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MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Wednesday 27 September 2023
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room - Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 19 July 2023 (Cen.27.09.2023/2) (Pages 3 - 6)

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Ward Alliances

- 6 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.27.09.2023/6) (Pages 53 - 78)
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Dodworth – held on 11 July 2023
Stairfoot – held on 10 July 2023
Worsbrough – held on 5 July (Environmental Working Group), and 6 July 2023
- 7 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.27.09.2023/7) (Pages 79 - 82)

To: Chair and Members of Central Area Council:-

Councillors K. Dyson (Chair), Bowser, Christmas, Clarke, Fielding, Lodge, O'Donoghue, Mitchell, Moyes, Murray, Ramchandani, Risebury, Shirt, C. Wray and P. Wright

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9 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Moyes declared a non-pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda insofar as it related to her employment by GMB.

10 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 24 May 2023 (Cen.19.07.2023/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Central Area Council held on 24 May 2023.

It was noted that the previous meeting had noted the potential overlap of the Worsbrough Ward Alliance and its Environmental Working Group. A meeting to discuss this was still outstanding. The Area Council Manager agreed that this would be arranged as soon as possible.

With regards to the Area Council Manager post, it was noted that Central Area Council still received six days of officer time per week provided, with Sarah Blunkett working for five days and Lisa Phelan for one. It was noted that the current arrangements were only temporary, but that any further recruitment had been paused due to the ongoing transformation process.

Members noted that Sarah Blunkett had unfortunately been off work ill, and Members wished to place on record their best wishes. It was noted that a card and flowers would be sent.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Central Area Council held on 24 May 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

11 Cost of Living Crisis - Community Support - Chris Crookes (Cen.19.07.2023/3)

Chris Crookes, Project Officer – Wellbeing, was welcomed to the meeting. An overview of the current financial crisis was provided, which highlighted key statistics from the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022.

Members were made aware that Barnsley received £4.7m of Household Support Grant (HSG) from April 23 to March 24, and Community Funding represented £800,000 of this. A breakdown of the Community Funding was provided, which

included £420,000 of funding allocated to 36 community organisations across the borough, and £180,000 for a fuel support service due to launch in September 23. This would provide fuel vouchers to support those on pre-payment meters and it was noted that Berneslai Homes had a package of support for their tenants in a similar position. It was noted that £200,000 had been allocated for a second round of funding for community providers, aimed at winter support.

Members were made of the schemes funded in the Central Area, such as Worsbrough Community Pantry, Stairfoot Food Bank, Mind, Body and Spirit and schemes delivered through Oakhill and Oakwell Rise Primary Schools. Noted were the Boroughwide Funded Schemes such as Age UK and DIAL Warm Homes Advisors and support through Citizen's Advice Bureau and Community First Credit Union.

Questions were raised about whether Ward Alliances could apply for finance to fund schemes, and it was agreed that it be confirmed whether this was possible. It was recognised that the finance available had already served to fund some projects in the area, which may have otherwise applied to the Ward Alliance.

Members noted the recently approved Barnsley Food Plan 2022-2025 and the associated priorities, they were also made aware of a number of schemes involved in delivering against these. Noted was the Healthy Holidays Programme running in the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays and Members noted that this was strictly for those in receipt of Free School Meals. However, also noted was the support schools sometimes provided such as food parcels. Discussion took place around how to support families outside of those holidays and how to provide support to those who required it but were not in receipt of free school meals.

Members heard of the Community Shop on the Go, with a successful pilot undertaken in Thurnscoe and of plans to expand this. Also noted was the work in train to support the establishment of community pantries. Those present discussed the best placement of Community Pantries, and it was suggested that it was important to have low rents, easy access and a solid volunteer base.

Members were made aware differences in Food Banks, Food Pantries, and Community Fridges, with the ability to support people up the food ladder from crisis to being able to take control of their situation. Members also discussed the wraparound support available, with signposting from food sources to such as Citizen's Advice Bureau.

It was noted that Household Support Grant could not be relied upon indefinitely, so work was ongoing to support any group to become more sustainable in the longer term, for example through small membership fees. It was noted that a toolkit was available to support groups to establish such support mechanisms and that need not necessarily have charitable status.

Questions were asked about how healthy the surplus food provided was, and it was acknowledged that whilst healthy food would be preferred, the supply was related to which food was surplus.

Members discussed different sources of surplus food through such as fairshare, and through contacts with local food outlets such as Greggs, Coop, Tesco and Asda. It

was noted that the use of apps such as Too Good To Go, and Olio was also promoted via the More Money in Your Pocket Website.

Those present then discussed support with hygiene and it was noted that although there were few bespoke schemes, this issues was considered by Health Watch, Youth Clubs, Warm Spaces and Community Panties as part of their work.

RESOLVED:-

- i) That thanks be given for the presentation and update in relation to Community Support;
- ii) That a Tenants First Officer from Berneslai Homes be invited to a future meeting of the Area Council to discuss their support to tenants in relation to the Cost of Living Crisis.

12 Procurement and Financial Update (Cen.19.07.2023/4)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, drawing attention to the overview of activities funded by the Area Council. Also noted was the current financial situation, and that forecast.

Members then noted the intention of the recommendations, which was to align all Area Council commitments to conclude in March 2025. This would allow a more fundamental review of priorities and use of finance throughout 2024, considering relevant data, the outcome of trial projects, and appropriate monitoring and evaluation.

It was noted that the projects currently funded by the Social Isolation Challenge Fund were due to conclude in Spring 2024, and there was no opportunity to extend these. It was therefore suggested to launch a further round of the Fund with a total value of £130,000 to procure similar services for one year until 31 March 2025.

Similarly, it was noted that the outreach youth work provided across the area was due to end in June 2024. Therefore, it was suggested to launch a further Youth Work Fund to procure outreach youth work for 9 months from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025.

It was acknowledged that the recommendations considered had emanated from recently held workshops. Members were encouraged to engage in future workshops where this was possible.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Members noted the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Wellbeing Fund projects, with associated timescales;
- (ii) that Members noted the actual financial position to date for 2023-2024 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-2025 as outlined in Appendices 1 & 2 of the report;

- (iii) that Members noted there was a Supporting Vulnerable People and Social Isolation workshop for Members to explore recent project reviews and research, which resulted in a number of options and recommendations;
- (iv) That Members agree to progress the commissioning of services via a 'Social Isolation Challenge Fund' with a financial envelope of £130,000 for 1 year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, and that this is progressed by the Area Council Manager, in conjunction with a panel made up of Central Area Council Elected Members, with responsibility delegated to the Executive Director Public Health and Communities for the approval of grants and procurement of services;
- (v) That Members agree to open a Youth Work Fund to fund outreach youth work for the period of 9 months from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025 with a financial envelope of £50,000, and that this is progressed by the Area Council Manager, in conjunction with a panel made up of Central Area Council Elected Members, with responsibility delegated to the Executive Director Public Health and Communities for the approval of grants and procurement of services.

13 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.19.07.2023/5)

The meeting received the notes of the following meetings of the Ward Alliances in the area:-

Central Ward Alliance held on 26 April and 24 May 2023;
 Dodworth Ward Alliance held on 18 April and 30 May 2023;
 Kingstone Ward Alliance held on 17 May and 28 June 2023;
 Stairfoot Ward Alliance held on 15 May and 12 June 2023;
 Worsbrough Ward Alliance held on 13 April, 24 May (Environmental Working Group) and 25 May 2023.

The attention of Members was drawn to the investment made by Worsbrough Ward Alliance to the Community Pantry, which is working extremely well.

Members discussed the event being planned to celebrate 10 years of the area governance arrangements. Most of the Ward Alliances had made a contribution to the costs, or were set to consider this very shortly.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

14 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.19.07.2023/6)

Members received the report which detailed the use of Ward Alliance Funds in each of the Wards in the area.

RESOLVED that the report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds be received.

 Chair

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BARNSELEY'S CULTURAL STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Briefing

Area Council

August 2023

Culture and the arts in Barnsley: Our Strengths

- **Very strong Council museum/events offer**
- **Range of wider strengths e.g. music (Barnsley Youth Choir), performing arts (Barnsley Civic), interactive arts (Invisible Flock)**
- **National funders focusing on Barnsley**
- **Arts Council England Priority Place**
- **Also some gaps: Studio space, performance space, freelancers for example**
- **Limited understanding of grassroots activity**
- **Currently no strategic framework**



Challenges Faced By Our Communities

- **Low levels of engagement & participation in community life in certain areas**
- **Some isolated and disenfranchised communities feeling 'left behind' by economic growth and the pandemic**
- **Significant wellbeing and mental health inequalities and lower life expectancy exacerbated by the impacts of COVID**
- **Barriers to accessing employment which need understanding and alleviating**
- **Challenges particularly acute in Principal Towns**
- **Significant deprivation challenges and a worsening gap in incomes and livelihoods, further emphasised by Cost of Living Crisis**



What does this mean for culture in Barnsley?

- **Play a crucial role in delivering Barnsley 2030**
- **Focus on enriching our communities from within**
- **Democratic, co-created, Community-led**
- **It must help reduce inequality and improve life-chances**
- **Genuinely Borough wide**
- **Innovative engagement approaches**
- **Asset-based model**



Barnsley's Cultural Strategy

- **Culture for Everyone**
- **Must be rooted in the needs and expectations of local people**
- **Make every effort to represent all the Borough and be truly diverse**
- **Build on existing successful Area structures**
- **Working with teams across BMBC**
- **Additional engagement with key community groups**
- **Process as important as final product**
- **Focusing on wider challenges...health & wellbeing, tackling poverty, skills & employability, social & cultural capital**



Timetable for Barnsley's Cultural Strategy Development

Phase	August - Oct 23	Oct – November 23	Nov – Feb 24	Feb - March 23
Phase 1 : Research and development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project Governance ➤ Creative Engagement workshops with Area Councils and Ward Alliances ➤ Stakeholder Engagement ➤ Sector mapping ➤ Sector Engagement 				
Phase 2: Review and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review by Project Board Gaps identified for further engagement ➤ Report produced 				
Phase 3 – Further Engagement with communities and stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Further Stakeholder Engagement ➤ Creative Community Engagement 				
Phase 4 – Strategy Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Priorities identified ➤ Strategic directions identified ➤ Workshop stakeholders and Cllrs ➤ Strategy online and published 				

Barnsley's Cultural Strategy progress

- **Cultural Strategy development paper agreed by Cabinet late spring;**
- **Phase 1 starting now: Engage key stakeholders, Barnsley 2030 Boards etc;**
- **Creative engagement across Borough**
- **Sector mapping almost complete;**
- **Setting up Steering group;**
- **KEY - Briefings with Area Councils and then engagement with Ward Alliances;**



Area Councils and Ward Alliances

- **Provide initial briefings to all Area Councils to ensure they are aware;**
- **Set up in depth sessions, one for each Area, inviting members, and all ward alliances representatives;**
- **The sessions will be half day each and be facilitated by a creative organisation;**
- **One additional session to cover who cannot attend their original session**



Purpose of Ward Alliance Events

To gain an understanding of

- What cultural activity is taking place in the locality;
- Who is participating:
- What is important to members of Ward Alliances:
- What role can culture and creativity play in improving the locality?

This information will then be used to shape future development of the cultural strategy.



Any Questions or comments



BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GROWTH & SUSTAINABILITY

TITLE: A CULTURAL STRATEGY FOR BARNSLEY

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	22 March 2023
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Regeneration and Culture
Key Decision	Yes
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

To outline the reasons why Barnsley needs a Cultural Strategy to ensure its work around participation and engagement with culture & heritage and its contribution to the visitor economy is strategically aligned to the Barnsley 2030 priorities of the borough and B2030 outcomes.

Council Plan priority

This links to the Council's and borough's vision of Barnsley as a 'place of possibilities' and our ambitions to be a 'Creative Barnsley'

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

1. That the Council adopt the proposed approach for the development of Barnsley's Cultural Strategy.
2. Endorse the involvement process with the diverse residents and communities of Barnsley as laid out in the report.

1. INTRODUCTION

Why a cultural strategy for Barnsley?

- 1.1 We experience culture every day. It intersects across different parts of our lives in a myriad of ways. Through the food we prepare and eat. The language we speak and hear. The tables we gather around. The environment we encounter and shape. The stories we share. The art we make or come into contact with.

The faith or rituals we observe. Culture is nuanced and is constantly shifting. It has no singular source: it is not mine, it is not yours, it is ours.

- 1.2 Kathy McArdle, **Service Director for Regeneration and Culture** in Barnsley, has said “We’re huge supporters of Culture in Barnsley, we see the benefits and positive impacts on both wellbeing and the economy. There’s a real buzz around our borough as we continue to push boundaries and raise the bar when it comes to culture and heritage.” In recent years, while museums around the country have been struggling, Barnsley has been opening new museums to the public. It is not just people who live or work in Barnsley who recognise the cultural possibilities of the borough: Arts Council England has selected Barnsley as one of its 15 Priority Places in the North opening up the potential for new investment while the Cultural Development Fund recently awarded almost £4million to Barnsley to create new studios and galleries, foster cultural hubs and support creative networks across the borough.
- 1.3 In this context, Barnsley Council has an exceptional opportunity to use culture as a key driver to help deliver its Barnsley 2030 strategy. However, whilst culture is embedded into Barnsley’s future plans there is currently no distinct borough-wide strategy to illustrate how culture and creativity can contribute to a good life for everyone in the borough. Having a cultural strategy in place will open up new partnerships, both in and out of the borough, while strengthening existing ones. An effective cultural strategy will also increase investment and funding opportunities for Barnsley because the borough will be able to demonstrate its strategic commitment to culture.
- 1.4 Given the strength of Barnsley’s strategic framework (including Healthy Barnsley, Learning Barnsley, Growing Barnsley and Sustainable Barnsley) and the increased levels of support provided to the locality by Arts Council England (ACE) in the recent National Portfolio announcements the borough is well placed to facilitate the development of a cultural strategy that will not sit in its own silo but that will be an effective driver for positive change across the borough. A cultural strategy for Barnsley will create a shared vision and identity for the area which builds on its history, grows its economy, supports community led activities, improves health and wellbeing and which contributes to a good life for all Barnsley’s citizens.

What are the key questions for Barnsley’s cultural strategy to answer?

- 1.5 The cultural strategy will need to explore and understand the creative and cultural ecology of Barnsley. The process of discovering and defining Barnsley’s homegrown creativity and culture will be essential if the strategy is to successfully use its cultural assets to create social and economic impact across the borough, as well as ensuring all parts of the community can access a high quality cultural offer. While there are multiple questions for the cultural strategy to explore, three core questions are fundamental and must be at the centre of the strategy:
 - a) What is the current creative and cultural ecology of Barnsley?
 - b) What are the ways in which culture can contribute to a good and healthy life in Barnsley?
 - c) What needs to happen to make this a reality for everyone in Barnsley?

- 1.6 This proposal lays out in detail how we will engage with our residents and communities and Elected members to explore these questions in the Cultural Strategy Development process.

2. PROPOSAL

Who should explore these questions and shape the strategy?

- 2.1 In light of societal shifts that have taken place in recent years, in particular the covid pandemic and the current cost of living crisis, it is important that the development and delivery of Barnsley's cultural strategy is a democratic and inclusive process. This is not just a political and moral imperative, it is also a strategic one. In order to create a high value and high impact strategy, that will enrich and strengthen Barnsley's 2030 plan, the process of creating the cultural strategy must draw from diverse experiences of culture from across the whole borough.
- 2.2 This means that while it is important to incorporate strong input from Barnsley's existing and visible cultural organisations and practitioners, the strategy must go further. It must include input from less visible, recognised or celebrated aspects of the borough's creative and cultural ecology. This is because the strategy will be more meaningful if it encompasses the whole of Barnsley's story, not just the aspects that we are already good at telling. This means we need to engage and involve people of all ages, those from our BME communities, those who are disabled or have special needs, vulnerable people, our LGBTQI communities and people from various parts of the borough, urban and rural.
- 2.3 A democratic and inclusive approach would also be a good fit with ACE's new ten-year strategy, [Let's Create](#). Like Barnsley's overall strategy, this new ACE funding plan runs to 2030. It was developed through conversations with more than 5,000 people nationwide and marks a significant shift in funding policy for culture. *Let's Create* sets out a more inclusive and relevant model for the cultural sector; representing a move away from the provision of a cultural offer towards more collaborative and co-created ways of working. *Let's Create* is not just about putting on a show and hoping people come; it is about everyone's creativity and culture and how we can all contribute towards a more place-based and inclusive model for culture.
- 2.4 This new national policy and funding framework is relevant to consider in terms of how best to shape and develop local cultural strategies. The time is ripe for co-developing and co-creating plans in partnership with citizens. A cultural strategy that is co-created by citizens will position Barnsley at the forefront of this practice nationally. The approach would follow in the footsteps of Barnsley Council's democratic opening up of the Town Hall as a new museum for everyone to share and would align with the idea that, in Barnsley, we want everyone to have a good life.
- 2.5 The proposed project approach, the process and activities we use to develop the cultural strategy in Barnsley, are as important as the cultural strategy we end up with. If the cultural strategy development process is done well and is

really inclusive handing power to our communities, we can create new and powerful links with a wider range of our communities, empowering them and ensuring local people are at the heart of what we do across the cultural and creative sector in the future. Barnsley is very well positioned to begin this work. Barnsley MBC already has in place an innovative democratic system which enables local communities and Councillors to work together. The development phase of the cultural strategy will engage with Area Council and Ward Alliance members (local residents) as a starting point for engaging with communities, members and partners across the Borough. Area Councils and Ward Alliances will help identify who needs to be involved and how we can best engage them. Once the existing structures have been tapped into, we will then deliver targeted and creative engagement will be undertaken with parts of the local community that have been identified as requiring further consultation or being underrepresented within these existing structures.

2.6 Below we have mapped out the timeline for the Strategy Development process.

Arts Council England are supportive of the process but have also advised that it may end up being delivered across a shorter timeframe to concentrate and focus the engagement work. This timeline will therefore have some built-in flexibility to enable it to respond to the themes and ideas coming through the engagement process. The timeline might also change if some of the phases are delivered in parallel.

2.7 **Phase One – Development and research (c.10 - 12 weeks)**

When considering a democratic approach to the development of a cultural strategy, it is good practice for the first step to be a period of development and research; exploring options and engaging in dialogue with stakeholders. This process will be led by Barnsley MBC, working with local creative practitioners. The creative practitioners will lead the engagement and consultative aspects of this phase and will be appointed early in Phase 1.

There will be four key areas of work, these are described below

One: Project Governance

A project Board will be put into place to oversee the development of the cultural strategy. The board will consist of representatives of the cultural sector in the Borough, relevant Council officers, key funders, members of the Youth Council and the community and voluntary sector.

The Project Board will ensure that Senior officers and members with Barnsley MBC are kept briefed on progress, and it will also take a lead in ensuring there is an effective communication plan in place.

Key aspects of the communications and engagement plan here in Barnsley would include:

Stakeholder communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing a regular and updated narrative about the process which illustrates its legitimacy • shared online space for keeping records of meetings, tracking the development of ideas
Cultural sector communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a regular news bulletin for cultural sector organisations and practitioners to encourage feedback and dialogue • An invitation for the sector to submit ideas or evidence for the strategy

Two: Creative Engagement with Members, Area Councils and Ward Alliances

This is a crucial aspect of the development of the strategy. An introductory workshop will be held with Members and key partners (such as Arts Council England) to help shape the engagement process and the areas of focus.

The appointed creative practitioners, working with the Council's Communities team, will engage with all the Area Councils and a representative sample of the Ward Alliances, as well as other key representative fora associated with BMBC such as the Youth Council. The exact detail of the consultation will be shaped by the creative practitioners appointed but will focus on discussing the three broad questions outlined in the introduction.

- A) What is the current creative and cultural ecology of Barnsley?
- B) What are the ways in which culture can contribute to a good and healthy life in Barnsley?
- C) What needs to happen to make this a reality for everyone in Barnsley?

Three: Stakeholder Engagement

The engagement with stakeholders as part of Step one and future phases will be driven by the four headline themes in Barnsley 2030: Barnsley A Place of Possibilities. These are:

- Healthy Barnsley
- Learning Barnsley
- Growing Barnsley
- Sustainable Barnsley

During Step One initial conversations will take place with the Chairs and a small number of key members of each of the theme boards.

The fifth area of stakeholder engagement will be with the cultural and creative sector across Barnsley. Naturally this will include ACE funded National Portfolio Organisations (NPOs), including those organisations recently added to the portfolio and the larger organisations in the Borough such as Yorkshire Sculpture Park and the Civic, well as Fusion the Local Cultural Education Partnership (LCEP). However the consultation will focus on the many individual artists and makers that are such a crucial part of the creative ecology in the Borough.

Four: Sector Mapping

The scale and size of the existing culture and creative sector in the borough needs to be understood if the strategy is to be developed and delivered successfully.

Some progress has been made in this area recently at both a Borough and regional level. The SYMCA Cultural and Creative Industries Data research and mapping project completed earlier this year by Fifth Sector, provides a range of useful information concerning the size and scale of the sector across the region.

However further work needs to be done in phases one and two to drill down and develop a thorough understanding of what cultural activity is already going on across Barnsley. The feedback from SYMCA's parallel piece of work the Culture, Arts & Heritage Engagement Report demonstrates that the sector perceives that there is a distinct lack of knowledge at a Local Authority level, particularly about the self-employed and small businesses that make up much of the cultural and creative sector in South Yorkshire.

The Forging Elsecar Cultural Development Fund (CDF) project Principal Towns strand also includes a focus, and some available resource for sector mapping. This has been aligned with the Cultural Strategy development process to maximise the impact of the work and mapping has begun. It will consider the outputs of the SYMCA funded Bounceback programme and what that has initiated in the Borough - <https://www.barnsley-museums.com/projects/supporting-artists-the-covid-bounce-back-programme>

2.8 Phase two – Review and identification of next steps (c. 4-6 weeks)

Once the results of Phase One have been gathered, a review process will take place led by the Project Board. A summary note outlining the key findings from the initial work will be produced for key stakeholders. This note will consider the work undertaken with Area councils and Ward Alliances, identifying the key themes emerging, and will also identify the preferred way forward for the development of the Cultural Strategy.

There will be a particular focus on assessing whether Phase One has been able to engage with a representative sample of Barnsley's communities and identify any gaps for further engagement.

When agreement is reached on the further work required, we will then move onto Phase Three.

2.9 Phase three: Further Engagement with Communities and Stakeholders (c10 – 12 weeks)

Whilst the exact content of Phase three will only be decided once Phases One and Two have been undertaken, it is likely that further conversations with key stakeholders will be required, as well as targeted engagement with key parts of the community. Therefore, the phase will include at least the two areas of work

outlined below which again will be facilitated and delivered by cultural organisations and creative practitioners.

One: Further Stakeholder Engagement

The engagement with stakeholders as part of Phase Three will again be driven by the four headline themes in Barnsley 2030: Barnsley A Place of Possibilities. These are:

- Healthy Barnsley
- Learning Barnsley
- Growing Barnsley
- Sustainable Barnsley

During Phase Three Focus groups will be held for each of the Barnsley 2030, the Focus Groups will be facilitated by local cultural organisations and creative practitioners. themes, we will ensure a broad representation of key voluntary and community groups and organisations.

The fifth area of stakeholder engagement will be with the cultural and creative sector across Barnsley. We will consult widely with the cultural sector throughout the development of the strategy and actively use creative practitioners to support and help deliver the citizens led approach.

Two: Creative Community Engagement

This phase of the work will take place after the workshops with Area Councils and Ward Alliances. From their input, a gap analysis will be undertaken to assess which parts of the Borough's community needs further engagement. This analysis will look at several factors including:

- Age
- Geography
- Background
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Socio-economic status

Once priorities for further engagement have been identified, local cultural and creative practitioners will be commissioned to seek out, approach and work with relevant parts of the community to gather their ideas of culture and where it should sit in their lives.

The particular engagement approach will be explored and agreed during Phase 3 and will be influenced by the nature of the community group we are looking to engage with, and the creative practitioner involved. However, it will be important to ensure that the process is suitably in depth and iterative. It is vital that groups, community members and creative practitioners with different kinds of perspective and lived experience feed into the conversations about Barnsley's cultural strategy. A 'Creative Barnsley' is a diverse Barnsley and the

rich fabric of our creative communities will underpin the future cultural life of the borough

This phase will also include further conversations with Project Board and key partners to test the themes emerging from the wider community engagement.

2.10 Phase Four – Strategy Development

Once Phase 3 has been completed and broad and deep wider community and stakeholder engagement has been progressed, the findings of that work will be gathered together in a creative report. The emerging priorities identified in the summary note produced in Phase two will be reviewed.

The Project Board will work together to draft a short and focussed strategy based on the feedback and contributions received from the discussions with Area Councils, Ward Alliances, local communities and stakeholders.

Prior to finalising the outline strategy, a session between key participants in the strategy development process, key funders, creative organisations and relevant Councillors will be held to explore and discuss the report. This meeting will also cover the final composition of the cultural strategy and agreeing follow-up actions.

Suitable resources will be allocation for a small print run of the finalised strategy so that it can be distributed to key stakeholders.

2.11 Timetable for Barnsley’s Cultural Strategy Development

A suggested timetable for the delivery of the above steps is outlined below.

	Apr- July 23	July – August 23	Sept – November 23	November - December 23
Phase 1 – research and development				
Phase 2 – Review and identification of next steps				
Phase 3 – Further Engagement with communities and stakeholders				
Phase 4 – strategy development				

This will be subject to change with the potential for some phases to overlap, but illustrates the direction of travel.

2.12 Potential priorities for the Cultural Strategy

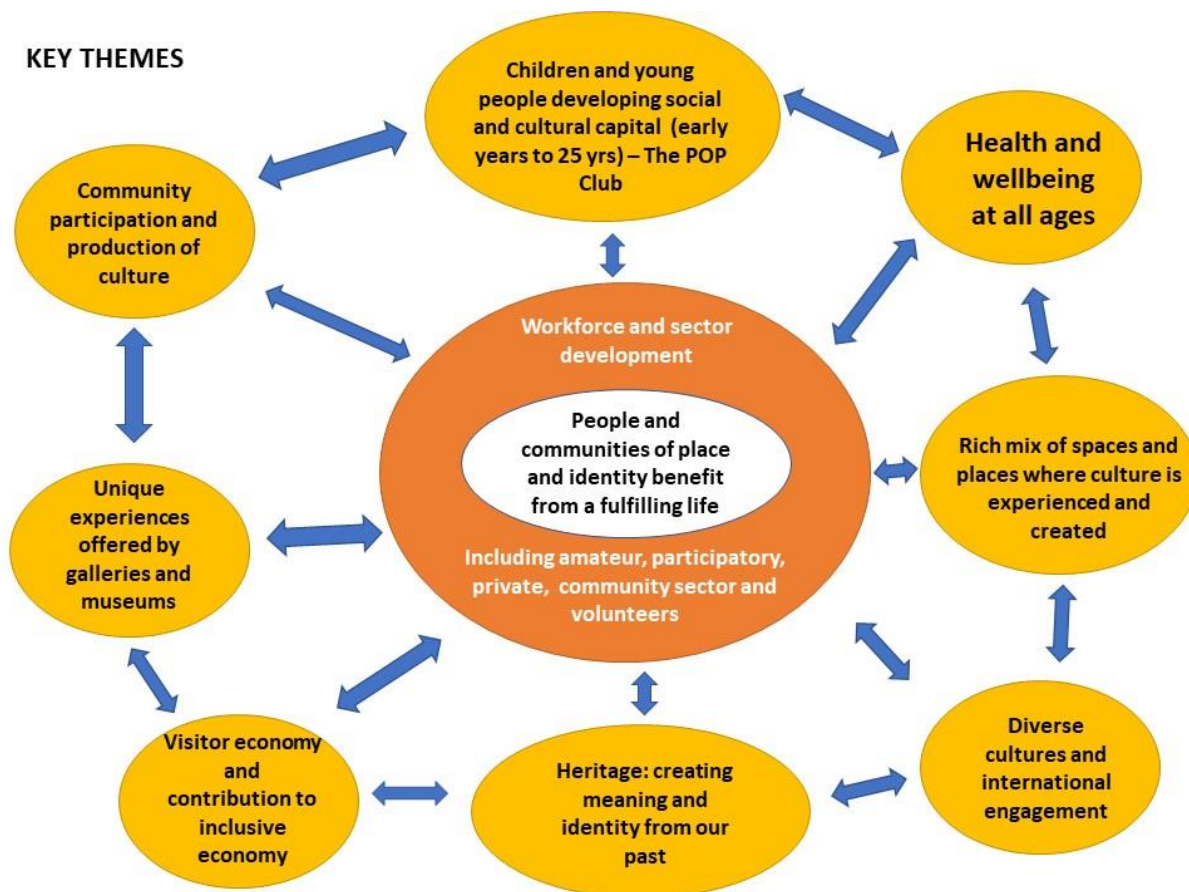
Whilst the priorities and ambitions for Barnsley’s cultural strategy will be shaped

by the engagement with the borough's communities, cultural sector and other partners, the current understanding of the sector, previous research and conversations have indicated that some or all of the following areas may well be represented as the research progresses:

- Community participation and production of culture
- Children and young people developing social and cultural capital
- Tackling health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing outcomes
- Developing and using a rich mix of spaces and places where culture is experienced and created
- Embracing diverse cultures and international engagement
- Heritage: creating meaning and identity from our past
- Visitor economy and its contribution to inclusive economy
- Creating unique experiences offered by galleries, museums and engagement with culture in our outdoor and public spaces

When a creative ecology is working successfully these themes interact together to ensure people and communities of place and identity benefit from a fulfilling life. The diagram on the next page illustrates how this could happen.

KEY THEMES



2.13 What would Barnsley's Cultural sector's role be?

It is essential that people and organisations which will be set to gain from the existence of a dynamic cultural strategy are involved in its development. This includes people and organisations who already count themselves as part of Barnsley's cultural ecology. This could include cultural organisations and venues, creative practitioners, artists and creative businesses, faith groups, privately run organisations, e.g. dance schools, youth services, local charities, voluntary sector, health care organisations, sports and other relevant interest groups, schools and colleges.

Cultural organisations and creative practitioners will be front and centre of the development of the strategy. They will lead the consultation and engagement process in all phases of the strategy development.

As well as encouraging the participation of specific individuals and organisations from the sector in Barnsley, there are also project collaborations and work streams that need to connect with the cultural strategy development process. These include:

- SYMCA's Culture, Arts & Heritage Engagement Report
- Barnsley MBC Community Listening work
- Barnsley MBC Principal Towns work
- The development of a Borough Creativity and Wellbeing plan

- South Yorkshire Integrated Care Strategy

The Barnsley Connects network development strand of the Cultural Development Fund project currently being delivered in the Borough is a timely opportunity to broaden the reach of the development of the cultural strategy. Barnsley Connects is planned as an impactful programme of activities, connections and exchange, through face-to-face interaction and digital engagement. The first phase, which will draw on the skills and energy of emerging creative practitioners and place-leaders and is described below, is planned to run during the same period as the cultural strategy development, so this work will be closely aligned to help the development of the strategy. Key strands of the work include:

- Identify existing creative activity taking place and spaces
- ‘Storying Barnsley’: creative place-based story-telling workshops, facilitated by University of Sheffield
- Conversations with businesses, community leaders & voluntary sector organisations engaged in cultural activity to understand barriers and the role culture plays in their work
- Map existing creative industries businesses at a Borough level.
- Bring together practitioners, creative industries businesses & place-leader locally to nurture an informal borough-wide Creative Barnsley Network

We will ensure close connection with the Barnsley Connects creative network to add value to each other’s work and closely coordinate our research to ensure best value from both programmes.

3 IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

3.1.1 Costs for the development of Barnsley’s Cultural Strategy

The costs for developing the cultural strategy depend very much on the level of engagement with local communities. An initial budget has been developed based on a model that assumes engagement with all Area Councils and a selection of Ward Alliances in Phase one, as well as other key networks such as Barnsley’s Youth Council. It also assumes up to four in depth pieces of engagement in phase three. This would provide sufficient resource for a robust community led development process and gives an overall cost to the strategy development process of in the region of £50k.

Phase	Cost
Phase One – Development and research	£15k
Phase two – Review and identification of next steps	£5k
Phase three – Further Engagement with Communities and Stakeholders	£20k

Phase	Cost
Phase 4 – Strategy Development	£5k
Total cost	£50k

3.1.2 Arts Council England has already committed £10K towards this process, with a matched contribution coming from the Culture team’s own resources. ACE have also indicated that they would be comfortable with the additional resource required coming from the Cultural Development Fund resources already secured.

3.1.3 ACE have also indicated that the development of a Cultural Strategy would be a requirement for a future bid to the Place Partnership Funding pot. Together we have identified that this would be a positive funding programme to bid to in order to progress some of the work involved in delivering the Cultural Strategy. We see this as a key element of our ‘Priority Place’ work with ACE.

3.1.4 Cabinet are asked to approve the BMBC £10K contribution to the Cultural Strategy Development process and the use of £30K CDF funds for this purpose

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

3.3 Equality

3.3.1 The principles of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion will be at the heart of the Cultural Strategy Development process. A Full Equality Impact Assessment would be completed in advance of any public consultation and before the final Strategy is produced to ensure the Strategy genuinely engages diverse communities and populations, is equitable and inclusive and recognises the value of diversity as a creative force in the cultural life of the borough

3.4 Sustainability

3.4.1 The zero carbon Decision-making wheel will be completed once the consultation on the strategy has been concluded

3.5 Employee

3.5.1 There are no employee implications associated with this work

3.6 Communications

3.6.1 A comprehensive communications strategy and plan will be developed to support the wide and deep engagement that will contribute to and shape the cultural strategy with the Comms lead in Culture and Visitor Economy, working collaboratively with all Comms officers working across the Council and with Comms partners across the borough.

3.6.2 Digital engagement, which was a key feature of the work of our CVE team, will also feature heavily.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultation has taken place with Growth and Sustainability DMT, SMT Executive members, Cabinet spokesperson for Regeneration and Culture and Cabinet spokesperson for Transport and Environment. We have also consulted our Partners Arts Council England on the development process as they would be a key partner in supporting the strategy development process.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The option of not to develop a Cultural strategy was considered but this has been identified as a significant strategic gap for Barnsley by Arts Council England through our work as a priority place. It is therefore essential we get this in place as it will enable us to have a more strategic relationship with our residents, communities and funders

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Our Culture and Visitor Economy work has been hugely successful in the last ten years and seen extraordinary growth and achievements in that period. In order to build on this, it is essential to develop a more strategic framework for the work of the service, moving from a more citizen and community led model, which focusses on the Council having a key role in supporting workforce development and sector development as well as offering a high-quality museums, heritage and archive service.

7. GLOSSARY

Not required

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Not applicable

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

10. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation & sign off	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date <i>Steve Loach, 16 Feb 2023</i>
Legal consultation & sign off	Legal Services officer consulted and date <i>Sukdave Ghuman, 16 Feb 2023</i>

Report Author: Jon Finch
Post: Head of Culture and Visitor Economy
Date: 10 March 2023



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Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot, Worsbrough

Picture of Dearne Valley Park by Jim Cureton



Performance Management Report

Quarter One: April - June 2023

Central Area Council - Priorities, Principles and links to Corporate Outcomes 2023 - 2024



Reduction in loneliness and isolation in adults & older people



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



Creating a cleaner & greener environment in partnership with local people



Supporting Vulnerable People

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

Community cohesion and integration

Social value

Healthy and active lifestyles

Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

Barnsley - the place of possibilities

Healthy Barnsley

People are safe and feel safe

People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible

We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough

Learning Barnsley

People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships

Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment

People have access to early help and support

Growing Barnsley

Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities

People have a welcoming safe and enjoyable town centre and physical towns as destinations for work, shopping leisure and culture

People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes

Sustainable Barnsley

People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their community.

Our heritage and green spaces are promoted for all people to enjoy

Fossil fuels are being replaced by affordable and sustainable energy and people are able to enjoy more cycling and walking

Enabling Barnsley

We are a modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high-performing council

OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

Contract meetings were held for all Central Area Council commissioned services and grant contract providers this quarter. This report is a summary of delivery from Quarter One 2023-2024.

Central Area providers' contributions to some Stronger Communities' Key Performance Indicators in Q1 are highlighted below.



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

The majority of current Central Area Council commissioned services and grant agreements are scheduled to end March 2025 giving members a unique opportunity to review all priorities together during 2024.



456
Adult Volunteers



2425
Total Volunteering Hours



42
Community Groups Supported



£11,173
Additional funding e.g. donations, matched funding etc.



£33,215.65
Cashable Value of Volunteering



736
Residents supported to improve their emotional health & wellbeing

Contractual Overview for 2023-2024

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

Service	Priority	Provider	Contract Value (this year)	Contract Dates	Grant / Commission
Advice Drop In			£29,597.00	1 April 2023 - 31 March 2025	2023 Central Wellbeing Fund
My Community, My Life			£40,000.00	1 April 2021 - 31 March 2023 Extended to 31 March 2024	Social Isolation Challenge Fund
Thriving Communities			£41,800.00	1 April 2021 - 31 March 2023 Extended to 31 March 2024	Social Isolation Challenge Fund
Reds Connects			£15,500.00	1 April 2021 - 31 March 2023 Extended to 31 March 2024	Social Isolation Challenge Fund
Unity Project			£139,876.00	1 April 2023 - 31 March 2025	Central Area Council Commissioned
Detached Youth Work			£12,934.00	1 July 2022 - 30 June 2024	Youth Work Fund
Street Smart			£52,000.00	1 July 2022 - 30 June 2024	Youth Work Fund
Clean and Green			£110,000.00	1 April 2022 - 31 March 2025	Central Area Council Commissioned
Targeted Household Fly - tipping Service			£35,000.00	1 April 2022 - 31 March 2025	Service Level Agreement - CAC Commissioned
Private Rented Housing Support Service			£35,000.00	1 April 2022 - 31 March 2025	Service Level Agreement - CAC Commissioned
Uplift Project			£15,000.00	1 October 2022 - 3 September 2024	Central Wellbeing Fund



Advice Service

Benefits Advice Access by Ward

Ward	Jan-Mar 2023	Apr-Jun 2023
Central	124	89
Dodworth	109	77
Kingstone	146	99
Stairfoot	84	103
Worsbrough	133	103
Total	596	471



DIAL Barnsley provide confidential information, advice and support to enable local people to achieve their aspirations and live independent lives. This quarter 91% of residents who attended outreach have reported a reduction in anxiety and improved wellbeing; and 98% of residents who attended outreach have reported feeling more confident and having an improved outlook.



103

Households supported who are experiencing fuel poverty



127

Residents attended advice sessions



£1,370

Cashable Value of Volunteering



100

Total Volunteering Hours



£104,208

Unclaimed Benefits Generated since April 2023



471

Residents accessed benefits advice

Q1 Case Study



Before DIAL

Mr & Mrs F are an older couple in their mid 70's. They both have long term health conditions. Mrs F has had PIP enhanced care & enhanced mobility previous to visiting DIAL & Mr F has standard care of PIP. Mr F contacted DIAL wanting to have his PIP care reviewed.

After DIAL

Mr & Mrs F were awarded a Pension Credit Guarantee Income of £124.54 per week; a Council Tax Support Saving of £26.06 per week and a Housing Benefit Application Saving of £98.00 per week. That's a total increase of **£248.60** per week leaving them feeling less stressed about money and not as worried daily; able to afford food and warmth; with reduced daily anxiety & depression and their Mental and emotional health needs met



My Community, My Life

The project has three elements, individual social isolation through 1:1 intervention with the Social Inclusion Team, group development and support, and community development work. Service users also receive Information and Advice from the I&A Officer. Benefits were the most popular type of I&A enquiry dealt with this quarter with Dodworth seeing the highest client demand followed by Kingstone.



By Ward	1:1 Intervention	I&A
Central	8	5
Dodworth	20	11
Kingstone	13	10
Stairfoot	18	7
Worsbrough	15	5
TOTAL	74	38



28
Adult Volunteers



13
Community Groups Supported



£15,138.50
Cashable Value of Volunteering



1105
Total Volunteering Hours



£6,070.34
Additional funding e.g. donations, matched funding etc.



223
Adults supported to improve their emotional health & wellbeing



£50,221.16
Unclaimed Benefits Generated since April 2023





Thriving Communities

The goal of the Thriving Communities Project is to cultivate community initiatives that encourage connection, collaboration, and support among diverse and marginalised groups in the area. The focus is on working with hard-to-reach individuals who identify as feeling lonely or isolated.



This quarter there has been a growing demand due to social isolation/loneliness on the befriending service - there is a volunteer allocated to support the befriending calls. Demand for one-to-one support remains steady and sessions are offered on a weekly basis. In order to maximise project staff capacity, a larger proportion of these sessions is undertaken by volunteer befrienders.



3
Adult Volunteers



2
Group attendance



£671.30
Cashable Value of Volunteering



49
Total Volunteering Hours



47
One to One Sessions Delivered



119
Adults supported to improve their emotional health & wellbeing

Q1 Case Study



Summary

Daniel struggled with his mental health following a traumatic grief event in his life. He was diagnosed with Chronic Anxiety Disorder which he'd struggled with for most of his adult life. At the point of first contact the client was isolated and struggling to get out of the house because of the impact of his mental health.

Since joining the project, Daniel has been able to make changes to his lifestyle, get out more and begun to make efforts to build a social network. He has recently moved house and already begun rebuilding his life. Daniel has a more hopeful outlook on life and an increased determination to make a way forward



Reds Connect

Reds Connect continues to create opportunities for local people in the Central Area to engage, participate and connect. thus helping to address social isolation and loneliness, allowing participants to engender new relationships and enable local people to get active. Delivery has continued as normal across all four aspects of the programme this quarter with a few new faces across the sessions especially the exercise session. Participates also continue to develop relationships and closer bonds with each other.



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5
Adult Volunteers



72
Total Volunteering Hours



50
Football / Walking Football Attendees per session



61
Exercise Class Attendees per session



17
Walking Group Attendees per session



23
Sporting Memories Attendees per session

The team continues to work with several partners for both referral and promotion purposes. These include Barnsley Council, Social Prescribing, Health and Wellbeing Coaches, Game Changer and Live Well Barnsley. This quarter Reds Connect were invited to and attended several Wellbeing Events and Health Fayres including the Job Centre, Berneslai Homes and numerous school sports day events.



Building Emotional Resilience in Children & Young People



YMCA UNITY PROJECT

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

Specific programme of activities delivered in this quarter

- Twilight and evening youth work sessions at YMCA Barnsley, Kendray and Worsbrough Family Centre and Dodworth St Johns Church. The focus this quarter included online safety & self care. This quarter, young people made "Dammit dolls" (pictured) which they can use as a stress relief tool
- Primary after school programmes in The Forest Academy, Queens Road, Ward Green, Keresforth, & Joseph Lock Primary schools.
- Secondary School (Horizon Community College) ACE (Arts, Crafts & Enterprise) After School Club and Barnsley Academy, After School Club.
- Locality based Easter Holiday & May Half Term Holiday Provision
- Peer Support Model

Regular review and evaluation is conducted for children and young people accessing YMCA sessions, and feedback from schools and parents has been positive. Examples are available from the area team.



99
Term Time Sessions



1319
Attendances



£3,288
Cashable Value of Volunteering



240
Total Volunteering Hours



223
Supported to improve their emotional wellbeing, social isolation



Detached Youth Work

The team maintain regular weekly sessions holding street based sessions in Dodworth Park and surrounding areas. Recent activities have included outdoor team challenges such as rope tangles, spiders web and problem-solving challenges, exploring roles within a group together and hopefully creating an understanding of self and what the individual can offer in a group situation. The team also facilitated art workshops (paints, pastels, charcoal and printing).

"Newsroom activities" are a great way to engage young people interested in drama & creative writing, while having fun. Filming the activity can be a useful tool to review progress, including learning, confidence, self-esteem, and concentration for both staff members and young people.



10
Detached Sessions



70
Attendances



£685
Cashable Value of Volunteering



50
Total Volunteering Hours



9
Supported to improve their emotional wellbeing, social isolation



Streetsmart

In quarter 4 of 2022-23, mental health and drug use were identified as main issues, and work continued this quarter to address them. Additionally, there has been an increase in demand for sporting activities. Engagement has been positive and strong, with a multitude of sessions, activities, and workshops held across all four wards.

THE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

growing yorkshire's future

Primary Objectives

- Young people improve mental wellbeing and self awareness
- Young men develop their understanding of masculinity
- Young women empowered through participation in sporting activity and creative arts
- Young people improve their understanding of crime and violence



410
Young people engaged



29
Volunteers



2,493.40
Cashable Value of Volunteering



£14,990
Additional funding e.g. donations, matched funding etc.



182
Total Volunteering Hours



77
Supported to improve their emotional wellbeing, social isolation





Clean and Green

Twiggs primarily works with community groups and volunteers in specific central area wards during the week, offering support through a variety of clean and green tasks and activities.

TWIGGS
Grounds Maintenance LTD



Case studies this quarter



- Kendray Community Group
- Dodworth & Gilroyd Family Enablement Centre
- Pogmoor Pickers
- Barnsley College Collaboration
- Barnsley Employability Group

All case study narratives and videos are available from the area team



Activities By Ward This Quarter

Central (Mondays)	25
Dodworth (Tuesdays)	38
Kingstone (Wednesdays)	24
Stairfoot (Fridays)	23
Worsbrough (Thursdays)	25



364
Adult Volunteers



12
Community Groups Supported



£8,446
Cashable Value of Volunteering



616
Total Volunteering Hours



17
Partners & Businesses collaborated with



497
Bags Removed



SLA: Safer Neighbourhood Service

CAC SLA funds a Targeted household flytipping (environmental) officer and a Housing and Cohesion officer.



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The work done by these officers ranges from antisocial behaviour investigations, environmental pollution investigations, neighbourhood cleansing and supporting vulnerable residents working closely with other partners such as Housing enforcement, Social Services, etc



19
Households improved



158
"Pin on the map" Proactive Jobs handled



21
Side Waste Investigations



118
Fly-tipping / Duty of care



140
Letters issued



5
Drug related activity





Uplift Project



Summer Lane Estate - Area 1

The project is currently active and in progress with several suggestions for estate development, including hosting community events to bring everyone together. Additionally, providing inclusive activities for the youth residing in the estate is being considered. The CDO for the area is in contact with YMCA regarding possible sessions. Finally, creating a dog-walking group is another idea that is being explored.



8

Adult Volunteers



3

Community Groups Supported



£137.00

Cashable Value of Volunteering



10

Total Volunteering Hours



Dodworth/Gilroyd - Area 2 Project Update

The project is progressing well and is currently active. The uplift team has been offered the opportunity to be "key holders" at Dodworth Library if they need to use the library for large events outside of normal working hours. The Wharncliffe Community Centre has also granted access to their premises for group activities, if needed.

Worsbrough - Area 3

The team are currently identifying target areas for development.

Central Area Council Meeting:
27 September 2023

Report of Central Area Council Manager:
Sarah Blunkett

Central Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up-to-date overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 The report outlines the financial position to date for 2022-2023 and the projected financial position to 2023-2025. Please note financial projections assume that the base income budget remains the same and that existing services are maintained.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Wellbeing Fund projects, with associated timescales.
- 2.2 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2023-2024 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-2025 as outlined in Appendices 1 & 2 of this report.
- 2.3 Members note that there was a Supporting Vulnerable People and Social Isolation workshop for Members to explore recent project reviews and research. This resulted in options and recommendations to be presented below.

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3. Overview of Contracts and timescales

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

Priority	Service/ Fund	Provider	Value	From	To	Type
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund My Community, My Life	Age UK Barnsley	£79,187 £40,000	01/04/2021 01/04/2023	31/03/2023 31/04/2024	Grant Agreement
	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Thriving Communities	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	£79,165.17 £41,800	01/04/2021 01/04/2023	31/03/2023 31/04/2024	Grant Agreement
	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Reds Connect Project	Reds in the Community	£30,252.96 £15,500	01/04/2021 01/04/2023	31/03/2023 31/04/2024	Grant Agreement
Children & Young People	CAC Commission Building emotional resilience & wellbeing in children & young people School Year 6 to Year 9	Barnsley YMCA	Year 1 £139,876 Year 2 £139,867	01/04/2023 01/04/2024	31/03/2024 31/03/2025	Contract
	2022 Youth Fund Street Smart	The Youth Association (TYA)	Year 1 £52,000 Year 2 £52,000	01/07/2022 01/07/2023	30/06/2023 30/06/2024	Grant Agreement
	2022 Youth Fund Detached Youth work	YMCA	Year 1 £12,934 Year 2 £12,934	01/07/2022 01/07/2023	30/06/2023 30/06/2024	Grant Agreement
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance	Year 1 £110,000 Year 2 £110,000 Year 3 £110,000	01/04/2022 01/04/2023 01/04/2024	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	Contract
	CAC Commission Targeted Household Fly Tipping Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 £35,000 Year 2 £35,000 Year 3 £35,000	01/04/2022 01/04/2023 01/04/2024	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	SLA
	CAC Commission Private Rented Housing Support Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 £35,000 Year 2 £35,000 Year 3 £35,000	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	SLA
Vulnerable People	Uplift project <i>Funding agreed as match funding with Arts Council</i>	Creative Recovery	Year 1 £15,000 Year 2 £15,000	01/10/2022	30/09/2024	Grant Agreement
	Central Wellbeing	DIAL Barnsley	Year 1 £29,597	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Grant Agreement

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	Fund Tranche 1 Advice Drop-In		Year 2 £29,597	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	
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4. Contract & Grant Financial Decisions

4.1 Social Isolation and Supporting Vulnerable People Priorities

Members note that the social isolation challenge grant fund will run for 1 year up to £130,000.00. The fund is due to launch in at the end of September with a deadline of the 31 October. Further updates will be provided at the Area Council meeting in December.

4.2 Youth Work Fund

4.2.1 Further the last Area Council meeting the Area Council Manager is progressing with the Youth Work Fund Grant Process to fund outreach youth work 1 July 2024 - 31 March 2025. Further updates will be provided at the December Area Council meeting.

5. Clean and Green Priority

A Members workshop was held on the 13 July where Lisa Harris the new Housing and Cohesion Officer was introduced. Local processes and priorities were discussed. Lisa will be presenting progress and updated at the December Area Council meeting.

6. Financial Position

6.1 Based on updated information relating to existing CAC contracts, SLA's and Grant Agreements, Appendix 1 provides a revised position statement on CAC funding.

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

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

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

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

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

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report – Actual Income and Expenditure

Appendix 2: CAC Budget Forecast

CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - 2023/24

Contract Name	Delivery Body	Start Date	Length of Contract	Total Cost of Contract	2023/24	
					Profile	Actual
Base Expenditure	Baseline Budget	n/a	n/a	n/a	£500,000.00	
C/F From Previous Year	C/F from the previous year	n/a	n/a	n/a	£153,336.36	
Additional Income from Grants	Internal & External Funding	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Additional Income from FPN's etc.	Fixed Penalties etc.	n/a				
TOTAL INCOME					£653,336.36	£0.00
Emotional Resilience - C&YP	YMCA (The Unity Project)	Apr-23	2 years	279,743.00	£139,878.00	£69,939.00
Clean & Green service	Twiggs	Apr-22	1+1+1	330,000.00	£110,000.00	£45,833.31
Private Rented New tenancy support	BMBC - Community Safety (SLA)	Nov-19	1+1	65,000.00	£35,000.00	£35,000.00
Proactive flytipping SLA (Targeted Householed opping)	BMBC SLA	Nov-19	1+1	64,000.00	£35,000.00	£35,000.00
Central Wellbeing Fund	Creative Recovery (Grant)	Jul-19	(Extended delivery to	30,000.00	£15,000.00	£7,500.00
Central Wellbeing Fund 2023-2025 the 2	TBC	TBC	TBC	70,806.00	£35,403.00	
NEW Central Wellbeing Fund 2023-2025	DIAL (Grant)	Apr-23	2 years	59,194.00	£29,597.00	£14,798.50
Youth Work Fund New Grant 2022	Youth Association	Jul-22	Jun-24	104,000.00	£52,000.00	£26,000.00
Youth Work Fund New Grant 2022	YMCA	Jul-22	Jun-24	25,868.00	£12,934.00	£6,467.00
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Age UK Barnsley	Apr-21	2 years + 1	121,186.68	£40,000.00	£20,000.00
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Reds in the Community	Apr-21	2 years + 1	45,752.96	£15,500.00	£3,875.00
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	Apr-21	2 years + 1	120,665.17	£41,800.00	£20,900.00
Devolved to Ward Alliances						
Year-End reconcillation						
Expenditure Incurred in Year					£562,112.00	£285,312.81
Balance at year end to carry forward					£91,224.36	£368,023.55

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Central Area Council - Budget Option 2023-2025

Income	Priority	2023/2024			2024/2025		
Central Area Council Allocation		£		500,000.00	£		500,000.00
Carried forward from previous year		£		153,336.36	£		91,224.36
Other Funding Applications TBC							
Total Available Spend:		£		653,336.36	£		591,224.36
Expenditure - Service / Provider		2023/2024			2024/2025		
		Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal	Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal
Clean & Green	C&G	£ 110,000.00			£ 110,000.00		
Targetted Fly tipping and Waste Collection Education	C&G	£ 35,000.00			£ 35,000.00		
Youth Work Fund (YMCA & Youth Association)	CYP	£ 64,934.00			£ 16,098.00	£ 50,000.00	
NEW CYP Emotional Resilience YMCA	CYP	£ 139,878.00			£ 139,865.00		
Social Isolation Challenge Fund	SI	£ 97,300.00				£ 100,000.00	
Creative Recovery	SVP	£ 15,000.00			£ 7,500.00		
NEW Supporting Vulnerable People Central Wellbeing Fund Tranche 1 (DIAL)	SVP	£ 29,597.00			£ 29,597.00		
NEW Supporting Vulnerable People Central Wellbeing Fund Tranche 2 (PENDING)	SVP		£ 35,403.00			£ 35,403.00	
Private Rented Tenancy Support	SVP + C&G	£ 35,000.00			£ 35,000.00		
<i>year-end reconcillation</i>							
Totals:		£ 526,709.00	£ 35,403.00	£ -	£ 373,060.00	£ 185,403.00	£ -
total anticipated contract spend:		£		562,112.00	£		558,463.00
In Year Balance		£		91,224.36	£		32,761.36

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CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Central Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Wednesday 28 June 2023
Location:	Barnsley Town Hall

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Janine Moyes (Chair) (JM) Jenny Hulme (JH) Linda Wheelhouse (LW) Dee Cureton (DC) Paul Bedford (PB) Jeremy Osahon (JO) Dawn Grayton (BMBC Central Ward CDO) (DG)	Cllr Summer Risebury

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
Councillor Janine Moyes welcomed everyone to the meeting with no introductions necessary.		JM
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
As detailed above.		
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action led

	The notes from the previous meeting dated Wednesday 24 May 2023 were accepted as a true record		WA
4.	Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Doreen Cureton – rejuvenation of Churchfields Park	Excluded from the meeting during decision making of application	
5.	Budgets	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Unallocated £22,399.00 Small Sparks £350.00		
6.	Projects and Updates	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Hanging baskets – Update given Park Event – Update given Development Plan – WA Facebook page now live Update on S106 monies Princess Street Park	Jeremy offered to be an administrator – DG to contact. DG to contact appropriate officer	WA WA WA
7.	Ward Alliance applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Reds in the Community – Summer Sports Van Rejuvenation of Churchfields Park Applications that need ratifying: Litter Picking Equipment Carl’s Magic (Small Sparks)	Agreed Agreed Agreed Agreed	
8.	Any Other Business	Action/Decision	Action lead
9	Date of next meeting	26 July 2023	

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Central Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Wednesday 12 July 2023
Location:	Microsoft Team

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Janine Moyes Doreen Cureton (DC) Linda Wheelhouse (LW) Paul Bedford (PB) Dawn Grayton (BMBC Central Ward CDO) (DG)	Cllr Summer Risebury Cllr Martin O'Donoghue Jeremy Osahon Ogbeiwi Jenny Hulme Nicola Plant

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
All welcomed to the meeting.		JM
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
As detailed above		JM
3. Minutes From Previous Meeting	Action/Decision	Action lead
None to be agreed at next full meeting		WA
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
5 Budget	Action/Decision	Action lead
WAF Budget = £22024.00 Small Sparks = £200.10		

6.	Projects and Updates	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Family Fun Day – Dearne Valley Park 12 August 2023 To discuss progress so far: Confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bouncy Castle • Face Painting • Glitter Tattoos • Fire Engine – they will not attend if there is an emergency <p>Advice stalls: Harborough Hills Forever Young Central Ward Alliance South Yorkshire Fire Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>I am awaiting responses from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canal Group • Dearne Valley Park • Barnsley Main Heritage Group 	<p>Discussed stalls and activities. To invite U3A.</p> <p>We need First Aiders – to seek volunteers – Volunteers certificates have lapsed</p> <p>Funding application to purchase First Aid services and water bottles</p> <p>Promotional material – price up 10 feet banner for outside park. Create leaflets and publicity.</p> <p>Prepare some leaflets/newsletter to promote the work of Ward Alliance.</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>LW</p>
7	WAF's Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
	Family Fun Day	Agreed	

Next meeting date: Wednesday 26 July 2023 starting 5.45pm at Barnsley Town Hall.

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Central Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Wednesday 26 July 2023
Location:	Barnsley Town Hall

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Janine Moyes (Chair) (JM) Linda Wheelhouse (LW) Dee Cureton (DC) Jenny Hulme (JH) Jeremy Osahon Ogbeiwi (JO) Nicola Plant (NP) Dawn Grayton (BMBC Central Ward CDO) (DG)	Cllr Summer Risebury Cllr Martin O'Donoghue Paul Bedford

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
Councillor Janine Moyes welcomed everyone to the meeting with no introductions necessary.		JM
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
As detailed above.		

3. Presentation from TWIGGS		Action/Decision	Action led
	Adam gave an update of work they have carried out across the Ward. There was a discussion about how to report fly tipping.	It was agreed to share the details how to report fly tipping https://my.barnsley.gov.uk/form/report-fly-tipping/fly-tipping-details Contact details for TWIGGS Community@twiggsuk.co.uk or telephone 01226 286111	WA
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising		
	The notes from the previous meeting dated Wednesday 28 June 2023 were accepted as a true record	There were some corrections required to the spelling of names on the notes	DG
5. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action lead
	There were no declarations of pecuniary/non pecuniary interest made.		
6 Budgets		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Unallocated £2204.00 Small Sparks £210.00		
7. Ward Alliance Projects and Updates		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Hanging Baskets An update was given regarding progress of the sponsored hanging baskets. Family Fun Day	The Ward Alliance decided to cancel the order and reimburse all sponsors if the baskets are not installed on or by 31 July 2023. Update on progress so far and request for volunteers to help with the day.	

8. Ward Alliance Applications		Action/Decision	Action lead
	None		
9. Community Events		Action/Decision	Action Lead
10 Any Other Business		Action/Decision	Action Lead
	Central Area Celebration Event	The date has now been confirmed and invitations will be sent out. The event will be held on September 21 2023 at the Civic 6pm for 6.30pm	

The date and time of the next meeting is Wednesday 23 August 2023 at 5:45pm

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DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 11th July 2023 @ 6pm
Location:	Collins Close, Dodworth

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Will Fielding (Chair) Councillor Chris Wray Dawn Grayton – Community Development Officer (DG) Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK) – (Notes) Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH) Shirley Musgrave – Higham Resident (SM) Helen Totty – Higham Resident (HT)	Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC) Councillor Sam Christmas Katie Brooks – Dodworth Resident (KB) Vicky Dickinson – Dodworth Business Owner (VD)

1. Welcome and Introductions		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Councillor Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting with no introductions necessary.		
2. Apologies for Absence		Action/Decision	Action lead
	As detailed on page 1.		
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	There were no matters arising and the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 30 th May, 2023, were agreed as a true record.		
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action led
	MH declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the funding application received from Dodworth St. Johns Primary Academy School wishing to join the Junior Wardens Scheme.		
5. Budgets		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The latest Dodworth Ward Alliance Budget situation was outlined as below:-</p> <p>Unallocated Ward Alliance Budget:- £18,312.66</p> <p>Small Sparks Balance:- £372.91</p>		

6.	Ward Alliance Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Ward Alliance Sports Van and Football Field Markings</u></p> <p>DG submitted a funding application on behalf of the Ward Alliance for £440. This will be used to fund 2 x 2 hour sessions for the Summer Sports Van to be in the Dodworth Ward during the summer holidays. The van will provide a range of children’s sporting activities encouraging families to get active and learn new skills which they can then continue with. The funding will also cover costs for the football pitch at the rear of the library to be marked up by the Council’s Neighbourhood Services Team.</p> <p>This project had already been proposed at the previous meeting and the funding application was agreed in full.</p> <p><u>10 Year Ward Alliance Celebrations</u></p> <p>DG submitted a funding application on behalf of the Ward Alliance for £500 in respect of the Central Area Team Ward Alliance Celebrations. The event will celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the creation of our Central Area Team Ward Alliances, recognising all the hard work of its volunteers and their contributions which have made our communities a better place. DG stated volunteers will be invited to take part in the celebrations hopefully making them feel valued for all their efforts over the years.</p> <p>The funding application was agreed in full.</p>		

Plaque – Small Sparks

DG submitted a Small Sparks funding application on behalf of the Ward Alliance for £35. DG explained the funding is to be used to pay for a plaque in respect of a hanging basket which had been sponsored by a local resident. Unfortunately, the resident has now withdrawn their sponsorship application due to the constant delays of the hanging baskets being put up. The plaque has already been manufactured by a separate small local independent business; as a good will gesture and to rebuild the Ward Alliances reputation with individual sponsors and community groups across the ward, it may be appropriate to cover the costs of the plaque.

Ward Alliance Members agreed that the Small Sparks funding application should be approved in full.

Dodworth St. Johns Primary Academy - Junior Wardens Scheme

A funding application was received from Dodworth St. Johns Primary Academy School for the amount of £1800 to join the next Junior Wardens Scheme. The money would enable them to participate in both the Autumn (September – December 2023) and the Spring (February – July 2024) schemes.

The Junior Wardens Scheme has run for several years enabling children to meet various emergency services along with other agencies and organisations providing both educational and life experiences promoting both good citizenship and recognising the importance of a safe and crime free community.

<p>Ward Alliance Members agreed the Junior Warden Scheme which has now run for a number of years, continues to be a great success and worthwhile project to support. The funding application was agreed in full.</p> <p><u>Top Of Dodworth Botton Club</u></p> <p>A funding application was received from the Top of Dodworth Bottom Group for the total amount of £989.00.</p> <p>The project is run by volunteers which is aimed at our older residents in the community to be able to meet and socialise on a weekly basis. It is held on a weekly basis at the Miners Welfare Club and provides the opportunity for members to meet, dance, chat, and play bingo in a safe and pleasant environment. A weekly entertainer also provides live music. Many of its members live alone and without this group would not go out.</p> <p>The funding will be used to replace a broken bingo machine and also contribute towards the cost of the entertainment.</p> <p>All Ward Alliance Members agreed this was a vital project tackling loneliness and promoting quality of life in our community. The funding application was agreed in full.</p>		
<p>7. Ward Alliance Projects</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <p>DG reported the ongoing delay with the hanging baskets not being put up had now been escalated. DG stated the company in question had been sent a communication concerning their contract and obligations including cost implications.</p> <p>DG reported the hanging baskets in the Dodworth Ward should be up by the end of July and if not then it was proposed the order would be cancelled and a full refund requested.</p>		

	<p><u>10 Year Ward Alliance Celebrations – Guest List</u></p> <p>A discussion about the guest list from the Dodworth Ward was discussed.</p> <p>DG stated that all Dodworth Ward Alliance Members would be invited, and that consideration needed to be given to who else should be invited. DG asked Ward Alliance Members to consider both individual volunteers and volunteer groups across the Ward and email any suggestions to her as soon as possible so that invites can be sent out.</p>	ALL	
8.	Any Other Business	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Christmas In Dodworth Ward</u></p> <p>DG reported that KDA had confirmed they would supply 3 Christmas Trees for the Ward.</p> <p>It was proposed that a real one would be purchased by the Ward Alliance and planted at Gilroyd as this was the only area permission had been granted for one to be planted. John Twigg will be approached about planting it once purchased.</p> <p>The other locations ie Dodworth, Higham and Pogmoor, will have one of the trees donated by KDA sited.</p> <p>It was also reported that the Dil Raj Car Park will be used again as an event space at the Christmas Fayre. However, there will be no stage this time and instead a large gazebo will be erected.</p> <p>Sponsorship is being looked at in respect of the Christmas Light Motifs.</p>		

	<p><u>Lamp Post Audit for Christmas Light Motifs</u></p> <p>DG confirmed that as carried out with the hanging baskets, a separate audit of the lamp posts to be used for the Christmas Light Motifs will be required. DG has already contacted the Council’s Street Lighting Section requesting this be carried out as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Litter Bins Audit</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding reported that the Waste Services Department were carrying out an audit of all litter bins. This is to determine what frequency of emptying they require in order that a more efficient programme could be implemented.</p> <p><u>Cars for Sale Higham</u></p> <p>MH reported that a spare piece of waste land at Higham believed to be owned by BMBC was being used by someone to sell cars/vans. Councillors Fielding and Wray will investigate this matter.</p> <p>The meeting closed.</p>	<p>Cllrs Fielding/Wray</p>	
9.	Date of Next Meeting/Future Meetings	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held Tuesday 22nd August 2023 at 6.00 pm.</p> <p><u>Date of Future Meetings</u></p> <p>Tuesday 3rd October 2023</p> <p>Tuesday 7^h November 2023</p> <p>Tuesday 6th February 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 19th March 2024</p>	<p>ALL</p>	

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STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Stairfoot Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	10 July 2023 10am – 11.30am
Location:	St Andrew's Church

1. Attendees	2. Apologies
Cllr Murray (Chair), Cllr Dyson, Craig Aubrey (CDO), Dave Winnard, Roy Marsden, Rob Stendall, Sian Pearson,	Cllr Shirt, Fiona Kouble, Cath Winder, Cynthia Cunningham, Bri Swaine

3. Announcement		
Gavin Frost has decided to step down from the ward alliance		
4. Declarations of pecuniary & nonpecuniary interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
5. Notes and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiona Kouble attended the last meeting, but she wasn't in the notes 		
6. Budget		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main budget: £19,084.10 Environmental budget: £1,475.85 Events: £1,538.53 Small Sparks Fund: £1,200 		
7. Ward Alliance Fund Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Barnsley WMC: A new community group has separated from the committee at the club, and they put in an application to host a summer fair. This summer fair is to ensure the people of Kendray and Stairfoot have something to attend that is free for families. The Ward alliance were happy with the application, but asked if we could cordial being available for free too. 	Agreed and to be processed	CA
8. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Event: Summer Event in Ardsley is being run by Angel Voices, and information will be out this week. We still need some local people to support the singing at the event if possible. Summer Projects: Timings are out for the summer sports vans and rampup, these will be shared across a number of medias to ensure people are aware. We will also be having Footfest across our area led by the game changer team. Ardsley were missed off the list, and so will need to be added back on. 	<p>Updates and supported needed to be sent out.</p> <p>Information to be shared across the ward once completed.</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artwork: Creative Recovery are currently working with an artist who would be able to support artworks across Stairfoot, ensuring community sessions to ensure that all work is driven by residents. The ward alliance has identified some potential positions and will look at the permissions, then progress with the costings and the project. • Memorial Work: The ward alliance will look at memorials across the ward at Kendray and Ardsley. This will be to create a spot for people to remember their lost ones and for the area to meet on special occasions to commemorate loss. • Christmas: The ward alliance has discussed plans for Christmas, and decided they would like to look at a number of projects for the area. This includes working with schools to create some cards for older populations, Brass Bands similar to last year, working with care homes to put on a choir and lights on Ardsley and Kendray tree. 	<p>Work to get permissions and look at ideas.</p> <p>Bring together ideas and costings for next meeting.</p> <p>Follow up on plans to ensure plan in place at the next meeting</p>	<p>CA All</p> <p>All</p> <p>CA</p>
<p>9. Ongoing Projects</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging Baskets: All the hanging baskets are up and look lovely, just one more plaque to be added. There as been a delay in some places, but this hasn't been seen across our borough. The group are very thankful to Denise and Paul for their efforts in getting the baskets up. • Defibrillators: The second defib storage unit is to be installed this week, and then we will be looking at doing more social media with this. 	<p>Keep WA informed</p>	<p>CA</p>
<p>10. Any Other Business:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed on Doncaster Road in Ardsley continues to be concern for residents. A few near misses have taken place recently. • Trees at Ardsley Park are still an issue for people walking past the park. • A sticker was shown to all, people felt it was good, but maybe we needed options of inclusivity around female and colour of skin • Twiggs have said the cost of the work at the memorial and the planters at High Grove would cost £690. 	<p>Follow up on speed averages.</p> <p>Pass through information to right place.</p> <p>Share updated stickers.</p> <p>Agreed and to look at processing</p>	<p>KD</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>
<p>11. Date and time of next and future meetings:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 11, 2023, 10am – St Andrew's 		

Environmental Working group for Worsbrough Ward Alliance



Date & Time:	Wednesday 5th July 5.30pm
Location:	Worsbrough Library

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees		
Chair Person:	Kath Evans (KE)	
CDO:	Michelle Toone (MT)	
Attendees	Esther Parnham (EP) Cllr Lodge (JL) Gordon Smith (GS) Cllr Roy Bowser (RB) Adam Roberts – TWIGGS	
Guest:	N/A	
2. Apologies for absence		
Cllr Clarke (JC) Mireille Eastwood (ME) Sherry Holling (SH) Susan Harrison (SH) David Harrison (DH) Gill Carr (GC)		
3. Notes of the last meeting	Action/ Decision	Action Lead
The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.	N/A	(MT)
4. Matters Arising	Action / Decision	Action Lead
Mill Academy Banking (JL) contacted Matthew Holdroyd (MH) to raise this issue 3 times within the last week. No response as yet. (JL) will escalate next week if needed. (KE) & (EP) seeing (MH) next week and will also raise	(JL) will escalate next week if needed. (KE) & (EP) seeing (MH) next week and will also raise	(JL)
Street Bins – Update As above	As above	As above
Vernon Road Verges – Cost of repairing. Further to previous discussions (MT) has contacted Jo Birch (JB) Head of Park Services to get recommendations on what systems are used to address the issues of churned up grass/ mud on grass verges.	(MT) to arrange site visit with (JB) for further advise and provide estimated costs	(MT)

<p>Berneslai Home (BH) Estate Walks – Update</p> <p>(KE) and (EP) stated the (BH) Estate Walkabouts had been raised in the Litter & Crime Strategy Forum.</p> <p>(JL) met with (BH) last week. (BH) currently unable to conduct walkabouts due to staff capacity. By in from other services hasn't been agree as yet such as BMBC Safer Communities Team, Neighbourhood Policing and Neighbourhood Services. , These are the services usually responsible for rectifying the issues raised. They have attended in the past. Residents are invited to the walkabouts and have an opportunity to raise concerns and feed in. Walkabouts are published online for people to view.</p> <p>Questions were raised about the quality of work being done in relation to the Service Level Agreements between (BH) and (NS).</p> <p>It was asked how the new Environmental contracts would work in the North and South Areas now that they didn't have a specific contracted provider. It was suggested that the new liaison or project officer would be the conduit between services and additional services from (NS) bought in.</p>	<p>Elected Members to provide updates on if or when the Estate Walkabouts will be resumed</p>	<p>Elected Members</p>
<p>Process for TWIGGS support</p> <p>It was suggested a Google form could be created by MT for members of public to put forward suggestions. The working group could look at the requests as part of meeting and coordinate responses. This could be done as a standing item and discuss quarterly. This would help with forward planning and help reduce any duplications.</p> <p>Feedback could be given to residents that submit requests and expectations managed.</p>	<p>It was agreed to do a pilot project. MT to feedback to Twiggs.</p> <p>MT to create Google form</p>	<p>(MT)</p>
<p>4. TWIGGS upcoming workdays / update</p>	<p>Action/ Decision</p>	<p>Lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 July – Ward Green playing field and Jarrett Woods • 10 August – Lewden Springs Area <p>There have been some additional Twiggs led activities in June – including Ravensholt ginnel, Worsbrough Dale Park, and High Street backings.</p> <p>(KE) & (EP) meeting with Scott tomorrow, 6TH July, to walk around Worsbrough Dale area to identify areas of concern and help direct future work.</p> <p>It was raised that the shops at the bottom of High Street are a hot spot for glass, cigarette butts etc. The bin/cage used by McColls to dispose of out-of-date food is being used by individuals in the community to obtain food.</p> <p>(AR) stated the volunteer workday that took place in Worsbrough Village on 27th July with missionaries went well and they have further planned to work alongside the volunteers in future.</p> <p>Twiggs are continuing to work with the volunteer at Worsbrough Dale Park and liaising with the services that the volunteer is supported by.</p>	<p>KE & EP to feedback to group on outcome of meeting with Scott.</p> <p>Group to continue to identify and suggest areas to be addressed.</p>	<p>(KE) & (EP)</p>

<p>Work continuing to focus on Park with a view to extending the geographic area of work overtime.</p> <p>(AR) informed the group they have capacity in the AM on 20th July to carry out any requests for work. The group suggested Lobwood to clear the fallen leaves. (AR) reminded the group that Lobwood area is covered by BH. (RB) stated that Trish Asquith housing officer for this area and these needs raising with BH to maintain. Other suggestions include the TPT car park on Haverlands lane. This area would benefit from cutting back again to deter anti-social activity taking place. (AR) will look at this area but work may be unable to be carried out due to nesting season.</p> <p>Mount Pleasant was also suggested as it is in need of a tidy up and the steps from Wallbrook to Ravens Court – again (BH) responsibility</p>		
5. Action Plan Updates.		
<p>Joint Action Day No update available as (JP) not in attendance.</p>	<p>MT awaiting response to email.</p>	<p>(JP)</p>
<p>Hanging Baskets (EP) informed the group all the baskets were in situ as of 04/07/2023. All snagging issues have been addressed. Invoices have been issued for baskets.</p> <p>There has been some confusion around contracts for this years scheme. Christmas Trees deadline for pre order is 1st September.</p>	<p>MT to follow up on procurement process.</p> <p>MT & EP to arrange catch up meeting</p>	<p>(MT) & (EP)</p>
<p>School Litterpicks (KE) support Bank End Primary with a community litter pick on 28 June 16 bags were collected by 20 adults and 25 kids. The funds have already been agreed in principle. The WAF application will be ratified at tomorrows, Thursday 25th May, Ward Alliance Meeting.</p> <p>The Mill Academy to be arranged for September.</p> <p>Ward Green have no responded – MT to follow up and speak to new headteacher</p>	<p>(KE) to continue to liaise with schools and arrange termly events.</p>	<p>(KE)</p>
<p>Telecoms Box project (MT) informed the group students from Barnsley Academy have been working alongside local Artist Patrick Murphy and Historian Joshua Daniels to start the designs for the boxes. The theme would focus on historic transport links and the impact this had on the local community.</p>	<p>MT to continue to facilitate project and update the group at meetings</p>	<p>(MT)</p>
9. AOB		
<p>Litter & Environmental Crime Strategy Update (EP) & (KE) informed the group the next meeting is taking place on Friday 14 July. Both would be presenting and facilitating the workshops.</p>	<p>(KE) & (EP) to continue to provide updates</p>	<p>(KE) & (EP)</p>
<p>Additional priorities West Street/Thicket Lane –needs cutting back and tidying- Scott has done this already.</p> <p>Wharf Inn / Mogul Rooms – private land in a state of disrepair. Members expressed concerns about how easily accessible it is and the danger this possess to anyone accessing it. Rockley Dean is also</p>	<p>(JL) has followed up with Safer</p>	<p>(JL) & (RB)</p>

<p>another area of concern with people accessing the roof and other anti social behaviour taking place.</p> <p>Members identified other areas of concern including:</p> <p>Saville House land – Park Road. Old council officers</p> <p>Cross street land – fly tipping again.</p> <p>These have been reported on the online portal with photos and postcodes provided.</p> <p>The group asked if there was any recourse for private landowners being accountable for upkeeping land and buildings. The Towns and council act section 215 was cited.</p> <p>A privately let property on Darley Avenue was also highlighted as a cause for concern.</p>	<p>Neighbourhoods’ team – Hayden Frost. Officers looking into these concerns.</p> <p>(RB) to follow up and identify relevant officer.</p>	
<p>Future projects</p> <p>The group discussed future projects and reflected on work being done in other Wards. The ‘Up the Swannee’ project was a great source of inspiration and the group stated that local resident and volunteer Geoff Holmes might be interested in supporting an art project in Worsbrough.</p>	<p>(MT) to discuss with CDO that covers Stairfoot Ward.</p>	<p>(MT)</p>
<p>12. Date & time of next meetings</p>		
<p>Meetings held Wednesday, 5.30pm at Worsbrough Library</p> <p>6th September</p>		

Ward Alliance Meeting



Date & Time:	Thursday, 6th July 2023 @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Worsbrough Library

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees			
Chairperson:	Cllr John Clarke (JC)		
CDO:	Michelle Toone (MT)		
Secretary:	N/A		
Committee Members:	Cllr Jake Lodge (JL) Cllr Roy Bowser (RB) Tracey Hamby (TH) Sherry Holling (SH)		
Guest:	N/A		
2. Apologies for Absence			
Mireille Eastwood (ME) Alan Littlewood (AL) Allison Johnson (AJ)			
3. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest			
None declared			
4. Notes of Last Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Agreed as a true and accurate record.	All	
	JC requested MT to contact Bankend School to arrange a revisit to follow up on the growing project	MT to contact Alisha Lodge to arrange a date	MT
5. Matters arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Deferred until next meeting due to time constraints.	N/A	N/A
6. Ward Alliance Budget 2023/2024		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Total remaining allocation for 2023/2024:	N/A	MT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Fund = £ 13,036.09 Engagement Fund = £ 3,030.11 		
8. WAF Applications/ Potential spend		Action/ Decision	Action lead
a.	Ward Green Primary School - Junior Wardens Scheme £1800	Rejected	MT

	To cover cost of participation in the scheme for Autumn Spring 2023/2024	<p>A discussion took place around the suitability of WA funding for this scheme as an ongoing occurrence. Whilst all members felt the scheme is excellent, they agreed other funding streams would be more appropriate for long term sustainability. Ward Green School have already received funding for this scheme on four other occasions. The WA agreed in principle to fund the Mill Academy and Bankend Primary school for one more scheme each given the number of times Ward Green have received funding.</p> <p>MT to provide feedback to Ward Green School and Malcolm Howarth the volunteer coordinator for the scheme</p>	
b.	<p>Small Sparks Dale Park Pavilion – £150.00</p> <p>The group have agreed to open the pavilion building two days per week during the school holidays to allow the park users to make use of the facilities. The funds will be used to purchase fresh fruit and juice which will be distributed free of charge. The group have been provided with a summer sports kit funded by BMBC Public Health team – this will be loaned out to anyone that wants to make use of the kit when the pavilion is open.</p>	Agreed in full	MT
c.	<p>Worsbrough Local History Days - £600</p> <p>MT put forward a proposal to commission film maker and historian, Joshua Daniels to make a short film for the Worsbrough Local History Days 2023. The film would record the accounts of women who worked at the Corah’s Factory and John Hallidays & Sons and provide an insight into what working life was like for women and the importance of the factory in the social development of Worsbrough. The funds would cover the cost o a days filming, editing, research and the final product.</p>	<p>Agreed in full</p> <p>Funds to be taken from the WA engagement budget</p>	MT
d.	<p>Summer Roadshows</p> <p>As agreed in previous meetings a £2000 working budget</p>	Funds to be taken from the WA engagement	MT

	has been agreed for the summer activity. MT update the group on costs so far which include a £562 contribution to the summer sports van.	budget. MT to update further costs at the next meeting	
9. WAF Monitoring			
a.	Bankend Primary – Primary School Enterprise Challenge JL informed the group that the finals day had already taken place. Bankend did not win the overall challenge but benefited from the sessions delivered in school. The finals day was scaled back from previous years. JC expressed disappointment in having not been informed or invited to the Final’s Day. Last year all Worsbrough Elected Members were invited to be judges. All three schools have now received WA funding for this scheme, members agreed other funding streams would be more appropriate moving forward.	MT to inform Primary School Enterprise Challenge of WA discussion.	JC
10. Area Council Update			
	Deferred until next meeting	JC to continue to provide updates	JC
11. Current/Ongoing Ward Actions			
a.	Worsbrough Local History Day/ Heritage Trail JC confirmed the Mayor would attend on the Saturday. RB confirmed he had extended an invite to Stephanie Peacock MP and her office had confirmed she would attend at some point over the two days	MT to continue to facilitate working group meetings. WA members welcome to join the meetings.	MT/ planning committee
b.	Telecoms Boxes Due to time constraints deferred until next meeting	N/A	MT
c.	Environmental Working Group Notes circulated as part of WA papers	MT to continue to facilitate meetings and share meeting notes	MT/ EWG
d.	Summer Road Shows Mt confirmed the locations for the Summer Roadshows 2nd August – Bankend Park 9th August – Ward Green 16th August – Park Road Rec 23rd August – Dale Park The sessions will be supported by the summer sports van. Other providers will be in attendance at some of the sessions, these include Public Health, Central Family Centre Outreach team, Twiggs and NPT	MT to circulate poster when finalised. Calendar invites have been sent – all members need to respond so MT is aware of who is available and when	MT / ALL
13. Upcoming Activities/ Areas of Focus			
a.	Action Plan/ Forward Planning Deferred until after the Summer Roadshows	N/A	N/A
14. AOB			
a.	The Youth Association have requested to attend the next meeting to provide an update on the work they have been doing. Yorkshire Air Ambulance have also requested a guest spot	All in agreement MT to facilitate attendance of guests at upcoming meetings	N/A
11. Dates and times of future meetings			
		Action/Decision	Action lead

	<p>The Ward Alliance agreed to continue to the six weekly schedule and to conduct the meetings in person. There will be additional meetings in between with various working groups.</p> <p>All meetings are Thursdays, 5.30pm at Worsbrough Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17th August RB, SH submitted apologies.• 5th October• 16th November• 14th December – SOCIAL		MT
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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting

DATE: 27 September 2023

Report of Central Area Council Manager

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Submission Date: 15 September 2023

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform Members about agreed spend to date from the Ward Alliance Funds within the Central area for 2023-2024. This forms the report for the financial year and remaining allocations carried forward from the financial period 2023-2023.

2. Recommendation

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

3. Introduction

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

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

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

4. Commitments to Date

- 4.1 A breakdown of the approved CAC spend for the 2023-2024 financial year, is attached at Appendix 1.

- 4.2 Ward Alliances continue to review priorities and updating action plans to ensure the timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance funds.

Appendix 1 Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

2023-2024 Ward Funding Allocations

For 2023-24 each Ward had an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

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

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

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

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2022-23 Ward Alliance Fund has been combined and added to the 2023-24 allocation, managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

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

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£14,669.00	Carried forward from 2022-23
£10,000.00	Base allocation 2023-24
£24,669.00	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Central Small Sparks Budget top up	£360.00	
Hanging Basket Sponsorship (2 Baskets)	£200.00	
Litter Picking Equipment	£1,710.00	
Summer Sports Van	£375.00	
Family Fun Day	£2000.00	
Litter Picking Equipment		£10.00
Summer Sports Van		£30.00
Total Remaining	£20,064.00	

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 8,312.66 Carried forward from 2022-23
£10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24
£18,312.66 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Wharnccliffe Craft Group Electronic Equipment	£350.00	
Secretary Payment Apr-Jun	£125.00	
Contribution to 10-year celebration	£500.00	
Top of Dodworth Bottoms - Bingo machine & Entertainment	£989.00	
Summer Sports Van and Pitch Lining	£440.00	
Dodworth St John the Baptist CE Primary Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Robert Acton Litter Picking Equipment	£370.00	
WA Christmas in Dodworth	£4,322.56	
Summer Sports Van		£30.00
Pitch Lining		£1.28
Total Remaining	£9,447.38	

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 8,824.23 Carried forward from 2022-23
£10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24
£18,824.23 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Festival of Flowers	£250.00	
Events Budget Top Up	£1,308.00	
Worsborough Common Primary School Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Worsborough Common Community Association Summer at WCCA event	£1,306.00	
Total Remaining	£14,160.23	

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 9,724.10 Carried forward from 2022-23
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24
£19,724.10 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
St Andrews Church Room Hire	£240.00	
D H Marrion Installation of Defib storage unit	£631.06	
Contribution to Defib Project		£1,100.00
Ardsley Bowling Club	£400.00	
Kendray Community	£1,550.00	
Total Remaining	£18,003.04	

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 8,745.33 Carried forward from 2022-23
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24
£18,745.33 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Art History Project Intergenerational Telecoms Box	£1,500.00	
Community Notice Board Replacement	£895.00	
Worsbrough Bank End Primary School Enterprise Challenge	£995.00	
Engagement Budget Top Up	£2,000.00	
Worsbrough Tidy Group Insurance	£319.24	
The Mill Academy Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Total Remaining	£11,236.09	