

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday 15 January 2024
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 13 November 2023
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- 3 Targeted Lung Health Checks - Hannah Young Cancer Alliance
(Nac.15.01.2024/3) (*Verbal Report*)
- 4 Environmental Community Caretaker Team 6-month Update - Matt Holdroyd
(Nac.15.01.2024/4) (*Verbal Report*)

Items for discussion

- 5 Introduce the Youth Resilience Grant - Review Process (Nac.15.01.2024/5)
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- 6 Priorities, Commissioning, Project Development and Finance (Nac.15.01.2024/6)
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Ward Alliances

- 7 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund (Nac.15.01.2024/7) (*Pages 29 - 36*)
- 8 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances (Nac.15.01.2024/8) (*To Follow*)

Old Town – held on Tuesday 12th December 2023
St Helen's – held on Thursday 30th November 2023

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Denton, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Newing,
Pickering, Tattersall and N. Wright

Area Council Support Officers:

Tom Smith, North Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
Rosie Adams, North Area Council Manager
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities
Cath Bedford, Public Health Principal - Communities

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MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Denton, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Tattersall and N. Wright

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

Councillor Tattersall declared a non-pecuniary interest as she is a member of the Berneslai Homes Board.

81 **Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 11 September 2023 (Nac.11.13.2023/2)**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 11 September 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

82 **Connecting Communities Grant Provider DIAL - Sharon Brown (Nac.11.13.2023/3)**

Members received a presentation from S Brown from DIAL, which provided an update on the Connect Together initiative which was funded by the North Area Council, with a strategic aim to reduce social isolation of disabled people, their families and carers. The objectives of the service were to extend the provision of support to reduce social isolation, facilitate activities that bring people together to share and learn, and to explore and develop other models of bringing people together.

The following key points were noted:-

- A total of 117 sessions had been ran, including 32 themed events which were introduced in autumn/winter 2022.
- A total of 113 people had attended Connect Together events.
- Bingo and a social club ran weekly sessions which included special workshops in poetry writing and quilling.
- 240 hours of volunteering time had been provided by 8 volunteers.
- A total of 1070 hours of contact time had been made with members.
- The first annual jumble sale had raised a total of £400.
- In 2022, a total of 60 people had attended the events, 33 slow cookers had been given away at four Crisis Support Sessions, 20 Christmas goodie bags

had been given away at four Christmas Giveaway events and 27 people had attended the Grab a Gift gift swap events.

- In 2023, over 100 people had attended the events, 44 gardening kits had been given away as part of the Green Fingers events, 30 fitness DVDs had been given away at three Get Fit events, 32 people had attended the Great Spring Clean events where they had received free cleaning essentials, and 27 people had attended the Picnic Hamper events where they had received filled picnic hampers.
- The outcomes achieved from the initiative had shown that 100% of people who attended Connect Together meet ups felt less isolated, more connected to their community, had made new friendships from regular attendance, and felt more confident since joining.
- Members were referred to a case study within the presentation slides.

Councillor Tattersall queried whether any future delivery plans had been identified from the current attendees, and whether these would be put into action in the upcoming year.

In response, S Brown commented that delivery was based upon the needs and requirements of individuals. Delivery plans were in place until Christmas 2023. From January 2024, intelligence would be utilised to plan initiatives on a quarterly basis.

Councillor Hunt queried how Connect Together could increase the number of people it interacted with and to identify isolated individuals.

S Brown referred to the challenges to identify isolated individuals. Organised events were key to attracting new members together with word of mouth. Members noted that a good way to continuously increase the membership could be achieved by further developing Connect Together and by establishing the interests of individuals locally.

Councillor Howard referred to the Darby and Joan Club at Darton WMC, which was specifically established to reach socially isolated individuals. She suggested that it could be a venue for Connect Together to reach other socially isolated individuals.

Councillor Leech expressed his thanks for an informative presentation.

RESOLVED that Members noted the update.

83 Housing and Cohesion Officer - Mark Griffiths (Nac.11.13.2023/4)

Members received a presentation from M Griffiths, Housing and Cohesion Officer which provided an overview of his job role and highlighted some of the work undertaken to date.

The following key points were noted:-

- The core of the work undertaken by M Griffiths dealt with issues that were capable of having a detrimental effect on others i.e. environmental issues, property/housing conditions in private sector housing, fly-tipping, littering, garden waste, social issues, supporting vulnerable people and low level anti-social behaviour.

- The aims and objectives of which were to encourage communities to work towards setting their own standards and empower individuals to help themselves and improve their environment, to create and sustain safe and pleasant communities, to identify and react to problems and issues and to apply pro-active initiatives and interventions, and to improve housing conditions and standards for private rental tenants in the North area.
- Close collaborative working was undertaken with several departments and agencies which included South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, voluntary agencies and Adult and Children's Social Services.
- On a quarterly basis, M Griffiths arranged and organised North Area Action Days in collaboration with a variety of agencies, which rotated around all four Ward Alliances. The following action days had recently been held:-
 - A waste clearance operation on Athersley pit fields, which focused on improving the appearance of the location for the benefit of local residents and dog walkers.
 - Operation Drift which focused on several issues in the North's geographical area of Honeywell. It was undertaken in a multi-faceted approach which had achieved good outcomes in terms of improving the environment, enforcement and support. A total of 24 private rental properties had been visited with a view to generating housing inspections.
- Members noted the community engagement events and were referred to a number of case studies within the presentation slides.

Councillor Tattersall expressed her thanks for an interesting report and for the work undertaken across all four Ward Alliances. She was pleased to observe the work that had been undertaken on garden fires which occurred across the borough and could easily become out of control and cause damage to other properties. She queried whether collaborative work was undertaken with South Yorkshire Fire Service to provide garden fire safety messages on social media.

Councillor Howard commented that individuals were permitted to have garden fires, although instances of frequent garden fires and at certain times during the day could be reported to the Council. She referred to the private rental property flats on Church Street, Darton which had encountered water leaks, and she had provided the Area Manager with the information to be forwarded onto M Griffiths for his assistance.

In response to a query raised by Councillor A. Cave regarding the frequency that cases were monitored and followed up, M Griffiths referred to a number of ongoing cases that would not close until at least a couple of follow up inspections had taken place. The number of follow up inspections undertaken would depend on the merits of a particular case.

Councillor Leech expressed his thanks to M Griffiths for quickly dealing with an instance where an individual had collected a large amount of rubbish for money, which he had burnt in his garden and it had got out of hand.

Councillor Hunt requested that garden fires be discussed with Members at the next Darton East Action Day.

Councillor Lofts expressed his appreciation to M Griffiths for dealing with the dog fouling issue in the Old Town area.

On behalf of the North Area Council, Councillor Leech gave thanks to M Griffiths for all the work undertaken.

RESOLVED that Members noted the update.

84 10 Year Celebration Reflections (Nac.11.13.2023/5)

Councillor Leech referred to the 10 year celebration event that had been held on Friday 29 September 2023 at Staincross Working Men's Club. He considered it to have been a fantastic event which had been enjoyed by everyone in attendance. He expressed his thanks to the Area Manager and her team for all the work involved.

The Area Manager gave thanks to Members for all their help and support in the preparatory work and for providing assistance at the event. She also wished to express special thanks to Christina who had made favours to be handed out to everyone at the end of the evening.

Councillor Howard considered that it had been a fantastic event, and she expressed her thanks to the Area Team for all the organisation involved. She requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Christina on behalf of the North Area Council.

Approximately 120 people had attended the event. During the evening presentations had been received from each of the Ward Alliances, all attendees had received a raffle ticket to be entered into a free prize draw, and performances had included the Angel Voices Community Choir.

Members noted that the North East and South Area Councils were still to hold their 10 year celebration events.

RESOLVED that Members noted the update.

85 Performance Report for Quarter 2 (Nac.11.13.2023/6)

A report was presented which provided an aggregate picture of how all the North Council contracted services contributed to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives, which reflected upon the information gathered from each contract for the period July – September 2023. The report provided a summary of the performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2023/24 Quarter 2 (July – September 2023). The report provided a link between the commissioned services and the Public Health Outcomes.

M Griffiths referred to the outstanding work undertaken by the Environmental Caretaker Team during Operation Drift.

Councillor Denton referred to the Reds in the Community Men's Health Club that he had recently attended, which had a positive impact on his mental health in terms of education and fitness. He considered that this was a fantastic initiative, and he would be an advocate for future sessions.

Members were referred to the case studies for each contracted service.

RESOLVED that Members noted the contents of the Performance Management report.

86 Connecting Communities Grant Extension Report (Nac.11.13.2023/7)

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the contract extension arrangements for the Stronger Communities Grant funded programme.

The Grant Review Workshop had been held on 31 August 2023 where the grant panel had reviewed the providers' delivery and performance, and had considered whether the North Area was receiving good value for money.

At the North Area Council Meeting held on 11 September 2023, Members had agreed a further 12 months of intervention by Age UK and DIAL Barnsley. As a result of the delayed start at the beginning of the programme, the Reds in the Community would continue to deliver until the end of June 2024.

RESOLVED that Members confirmed their decision to continue the funding for two providers of the Connecting Communities Grant programme at a total combined value of £75,000 for a period of 12 months. (Age UK - £40,875.00, DIAL Barnsley - £34,125.00).

87 Priorities, Commissioning and Overview Report (Nac.11.13.2023/8)

A report was presented which provided Members with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that had been proposed. The report also highlighted the need to agree a clear plan for commissioning against the priorities.

In relation to the work undertaken on the resilience fund and to enable the review process to commence, the Area Manager discussed with Members, as the decision makers, how they could be better informed to ensure that the grant programme continued. Ad Astra would welcome one Member of the Working Group at a time to observe the school sessions, and the YMCA had recommended holding a surgery.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Members noted the progress on the Environmental Community Caretaker Service recruitment.

- (ii) Following the Connecting Communities Grant Review, the panel recommended and the Area Council agreed to a further investment of £75,000 to enable two grant providers to continue provision for a 12 month period, concluding March 2025. Full details at agenda item 7.
- (iii) To conduct a review of the Youth Resilience Fund required a review to enable a decision on potential project extension to be made at the January Area Council meeting.
- (iv) The North Area Council noted the existing budget position and the existing funding commitments. Section 4 of the report.

88 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund (Nac.11.13.2023/9)

A report was presented to provide an update on the financial position of the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2023/24 period.

Councillor Leech referred to a recent Area Chair Liaison meeting, where an update had been provided on the hanging baskets and Christmas trees. A provider had now been sourced for the hanging baskets across the borough and work was underway to secure standard pricing for the Christmas trees.

RESOLVED that each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2023/24, in line with the guidance on spend.

89 Ward Alliance Fund Grant Performance Monitoring Report from the last Financial Year (Nac.11.13.2023/10)

A report was presented which provided an update on the Ward Alliance Fund monitoring for the year 2022/23.

The Area Manager expressed her thanks to L Swift and R Battye for chasing the monitoring information, and to K Ashworth for the work undertaken in preparing the performance reports for each of the Ward Alliances. Members were requested to present the reports within their respective Ward Alliances.

Councillor T. Cave also expressed his thanks for the performance reports which were interesting to observe the differences between each Ward Alliance. He queried whether it would be possible for the monitoring information for the Ward Alliances to be included as part of the review.

It was noted that difficulties were encountered in receiving the monitoring information from the community groups. The Area Manager referred to instances where she would delay the timing of an application until their final monitoring report was received. Members supported the Area Manager in this action.

Councillor Tattersall gave thanks for the performance reports. She requested that Members be informed when future performance reports would be compiled and for Members to be provided with an email address to enable photographs to be submitted for inclusion into the reports.

Councillor Leech expressed his thanks for the excellent report presented.

RESOLVED that each Ward in the North Area Council referred to the monitoring information for the Ward Alliance Fund in their own area and took the time to reflect on which projects had worked well, enabling them to share best practice.

90 Notes from Ward Alliances (Nac.11.13.2023/11)

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 12 September 2023 and 10 October 2023; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 13 September 2023 and 16 October 2023; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 10 October 2023; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 7 September 2023 and 19 October 2023.

Councillor Denton referred to the work undertaken by the Darton East Ward Alliance. Funding had been approved for various projects which included a pantomime for disadvantaged children to be held at Staincross WMC and Christmas trees which would be installed at Mapplewell Village Hall, Windhill and Woolley. The next health and wellbeing event would be held on 14 November 2023 at Mapplewell Village Hall. The Christmas light switch on was scheduled for 24 November 2023, and the beer festival would also commence on the same date, which everyone was welcome to attend.

Councillor T. Cave referred to the work undertaken by the Darton West Ward Alliance. The Christmas programme of events had been the most recent topic of discussion. The number of Christmas trees would be limited to prevent a strain on the service providers. Focus had been made to the Kexborough Community Centre to provide additional help to families over the Christmas period. It was noted that the Gawber School History Board was almost complete. During early autumn, concern had been expressed around the hanging basket situation and how to avoid such issues in the future. The milestone on Huddersfield Road opposite Vets4Pets had recently been refurbished. Councillor T. Cave informed Members of the Milestone Society that could assist with the refurbishment of milestones within their respective Ward Alliances.

Councillor Lofts referred to the work undertaken by the Old Town Ward Alliance. Funding had been approved to help establish a Community Pantry in Honeywell, which had a long term aspiration to gather volunteers to keep it running. The main topics for discussion at the meeting had related to Christmas trees and spring bulbs. A funding bid for a local cat rescue had been received. It had been decided to defer the bid until further information was available to ascertain whether other Ward Alliances had been approached.

Councillor Wright referred to the work undertaken by St Helen's Ward Alliance. The Santa sleigh route had been finalised and advertised on the local Facebook forums, which would commence on Sunday 3 December 2023.

Councillor Leech referred to the 13 Junior Tykes football teams that played at the Memorial Field on Laithes Lane, Barnsley. It was envisaged that the storage container would be made available shortly.

A discussion had ensued in relation to a letter sent into the Barnsley Chronicle which had wrongly suggested that the North Area Council was not passing money onto the community groups. The letter had followed an earlier newspaper article where the Barnsley Chronicle had reviewed each Ward Alliance in the North Area. Councillor Hunt referred to the Darton East Ward Alliance which had recently approved a number of funding applications. Members noted that the Area Manager had prepared a statement in relation to the funding pot.

Councillor Howard referred to the Christmas event that would be held at Barnsley Town Hall on Sunday 10 December 2023 from 11.00am to 3.00pm where many of the activities would be free of charge. There would also be a craft stall and visits to see Father Christmas. Members were requested to encourage any families struggling with the cost of living to attend the event. Councillor Leech requested that details of the event be displayed within the North Area Council and advertised on the Council and Ward Alliance website pages.

RESOLVED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

Chair

Item 5

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
15th January 2024

Agenda Item: 5

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Young People's Priority Youth Resilience Grant – Review Process

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update on the Youth Resilience Grant. Reflecting on the original purpose of the grant, a summary of current performance and an opportunity to provide Members with an overview of the grant review process.

2. Recommendations, that:

- 2.1. **Members use Sections 3-8 to refresh on the background of this funding stream**
- 2.2. **Members familiarise themselves with the review programme**
- 2.3. **Members note the timelines associated with funding this programme, inc. Appendix 1**

3. Background and intended focus

- 3.1. Workshops were held with Members on 26th February 2019 and 17th April 2019. At the meeting on the 26th February it was agreed that the North Area Council wished to focus their resources on a young people-based programme.
- 3.2. Two subsequent mapping and consultation workshops were held, one on the 24th June 2019 and subsequently on the 12th September 2019. Officers were also asked to produce a film capturing the views of young people.
- 3.3. Following which a tender opportunity was advertised for service provider that could provide children and young people aged 8-14 years with the resources they need to transition healthily and happily into adolescent. This should include increasing the confidence, self-esteem, attitudes and aspirations of the children / young people involved. It is envisaged that this offer will include provision that is both school and community based and incorporates a light touch whole family element.

3.4. However the procurement exercise was unsuccessful. Potential providers provided the following feedback:

- The original contract value would not cover the work specified, particularly in school and community provision
- The outcomes are too broad
- The beneficiary groups need to be more targeted
- The application process is too complicated for smaller voluntary and community organisations to respond adequately
- For smaller organisations investing the time in an application is too risky without there being a guarantee of a grant award at the end of the process

3.5. Subsequently it was agreed that the opportunity should be made available as a competitive grant, enabling providers to bid in for smaller 'chunks' of an Area wide offer.

3.6. The grant opportunity was advertised with a focus on emotional resilience and transition ages. It is an opportunity that could play a huge part in the COVID-19 recovery for children aged (8-13) in the North Area. This was informed by stakeholder engagement and a local needs assessment. The closing date for applications was on Tuesday 21st September.

3.7. Three organisations were invited to present their project proposal to the panel Tuesday 6th October. The Grant Panel was comprised of:

Junior School representative:	Jane Mackay (Principal – Kexborough Primary)
Senior School Representative:	Gary Smith (Darton)
Head of Employment and Skills:	Tom Smith (HoS Employment and Skills)
Transformation Lead (EH&WB):	Lauren Nixon (Young Peoples Emotional Health and Wellbeing Lead)
Senior Public Health:	Cath Bedford (Healthier Communities)

3.8. Two providers were successful, YMCA and Ad Astra. They have been working in the North Area since 1st November 2020. The split of schools is as follows:

Wellgate School	YMCA
Kexborough School	YMCA
Summer Lane School	YMCA
Athersley North School	Ad Astra
Athersley South School	Ad Astra
Laithe's Primary School	Ad Astra

3.9. The Area Council should note YMCA originally applied to work solely with Kexborough and Darton School but the panel were so impressed with the model that they requested a summary of what YMCA could deliver in Wellgate Primary, Darton East and Wilthorpe Junior Old Town. Summer Lane Schools. The existing budget could not accommodate the full delivery in three

schools so a pared down to produce an adapted model, tailored to the needs of individual schools.

- 3.10. The initial funding was agreed for a three year period and the grant agreements initially issued for the period November 2020 until October 2022.
- 3.11. At the March 2022 meeting the Area Council agree to fund the project for a further 2 years, until October 2024, at £90,000p.a. Providers received a financial uplift for years 3 and 4 which was feasible within the current financial envelope.
- 3.12. The current grant agreements conclude on the 31st October 2024. The review of the programme is essential to ensure that the Area Council evaluate the impact of the funding committed and discuss how they wish to continue supporting young people in the North Area.

4. Project Development – Contextual Overview

4.1. **On the 24th June 2019 a stakeholder workshop was held and the Roundhouse Lifelong learning Centre.** 26 stakeholders including representatives from Carlton Academy, CHAMS, voluntary and community sector, Youth Justice Service, School Nursing attended. This was a large stakeholder workshop. Events like this are increasingly rare in the public sector and attendees were keen to point out how important the networking opportunity was for their work. Councillors in attendance were: Cllr Leech, Cllr Platts, Cllr Tattersall and Cllr Pickering

4.2. Workshop Summary – Identified Gaps and Opportunities

Gaps in provision and how stakeholders believe that the Area Council can add value:

- ❖ Emotional Resilience
- ❖ Transition age (8-13)
- ❖ Empowerment (Mentoring and Peer Support)
- ❖ Risky Behaviour

N.B. Family Centred approach was also raised repeatedly. It is felt that where intensive whole family support is required, resources are already in place to address need. However, it may be worth exploring the possibility of some family centred activities as part of a wider model for commissioning.

5. Stakeholder Co-Design Workshop – 12th September 2019

5.1. On the 12th of September a co-design workshop was held at Barnsley Town Hall. This was the biggest workshop ever host by the North Area Council with 31 stakeholders in attendance. Councillors in attendance were: Cllr Leech, Cllr Charlesworth, Cllr T Cave, Cllr Newing and Cllr Tattersall

- 5.2. To set the tone the workshop started with a vision that a participant at the 24th June workshop contributed:

“Every young person, regardless of background, education or family circumstances would have relevant access to service and opportunities that would inspire motivate and enhance their current health, wellbeing and aspirations to improve their future self.”

- 5.3. It was clear from the first exercise that identifying outcomes is a challenging process. However, the following area her highlighted for prioritisation.

Emotional Resilience

- 5.3..1. Increase the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people ages 8-14years.
- 5.3..2. Reduction in anxiety, stress and depression in children and young people
- 5.3..3. Increased confidence, self-esteem, emotional intelligence, attitudes and aspirations of young people
- 5.3..4. Reduce the number of inappropriate referrals to CAMHS
- 5.3..5. Reduce the numbers of young people attending BDGH for self-harm related incidents

Transition ages 8-14

- 5.3..6. Improve the experiences of young people as they transition from junior to senior school
- 5.3..7. Ensure that young people have access to good quality, frank information about the physical, emotional and social wellbeing. Complimenting PHSE provision schools.
- 5.3..8. Increase access to safe community spaces for young people in the transition ages between the times of 4pm and 7pm during the early evening.

Empowerment

- 5.3..9. Increased number of young people becoming active citizens
- 5.3..10. Increase the number of young people participating in voice and influence opportunities
- 5.3..11. Empower young people to make informed decisions

Raising Aspirations:

- 5.3..12. Broaden the horizons of young people so that they are more aware of self-development and employment opportunities that reach beyond the community norm
- 5.3..13. Increase access to careers information, advice and guidance for children and parents
- 5.3..14. Empower parents to support their children to aim high and be their best self

Risk Taking Behaviour

- 5.3..15. Increase young people’s understanding of the consequences associated with risky behaviour, short, medium and long term
- 5.3..16. Reduce the number of young people participating in antisocial behaviour
- 5.3..17. Reduction in the number of young people regularly using drugs (including alcohol to excess)

- 5.3..18. Reduce the levels of young people being diagnosed with an STI
- 5.3..19. Reduce the numbers of teenage conception

5.4. Schools Insights

Schools were asked what provision would be most complimentary to their provision. The junior school representative felt that support in schools with earlier intervention, support with mental health and support for children who would be referred to Mindspace at Key Stage 3.

- 5.5. From a secondary school perspective support that would encourage students in Years 7 and 8 to be more independent and provide them with the tools and skills they need to be more resilient.

5.6. Lightbulb moments, stakeholders repeatedly stressed:

- 5.6..1. To do meaningful community work with young people it was far more effective to make connections with young people in school.

- 5.6..2. To have the biggest impact on the family unit, whole family activities produce longer lasting more sustainable changes for children and young people.

- 5.7. The workshops demonstrated that production of a service specification is a complicated and time-consuming process. Each person involved is viewing the priorities through a different life lens and therefore range of solutions were identified, helping to shape the opportunity.

6. Project characteristics championed by the priority working group – learning from previous commissioning

- 6.1. Coaching Model – Intensive but with a legacy and peer support incorporated (Both the Summer Internship delivery model and Fit Reds delivery model were discussed).
- 6.2. 5 Ways to Wellbeing should be at the centre of a project (Connect, Be Active, Give, Take Notice, and Stay Connected).
- 6.3. Building resilience, particularly around emotional wellbeing and being able to handle the knocks that life throws at a person (this could include Mental Health First Aid training).

7. Key Considerations – avoiding duplication and best use of funding

7.1. Duplication of the town centre based ‘OnSide Youth Zone’

The Area Manager has observed a presentation from OnSide Youth Zone’s Partnership Development and Community Engagement Officer regarding the proposed service offer. The service suggested for the North Area will not duplicate the proposed offer.

7.2. Needs based commissioning

There are 12 primary/junior schools in the North Area and plus Darton Academy, Holy Trinity and Springwell. It is important to note that many young people from the North Area attend Outwood Academy Carlton.

To achieve the best outcomes with the budget envelope it was agreed the provision would be offered to the six junior schools who demonstrate the highest levels of need.

7.3. Targeted Intervention

7.4. Provision could be targeted to benefit young people who do not meet the threshold for additional support but school staff are able to identify early indicators that a young person will struggle to transition to senior school successfully and would benefit from additional support both in school, out of school time and school holiday provision.

7.5. Maintaining relationships

Risk to schools regarding the project being time limited as discussed. A school representative felt that the benefits outweighed the risks and that the work would leave a cultural legacy of cooperation and good practise between the local stakeholders.

8. Grant Opportunity

8.1. The grant opportunity was designed to support the delivery of a range of positive after school and holiday provision (interventions/ projects/activities/sessions) that will contribute to building the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people (aged 9-13).

8.2. Intended to provide children and young people with additional tools to help them transition smoothly between junior and senior school and make positive choices.

8.3. Designed to enable the voluntary and community sector to for a bridge of support between schools and the community.

N.B. This provision was adapted to support children, young people, schools and families following Covid-19 lockdowns.

8.4. The grant opportunity chunked down the original proposal to enable the voluntary and community sector to bid for smaller portions of the opportunity, making the grant more flexible and appealing.

8.5. The intention to utilise the Beyond Words resources has also been included the grant guidance material but it is acknowledged that schools are facing a challenging time and this opportunity may need to be delayed and/or considered on a school-by-school basis.

9. Current Delivery Overview

9.1. The programme went live on the 1st November 2020, delivered by two organisations, YMCA and Ad Astra following a competitive grant process.

9.2. **Please note**, it cannot be underestimated how difficult it was for the providers to begin their delivery when the interventions rely on working with the schools and there had been such extreme disruption to the education system during Covid-19.

9.3. **YMCAs delivery includes the following support and interventions:**

Kexborough Primary School

- Weekly after-school sessions with all Y6 children at some point can work with the YMCA youth work team, who will then remain a consistent person within their transition experience to Darton Academy.

- Additional targeted group of Y6 pupils identified by the school as those who would most benefit from the project and improve their emotional resilience and wellbeing.

Wellgate Primary School

- Weekly targeted support project for some Y6 children identified as those who would gain the most.

Summer Lane Primary

- Weekly targeted support for Y5/Y6 children open access but targeted for some pupils the school has identified as those who would most benefit from additional support.

Darton Academy Peer Mentor Training Programme (school identified Y7 Students & YMCA identified participants)

A 6-week bespoke training programme that includes exploring the role and potential remit within school and YMCA Barnsley, knowledge, qualities and skills of a peer supporter, key skills of communication, problem solving and group work, confidentiality and safeguarding and relevant wider skills such as first aid and activity leadership.

Cohorts have been identified by the school Leadership Team and the young people were chosen for their needs, interests, maturity and the Primary School that they had previously attended to ensure a broad representation of the school's feeder primaries and that the young people were familiar in the Primary School that they will then support as part of the next Year 6 transition process.

Street Based Youth Work

- Delivered in Kexborough and Darton

School Holiday Provision

- A diverse programme that adapts to suit the seasons and current cohort

9.4. **Ad Astra's delivery includes the following support and interventions:**

Athersley North

- Year 3 and 4 - Delivering Conflict Resolution Workshops
- Year 5 – Buddy Training
- Year 6 – Transition Workshops

Athersley South

- Year 5 – Buddy Training
- Year 6 – Transition Workshops
- Plus Enrichment Afterschool sessions

Outwood Academy Carlton

- Year 7 – Providing support to a young people in tailored sessions. The young people have presented challenging behaviour throughout the programme. The team have needed their experience to help address the issues raised by the young people.

Youth Club

- This is held at New Lodge Community Centre. It is a busy and creative environment that encourages the young people to help tailor the provision.

School Holiday Provision

- Attended predominantly by the young people who usually attend junior youth club, however over the last year the provision has been adapted because some of the year 7 young people have wanted to attend.

9.5. Both organisations have been able to adapt their provision, even in the face of adversity.

10. Project Outputs & Outcomes

10.1. Headline data, extracted from provider quarterly reports (Nov 2020 – March 2023). It is important to note that although YMCA and Ad Astra are tasked with addressing similar outcomes but their delivery methods are different, hence the disparity in the output data.

Transition ages 8-14			
	YMCA	Ad Astra	Total
Term Time Sessions	375	339	714
Number of school holiday sessions delivered	63	28	91
Total Attendance in and out of school	5,130	5,235	10,365
Number of unique individuals engaged	442	1,231	1673

Empowerment			
Young Volunteers	26	49	75
Peer Support	600	270	870

Raising Aspirations			
No. Family members engaged in the project	16	0	16

10.2. Both providers produce comprehensive quarterly reports. This provides: outputs, a narrative report, case studies, quotes and session photographs. This information helps to provide a rich picture about the breadth and diversity of the programmes, however it is difficult to share this information effectively in the quarterly reports.

10.3. Please follow the links to access the year-end reports that summarise the commissioned services.

2020/21 Q4 – Performance Report

<https://barnslymbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s82391/Appendix%201%20-%20Performance%20Report.pdf>

2021/22 – Q4 – Performance Report

<https://barnsley.mbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s95829/20220516-NAC%20Item%205-Performance%20Report%202021-22.pdf>

2022/23 – Q4 Performance Report

<https://barnsley.mbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s106702/20230522%20Q4%20-%20NAT%20Performance%20Report%202022%20-%202023.pdf>

11. Review Process and Timeline for funding

11.1. When the Young People's Priority Working Group were consulted at a preliminary workshop in November 2023, about the future of the funding for this priority area, the group requested more information about the project. A comprehensive review programme has been organised with the providers to help ensure that the Working Group can make an informed recommendation to the Area Council regarding this programme and associated funding. This will provide the Working Group an opportunity to meet with the providers and the beneficiaries.

11.2. Please refer to appendix 1 for an overview of the review programme.

12. Financial Implications

12.1. The financial implications were £90,000.00 p.a. for the first three years of delivery.

12.2. An additional £10,000 was agreed by the Area Council in March 2020 to enable the Beyond Words training and resources to be made available to participating schools and successful grant providers.

12.3. The project was extended to run for a third and fourth year. By the end of the current grant agreement (October 2024) the Area Council will have invested £349,304.00 in the current grant programme, excluding Beyond Words.

13. Current Update

13.1. The Youth Resilience Grant is now in its fourth year of delivery.

13.2. A comprehensive review of the Grant's programme delivery will commence on the 16th January 2023 and is due to conclude by the end of February.

13.3. At the Area Council meeting on the 11th March 2023 the Area Council will be asked to make a decision on funding for this priority area.

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Appendix 1:

Date	Activity	Who
w/c 15th Jan	Katy to film questions from Councillors for YMCA	Katy & Councillors
16/01/2024	Providers Joint Session: The Journey So Far Implementation Barriers & Adaptation Celebrating Success Continuous Improvement	Councillors, Area Team, Ad Astra, YMCA, Specialist Officers
	Observation / Conversation / Surgery	
22/01/2024	Observation in School (Senior)	Ad Astra & Councillors
24/01/2024	Conversation - Peer Support Group Yr8	Ad Astra & Councillors
24/01/2024	Accompany Detached Session (Outdoors)	Ad Astra & Councillors
30/01/2023	Observation in School (Junior)	Ad Astra & Councillors
	Observation / Conversation / Surgery	
12/02/2024	Young People's Surgery with young people in Kexborough – potentially with an activity packing self-care packs for the local residents.	YMCA & Councillors
19/02/2024	After school session (Senior)	YMCA & Councillors
22/02/2024	After school session (Junior)	YMCA & Councillors
February	Street based youth work (Outdoors)	YMCA & Councillors
Early to Mid Feb	Demographics and Data Presentation Needs Assessment	Business Intelligence Unit & Specialist Officers
26th or 29th Feb	Summing Up Priority Working Group will deliberate on the information gleaned from the report and provide recommendations for report pack	Councillors and Area Team & Specialist Officers
28/02/2024	NAC Paper deadline	
11/03/2024	North Area Council Meeting – Funding Decision Required	

Item 6

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
15th January 2024

Agenda Item: 6

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Commissioning, Project Development and Financial Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.
- 1.2 It highlights the need to agree a clear plan for commissioning against the priorities during a challenging financial period.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **Members note the update on the Environmental Community Caretaker Team composition.**
- 2.2. **Members note the Youth Resilience Fund Review timeline, with the intention to make a decision regarding funding for this priority area in March 2024.**
- 2.3. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position and the existing funding commitments. Section 4 of this report.**

3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project

Contract 1 commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one-year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 in total. The initial contract has now concluded.

Contract 2 commenced on the 14th September 2017 for a two-year term at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the 13th September 2020.

The Area Council agreed to continue to fund this project during the Covid-19 Pandemic and subsequently during the Cost of Living Crisis.

CURRENT POSITION: At the Area Council meeting on the 13th March further funding was agreed for two years July 2023 – June 2025. A waiver has been submitted that includes the option to extend the current contract for a further 12 months until June 2026. A maximum budget of £107,500 has been agreed for the initial two years, totalling £215,000.

3.1 The Clean and Green Service

Contract one was delivered by Forge Community Partnership commenced on the 14th September 2015. Prior to the end of the contract the tender opportunity was advertised.

The second environmental contract commenced on the 2nd October 2017 at a value of £85,000 per annum. The provider, Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd, commenced service delivery on the 2nd October 2017. Twiggs continued to provide an environmental education contract in the North Area until March 2023.

From July 2023 the North Area Council entered into an SLA with BMBC Neighbourhood Services, introducing an Environmental Community Caretaker Model.

Neighbourhood services proposal costings = £120,963 to include:

- Team Leader (G6)
- Development and Demand Team (G4)
- Apprentice
- Vehicle, training, fuel, waste license, tools and contingency budget.

The contingency budget is £21,160.60 (20% of the resource requirement £100,803.00).

The service will be 80% scheduled maintenance, with priorities identified by the Ward Alliances. 20% will provide volunteering and community engagements support. Volunteering activities will be identified by the Ward Alliances and programmed into the Caretaker Team's schedule.

Update:

The Environmental Caretaker Team Leader G6 and apprentice commenced in post from 3rd July 2023. The driver role was filled from the 14th August.

The North Area apprentice is due to start in the area from 6th November.

Following an injury sustained by the Team Leader on the 31st July 2023 the post has been backfilled by a BMBC employee on secondment from the 7th August. From the end of January 2024 this arrangement will conclude. The Area Manager has requested an update on the contingency budget.

N.B.: Contractually this SLA is fulfilled by staff on permanent contracts to ensure employment rights for individuals. If the Area Council agreed to cease funding the SLA, a 6-month notice period will be required.

- ### 3.2 Housing and Cohesion Officer (Private Sector Housing) – At the November meeting 2017 it was agreed that the North Area would fund a private sector housing officer post at Grade 6 for 12 months fixed term. The North Area has had two officers in post (22nd January 2018 – June 2019 and 19th October 2020 – December 2022 respectively). Both officers were successful in securing a promotion within the Safer Communities Service.

The current post holder commenced his duties in the North Area on the 15th May 2023. In addition to the salary fees the Area Council agreed to fund uniform, PPE including IT, phone and bodycam, plus a £5k annual working budget.

N.B.: Contractually the position is covered by a permanent contract to ensure employment rights for individuals. If the Area Council agreed to cease funding the position, a 6-month notice period will be required.

3.3 Health and Wellbeing – Connecting Communities Grant

At a series of workshops in 2021 the Area Council discussed the loneliness and isolation and the impact of Covid-19. In July 2021 it was agreed to fund a grant program for two years with a budget of £100,000 per annum.

The grant opportunity was advertised at the end of September 2021 and the final date for submission was the 22nd October 2021. A total of 9 applications were received before the deadline totalling £615,710.39.

Stage one moderation took place on the 1st November and 4 organisations were invited back to present their projects on the 8th November. 3 applications were recommended for funding. The total allocated amount for these 3 projects was £186,766.44. ***£13,233.56 remained unallocated and has been recirculated into the main Area Council budget for forthcoming delivery allocation.***

Successful Projects:

- Age UK Barnsley – North Area Social Inclusion Service - £79,600.20
- DIAL Barnsley – Connection Hubs - £66,450.00
- Reds in the Community – Reds Connect - £40,716.24

UPDATE: *The Connecting Communities Grant Panel met to review the providers delivery; their performance and consider if the North Area was receiving good value for money. Following which they recommended that two of the provider grant agreements are extended for a period of 12 months, to the maximum value of £75,000. (Age UK - £40,875.00, DIAL Barnsley - £34,125.00). This would mean that all the current provision would conclude by March 2025.*

N.B. The Grant Panel will review the performance and budget availability in early 2024/25 to establish if additional funding can be identified to advertise a similar grant opportunity with revised aims and objectives, dependant on local need.

3.4 Devolved Funding to Ward Alliances

From 2014/15 to 2021/22 the Area Council devolved £10,000 to each of the Ward Alliances. This was reduced to £5,000 for the year 2022/23.

N.B. The decision was taken in 2020/21 that the funding devolved to Ward Alliances by the North Area Council would cease at the end of 2022/23.

3.5 Health and Wellbeing – focus on Young People

In November 2019 the North Area Council agreed to fund a project for up to three years. The project entitled 'An Empowerment Programme Enabling Resilient Transitions for Children and Young People Aged 8-14 Years' was advertised as a competitive tender opportunity in early 2020. The process was unsuccessful. It was agreed in on the 16th March that the opportunity should be chunked down to allow the VCS to respond.

N.B. This opportunity has been tailored to help address the fall out of COVID-19 lockdown and aid in the delivery of the COVID-19 Recovery Strategy. The grants went live on the 1st November 2020, with programmes delivered by YMCA and Ad Astra.

The Area Council has committed to fund this work for up to three years. Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions caused delays and for a time schools would not permit external partners into schools. The providers are now working within 5 schools.

The grant funding originally ran from November 2020 to October 2022.

Current Position: At the March 2022 meeting the Area Council agree to fund the project for a further 2 years, until October 2024, at £90,000p.a. Providers received a 3% financial uplift which was feasible within the current financial envelope. This security will enable the existing providers to support students adversely affected by Covid-19 and support them in their educational transitions, primarily the move to senior school.

N.B. It will be necessary to confirm if this funding stream will continue beyond October 2024 at the January 2024 Area Council meeting. At the time of writing.

A preliminary workshop was held on the 7th November 2023. Following which a review programme has been devised. This commences with a joint provider session on the 16th January 2024, followed by observation and engagement opportunities and subsequently a data presentation and needs assessment.

The priority working group will then be asked to make recommendations regarding this funding stream to the Area Council meeting on the 11th March.

3.6 Cost of Living Crisis – North Area Support

Due to the unspent Housing and Cohesion allocation whilst the post has been vacant it is possible to reallocate this funding. £10,000 was earmarked for a Cost of Living based project. As a result, a workshop was held on 10th May to explore opportunities. At the area Council meeting in May 2023 it was agreed that the funding would be used to enable the Connecting Communities Grant providers to provide communal eating opportunities during autumn/winter 2023/24.

3.7 Sports Van 2023

The North Area has benefitted from the Sports Van for the past two summers. At the May 2023 meeting the Area Council agreed funding of £2,700 for fund the sports van and purchase refreshments for summer activities.

4. Financial Position

4.1. **The forecast for 2022/23 showed that the underspend** (including underspend from previous years) **was profiled to reduce to £76,259**. This is because the in-year balance is projected to exceed the annual budget by approximately £27,653.

4.2. Outlined annual commitments for 2023/24:

Contract	Proposed Spend 2022/23
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£104,720
Environmental Community Caretaker Contingency	£100,803 £21,160.60
Housing Cohesion Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£40,000
Children and Youth People Resilience Grant	£90,000
Connecting Communities Grant 2021-2024 £100,000 per annum for 2 years	£82,500
Summer Sports Van	£2,700
Cost of Living – Communal Eating	£10,000
TOTAL	£451,883.60

4.3. Provided that the Area Council continues to commit funding as outlined in Appendix 1, the total spend profiled for 2023/24 is predicted to be £451,883.60. This includes the contingency budget for Neighbourhood Services which will have to be reviewed to the need for cover staffing for the delivery programme.

4.4. The underspend at the end of 2023/24 was projected to be £25,451 at the beginning of the year. However this includes the annual charge for both Environmental Caretaker Team and Housing and Cohesion which will not have been filled for the whole financial year. This may result in in-year savings of up to £23,100.

5. Commissioning Programme from April 2024 – Workshop Outcomes

- 5.1. A workshop was held on Friday the 23rd June. Attended by Cllr Leech, Cllr T Cave, Cllr Lofts, Cllr Denton, Cllr Tattersall and Cllr Wright.
- 5.2. Attendees were briefed on the current priorities & link with Barnsley 2030, timeline for existing commissioning and the current financial position.
- 5.3. A discussion took place regarding the future commissioning, assessment of need and measuring impact of early intervention and prevention models.
- 5.4. The Area Manager explained that the current level of investment into services is not sustainable. It may be possible to maintain current provision during 2024/25 due to the points identified in 4.4 of this report. However, the commissioning commitments would need to be reduced in line with budget constraints for 2025/26.

5.5. The group also considered the two grant funding streams:

5.6. Youth Resilience Grant

Members questioned whether the Area Council should be funding provision in schools. The Area Council Manager advised this funding stream had been developed in order to help reduce anti-social behaviour and risk-taking behaviour in the community. Workshop participants advised working with young people between the ages of 8 and 13, with attention to the transition to senior schools. The providers have been working with young people on: emotional intelligence and improving children's ability to communicate effectively, building confidence and self-esteem, advising them on where to go should they need help, relationships and choosing healthy friendships, discussing the importance of consequences and the impact of sound decision making. The providers use buddy training and/or peer support models to build resilient networks and improve outcomes.

The Area Council Manager also stressed that it has taken the providers considerable time to build positive working relationships with schools, particularly during the pandemic and subsequent recovery period.

This grant commitment will be reviewed with the help of scrutiny from Education, Early Start and Prevention colleagues.

NOTE: A decision on if this grant funding stream continues will be required in March 2024 following an extensive review process.

5.7. Connecting Communities Grant

This grant was devised to help support the communities of the North Area to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic by reducing isolation and encouraging social interaction. Designed to facilitate the building of strong, resilient, and cohesive communities so that the health impacts associated with being lonely

and less mobile during the pandemic can be addressed through positive engagement at in neighbourhood settings.

This funding provision is delivered by three providers currently. It delivers some very valuable soft outcomes for local residents. Often supporting people who do not meet the threshold for statutory support but are still in need of social connection and enriching activities; whilst managing on a tight budget.

This grant programme comes to an end at the end of March 2024. Age UK's provision will come to an end at the end of December 2023. Due to the delayed start at the beginning of the programme Reds in the Community will continue to deliver until the end of June 2024.

NOTE: The Connecting Communities Grant Panel met for a review workshop on the 31st August 2023. Following which a financial commitment of £75,000 per annum was agreed to allow for a further 12 months of intervention by the two providers.

6. Risks

- 6.1. The proposed budget would take the Area Council approximately £51,883 over budget per annum for 2023/24. However taking into account the current under spend, the investment profiled in Appendix 1 has been feasible.

7. Next Steps

- 7.1. Ensure that the Area Manager is alerted to any proposed commissioning profile variations so that feasibility considerations can be made at the earliest opportunity.
- 7.2. At the time of writing the priority working group for Young People are due to commence a comprehensive review of the Youth Resilience Fund.

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Appendix 1: North Area Council - Proposed expenditure April 2022-March 2025

Project / Service	2023/24	2024/25
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach <i>Retender Anti- Poverty - Waiver in place Sept 2021 - June 2023 (9 Months)</i>	104,720.00	106,750.00
Environmental Contract	100,803.00	105,850.00
Environmental Contingency	21,160.00	21,170.00
Housing and Cohesion Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	40,000.00	42,500.00
Stronger Communities Grant Reduced to £20,000 in 2022/23	-	-
outh Resilience Fund (November 2022 - October 2024 - YMCA & Ad Astra)	90,000.00	45,000.00
Connecting Communities Social Isolation Grant (£100,000 pa for 2 years)	82,500.00	100,000.00
Sports Van 2023	2,700.00	
Cost of Living - Communal Eating	10,000.00	
Devolved funding to Ward Alliances (<i>where March 2019 balance is less than £10,000</i>)		-
TOTAL	451,883.00	421,270.00

Item 7

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
15th January 2024**

Agenda Item: 7

**Report of the
North Area Council Manager**

Ward Alliance Budget Overview

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2023/24 period.

2. Recommendation

- 2.2 **That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2023/24, in line with the guidance on spend.**

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition, the Area Council has devolved £10,000 to the Ward Alliances between 2014/15 and 2019/20; no additional funding was devolved in 2020/21 and a reduced amount of £5,000 was devolved in 2021/22. The £5,000 devolved funding from the Area Council was agreed for 2022/23. At this time no additional funding has been identified for devolution to Ward Alliances during 2023/24.

- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Funding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocated to projects where there is match funding.

- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:
- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
 - it is in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
 - it represents value for money.

4.0 2023/24 Financial Position

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2022/23 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2023/24 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

4.2 Budget allocations for 2023/24

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2022/23	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£1,243.20	£11,243.20
Darton West	£10,000	£6,011.02	£16,011.02
Old Town	£10,000	£8,664.33	£18,664.33
St Helen's	£10,000	£7,795.22	£17,795.22

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

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2023/24. This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities.

5.2 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.

5.3 Proactive promotion of the Ward Alliance Fund to local not for profit groups and organisations is highly recommended to ensure efficient expenditure over the financial year.

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Appendix 1:

2023-24 Ward Funding Allocations

For 2023/24, each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 for the Ward Alliance Fund.

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

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

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.

2023-24 Ward Funding Allocations

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

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

Income / Return Grant	£0.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2022-23	£1,243.20

Total Available Funding	£11,243.20
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	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Crafts and Chat Group	£470.00	£2,630.40	£5,621.60	£10,773.20
2	Secretary Payment Q1 - DE	£125.00	£0.00	£5,496.60	£10,648.20
3	Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall 'Activity Club'	£1,050.00	£0.00	£4,446.60	£9,598.20
4	Staincross Holiday Hunger Club	£500.00	£1,233.00	£4,446.60	£9,098.20
5	Treasure Island, community pantomime 2024	£762.50	£671.30	£4,446.60	£8,335.70
6	Secretary Payment Q2 - DE	£125.00	£0.00	£4,321.60	£8,210.70
7	Christmas in Darton East 2023	£950.00	£0.00	£3,371.60	£7,260.70
8	St John's Community Coffee Morning	£255.00	£369.90	£3,371.60	£7,005.70
9	Staincross Club Christmas Activity	£1,040.00	£548.00	£2,331.60	£5,965.70
10	Health Event Working Budget	£400.00	£411.00	£2,331.60	£5,565.70
11	Christmas Street Motifs	£1,500.00	£411.00	£2,331.60	£4,065.70
12	WI Craft & Chat Group	£620.00	£986.40	£2,331.60	£3,445.70
13	Children's Disco	£200.00	£0.00	£2,131.60	£3,245.70

2023-24 Ward Funding Allocations

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

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

Income / Return Grant	£0.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2022-23	£6,011.02

Total Available Funding	£16,011.02
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	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Q4 Secretary Payment - DW (2022/23)	£125.00	£0.00	£7,880.51	£15,886.02
2	Summer Activity Provision	£1,750.00	£3,288.00	£7,880.51	£14,136.02
3	No Parking Signs	£99.52	£68.50	£7,780.99	£14,036.50
4	Gawber History Trail - Interpretation Board	£2,365.00	£986.40	£5,415.99	£11,671.50
5	Hanging Baskets 2023 (DW)	£1,100.00	£0.00	£4,315.99	£10,571.50
6	Secretary Payment Q2 - DW	£125.00	£0.00	£4,190.99	£10,446.50
7	Primrose Community Garden	£488.00	£0.00	£3,702.99	£9,958.50
8	Spring Bulb 2023 (DW)	£1,155.00	£274.00	£3,702.99	£8,803.50
9	Christmas in Darton West 2023	£1,800.00	£0.00	£1,902.99	£7,003.50
10	Voice for Darton & Kexborough Christmas 2023	£1,098.72	£95.90	£1,902.99	£5,904.78
11	Remembrance Project	£761.86	£0.00	£1,141.13	£5,142.92

2023-24 Ward Funding Allocations

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

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

Income / Return Grant	£0.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2022-23	£8,664.33

Total Available Funding **£18,664.33**

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Spring Bulbs 2023 (OT)	£270.00	£0.00	£6,282.79	£18,394.33
2	Multiple Event Insurance	£342.39	£356.20	£6,282.79	£18,051.94
3	Christmas Working Budget 2023 (OT)	£1,200.00	£0.00	£5,082.79	£16,851.94
4	New Year's Eve Hogmanay Party	£422.90	£452.10	£5,082.79	£16,429.04
5	Community Pantry	£4,000.00	£0.00	£1,082.79	£12,429.04
6	Community Room Hire	£600.00	£0.00	£482.79	£11,829.04
7	Brettas Park Christmas Event	£776.63	£1,041.20	£482.79	£11,052.41
8	Environmental Working Budget - OT	£500.00	£657.60	£482.79	£10,552.41

2023-24 Ward Funding Allocations

ST HELEN'S WARD ALLIANCE

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

Income / Return Grant	£0.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2022-23	£7,531.12

Total Available Funding **£17,531.12**

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Health and Wellbeing Garden	£785.00	£794.60	£8,765.56	£16,746.12
2	St Helens Gala	£1,200.00	£0.00	£7,565.56	£15,546.12
3	Hanging Baskets 2023	£2,000.00	£0.00	£5,565.56	£13,546.12
4	Caterpillar Playgroup	£870.00	£5,918.40	£5,565.56	£12,676.12
5	Secretary Payment Q1 - StH	£125.00	£0.00	£5,440.56	£12,551.12
6	Athersley Community Bonfire	£1,000.00	£4,110.00	£5,440.56	£11,551.12
7	Container for equipment	£1,000.00	£1,027.50	£5,440.56	£10,551.12
8	Spring Bulbs 2023 (StH)	£100.00	£0.00	£5,340.56	£10,451.12
9	Christmas Working Budget 2023 (StH)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£4,340.56	£9,451.12
10	Halloween Event	£0.00	£0.00	£4,340.56	£9,451.12
11	Residential and Equipment	£970.00	£3,288.00	£4,340.56	£8,481.12
12	Training for Youth Bowling Club Staff	£983.60	£1,027.50	£4,340.56	£7,497.52
13	Environmental Working Budget - StH	£1,000.00	£0.00	£3,340.56	£6,497.52
14	Jolly Boys Club	£283.75	£712.40	£3,340.56	£6,213.77

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