park picnic event Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 12 - 2pm  
Sabeena updated the meeting on the arrangements for the park’s jubilee picnic. AB. informed the meeting that Wombwell Dam community Angling had donated £50 for jubilee buns.

#### 8. Any other business

Sabeena informed the meeting that Wombwell park were still experiencing anti- social behaviour, but they were staying positive. 2 new volunteers had come forward to trial opening up the Pavilion on a Wednesday morning to serve refreshments.

AB updated meeting on Army Cadets interest in adopting Wombwell Station and she is attending a meeting after this WA meeting to progress things further between the group & the community rail officer.

Craig Huxley SY Fire Service Watch Commander at Manvers had been in touch (16<sup>th</sup> May) re an Ignite course engaging 13- to 16-year-olds from Netherwood ALC. Cost approx. £1500 for 12 students, awaiting further information from fire service. WA members gave AB approval to pursue this project and update members on progress.

Karen reported back on the successful event organised by Age Uk for mental awareness week.

#### 9. **Date of next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 new start time 5.30pm Cemetery Community Hub**

## **2022/23 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

For 2022/23 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

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

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

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

The carry-forward of any remaining balances of the 2021/22 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2022/23 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

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

## DARFIELD WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation  
£10,507.18 carried forward from 2021/22  
£0 unspent grants  
**£20,507.18 total available funding**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Match funding element of allocation</b>	<b>Non Match funding allocation remaining</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining</b>
			<b>£10,253</b>	<b>£20,507.18</b>
Darfield Gazebos	£1899.94	£822	£10,253	£18,607.24
Upperwood Community Gadren	£350	£137	£10,253	£18,257.24
Enhancing the Local high street	£800	£1233	£10,253	£17,457.24
Darfield Community Centre	£740	£41.10	£10,253	£16,717.24
Darfield Gala	£1500	£0	£8,753	£15,217.24

## HOYLAND MILTON/ROCKINGHAM WARD ALLIANCE

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

£20,000 base allocation  
£5,518.84 carried forward from 2021/22  
£0 Returned Grants  
**£25,518.84 total available funding**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Match funding element of allocation</b>	<b>Non Match funding allocation remaining</b>	<b>Allocation Remaining</b>
			<b>£12,759.42</b>	<b>£25,518.84</b>
SSAFA Jubilee Event	£500	£54.80	£12,759.42	£25,018.84
HMR Jubilee Bunting	£1286.15	£0	£11,473.27	£23,732.69

## WOMBWELL WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000 base allocation  
£2,374.11 carried forward from 2021/22  
£0 Income/ Returned Grants  
**£12,374.11 total available funding**

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			<b>£6,187.05</b>	<b>£12,374.11</b>
High Street Jubilee Event	£1700	£1383	£6,187.05	£10,674.11

April 2021  
– March  
2022

# South Area Council Performance Report



# Area Council priorities

Access to Local  
Information and  
Advice



Changing the  
relationship between  
the BMBC & Community



Young People



Improving the  
Local Economy



Health and  
Wellbeing for All



Our Environment



# South Area Council

Darfield, Hoyland Milton, Rockingham, Wombwell

# 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 for all.	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 principal 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.
<b>Enabling Barnsley</b> We are a modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high-performing council			

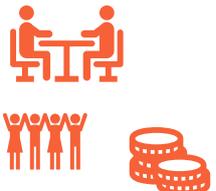
## April 2021 – March 2022 performance

Priorities	KPI's and targets	2021/22
<b>Sustainable Barnsley</b>	Number of Volunteers hours supporting projects	1673
<b>Learning Barnsley</b>	Apprenticeships	2
<b>Learning Barnsley</b>	Work Placements	10
<b>Learning Barnsley</b>	Young Volunteers	32
<b>Learning Barnsley</b>	Number of schools worked with	18
<b>Sustainable Barnsley</b>	Community groups supported	42
<b>Sustainable Barnsley</b>	Number of new community groups	30
<b>Healthy Barnsley</b>	Community Car scheme journeys	56
<b>Healthy Barnsley</b>	Residents and young people receiving advice	355
<b>Growing Barnsley</b>	Local Spend	95%
<b>Growing Barnsley</b>	Property Improvements	40
<b>Healthy Barnsley</b>	No of people supported through one to ones to tackle social isolation and loneliness	315
<b>Sustainable Barnsley</b>	Increase number of people engaged in physical activity/ utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons	125
<b>Growing Barnsley</b>	No. of people supported to tackle fuel poverty	63
<b>Sustainable Barnsley</b>	Number of intergenerational projects delivered or opportunities created	31
<b>Healthy Barnsley</b>	Benefit Gains I&A	£469,837

<b>Sustainable Barnsley</b>	Number of litter picks completed	155
<b>Sustainable Barnsley</b>	Community clean ups	231
<b>Healthy Barnsley</b>	Number of vulnerable households worked with	45
<b>Growing Barnsley</b>	Number of internal property inspections carried out	68

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

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

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

## Twiggs South Area Tidy Team

Improving our Local Environment



This contract provides a service to help maintain a clean, green and tidy environment in the wards of Hoyland Rockingham, Milton, Darfield and Wombwell. The emphasis is to work with the community; incorporating volunteers, local businesses, and local schools to empower and enable a sustainable approach. In spite of restrictions due to the pandemic, the contract has continued to provide a supportive service for community groups, finding different ways to work with volunteers within COVID guidelines as well as identifying specific projects across the patch to maintain the appearance of the South area.

Examples of project work supported this quarter:

### **Birdwell Community Garden**

**Date: 28/01/2022 and 15/02/2022** 4 adult volunteers

“Working with volunteers, the team concentrated on the general maintenance of the community centre grounds. This consisted of hedge cutting, reinstating the footpaths and plant maintenance. Further to this, 4 bags of litter were collected”



**Date: 02/03/22**

“As part of our works with Birdwell Community Centre, the team worked on Worsborough Rd where they cleared weeds and silt from a Public Footpath entrance. Continuing from this, the team planted 300 bulbs donated by The Range Store, within the community garden and then scraped moss from around the footpaths.”



**Date: 14/03/2022** 5 sustained adult volunteers

“Litter picking with volunteers in the carpark – 2 bags were collected. The grass was strimmed and maintained, as were the hedges.”



## Owd Martha's Yard - Hoyland

**Date: 06/01/22** Working with 4 sustained volunteers from Owd Martha's Yard.

“Along with members of the group, we helped to dig out an area for new planters. We levelled the timber for the planters whilst the volunteers screwed them together”



**Date: 13/01/22** “Supporting the group by filling planters with soil and we replanted plants which failed to thrive last year in alternative locations. Paving flags were also laid at the water station. In addition, 1000 bulbs were planted”



**Date: 20/1/22** “We supported volunteers to create a dead hedge around the nettle garden and dug holes for the posts to be placed in. Also, the water collection base was extended to house another IBC. Seeds were also provided to the group to use in the near future. Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd donated 5 pallets to make the bases.



**Date: 10/02/22** “We assisted in the moving and handling of a flagged area to improve displays. Whilst there, we passed on a donation of refreshments donated by Morrison’s, Cortonwood”



Owd' Martha's Yard  
February 25 · 🌐

This was from a couple of weeks ago. Twiggs a wonderful group of people. Thank you for your support. Growing the love 🌱🌱🌱



Twiggs South Area Tidy Team  
February 10 · 🌐

Working hard this morning at Owd Martha's Yard we assisted with moving/ handling and paving a space for an improved display area. We also passed on a donation of... [See more](#)

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**Date: 03/03/22** “ Supply and planting of 300 bulbs donated to our team by The Range, Barnsley. We dismantled pallets to build a new display area. In addition, we discussed ideas to landscape an area of the garden that we agreed to support with”



Owd' Martha's Yard  
March 3 · 🌐

Our new display shed doesn't look much at the moment, but it will be super when finished. Thank you to Twiggs who helped with its construction and they have planted up loads more daffodils along with our volunteers, the daffodils may not flower this year, but I am sure they will be a super display in the years ahead. We'll post the displays shed progress. 🌱 growing the love



**Date: 24/03/22**

“We dropped off some litter pick packs for volunteers to collect.”



**Date: 01/02/2022**, Volunteers – 6 sustained volunteers (6 x 5 hours) 30 total volunteer hours

“Working with Friends of Wombwell Park and volunteers from ASOS, the Tidy Team focussed on the general maintenance of the grounds. The team and volunteers completed a number of small but high impact jobs such as hedge trimming, clearing footpaths and habitat building. The green waste was then reintroduced by filling in uneven areas. The volunteers were shown how to use the loppers and effective techniques to use whilst using the shovel and spade. In total, 4 bags of litter were collected”.



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### **Inkerman Field, Tree Planting Project**

“Led by Parks we successfully planted an orchard of 20 trees on the top field. We supported a group of 11 volunteers which included 4 officers from South Yorkshire police, 2 local Councillors. Amber Colton and 2 members from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. It was a team effort as everyone had a go at digging, planting and hammering the supports. The manager at the local CO-OP also donated a case of bottled water.”



**Date: 08/03/2022** Adam Roberts arrived with the team at site to check the orchard following the theft and damage from the horse. Whilst the team were there, a total of 2 bags of litter was collected.



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**Wombwell Park Date: 11/01/22**

“Working on the entrance to Wombwell Park, the team strimmed and used hedge cutters to reshape the shrubs and clear the pathway to improve the aesthetics.”



**Date: 25/01/22:** Working with 9 sustained volunteers “Along with volunteers, the team, and 2 Councillors we planted an impressive 200 whips.”



**Cllr James Higginbottom**  
January 25  
Popped into Wombwell Park this morning to help plant the new wishing tree. 🌳  
Great to catch up with the fantastic group of volunteers who work hard all year round to keep the park a clean, green and enjoyable space for residents to enjoy!



**Barnsley South Area Team**  
January 25  
Today was the First Tidy up morning of 2022 in Wombwell park. The friends of Wombwell park alongside local Councillors, BMBC parks officer gave the South Area Tidy Team a hand in planting a Rowen tree. We know that local residents were dismayed when part of the infamous wishing tree had to be removed due to disease. We hope that regular park visitors will enjoy watching this tree grow and flourish. #loveit #lovebarnsley

**Date: 01/02/2022** Volunteers – 6 sustained volunteers

“Working with Friends of Wombwell Park and volunteers from ASOS, we focussed on the general maintenance of the grounds. The team and volunteers completed a number of small but high impact jobs such as hedge trimming, clearing footpaths and habitat building. The green waste was then reintroduced by filling in uneven areas. Unfortunately, we discovered that a number of trees which were planted last week had their supports had been removed. The



volunteers were shown how to use the loppers and effective techniques to use whilst using the shovel and spade. In total, 4 bags of litter was collected.”

**Date: 08/02/2022** Volunteers: 7 sustained volunteers

“A very productive day with volunteers from GXO (ASOS) and Friends of Wombwell Park. 10 fruit trees were planted and a planting bed was created by using donated concrete blocks. Twigs were collected to make an inviting entrance into the nature trail. 1 sack of litter was also collected.



**Date: 29/03/2022**

5 Sustained volunteers x 5 hours

Total Volunteer Hours – 25 hours

A very successful event with Friends of Wombwell Park. The entire park was cleared of litter which included some fly-tipping within the bushes. Reinstatement of footpaths, moss was scraped and leaves were removed from the paving surrounding the pavilion. Hedges were also trimmed and a general clean and tidy of the area which resulted in the collection of 10 bags of litter being removed. The College Assessor from Wigfield Farm (Barnsley College) attended to assess our apprentice Aaron.

**Friends of Wombwell Park**  
March 31 at 8:43 AM · 🌐

A very big thank you to all the volunteers and Twiggs South Area Tidy Team who helped out on Tuesday, taking part in the Great British Spring Clean work day at the park.



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Well done everyone, great work xx  
Like Reply 1w

**Michael Bird**  
Well done team 🙌  
Like Reply 1w

**Ian Grummett**  
★★★★★  
Like Reply 1w

**Eddie Zak Dingle Harper**  
Absolute hero's xx  
Like Reply 1w



**South Area Council**  
Darfield, Hoyland Milton, Rockingham, Wombwell

## Access to Local Information and Advice Better Together Service

For the year April 2021 to March 2022 Age UK have achieved the following:



**315**

**Receiving one to one support**

**23**

**New volunteers**

**25**

**Groups supported**

**63**

**People supported with fuel poverty**

**125**

**Encouraged to take part in new physical activities**

**56**

**Community Car Journeys supported**

**355**

**Number of people supported by workers to access local community groups and activities**

**14**

**Intergenerational projects delivered**

**24**

**Good neighbour relationships developed**

The contract funds two 32.5 hour per week workers, each post covering two wards. The Social Inclusion worker for Hoyland, Milton, Rockingham left in May with her work being covered by Age UK Barnsley workers. The post will now be covered by 2 job share social inclusion workers. Introductions will be made during June.

The Social Inclusion Workers have continued work in the South area providing support to people who are 50+ and vulnerable. The number of service users that have been supported in this quarter is 113 residents consisting of 85 Female and 28 Males. New referrals were 33. Age UK Barnsley have identified a need to look at support to encourage more men being referred to the service.

This quarter has seen an increase in referrals from external sources such as Social Prescribing, GP's, Fire Service and Social Care. Families have also referred their relatives to us and with some clients self-referring. The wellbeing monitoring tool is being utilised to identify and assess clients' wellbeing and needs.

24 people this quarter were referred to our Information and Advice service for help with issues including Benefits (17), Social Care (5). Housing (0), and Travel (4). All enquiries have been dealt with via telephone or email initially.

### **Volunteers**

There are 11 volunteers in the service, 5 Male and 6 female. Our active volunteer numbers have now decreased as many have either returned to work, university or found other employment after furlough. The Inclusion workers have been encouraging peer support with other service users which will benefit both parties. However, the aim for this next year is to relaunch a local volunteer recruitment drive in which we can raise awareness for other volunteering opportunities.

### **Activities and Groups**

Research, post pandemic identified a need for more groups to encourage client participation and reduce social isolation. The yearly target of four new groups has been exceeded. We will continue to review our one to one's and develop other groups as required if the needs are identified.

Age UK Barnsley continues to support older people to remain active and healthy. Booklets and information leaflets have been handed out to residents in the South at groups such as the Barnsley Older People Physical Activity Alliance (BOPPPAA). This Alliance brings together organisations, offering physical activities, to help co-ordinate and promote what is on offer to Barnsley's over 50's. The activities also focus on social interaction and community engagement. Examples of these currently running in the South are Healthy Bones, Tai Chi, Yoga, walking groups and walking football. A Monthly walking activity has been established with residents from Wombwell/Darfield visiting the RSPB Wetlands and Worsborough Dam. As the alliance develops, we aim to increase physical activity in the South.

Two care homes in the South area, one in Wombwell and one in Hoyland, have benefitted from the Music in hospital and care (MIHC) programme. Three sessions, in to a six-week programme which started in January, has seen musicians entertain older people in the care home. Many older people have taken part and enjoyed singing along and dancing.



Case Study: <u>Age UK Barnsley</u> <u>Social Inclusion Officer</u>
Date: 10/04/22 Ward Area: Wombwell / Darfield
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Known to Age UK Barnsley throughout the pandemic lockdown. Post lockdown her health declined and needed urgent medical intervention. The procedure was a successful one, however it left her feeling down and isolated, as she could not get out anywhere. Intervention by Social Inclusion Officer supported access to the luncheon club at Birdwell Academy where she met friends and is now getting out and about.</p>
<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Client X lives alone, she has a family, but they are working full-time. Age UK Barnsley knew X as we have been working with her for a while during the lockdown. After the lockdown X,'s health declined and she needed major surgery.</p> <p>The operation was a success, however, post operation she found herself lonely and isolated. She discussed this with the Social Inclusion Worker who visited her at her home. After discussion, X told us that she would like to have a reason to dress up and go out somewhere. She agreed to go to the luncheon club in Birdwell if I could support her with transport.</p> <p>I collected her the following Wednesday and waited at the venue to bring her home. Whilst she was there, she got chatting to other people and one offered to take her each week. We had talked about using Dial a Ride but a lift from a NEW friend was the preferred option. I kept in touch to ask if everything was good and discovered that she goes to the luncheon club each week, has attended the fortnightly cabaret and goes with her new friend to a local café for lunch before the show. This outcome has been positive, and X is now getting out into the community.</p>
<p><b>Who was Involved:</b></p> <p>Lorraine Hunter Social Inclusion Officer  Kerry Thompson Social Inclusion Officer  Birdwell Academy luncheon club  Existing client who already attends the lunch</p>
<p>Next Steps: Stay in contact for some time, and if all is well, I will close the case file.</p>



## Our Environment

### Civil & Environmental Enforcement

Current parking enforcement has focused on Wombwell and Hoyland Town centres and Darfield hot spot areas. The South Area Council has a dedicated part time

officer for 18 hours per week. The existing contract has been extended until the end of June 22.

Following re-approval of the Environmental Enforcement Policy the Safer Neighbourhood Service identified that a single contract providing a boroughwide service needed to be procured. The procurement process has taken place and District Enforcement Ltd have been selected as the approved supplier to deliver a single contract supporting the service in issuing fixed penalty notices across the whole borough on a range of issues such as littering, dog control, fly-tipping, duty of care and more. The contract with the South Area Council ends in June 22 with options being discussed to potentially buy in services from the single borough wide contract. This is the final report of the existing contract with the South Area Council.

The aim of this contract has been to encourage behavioural changes and keep traffic flowing safely. Quarter 1 of this financial year saw a period where ticket issuing was suspended across the Borough due to Covid and ticket handling restrictions in place: April 21 to March 22:



Over the year the 428 Parking notices issued were broken down into 399 tickets issued in Wombwell, 17 in Hoyland Town Centre and 12 in Darfield. Whilst patrols times are spread across the three locations the 5 minute observation time required before a ticket can be issued means that the majority of offences witnessed in Hoyland Town centre and Darfield results in people driving off before a ticket can be handed out. Due to the nature of the centre and Darfield hotspots the officers are often witnessed before

they can issue a ticket and people are more often than not popping into shops and are able to see the officers meaning they can drive away within the 5 minutes. This has continued throughout the contract but the officers are able to, when on site, keep traffic moving. The number of drive offs during the year in Hoyland centre are 176, Wombwell saw 365 and Darfield was 49. The officers are able to act as a visible deterrent within the area during their foot patrols.

The provider has been utilising intelligence led information from Councillors reporting issues on behalf of businesses and residents, parking tasking received via BMBC Parking Services and also from complaints on the street.

Prosecutions have continued for Littering and Dog Fouling offences for those who do not pay the FPN issued to them. To date, this current contractual year across the boroughs, 100 offenders have had court files prepared for prosecution, which have been passed to BMBC to be submitted for court. However the number of offenders we are still able to pursue for failing to pay is dependent upon the court space allocated to District for Barnsley offenders. Currently this is 10 per schedule.

### **'Litter Picking' days**

For juveniles that are caught committing an offence, District would normally offer an option of a Litter Pick as a means of discharging their liability for the FPN. However due to the current Co-vid 19 pandemic regulations and the relevant Social Distancing regulations, we are unable to offer this option. Due to this a letter was sent to the parents/guardians discharging the child from all liability for the FPN, but asking them to explain to the child that any further offences could result in a litter pick having to be attended in the future.

**Changing the Relationship between BMBC and the Community**

**Private Sector Housing Officer**

The contract focusses on tackling poor quality private rented housing stock, property inspections and support for landlords and tenants. They also have the powers to issue formal notices.



The South Area Council has seen private sector housing support as one of the priorities in the South for the last couple of years. Following a review of the Area Councils fixed term funded positions that sit within the Safer Neighborhoods Service, an agreement was reached to make the positions permanent. The staff will have the same benefits and employment rights as other permanent BMBC staff including the right to redundancy payments if the contracts are not renewed in the future. New contracts for the 6 team members were issued in December 21, effective from January 2022. The purpose of the new agreement is to ensure a consistent service and support can be delivered to the South Area Council.

An additional change to the post has been the introduction of flexibilities to include some time working with partners to tackle issues pertaining to council tenants and owner occupiers. This will, however, be limited with the priority being private sector housing issues. Reporting will include support across all tenure in order to identify and monitor demand. The officer will provide data to support sustained improvements for families and individuals.

The officer has recently arranged to start-up pop-up shops in libraries and is in the process of working jointly to look at ways to advertise better to reach people in area where issues may be underreported and investigate areas where reporting is low particularly Rockingham.

The officer is taking a multi-agency approach to tackling and identifying the extent of

During this quarter the officer has attended: 5 walkabouts with Berneslai Homes, 7 community events and pop-up stalls, attended 2 PACT and 2 MAAG meetings and attended 12 joint visits with other agencies.

**Private sector housing officer case study:**

“In September last year I was made aware of a property with waste in the garden. It was extensively overgrown both front and back and there was a large amount of waste accumulation in the outhouse of the rear garden. From initial inspection the external of the property appeared in very poor condition and unmaintained.

After persistently making attempts to engage with the resident over a week or so he finally allowed me access to the property. There was no hot water or heating and no flushing toilet. A hole in the kitchen ceiling indicated that there had previously been a leak. There was no banister on the open staircase, and it was difficult to move around the property safely. The entire downstairs of the property was filled with household waste including takeaway cartons, alcohol bottles mixed in with used cutlery, crockery and clothing items.

The resident was clearly struggling with his mental health, had left his employment and had no income and no real connections with the outside world. His son had moved into the property to support him, however the support was limited due to him working full time. Over time it became clear the situation was worse than initially thought. Not only was there disrepair and hoarding in the property, the resident was in arrears with every utility and bill other than his mortgage.

I arranged Twiggs to come and clear the gardens and remove the waste, paid for by the son, this immediately improved the appearance and prevented any further complaints allowing me to then concentrate on the resident and property condition.

I made initial referrals to social services, Citizens Advice Barnsley, Warm Homes teams and South Yorkshire Fire Service. Together with the resident we made a list of debts and arrears and used this during meetings with CAB.

The resident had no source of income at the time and so CAB assisted him with applying for Universal Credit and I took him weekly food parcels provided by the Salvation Army. I also provided him with a care pack consisting of hot water bottle, blankets, gloves, hat, socks, slippers, a slow cooker, kettle, and toaster funded by the South Area Council. On each visit I would gently encourage the resident to get some fresh air or to try and complete a small task each day. He asked me to attend a GP appointment with him due to his anxiety of being alone out of his home and having to 'face' the outside world. It was a success for him to attend and for the GP to be attentive to the issues he was raising.

Throughout the months of working with the resident he has continued to make slow progress. From not wanting to allow anyone access into his home through embarrassment and anxiety he has now allowed a plumber in to replace his toilet and fit a new shower. He has allowed the fire service in, who have provided advice and fitted smoke/heat alarms. He has now used savings to pay his arrears and is up to date with all utility bills and they are on direct debits to prevent the arrears building again. I have helped him complete an application to Yorkshire Water for the arrears paying off via their trust fund and we are waiting for a reply. He now has a social worker and is beginning to engage with mental health services.

Last week myself and 2 colleagues spent a couple of hours removing the last of the waste from the downstairs of the property which has made a massive difference to the way the property can be used and also help the resident in having a clearer idea of the condition of the property. I have had confirmation this week that funding has been granted for a new boiler system and this will be fitted in the next couple of weeks.

This case has been challenging, rewarding, demanding, and a big learning curve. I have had to adapt to the needs of the resident, work at his pace and when he felt like he wanted to engage. I really feel that now the more practical issues have been resolved or improved that he needs to now concentrate on his mental health to get his life back on track and where he wants to be. The smallest thing was a big achievement in this case, giving him a diary and encouraging him to write appointments down each week, for weeks on end for him to then say recently "oh I'll put that in my diary, so I remember" made me realise that I had had an impact on his life and how he was approaching things in a more positive way. There is still lots of work to be done with this resident via other agencies, but I do feel that through our consistency and determination to improve his life that we have achieved that and hopefully the work we have initiated with other support agencies will continue into the future.

**Access to Local Information and Advice**

**Citizens Advice Barnsley – Advice service**

**April 2021 – March 2022:**



The advice service has supported clients with a variety of different issues, but as in previous years, the most common are Benefits and Tax Credits, Debt, and Universal Credit. As well as improved financial outcomes the support provided by the advice service also helped to improve health and wellbeing, reduce client stress, and improve resilience by increasing the client’s ability to cope through self-help.

Prior to 23rd March 2020 this project was delivered at various outreaches throughout the South Area. From that date until 28th March 2022 when outreach restarted all client contact has been either via the telephone or digital.

Outreach face to face delivery has recommenced at Hoyland and Wombwell libraries. As an interim arrangement all clients who reside in Darfield can access support via the telephone service and digital means while CAB undertake preparation work to restart face to face delivery in Darfield.

The telephone service is available from 9am through to 7pm. Two appointment blocks per month have been set aside over and above the normal outreaches to assist clients with form filling.

Profile data for the last year shows:

- **57%** of clients are female, **43%** male
- **46%** of clients report as being vulnerable
- **20%** of clients are employed
- **6%** are unemployed
- **26%** on Benefits

#### **CASE STUDY 2** (\*names changed)

Amy\* was really worried about her son, Jed\*. She and Jed's father had split up some months previously and he had hardly seen Jed since. Amy was sure that ending their relationship was for the best - living together had become untenable. Billy\* had become increasingly volatile and abusive - and the police had become involved. Nevertheless, Amy didn't doubt that Billy loved his son and wished, for Jed's sake, that they had contact.

Since the split, Billy had made no attempt to offer or pay any maintenance. Weeks of silence had been followed by one brief visit to see Jed, and that had been accompanied by relatives. Since then, he had made no contact and Amy was aware that Billy had been in further trouble with the police.

After considerable heart searching, Amy decided that she needed to find out how to regulate the situation legally, both for Jed's sake and her own, to try to ensure that Jed did not miss out but was kept safe at all times she emailed Citizens Advice Barnsley to see what advice they could give her.

An adviser contacted Amy by email, giving her detailed information related to the various issues included in her enquiry including links to the organisation Child Law Advice.

The adviser also explained to Amy that, given what she had said, she might want to apply for a Non-Molestation Order which could stipulate that he could only see his child with supervision. The adviser explained the whole application process, supplied links and gave contact numbers.

The adviser also gave Amy information and links regarding informal Child Maintenance arrangements and explained that this was the first step. However, if an

informal arrangement failed, Amy could make arrangements through the Child Maintenance Service for Billy to pay towards Jed's upkeep.

Advisers know that sometimes help might be required that stems from the underlying issues, even if it is not the predominant cause of the contact. The adviser therefore included information about organisations who offer support to survivors of abuse. Should Amy feel that she needed further legal advice, the adviser gave her information regarding legal aid, information about finding free or affordable legal advice, and links to help her to find a local law centre.

With the help of Citizens Advice Barnsley, she now knew where to get the guidance and support she needed, going forward.

## Stop Smoking Advisor

### Health

# Stop Smoking Advisor

313 - Aim to treat 6% of the smoking population in the South Area

70 % - Aim to get 55% of those in treatment to have quit at 4 weeks

48% - Aim to get 45% of those in treatment to have quit at 12 weeks



Dayna attended the Winter Wellbeing event in Hoyland displaying a stall with advertising materials and display boards was used. 22 contacts were made with attendees from the event, who were offered leaflets and business cards for the service. Dayna also encouraged attendees to pass on the contact details for the service support to friends/family members who are smokers.

## Other Projects in the South Area

Barnsley Council has supported the voluntary and community sector through Covid. In 2021/22 community groups and charities in the south area have received a total of £44,561 from our Covid Support Through Crisis Fund.

### Winter wellbeing events (slips, trips and falls)

Two events, Hoyland - December 2021 and Birdwell – March 2022

#### Who

Community Development Officer (CDO) for the Hoyland Milton and Rockingham, South Area Team, councillors.

Providers: Age UK Barnsley, Umbrella Mental Health, BPL Your Space, Berneslai Homes, Private Sector Housing Officer, South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.

#### How

The project delivered two events in 2021 and 2022 to help people, over 50 years old, live independently at home for longer and make connections with services for health and well-being. Introducing them to other local residents, volunteers, Ward Alliance members and councillors.

The CDO helped with the Ward Alliance application, organised the events, ordered and put together items for wellbeing packs, liaised with partners and services, aided with the logistics on the days and attended to engage with those who attended.

#### Priorities

##### Healthy Barnsley

- People are safe and feel safe
- People live independently with good physical and mental health

##### Learning Barnsley

- People have access to early support and help

#### Results

##### Residents:

- Gained information and advice in both one-to-one conversations and in leaflet form from a variety of services.
- Received wellbeing packs (slippers and a hot-water bottle included.)
- Gained an understanding of who and where to go for help.

##### Were able to refer themselves to internal departments such as:

- Smoking Cessation.
- Equipment and Adaptations.
- Digital Champions.
- Warmer Homes.
- Alcohol Team.
- Slips Trips and Falls.

The Providers who attended were also able to network and meet in person, allowing them to have conversations, and gain knowledge and understanding of how to help their community more effectively.

##### Future plans:

- To limit the timescale of the events
- To invite care homes and sheltered housing as a provider
- Yearly event planned

#### At a glance

**100+**

Attendees at  
Hoyland event

**82**

Attendees at  
Birdwell event

**South Area Council**

Darfield, Hoyland Milton, Rockingham, Wombwell

# Local hanging basket sponsorship schemes

## Who

Local businesses, community groups, residents, South Area Team, Ward Alliances, basket supplier, Maintenance contractor.

## How

The aim was to encourage people to shop locally and support local businesses by adding colourful hanging baskets with sponsored plaques. The Ward Alliances funded start-up costs in the first year, but the scheme now depends on receiving sponsorship from residents, groups and businesses. This money would fund the hanging basket and plaque, which was in place from June to October.



## Results

Hoyland Milton and Rockingham ward:

- 7 volunteers provided coordination, promoted events, organised application forms, planned sitings, and organised a raffle.
- The cost to the Ward Alliance was £2,800.
- Income created in Match funding and sponsorship fees was £13,192.

Wombwell ward:

- 16 hanging baskets were sponsored.
- 2 new business reps became WA members.
- The cost to the Wombwell Ward Alliance was £1,000.
- Income created in sponsorship fees was £960.

Darfield ward:

- 20 hanging baskets.
- 1 new volunteer and a possible new Ward Alliance member.
- Cost to the Darfield Ward Alliance: £2478
- Income created in sponsorship fees £1100

The scheme relied on partnership working with Council services, local groups, volunteers and the wider community.

There is an expectation that the scheme will become more self-sustainable year on year.

## Priorities

### Sustainable Barnsley

- People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their communities
- Our heritage and green spaces are promoted for all people enjoy



*"Can I start by saying how lovely all the baskets are but I'm extremely pleased with the location of mine, it made me so happy when I saw it with its sign this morning. It'll definitely be an annual sponsor from me"*

**Darfield resident**



*"The hanging baskets are lovely, my mum loved going down the High St and was well known in Wombwell, it is lovely to see her name up on a plaque".*

**Wombwell residents**

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## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

<p><b>South Area Council Meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b></p>
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**Report of Private Sector Housing Officer and  
South Area Council Manager**

### **South Area Council – Bulky Rubbish Scheme**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide recommendations for funding a bulky rubbish scheme to run alongside and administered through the private sector housing post supported by the South Area Council manager.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Members consider the recommendations within the report regarding the proposal which would be aligned to the needs of residents supported through the work of the Private sector housing officer.
- 2.2 That Members consider the costings contained within this report and make a recommendation for funding the service as a pilot for an initial period of 12 months with a start date of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 or consider the alternative options presented in the report. The recommendation is for a 12 month pilot starting from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at a cost of £1000.

#### **3. Bulky Rubbish scheme**

##### **Background and evidence of success in Dearne**

- 3.1 The Dearne Area Council have funded the Bulky rubbish scheme for 8 years with a total of 214 items collected from 58 properties in 2018-2019 and 169 items removed from 51 properties in 2020-2021. Ward Alliances put in £1000 per year which covers the collections.

##### **How the scheme would operate**

- 3.2 During proactive work tenants and residents will be identified from waste in gardens, requiring intervention and support to allow waste items to be removed. Vulnerability, low income and housing condition will be factored into the need for this direct support. Only housing officers and Elected Members via the Area Council will have referral authority. Bookings will be made using Officer name and will limit person to a maximum of 4 items in a 12 month period unless there are exceptional circumstances. Collection figures would be split by wards and collated within quarterly reports.

##### **Evidence of need**

- 3.3 Waste in garden cases identified since 2019 has been consistently high and has a large impact on the environmental standards of our communities. Not only is it a visible eyesore it leads to further issues including pests, vermin and neighbour disputes. Between 2019-2020 pre-Covid, 74 households were directly contacted by the private sector housing officer regarding waste in gardens. Since Covid 80 households have been contacted, all within the South Area. Advice has been given to all households, yet there would appear to be a correlation between low income households, waste accumulation and poor housing conditions. Many low income families are unable to afford to remove the waste and do not have access

to a vehicle, therefore unable to attend waste and recycling centres. The implementation of this scheme would ensure the quick identification and removal of bulky waste items that otherwise would stay in situ possibly for months. This would also decrease the demand on other departments within BMBC. It will also build relationships between the community and the Area Council and will provide an inlet to other support opportunities for vulnerable households.

### **Costs**

- 3.4 A bulky waste collection is for minimum 2 items, which costs £22. It is then £5.50 for each additional item, up to a maximum of 12 items per order. For this scheme each individual would be allowed a maximum of 4 items at a cost of £33 per order.
- 3.5 **Options and steer required from South Area Council:**
- **Option a)** Approve funding to run as a 12 month pilot with a start date of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at a cost of £1000
  - **Option b)** Approve funding to run a 6 month pilot with a start date of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at a cost of £500
  - **Option c)** Do not fund
- 3.6 Members are asked to provide a steer on the preferred option above. The recommendation in this report is option A.

### **Officer Contact:**

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**Lisa Lyon, South Area Council Manager**

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council:  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## Report of South Area Council Manager

## South Area Council – Procurement and Financial Update

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide a financial and procurement update and provide a steer on future commissioning and projects intentions for:
- Environmental Enforcement services
  - Best Bar None scheme

**2. Recommendations****Best Bar None Scheme**

- 2.1.1 That Members note the information regarding the Best Bar None Scheme and consider the recommendations for funding the scheme to enable the South Area Team to work with Public Health to deliver the scheme in the South.
- 2.1.2 The recommendation is option A to agree funding to assess up to 20 venues in the South and fund 3 Best Bar None assessors at a total cost of £1175.56

**Environmental Enforcement – Options to purchase additional resources**

- 2.1.3 That Members note the update on the District Enforcement Ltd contract which ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and options to purchase in additional resources.
- 2.1.4 Options are set out in section 4.8. for purchasing additional resources for parking enforcement. Members are being asked to consider their preferred option and associated costs with option 3 being recommended. Buy in a Team leader for 18 hours per week for a period of 9 months at a cost of £17,500 and then review in line with the first year end date for the Borough wide contract,.

**3. Best Bar None Scheme**

- 3.1 At the South Area Council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Garreth Robinson, Senior Public Health officer, provided a presentation on the Best Bar None scheme. Best Bar None is an accreditation scheme supported by the Home Office and drinks industry that aims to improve standards in the evening and night-time economy. Through a combination of responsible management and operation of licensed premises, ongoing improvements, and social responsibility, Best Bar None's goal is to help provide a safer night out to all.
- 3.2 **Background information:** Best Bar None Barnsley launched in 2017. Despite Covid 2021 saw the largest number of venues supported to gain accreditation in Barnsley. With evidence that the scheme has significantly grown, year on year, Public Health feel it is time to roll the scheme out borough wide. There is approximately 370 venues across the borough, so there is some real room for growth. The Dearne Area Team piloted it in 16 of their non-town centre licensed premises. Public Health presented to discuss rolling out in the South area.
- 3.3 The Best Bar None scheme has been funded by public health. In order to make the scheme more sustainable, moving forward, the scheme would need to be funded by the area teams. **Costs:**



Best Bar None Folder (1 per venue)	£1.40 per folder
Printed Assets	Free
2 GB USB stick (1 per venue)	£2.60 each
Window Stickers plus delivery + VAT	£2.39 each plus £47.96 (VAT & Delivery)
Glass Award	£25 each
Frames	£12.99 each
Total per venue	£44.38 + £47.96 delivery fee = £92.34
Assessor Training (2 people in area)	£80 per person or £600 max 20 people

- 3.4 The Dearne Area pilot was supported by Garreth Robinson, Senior Public Health officer and delivered by two members of the Dearne Area Team who were trained as Best Bar None Assessors. 18 venues were accredited
- 3.5 Public Health have mapped the number of licensed venues across the South Area. At the time of producing the list there were 63 venues (sports clubs, members clubs, public houses and bars).
- 3.6 Time commitment:
- Weekly Meetings with Best Bar None Lead
  - Review list of licensed premises and update if appropriate
  - Initial visit with Licensed Premises (1 hour)
  - 2 hour assessment visit per venue
  - ongoing support to venues
  - Regular feedback and updates to BBN assessors
  - Quality Assurance – Venue Observations
  - Judging Panel – (Local elected members, Local Police team, Colleagues in Public Health & Assessors – Area Team)
  - Post accreditation smart survey – Feedback from venues & assessors
  - Awards ceremony to celebrate success
  - Case study
- 3.7 Given the number of venues across the South it is suggested that the pilot in the South concentrates on the community centres, sports club assets etc where the area team and South Area Council already have a relationship and have supported community activities and events. This team can build on this relationship to encourage venues to participate. This will also help manage capacity within the South Area team which will need to be monitored against other priorities which may develop or be identified.
- 3.8 The proposal is to fund training for the South Area Council Manager, Project Officer plus one other (to be identified) and with a maximum of 20 venues spread across the four wards of the South Area. This would be subject to having three officers trained as assessors.
- 3.9 Recommendations:

Option a) Agree funding to assess up to 20 venues in the South and fund 3 assessors at a cost of £935.56 (£44.38 x 20 venues + £47.96) + £240 (3 assessors training): total: £1175.56

Option b) Do Nothing



#### **4. District Enforcement Limited – Environment Enforcement**

- 4.1 Over previous years the Safer Neighbourhood Service have commissioned an enforcement contractor for the Town Centre and the South Area Council have commissioned a different provider. The contractor's main responsibility has been to provide uniformed staff to issue fixed penalty notices for low level offences such as littering, parking and dog fouling. The previous contract for the Town Centre ended in March 2022. The South Area Council extended their contract for 3 months until the end of June 2022.
- 4.2 The Safer Neighbourhood Service is responsible for dealing with environmental enforcement issues across the Borough. This includes everything from the issuing of fixed penalty notices for issues such as littering through to prosecutions for matters such as Fly-Tipping.
- 4.3 Following re-approval of the Environmental Enforcement Policy the Safer Neighbourhood Service identified that a single contract providing a boroughwide service needed to be procured. The procurement process has taken place and District Enforcement Ltd have been selected as the approved supplier to deliver a single contract supporting the service in issuing fixed penalty notices across the whole borough on a range of issues such as littering, dog control, fly-tipping, duty of care and more.
- 4.4 There is no request to the Area Council's to pay for this single service however, if the Area Council require additional specific resource for their area then this can be paid for as part of the new offer and it will be commissioned from the single provider at the relevant costs.
- 4.5 The South Area Council has contracted with District Enforcement Ltd to deliver 18.5 hours of parking patrols per week to encourage behavioural changes and keep traffic flowing safely at Wombwell High Street, Hoyland Town Centre and Darfield Local Centre. An additional 4 hours per week funded patrols across the South Area to reduce dog fouling and littering.
- 4.6 The extension to the current contract end on 30th June 2022. The South Area Council held a workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December to consider its future commissioning intentions for environmental enforcement. The preferred option b which was an extension for 3 months at a cost of £5416 was approved at the Area Council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The recommendation also included £21,662 to be ringfenced to buy in future support.

Options discussed at the workshop:

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

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

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

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

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

- Provider and services won't be known until the contract is awarded.
- The Borough wide offer may include a wider offer than currently available i.e. to include fly tipping offences and evening and weekend operating hours

4.7 The following costings have been provided from the Safer Neighbourhood Services. These are the costings if the Area Council require additional specific resources:

**Team Leader - £25.00 p/h** – A team leader would be required to provide supervision against the bought in resource. Team leaders can provide supervision and support patrolling. Only the team leader can currently carry out parking enforcement but they also have the ability to issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for littering, dog fouling, fly tipping and carry out duty of care responsibility working with businesses in a proactive role. The team leader would provide quarterly performance reporting and work directly with the South Area Council on targeting the role.

**Civil Enforcement Officer - £18.50 p/h** – Littering, dog fouling.

**Generic Enforcement Officer - £20.00 p/h** – As above plus fly tipping and duty of care responsibilities.

4.8 Based on the discussions at the Area Council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022, which was to consider purchasing parking patrolling for Wombwell High street, Hoyland Town Centre and Darfield Hotspots outside co-op with the ability to issue fixed penalty notices the following options are for consideration:

<b>Options</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Option 1: 12 months</b>		
18 hours per week Team Leader  Role: Enforcement, engagement, education and performance reporting. Direct link to South Area Council	<b>£23,400 (start date July 22)</b>	£21,662 ringfenced No gap in service. Ability to issue FPNs and potentially work with school around education on parking concerns at start of school term times.
<b>Option 2: 6 month</b>		
18 hours per week Team leader  Role: Enforcement, engagement, education and performance reporting. Direct link to South Area Council	<b>£11,700 (start date July 22)</b>	As above. This could run for 6 months with a review of the extra hours in December 22 and feedback on the progress of the single provider contract. Needs can be assessed alongside the single contract delivery in the South.
<b>Option 3: 9 months</b>		
<b>Recommended option</b> 18 hours per week Team Leader  Role: Enforcement, engagement, education and performance reporting. Direct link to South Area Council	<b>£17,550 (start date July 22)</b>	This would tie in with the first year delivery of the single provider contract, as above a review can be undertaken at this point of the 9 months delivery and the Borough wide contract along side local need .
<b>Option 4: Less or more hours</b>		
Team Leader - £25.00 p/h Civil Enforcement Officer - £18.50 p/h Generic Enforcement Officer - £20.00 p/h	TBC	Team leader hours would need to be included in any combination of hours which included a civic enforcement of generic enforcement officer. Parking enforcement would not be included.
<b>Option 5:</b> Current contract terminates with no additional buy in. Review any future need alongside Borough wide contract.	No costs associated with this.	The extension to contract would terminate in June 22. The Area Council could decide to assess the needs in line with the delivery of single contract at a further date. The Area council could assess the impact of no service delivery over this period. The ringfenced funding could be returned to the unallocated funding for a different priority.

## 5. South Area Council Finances

- 5.1 The South Area Council currently have a commissioning budget of £24,800 which is unallocated, an additional £21,662 ringfenced for environmental enforcement support and £37,996 ringfenced for Children and Young people

activities which is in development. The list below outlines committed funding to date.

<b>Contract / Service / Project</b>	<b>Contract start / end date</b>	<b>Value</b>
Welfare rights drop in service	1 <sup>st</sup> July 21 – 31 <sup>st</sup> August 24	£81,261 per year
South Tidy Team Service – Twiggs	1 <sup>st</sup> April 21 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 24	£181,721 per year
Private Sector Housing Officer SLA	1 <sup>st</sup> October 21 – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 22	£34,000 per year
Environmental Enforcement – District Enforcement Ltd	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 - 31 <sup>st</sup> March 22	£21,662
Environmental Enforcement SLA	As above	£1740
Better Together service – Age UK Barnsley	1 <sup>st</sup> April 21 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 24	£59,935
Health & Wellbeing Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age UKB – Men in Sheds in Wombwell</li> <li>• Reds in the Community (Fit Red session left to deliver in a community setting)</li> </ul>	Allocated in 2019 – 2020. Some activities delayed due to Covid.	£10,000
Tackling off Road Biking initiative	Ongoing	£2130
Healthier Communities Covid Pot	In development	£37,996 Income
Covid Practical Support Fund	Allocated based on need	£20,000 Income
Functional Fitness MOT training	TBA	£1200

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