

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday 14 October 2022
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - 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 2 September 2022 (Sac.14.10.2022/2) (Pages 3 - 6)
- 3 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.14.10.2022/3)
Hoyland Milton and Rockingham – held on 7 September 2022 (to follow)
Darfield – held on 15 September 2022 (to follow)

Performance

- 4 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.14.10.2022/4) (Pages 7 - 10)

Items for Discussion

- 5 Bernesali Homes - Cost of living and resident support - Tracey Powers, Tenant First Service Manager (Sac.14.10.2022/5)
- 6 Heart Health Alliance - Kaye Mann - Public Health Specialist Practitioner (Sac.14.10.2022/6) (Pages 11 - 22)
- 7 Smoking Cessation - Garreth Robinson - Public Health Practitioner (Sac.14.10.2022/7)

Items for Decision

- 8 Welfare Reform Review (Sac.14.10.2022/8) (Pages 23 - 26)

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
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MINUTES

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

10 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Frost and Markham declared a non pecuniary interest in minute number 14 due to their positions as trustees of Age UK Barnsley. Councillor Eastwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute number 14 due to her involvement with the Age UK shop. Councillors Franklin, Lamb and Shepherd each declared non pecuniary interests in any item which may relate to their positions as directors of Forge Community Partnership.

11 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 24 June 2022 (Sac.02.09.2022/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 24 June 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 24 June 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

12 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.02.09.2022/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 6 July; Wombwell held on 18 July; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 14 July 2022.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

13 Age UK Barnsley – ‘Better Together Service’ contract update – Debby Bunn (Sac.02.09.2022/4)

Natalie Stokes, Senior Social Inclusion Work was welcomed to the meeting, in place of Debby Bunn. Also in attendance was Lorraine Hunter, South Area Social Inclusion Officer.

Members were provided an overview of the Better Together Service, which had recently reached its 1st Anniversary. Those present were reminded that the service had launched as part of the Age Friendly Barnsley Festival, and a leaflet drop had taken place and with an associated communications campaign. Members noted the links made with organisations within the area, including community groups, schools, local businesses, and other commissioned services.

Within the year 132 one to ones had been held, against a target of 100. 158 services users had engaged in groups, and 9 new groups had been established. 17 groups had also received support.

The Information and Advice service provided by Age UK Barnsley had helped clients to gain an additional £41,292.20 in benefits through one day a week of advisor time.

Members heard of the variety of events and celebrations arranged, and taken part in, including winter wellbeing events and jubilee parties.

It was reported that four new volunteers had been recruited and that 19 volunteers could be working at any time. It was noted that the recruitment of volunteers could be difficult as many people were unaware that they could volunteer for just small amounts of time.

Members heard of the key challenges faced by the service, which included issues of access and with transport faced by many, and the reticence of some residents to engage due to the risk of Covid. Also challenging was identifying those most excluded who would benefit greatly from the service. Members heard of a leaflet drop in the area asking neighbours and friends to suggest who may require support, and these individuals could then be approached in the most appropriate way.

Members noted the next steps suggested by the service, which included further training and development for staff, supporting post-covid recovery, and supporting digital inclusion, as well as recruiting and supporting volunteers. It was acknowledged that promotion of Age Friendly Barnsley and Dementia Friendly groups also was planned.

Questions were asked around the age limit of residents to access the service, and it was noted that the service supported those over 50.

In relation to benefits advice, questions were asked whether there may be capacity to extend the Information and Advice service, as many residents were already concerned about increasing costs of living. It was noted that this service was funded separately to the Better Together service and only supported those over 65. Members acknowledged other support in the area from such as CAB and DIAL. Members were made aware that an informal group of information and advice providers was in the process of being established, which would consider any gaps in service and how these could be responded to.

Members noted the work done to map 'warm places' where residents could go to keep warm. This involved a wide range of partners, and it was suggested could help to identify potential beneficiaries of both the Better Together Service and of advice services. It was also noted that neighbours also needed to be encouraged to identify those struggling and many may also need support to attend these venues.

Members acknowledged that that some community venues may also require support in order to remain open in the face of increasing fuel prices.

It was noted that the Better Together service had been useful in providing intelligence about the needs in the area. It was noted that the service had also responded to

many of these, with examples such as the digital inclusion work or work to promote health and fitness being given.

Noted was the impact of early help on the wellbeing of people, and the corresponding positive impact on the demand placed on health care services. It was suggested that discussions could take place through the Executive Director Place Health and Adult Social Care and Executive Director Public Health and Communities to stress this and suggest more direct support from health care services.

It was also suggested that greater collaboration could be undertaken with Berneslai Homes in order to support tenants.

Praise was provided by a number of Members for the work of the service, following their attendance at events or groups in which the service had been involved.

RESOLVED that thanks were provided for the attendance at the meeting, and for the continued hard work of the service.

14 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.02.09.2022/5)

The Area Council Manager spoke to the item noting that Darfield Ward Alliance had just under £12,000 remaining, though lots of preparatory work had been undertaken and many more applications for funding were expected.

Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance had around £10,500 remaining and similarly had a number of applications expected, with some of these related to winter warmth projects.

Wombwell Ward Alliance also had around £10,000 remaining, with a number of winter focused projects expected to come forward for funding.

Attention was drawn to the match funding element of the Houghton Main Cricket Club award from Darfield Ward Alliance. It was suggested that this may be a typing error and would be corrected for future reports.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

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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

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,253	Allocation Remaining £20,507.18
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	£1800	£0	£8,753	£14,917.24
All Saints Darfield PCC	£426.34	£2,192	£8,753	£14,490.90
Houghton Main Cricket Club	£987	£1,891	£8,753	£13,503.90
Houghton Main Recreational Ground	£850	£1,890	£8,753	£12,653.90
Darfield Ring	£680	£3,425	£8,753	£11,973.90
Darfield Community Centre Room Hire	£90	£0	£8663	£11,883.90

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

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £12,759.42	Allocation Remaining £25,518.84
SSAFA Jubilee Event	£500	£54.80	£12,759.42	£25,018.84
HMR Jubilee Bunting	£1286.15	£0	£11,473.27	£23,732.69
Birdwell Community Centre	£2,500	£137	£11,473.27	£21,232.69
St Helens Court	£300	£274	£11,473.27	£20,932.69
Defibs	£5,580	£41.10	£11,473.27	£15,352.69
MOM – Generator	£500	£808.30	£11,473.27	£14,852.69
Jubilee Gala Hemingfield	£500	£4,932	£11,473.27	£14,352.69
Friends of Elsecar Park	£2,500	£822	£11,473.27	£11,852.69
Hoyland TC Hanging Baskets	£1,368	£0	£10,105.27	£10,484.69
Hoyland Xmas 2022	£2,000	£411	£10,105.27	£8,484.69
Refurbishment of Village Stones	£500	£27.40	£10,105.27	£7,984.69
Birdwell Xmas Tree Brackets	£540	£274	£10,105.27	£7,444.69

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
			£6,187.05	£12,374.11
High Street Jubilee Event	£1700	£1383	£6,187.05	£10,674.11
Lundhill Community Group	£600	£4,384	£6,187.05	£10,074.11

Heart Health Alliance

A collaborative system
wide approach to heart
health

Our vision

To improve heart health
through prevention, early
detection and successful
management of diseases
affecting the heart and
blood vessels.



The data- a sea of red...



Around
36,000

people are living with heart
and circulatory diseases
in Barnsley



Every
13 hours

someone dies from a heart
or circulatory disease
in Barnsley



Heart and circulatory
diseases cause

55 deaths

each month
in Barnsley

Our priorities

Ensure a collaborative system wide approach to heart health



Ensure early prevention across all we do



Make heart health understandable, accessible, and valued by everyone



Use a targeted approach to reduce health inequalities in heart health



Support services to provide the best possible care



Up to 80% of premature heart attacks and strokes are avoidable

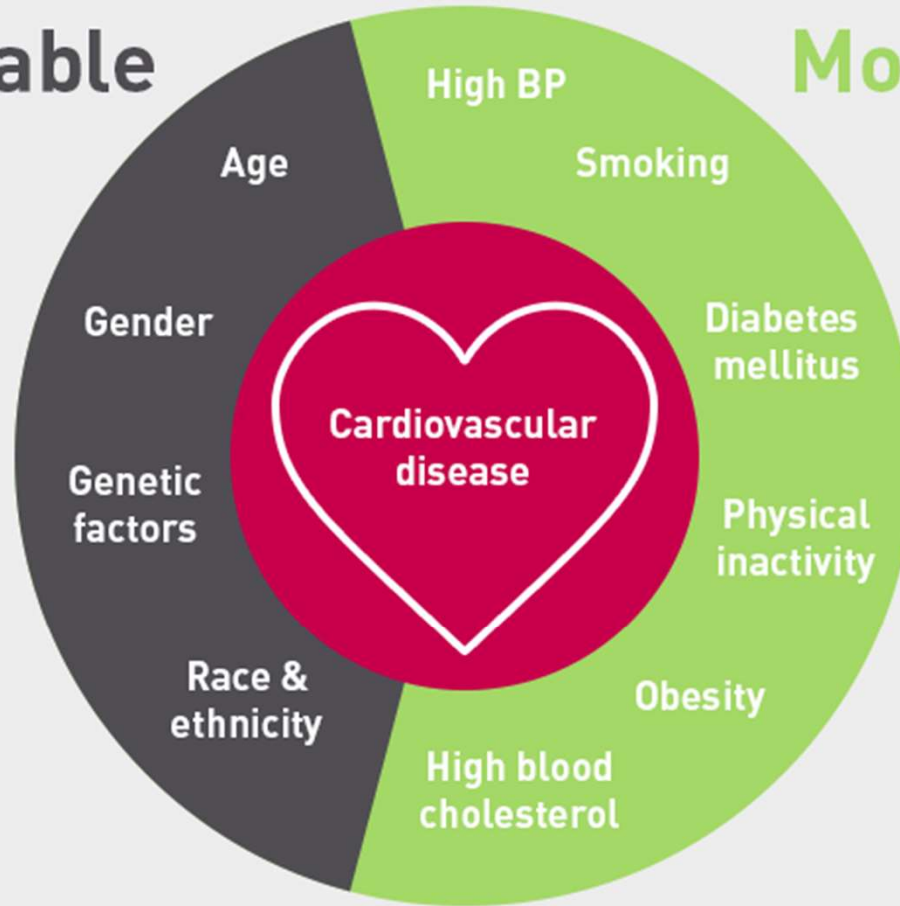
The 2019 NHS Long Term Plan identifies cardiovascular disease as the single biggest condition where lives can be saved over the next 10 years.



Stroke



Non-modifiable risk factors



Modifiable risk factors

Examples...

- Community Blood Pressure Campaign in partnership with local pharmacies
- Targeted:
 - Dearne and North
 - Men
 - 50-60yrs
- Take the service to them.



Examples...

Moving more in Barnsley

What's your move?

Being physically active is one of the most important ways to look after your physical and mental wellbeing. Find your move online at:

www.barnsleywhatsyourmove.co.uk



"There is no situation, there is no age and no condition where exercise is not a good thing."

Sir Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England

WHAT'S YOUR
MOVE

Examples...



**NHS
HEALTH
CHECK**

Helping you prevent

- diabetes
- heart disease
- kidney disease
- stroke & dementia

The image shows a graphic for the NHS Health Check. It features the text 'NHS HEALTH CHECK' in large, bold, blue letters on a white background. To the right, on a blue background, is the text 'Helping you prevent' followed by a list of four conditions: 'diabetes', 'heart disease', 'kidney disease', and 'stroke & dementia', each in a white box.

Heart Health Plan 2022-2025

Heart Health Alliance Action Plan 2022-2025

Our vision = To improve heart health through prevention, early detection and successful management of diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels.

The term Heart health will be used instead of cardiovascular disease (CVD) to help make it more understandable for those who are less familiar with clinical terms. It includes conditions affecting the heart (cardio) or blood vessels (vascular), such as high blood pressure (hypertension), heart attacks (coronary heart disease) and stroke (cerebrovascular disease).

Setting the scene:

- Risk factors for poor heart health that we can work to reduce include smoking, physical inactivity, being overweight or obese, high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol.
- 80% of CVD is preventable through diet, exercise, reducing alcohol intake, smoking prevention and reduction, and medication.
- The latest heart health disease (cardiovascular disease) mortality rates for under 75 years considered preventable (2020) is significantly worse than the England average at 38.9 (per 100,000) compared to 29.2. For Barnsley this figure has also increased year on year from 30.1 since 2018.
- Hospital admissions for heart attacks, stroke and heart failure for Barnsley are all significantly worse than the England average.
- In 2019/2020 the prevalence of stroke or mini stroke in Barnsley was 2.2% (5,823 people) – higher than England's average (1.8%). This rate has been either static or CVD prevalence is likely to increase in the future, owing to an ageing population and improved survival rates.
- The 2019 NHS long term plan identifies CVD as the single biggest condition where lives can be saved over the next 10 years.
- A CVD health needs assessment was produced in 2020 and the findings have helped inform the below priorities. |
- increasing since 2012.

Our priorities:

- To ensure a collaborative system wide approach to heart health
- Ensure early prevention across all we do
- Make heart health understandable, accessible, and relevant to everyone
- Use a targeted approach to reduce health inequalities in heart health
- Support services to provide the best possible care and prevention opportunities

This is a working document and will be constantly reviewed in line with latest data, intelligence, and guidance to ensure it meets the needs of Barnsley.

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:

14th October 2022

**Report of South Area Council
Manager**

Welfare Reform Review

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To apprise Members of locality-based review of welfare services provision.

2. Recommendation

2.1. **Members refer to sections 3 to 7 of this report and discuss and review the options available in section 7 and agree the preferred option for the South Area.**

2.2. **An Area Council workshop can be arranged to take forward the preferred option. Members can agree, if they wish to hold a workshop with other area councils, specifically for this commissioned service.**

3. Background

3.1. BMBC, through our Healthier Communities Service, currently funds a core town centre-based welfare provision, offering information, advice and guidance.

3.2. Across the borough a range of different provision is currently in place to support communities. This provision is funded by both Area Councils and Ward Alliances. The provision varies significantly in terms of scale across the borough.

3.3. The feasibility of a universal borough wide hub and spoke model was explored through a review led by colleagues in Healthier Communities, but the funding is not available in order to expand the existing centrally commissioned provision. However, the potential efficiency in commissioning practice was identified as we currently have several different commissioning arrangements.

3.4. The Area Councils have been requested to review their arrangements for the commissioning and procurement of welfare services to determine whether there is any efficiency which can be derived from a more coordinated approach.

3.5. The South Area Council currently have a contract with CAB until 30th June 2024. Contract value is £83,000 per year, 3 year contract, start date was 1st July 2021

4. Area Council Provision

All Area Councils have provided data for all locality-based advice services to evidence the level of demand in each area in order to steer the initial review. The data that was provided covers the periods 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22, and indicates there has been demand for advice services across the borough during these periods.

- The data shows a significant increase in utilisation between 2019/20 and 2020/21, which is maintained in the first half of 2021/22. As the increase coincides with the covid pandemic, it is assumed that this is either due to services being able to accept more referrals when not providing face to face clinic, and/or, an increase in demand linked to issues relating to the pandemic. Within the South Area, welfare advice services have provided community-based outreach provision and 29 hours of face-to-face consultations a week. The service delivers generalist and specialist benefit outreach advice to residents and workers in Darfield, Hoyland Milton, Rockingham and Wombwell wards via outreach services.
- Since this project was delivered solely by Citizens Advice from 1st July 2017 the project has made:
 - **5715** client contacts
 - In excess of **£7.16 m** of additional welfare benefits gain
 - In excess of **£1.90 m** of debt managed
 - A return on investment of **£20** per **£** spent

It is anticipated that requests for such services will increase due to the increase in costs that many families are facing.

5. Opportunities identified

- 5.1. Combined commissioning provides an opportunity to condense the management fees
- 5.2. Encourage collaborative tendering by providers to co-deliver
- 5.3. The providers are all operating to the same standards and are AQS accredited.
- 5.4. The 'approved provider' list is concise.
- 5.5. Standardised collection of performance data to compare data between different areas.

6. Threats identified

- 6.1. The increase in the cost of living will require an uplift in contract value when contracts are renewed to ensure the same standards of provision can be maintained or reduced delivery expectations to reflect the financial envelope.

7. Options

- 7.1. Do not continue to fund a locality-based welfare provision service.
- 7.2. Continue to commission a welfare provision service for the South Area on an independent cycle, based on local need.

7.3. Align commissioning cycles and procure provision for multiple areas in one process, using different lots for individual area councils. This would require giving notice to the existing provider prior to the current end date of June 2024.

8. Next Steps

8.1. If the Area Council wish to explore aligning commissioning cycles with other areas the Area Manager will arrange a workshop to work up a delivery model for the priority, with the support of specialist officers.

8.2. It is recommended that this workshop includes colleagues from Healthier Communities and the AQS accredited providers. Therefore, it would make sense to work with other Area Councils in a workshop environment to identify a way forward for this commissioned service. Member are requested to indicate if they are in agreement with this suggestion.

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