

MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday 20 March 2023
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

MINUTES

Present Councillors Coates (Chair), Bowler and Danforth

Note: this meeting was inquorate

21 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

22 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 5 December 2022 (Dac.20.3.2023/2)**

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on the 5th December, 2022 be approved as a correct record

23 **Introduction of the Dearne Area Council Link Officer - Laura Hammerton**

Apologies for absence had been received from Laura Hammerton the newly appointed Link Officer and, therefore, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

24 **Quarter 3 Performance Report (Dac.20.3.2023/4)**

The Area Council Manager submitted her performance report for Quarter 3 and Members noted its contents.

Arising out of the discussion, particular reference was made to the following:

- The Area Council Priorities, the commissions including TWIGGS, the B:Friend service, the Dearne Electronic Community Village and the work of the Private Sector Housing and Cohesion Officer, Arising out of this discussion, the Area Council Manager stated that she would clarify the detail in relation to the number of contracts/volunteers in relation to TWIGGS and would provide a narrative within the report for the next meeting
- The amazing work undertaken by DIAL
- The work of the Goldthorpe Development Group
- The Dearne Area Performance for 2022 and the activities undertaken. Specific reference was made to, Spring Fair, Pictures in the Park, Shake, Battle and Roll, Breakfast Clubs and the More Money in Your Pocket Autumn Roadshow

RECOMMENDED that the update be noted.

25 Dearne Area Council Update on Commissions (Dac.20.3.2023/5)

The Area Council Manager presented an update report with regard to the Dearne Area Council commissioned services and potential future projects.

Particular reference was made to the following:

- The Social Connectivity Service
- The work of the Housing and Cohesion Officer who had been in post since July 2022 following approval by this Area Council.
- The Employability Contract in assisting employment and Skills. Reference in this respect was made to the Dearne Electronic Community Village
- The Neighbourhood and Engagement Officer Role and the work undertaken
- The contract delivered by TWIGGS. It was noted that, as reported at the last meeting, this was due to end at the end of March 2023 and, after discussion with the procurement team it was suggested that a waiver for one year should be granted as in the previous year. This had now been signed by senior management
- Potential future projects – further investigation was to be undertaken to ensure there was no duplication with other services and also to ensure that the needs of the young people in the area were met

RECOMMENDED that the updated be noted

26 Dearne Area Council Finance Update (Dac.20.3.2023/6)

The Area Council Manager submitted a report providing an update regarding the Area Council's financial position.

The report outlined the committed spend for 2022/23, for 2023/24 and for 2024'25 together with information about the Dearne Development Fund and a detailed financial breakdown was included within an Appendix to the report.

It was reported that the committed spend for 2024/25 did not include ongoing costs for the Social Connectivity and Housing Officer and, therefore, a further update would be provided.

RECOMMENDED that the Financial update be noted.

27 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.20.3.2023/7)

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne South Ward Alliance held on the 24th January and the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on the 31st January, 2023.

RECOMMENDED that notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

28 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.20.3.2023/8)

The Area Council Manager submitted a report on the spend to date from the Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne North and South Area.

It was noted that with the Dearne North Ward there was a balance of £2,282.17 and within Dearne South, £6,031.04 remaining and a detailed breakdown of expenditure was provided as an appendix to the report.

RECOMMENDED that the Ward Alliance Fund Report, inclusive of spend to date for the Deane North and South Wards be noted.

Chair