

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday 11 March 2024
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

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Ward Alliances

- 7 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds (Nac. 11.03.24/7) (*To Follow*)
- 8 Notes from Ward Alliances (Nac. 11.03.24/8) (*Pages 97 - 116*)
Darton East – held on 9th January 2024 and 13th February 2024
Darton West – held on 15th January 2024 and 19th February 2024
Old Town – held on 9th January 2024
St Helen's – held on 11th January 2024 and 23rd January 2024

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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Friday 1 March 2024

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MINUTES

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

91 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

92 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 13 November 2023 (Nac.15.01.2024/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 November 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 13 November 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

93 Environmental Community Caretaker Team 6-month Update - Matt Holdroyd (Nac.15.01.2024/4)

Members were provided with an update from M Holdroyd, Environmental Community Caretaker.

Members noted that between July 2023 to December 2023 a total of 197 activities had been planned with support from the North Area Council Team, of which 83% of the activities had been delivered, 16% of the activities had been deferred and 1% of the activities had been cancelled across all Wards. A large focus had been given to litter picking during the period, with over 110 litter picking events held, together with the completion of other environmental works and requests to support volunteers in action days.

It was noted that no overspend was forecast. It was envisaged that staffing would remain static over the next 6 month period; the individual that had been providing cover within the team in M Holdroyd's absence would return to their substantive post on 5 February 2023. Plans for the future included the procurement of a ride on grass cutter.

Councillor Hunt expressed his thanks to M Holdroyd and the team for the work undertaken in the Darton East area. He considered that the team had very good attributes, attitudes, behaviour, and a very high quality of workmanship. In particular, he wished to highlight the work undertaken by Sammy. He queried whether the team carried out investigations in relation to fly tipping.

In response, M Holdroyd commented that all members of staff were trained to report any evidence of fly tipping sites i.e. bank statements, letters etc. which would be forwarded onto the Environmental Support Officers.

Councillor Lofts commented that on several occasions he had reported the moss on the pavements around the Kensington Road area, which would become slippery and dangerous to pedestrians in wet weather. He would provide M Holdroyd with a photograph of the moss.

Members noted that moss removal requests would be forwarded onto the Neighbourhood Services Team to be dealt with. M Holdroyd would ascertain whether the removal of moss in the Kensington Road area was on the schedule to be dealt with.

Councillor Howard expressed her thanks for the work undertaken by the team in the Darton West Ward.

Councillor Tattersall expressed her thanks for the work undertaken by the team in the St Helen's Ward. She was pleased to observe that M Holdroyd had returned back to work and was in full health.

R Adams gave thanks to M Holdroyd and the team who had been very responsive to requests in the North Area over the last 6 month period.

On behalf of the North Area Council, Councillor Leech expressed his thanks for the work undertaken by the team.

RESOLVED that Members noted the update.

94 Introduce the Youth Resilience Grant - Review Process (Nac.15.01.2024/5)

Members were presented with a report which provided an update on the Youth Resilience Grant and a summary of current performance, which provided Members with an overview of the grant review process.

Following the unsuccessful tender procurement exercise to ascertain a service provider that could provide children and young people aged 8 – 14 years with the required resources to transition happily and healthily into adolescent, the grant opportunity had been advertised to focus on emotional resilience and transition ages. YMCA and Ad Astra had been successful and had commenced work in schools the North Area from 1 November 2020 as follows:-

Wellgate School YMCA
Kexborough School YMCA
Summer Lane School YMCA
Athersley North School Ad Astra
Athersley South School Ad Astra
Laithes Primary School Ad Astra

Members recalled that at the North Area Council Meeting held in March 2022 an agreement had been reached to fund the project for an additional two years at £90,000 p.a. until 31 October 2024.

Following a query raised by Councillor Howard regarding whether sessions had been held in schools during the COVID-19 pandemic, R Adams commented that it had been intended to commence sessions in schools during April 2020, which had been deferred to November 2020.

K Ashworth queried whether Members would be willing to be videoed to pose a series of open-ended questions for young people to respond to. The questions would be focused around confidence, self-expressions, relationships, making better decisions, peer support, advocacy, worries, concerns and anxieties for the future.

Councillor Leech requested Members to contact K Ashworth if they were interested in participating in the video recording.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Members used Sections 3 - 8 to refresh on the background of the funding Stream.
- (ii) Members familiarised themselves with the review programme.
- (iii) Members noted the timelines associated with funding the programme.

95 Targeted Lung Health Checks - Hannah Young Cancer Alliance (Nac.15.01.2024/3)

Members received a presentation from Hannah Young at Cancer Alliance, which provided an overview of the targetted lung health checks.

South Yorkshire had been chosen as one of ten pilot counties across the country to participate in the new lung screening programme, due to the high levels of deprivation and smoking rates in the area. The aim of the programme was to identify lung cancer as early as possible. The programme was aimed at individuals aged 55 – 74 years old who had ever smoked. Individuals would be invited to participate in the programme via letter had have a short telephone appointment to confirm eligibility.

Councillor A Cave had been contacted by local residents who queried why they had not been called to participate in the programme even though they met the criteria. She had advised them to contact their respective General Practitioners (GP). It had been raised to her attention that the receptionists at the GP Surgery on Huddersfield Road, Barnsley had been unaware of the programme.

H Young commented that work was underway to promote the programme as much as possible, which was currently being ran through Rotherham and Barnsley, and would be launched in Penistone in February 2024. The GP groups had been assigned rag ratings on a needs basis. She would visit all the GPs in the areas to be launched and leave her contact details, and she would ascertain the position with the GP Surgery on Huddersfield Road, Barnsley.

Councillor Howard commented that information regarding the eligibility for the programme was displayed at the GP Surgery on Park Road, Barnsley.

The outcomes of the programme that was ran in Doncaster on approximately 30,000 individuals as at 30 September 2023 were noted as follows:-

- A total of 222 cancers had been detected consisting of 169 lung cancers and 53 other cancers.
- 76% of lung cancers had been found at an early stage.
- 74% of patients had been suitable for curative treatment.

Following a query raised by Councillor Lofts regarding the methods which had detected the 53 other cancers, H Young commented that CT scans on the chest area were undertaken to focus on the lungs. In the event that the CT scans identified other areas for concern, referrals would be made to the relevant departments.

Members noted that at present it was not intended to roll out the programme to non-smokers. Individuals were encouraged to contact their GP's if they had any health issues.

Councillor Howard requested R Adams to provide H Young with the details of the Darton Afternoon Club.

Councillor Tattersall declared an interest, as part of her Mayoral duties in 2022 - 2023 had included a visit to Wath where she had observed a full demonstration of the lung screening programme. She was a member of the Smoke and Tobacco Board, and she requested R Adams to provide H Young with the contact details to enable the results of the programme to be provided in a PowerPoint presentation to the Smoke Free Group regarding how the programme could be linked into the work with the Stop Smoking Service.

H Young requested Members to endorse the programme and to encourage individuals that were eligible to go for a scan as part of the lung screening programme.

Councillor Leech expressed his thanks for an informative presentation.

RESOLVED that Members noted the update.

96 Priorities, Commissioning, Project Development and Finance (Nac.15.01.2024/6)

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 during a challenging financial period.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Members noted the update on the Environmental Community Caretaker Team composition.

- (ii) Members noted the Youth Resilience Fund Review timeline, with the intention to make a decision regarding funding for this priority area in March 2024.
- (iii) The North Area Council noted the existing budget position and the existing funding commitments.

97 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund (Nac.15.01.2024/7)

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

Members recalled a discussion that had ensued at the last meeting regarding a letter sent into the Barnsley Chronicle, which had wrongly suggested that the North Area Council was not passing money onto the community groups. Members noted that the BMBC Communications Department had issued a statement to Barnsley Chronicle which would make clear the funding segments including the one which the community could bid upon; a good number of applications had been agreed by all Ward Alliances.

In relation to the new sheets detailing the funding allocation for each Ward Alliance, Councillor Tattersall requested an additional column to indicate how much had been spent, the total remaining and the amount returning back into the budget.

R Adams would look into Councillor Tattersall's suggestion further. At the end of each financial year a report would be brought to the North Area Council meeting to detail the running budget, indicate the underspend and carry over into the next financial year. It was anticipated that the 2024/25 funding allocation would remain the same as previously.

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

98 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances (Nac.15.01.2024/8)

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 14 November 2023 and 12 December 2023; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 15 November 2023; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 14 November 2023 and 12 December 2023; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 30 November 2023.

Councillor Denton referred to the work undertaken by the Darton East Ward Alliance. Funding applications had been approved for St John's on stage, Opal's Women's Institute and FOMAS Christmas lights. Members noted the Christmas events that had been held which included visits by Santa Claus and the Maple Bear, which were hoped to feature on an annual basis.

Councillor Howard provided an update on the work undertaken by the Darton West Ward Alliance. Members noted the Christmas events that had been held with the main focus at Priestley Avenue, Darton which had received a very good turnout with children singing from Kexborough Primary School and a visit from Santa Claus. The Ward Action Plan continued to be discussed and updated at each meeting.

Councillor Lofts provided an update on the Old Town Ward Alliance which had included the Christmas light switch on events at Huddersfield Road and Summer Lane. The community pantry had been the main focus of attention and good progress was being made.

Councillor Wright provided an update on the work undertaken by St. Helen's Ward Alliance which had included a number of church events, the Christmas light switch on which had been well attended, and the Santa sleigh ride around the residential properties within the Ward which had been a great success.

Councillor Howard expressed her thanks to Councillor Wright and his wife for providing the sleigh for display at the Christmas event held in the Town Hall, which had proved to be very popular.

Councillor Leech referred to the plans in place for a sleigh to be made available within the St. Helen's Ward, which could be borrowed by the other Wards. The sleigh would be purchased through personal funds rather than through the Ward Alliance.

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

Chair

Item 4

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
11th March 2024

Agenda Item: 4

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Young People's Priority Youth Resilience Grant – Review Recommendations

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 overview of the review process. The paper includes the options discussed by the Priority Working Group regarding the Area Councils continued commitment to supporting young people in the North Area.

2. Recommendations, that:

- 2.1. **Priority Working Group members share learning with colleagues from their participation in the review process**
- 2.2. **Members familiarise themselves the needs assessment highlights provided by Business Intelligence colleagues**
- 2.3. **Priority Working Group describe how the arrived at the decision to re-advertise the opportunity with revised outcomes**
- 2.4. **Members agree to continue the funding for the young peoples priority at a value of £100,000.00 for two years plus one year from November 2024.**
- 2.5. **Advertise a revised competitive grant opportunity with a strong focus on emotional health and wellbeing and successful transition with provision both during term time and school holiday.**
- 2.6. **Responsibility for finalising the outcomes and objectives; advertising the opportunity, and arranging the moderation panel for the grant opportunity is devolved to the Priority Working Group and the Area Manager.**

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:
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| 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
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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://barnsleymbc.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s82391/Appendix%201%20-%20Performance%20Report.pdf>

2021/22 – Q4 – Performance Report

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

2022/23 – Q4 Performance Report

<https://barnsleymbc.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. Consequently, a comprehensive review programme was devised. Please refer to appendix 1 for an overview of the review programme.
- 11.2. The review programme commenced on the **16th January 2024** with a reflective session entitled “The Journey So Far” during which both providers (YMCA and Ad Astra) had an opportunity to explain how they had implemented their service offer in the area, barriers they had experienced and the successes they had celebrated. This session was attended by: Cllr Leech, Cllr T Cave, Cllr Denton, Cllr Tattersall, Tom Smith, Cath Bedford, Teresa Brocklehurst and Claire Barnes, Katy Ashworth and the Area Manger.

The key points shared by Ad Astra included:

Buddy training and transition work has been tailored with the support of the schools, helping to improve emotional regulation and independence.
How chaotic the young people’s lives can be, involving bereavement, incarcerated parents, historic abuse.

Sessions are safe places where young people can participate without judgements, share experiences and learn new tools to manage.

Beyond Words resources were used by Ad Astra predominantly. Two of the schools are still actively using the resources.

Supporting up to 40 families, including parents with weekly support parcels – food and hygiene

Described the project as: “The broadest cohesion project we have ever done.”

The key points shared by YMCA:

The importance of consistency for the young people and their families, particularly important because participation with YMCA is voluntary.

The work builds resilience and use Thrive Models for delivery

The young people identified by the schools for support are the those who were at risk of making poor choices

The work builds relationships and strengthens social networks

Challenges:

It is often difficult to get the necessary data/ feedback from the schools.

Short term funding does not provide the stability for a consistent staff team. Which is challenging for employer responsibilities.

The behavioural policies in many schools are very rigid and some young people really struggle to fit in. This can lead to extreme behaviour.

Closing thoughts:

Although it is an exceedingly difficult programme to measure impact. Areas that could assist with monitoring include:

- Readiness to learn
- Atten
- Behaviour
- Exclusions

The workshop attendees were reminded that youth worker possess a distinct set of skills that set them apart from school-based staff. This said as described by the National Youth Agency, “*Youth Work is a distinct educational process adapted across a variety of settings to support a young person’s personal, social, emotional and educational development. It begins with the development of a unique, challenging and developmental relationship with young people, which is utilised to:*

- ***Explore their values, beliefs, ideas and issues***
- ***Enable them to develop their voice, influence and place in society***
- ***Facilitate learning practical and life skills that will help them to realise their full potential.”***

There was a consensus that informal support and guidance provided by the youth work principles should be celebrated.

- 11.3. **Between the 22nd January and 22nd February**, Councillors were given the opportunity to observe the delivery of sessional work with both providers. Of the eight sessions offered, five were attended. These included a mixture of in school and community-based provision. The Area manager joined Councillors for 3 of the sessions, following which Councillor expressed how vital the provision is and how they would not wish to see it withdrawn. A summary of the observations were discussed as a subsequent workshop on the 29th February.
- 11.4. On the **22nd February** the Priority Working Group received a presentation on demographics and local need delivered by BMBC's Senior Performance and Intelligence Officer, Helen Jessop. The session was attended by Cllr Leech, Cllr Denton, Cllr T Cave, Cllr Newing, Teresa, Brocklehurst, Clare Barnes, Tom Smith, Katy Ashworth and the Area Manager.

Barnsley is the 38th most deprived local authority in England (out of 317) with 21.8% of its Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) being amongst the 10% most deprived in England. Barnsley is ranked 15th lowest for education, skills and training, 22nd lowest for health deprivation and disability and 27th lowest for employment deprivation.



Around 21.2% of under-16s in Barnsley (9,477) are growing up in poverty, which rises to 29.7% (15,342 children) when housing costs have been accounted for.

Key data by ward:

- St Helen's has the highest percentage of the population 0-19 at 26.3% (Old Darton East 19.8%, Darton West 19.9%, Town 21.5%)
- St Helen's has the highest percentage of the population with no qualifications 32.5% (Darton East 20.6%, Darton West, 20.7%, Old Town 19.8%)
- St Helen's has the highest percentage of household deprived in at least one dimension at 68.1% (Darton East 50.7%, Darton West 51.4%, Old Town 52.3%)
- St Helen's has the highest proportion of households where income deprivation is affecting children at 31.1%, Darton East 12.9%, Darton West 13.0%, Old Town 15.5%)
- St Helen's has the highest percentage of the population registered as disabled under the equality act at 25.8% (Darton East 19.9%, Darton West 19.9%, Old Town 19.6%)

- 11.5. **Appendix 2 of this report has been prepared by Katy Ashworth. This provides the Review's Qualitative Evidence Summary, containing extensive information from people who have benefited directly or indirectly from the programme.**

12. Investment to date

- 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. Options Review and Recommendations

- 13.1. The review programme concluded on the **29th February** with summing up of information gathered in the review process, including PEST(LE) and SWOT/C Analysis and a discussion-based options appraisal; in order to make recommendations to the Area Council. The workshop was attended by: Cllr T Cave, Cllr Newing, Cllr Tattersall, North Area Project Officer and Area Manager.
- 13.2. The Priority Working Group are acutely aware that since this grant programme was devised the delivery ecosystem has changed. The planning took place pre-Covid19. The pandemic has widened the socioeconomic gap between families within communities and exacerbated what were already extremely challenging circumstances for some families. A group of predominantly low wage working families who were just about managing 'JAMs', pre Covid19 are no longer managing and the cost of living crisis is impacting a broad spectrum of the demographic for a variety of reasons.
- 13.3. The currently budgetary constraints put more pressure on Area Councils to use their needs-based commissioning budget to greatest effect. It is therefore extremely important that impact can be clearly evidenced.
- 13.4. At the workshop, Members considered four options:
 - a) Discontinue the grant funding opportunity.
 - b) Extend the existing grant agreements.
 - c) Re-advertise the grant opportunity with existing aims and objectives.
 - d) Re-advertise the grant opportunity with revised aims and objectives.
- 13.5. Members were in agreement that the impact of this programme is very difficult to quantify. The impact is far reaching and the young people participating in the sessions are clearly benefiting from the work. From the PEST(LE) analysis it was clear that this project and its ability to increase participation opportunities and raise aspiration which are linked to Barnsley 2030 objectives.
- 13.6. **Member resolved that their recommendation to Area Council would be: Option D) Re-advertise the grant opportunity with revised aims and objectives.** They wanted to ensure that the new revised grant opportunity would deliver/ enable:
 - Clearly evidence distance travelled for beneficiaries in more quantifiable format

- Demonstrate its contribution to Barnsley 2030, specifically Learning Barnsley
- Prepare young people to succeed in a challenging financial climate
- Demonstrate continuous improvement
- A closer working relationship with schools, a termly steering group was suggested.
- Continue to provide sessional work with trusted adults outside of curriculum time i.e. after school and during school holidays
- The Grant Panel to be multi-agency

13.7. Outcomes, at the time of writing, Members appear to be leaning towards continuing with a project that helps young people with emotional intelligence, self-regulation, healthy relationships, successful transition and staying out of trouble.

13.8. With the addition of preparing young people to live in a challenging financial climate. This involves learning life skills which don't form part of a school curriculum. For this to be realised, youth work is a vital tool, as described in 11.2.

14. Financial Implications

14.1. The recommendation following the review is to continue funding with the funding stream but to re-advertise the grant opportunity for a further two years, plus one, at a value of £100,000.00 per annum.

15. Current Update

15.1. The Youth Resilience Grant is now in its fourth year of delivery. The current delivery will terminate on the 31st October unless additional funding is committed.

15.2. At the time of writing the review of the programme is underway and is due to conclude on the 29th February when the working group will be requested to make a recommendation, regarding future financial investment in this priority area, to the Area Council on the 11th March 2024.

15.3. Following the extensive review of the Youth Resilience Fund, the young people's priority working group have recommended that the funding stream continues and requested that the grant opportunity is re-advertised.

15.4. Provided that the Area Council agree to this recommendation it will require the Area Manager to work with the Young People's Priority Working Group to re-design the grant opportunity framework with precedence over other workstreams. Advertising the opportunity as soon as practicable so that existing relationships between the current provider, schools and the beneficiaries can be managed.

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Date:

29th February 2024

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
22 nd Feb	Demographics and Data Presentation Needs Assessment	Business Intelligence Unit & Specialist Officers
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
11/03/2024	North Area Council Meeting – Funding Decision Required	

Appendix 2: *Separate document*



North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

Youth Resilience Fund Review

Unveiling Resilience: Case Studies & Feedback
from the North Area Council Youth Resilience

2020 - 2024

Youth Resilience Fund Review

Unveiling Resilience: Feedback from participants, teachers and parents

“ Youth work offers young people safe spaces to explore their identity, experience decision-making, increase their confidence, develop interpersonal skills and think through the consequences of their actions. This leads to better-informed choices, changes in activity and improved outcomes for young people. ”

National Youth Agency

***YMCA & Ad Astra's contribution to public health outcomes**

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

- 1.01ii Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20)
- 1.03 Pupil Absence
- 1.04 First time entrants to the youth justice system
- 1.16 Utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

- 2.07 Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (0 - 14 years)
- 2.08ii Percentage of children where there is cause for concern
- 1.04 Self-reporting well-being

2030

How this commission is making 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

- Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment.
- People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills, including access to apprenticeships.
- People have access to early help and support

Sustainable Barnsley

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

Growing Barnsley

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

Enabling Barnsley

- Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing

Youth Resilience Fund

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Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

Priorities



Anti Poverty



Changing the Relationship



Improving the local environment



Health & Wellbeing

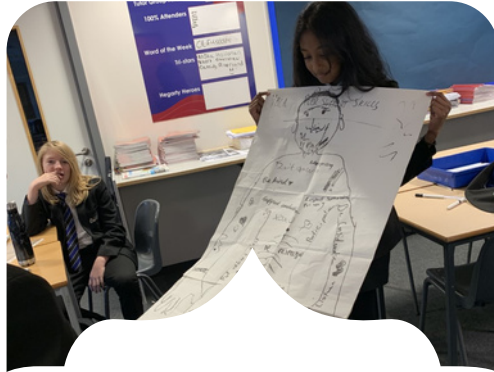
Purpose of the Youth Resilience Grant

The North Area Council Youth Resilience Fund has been established by the North Area Council for the academic year 2020/2021 to support the delivery of a range of positive after-school and holiday provisions (interventions/ projects/ activities/ sessions) that will contribute to building the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people (aged 8-13). This resilience-building will prepare children in years 5 and 6, who are displaying additional emotional support needs, with extra skills that will prepare them to transition to senior school successfully.

The grant opportunity is currently delivered by two providers: YMCA and Ad Astra.

Providers







Youth Resilience Fund

Supporting



Kexborough Primary



Wellgate Primary



Delta Academy Darton



Summer Lane Primary

Context:

The YMCA has dedicated six years to delivering youth programmes in the North Area, prioritizing the development of emotional resilience and equipping young individuals with tools for positive emotional health. These initiatives establish safe spaces for youth to navigate life transitions, explore identity, and bolster confidence, with a focus on tailored journeys that emphasize protective factors over merely addressing problem behaviours.

Led by committed staff, regular sessions aim to cultivate self-esteem, resilience, and positive relationships while imparting crucial life skills and offering early intervention opportunities. Youth-led delivery is central to the YMCA's approach, empowering young individuals to actively shape sessions and projects, fostering trust, and addressing identified needs through resilience and thrive models. This approach consistently exceeds targets, yielding significant outcomes for children and young people in the North Area.

Access to support from qualified and skilled youth workers is a cornerstone of the YMCA's approach, providing young people with opportunities to cultivate professional relationships with trusted adults. By fostering relationships based on trust, respect, and an understanding of young people's realities, youth workers encourage reflection, challenge, and support as young individuals navigate their goals and choices.

School-Based Provision

Youth work sessions across several schools offer support during transitions and opportunities for positive activities, led by skilled youth workers who provide emotional and mental health support. The sessions include diverse activities to engage participants and focus on enhancing protective factors, resilience, and personal skills. Additionally, there are tailored Peer Support and Young Volunteer programmes aimed at providing training, support, and broader engagement opportunities.

Street Based Youth Work

This project is a wonderful example of grassroots community development and has resulted in children and young people reclaiming and using green spaces, engaging in local social action, and leading activities with other young people.

It has generated broader impacts, fostering personal growth among parents who have been keen to get involved in the programme, access training, and become informal volunteers and community activists.

School Holidays

A mixed model approach offering positive activities and opportunities serves as an alternative to engaging in risky or antisocial behaviours. This model aims to boost opportunities and aspirations while providing avenues to foster relationships and develop social networks.

Youth Club

YMCA Barnsley's centrally youth clubs for young people aged 11 and 13-19 years.

www.ymcabarnsley.org.uk



Youth Resilience Fund

Summary of Data

Participation



537

Young people engaged in the project

5,682

Number of times young people attended sessions



YMCA was fun and I enjoyed all the games and playing with my friends. I really loved doing dodgeball. It was great to all the prizes and it was the best school activity of the week and I would always look forward to Thursdays.



Jack
Year 6



Being in YMCA has made me not as shy with other people and I enjoyed doing the arts and crafts. YMCA has helped me to make new friends.



Autumn
Year 6

Sessions delivered



457

Term-time session delivered

74

School holiday sessions delivered

151

Youth club sessions

Engagement



31

Young volunteers engaged

17

Family members engaged in the project



I love YMCA. The activities and games were amazing. I love how Ellie and Katie were so nice. I love the laughs we had and the friends we made.



Ella
Year 6



"I have really enjoyed it and just the thing that I knew I could express how I felt. It has been the best here. I will continue to go to the YMCA in Horizon. The staff have been lovely. We've gone outside, done mindfulness colouring and played a game with a balloon. I would rate it 5 stars and I highly recommend it to people with regular stress or overthink too much."





Youth Resilience Fund

What is your favourite thing about working with YMCA?

Making friends
 talking about feelings
 Interacting with others
 Being with friends
 Games
 having fun
 Being talkative
 Arts and Crafts

Laughter
 doing fun activities
 Pirate game
 Playing games
 socialising with people
 being able to talk to youth workers

YMCA is fun
 fun

Do you have any concerns about your future, or for the year ahead?

i wouldn't want the group to stop as it gives me something to do i think there should be more days like this and it gives kids something to do.

how to get a job
 talking in public
 making friends
 Exams next year
 No, I am happy



How has coming to YMCA helped with transitioning to secondary school?

Learning different ways to help manage my emotions

Meeting new people



I am more confident



Happy

Growing up

Learning about our stress buckets



YMCA has helped, me to become more confident and start to feel more comfortable with going into Yr7.

Staying in touch with friends from primary school



Youth Resilience Fund

Since attending YMCA groups I am...

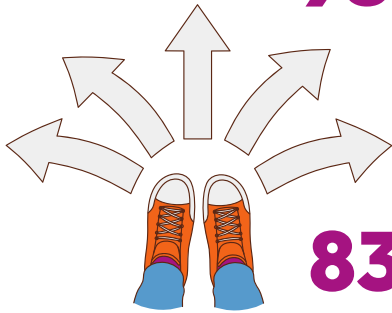
feeling happier

93.6%



better at talking in groups

85.1%



83.7%

better at making positive choices

better at friendships and relationships

83.6%



Through coming to YMCA I have...

tried new

THINGS TO DO

aspirations/things I want to do

61.6%



87.7%

overcome challenges

65.9%



had an opportunity to be a young leader/peer supporter

87.7%



What does the word 'resilience' mean to you and how does it make you feel?

be confident Getting help when you need it Being brave
 not giving up being strong Pushing yourself when
 you need it Keeping on
 stand up for yourself Not giving up trying when
 things are
 happy be confident when you getting touch
 Bouncing back proud want to
 don't give up To bring yourself back when things go wrong

When you have been in one of the sessions with YMCA, how do you feel afterwards?

refreshed
 confident
 and after happy
 happy
 i was upset before

What are you excited about this year?

Doing stuff

Showing people I can do better than last year

Going on a residential with the ymca club



Youth Resilience Fund

What has your child got out of coming to YMCA?

Before coming to the YMCA, K was quiet and shy, he wouldn't speak to other people. I had seen the work YMCA had done with previous Yr 6's, I suggested to K about going to YMCA, he was unsure whether he wanted to go to the group but after I explained what they got up to K said that he was intrigued and wanted to try the group out.

Since K has been attending the group at the end of each session he rushes out excited to tell me what he has been up to. Since K started coming to YMCA his confidence has improved, he will talk to more people and has got better at managing his emotions, before YMCA, K struggled to manage his emotions when other young people would annoy him, however, now he has got better at managing his emotions and is able to ignore and move past when people start to annoy him. He has become more mature because of the support he has received at YMCA. It is the highlight of his week going to the YMCA after school club.

J Parent of a young person at Kexborough After School Club.

What are you excited about this year?



“The things we are most excited for is summer. when we get to do activities outside such as rounders and other games.”

“Getting to beat Jeff (youth worker) at Dobble”

“We have lots of plans of things to do with the group”



“Drama activities with the group”



“Starting back at school”

“My birthday – celebrating with the group”



“The big group games with others (organising games with other young people)”



Provider



Youth Resilience Fund

Supporting



- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
- Milestones achieved
- Outcome indicator targets met
- Social value targets met
- Satisfactory spend and financial information
- Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract



Project Summary:

Working in three primary schools in the St Helens Ward, we work with the schools and students to build a flexible programme that meets their needs. Alongside the work in the schools, we offer a youth club session for up to 13-year-olds to participate, and we will also offer volunteer placements for older young people. We have lunchtime referral and drop-in sessions for Y7 pupils at Outwood Carlton. During the school holidays, we offer activities that include a healthy meal.

Buddy Training

Afterschool sessions will allow us to offer creative ways for the young people to put into practice the skills they have learnt in their Buddy Training session. Some of the areas we cover in our Buddy training are as follows:

- Buddy Rules and skills it takes to become a buddy
- Listening and Communication skills
- Confidentiality and who to turn to if you need help (signposting)
- Anti-Bullying workshops

Transitions Work

For Y6 Pupils, we will offer the same time scales of 3 x 6-week sessions with a transitional theme of working with schools for groups and individuals. The themes will cover :

- Social Adjustments – Relationships /making new friends, etc
- Institutional adjustments – getting used to a new school and new routines
- Curriculum interest – favourite tops and what will be new

Year 7

For Outwood pupils, the lunchtime period is classed as their free time, and although it is still within school hours, afterschool sessions are often a problem for secondary pupils due to transport/ getting home etc. and if we were in school, staff could refer and any issues, the young people had could be dealt with much quicker.

Youth Club

From New Lodge Community Centre, we will offer Youth Club sessions for children and young people aged up to 13, offering a wide range of creative and educational activities with opportunities for young people to become Peer Supporters for Ad Astra.



Youth Resilience Fund

Summary of Data

Participation



6,356

Number of times young people attended sessions

608

Young people worked with in the community

768

Young people worked with in schools

339

Term-time session delivered

28

School holiday sessions delivered

Hygiene packs



500+

Hygiene and activity packs delivered to the community during the Pandemic

897

Hygiene supplied to schools

Volunteering



250

Young volunteering attendances

26

Young volunteers trained during the project

1,040

Volunteering hours

£14,248

Cashable value of volunteering times

“ We love our kids coming to Ad Astra – they offer so much. We are also volunteers now and help with the Food Parcels – Tinky Play and the Youth club.

Michelle gets us a food parcel each week and this really helps - when I was struggling last year Michelle found some money so I could pay my electric. Our kids did Buddy Training in Laithes and they loved it – both of us have put their certificates on the wall. Michelle has helped us do a Maths course and were also doing our food safety course and next year we are going to do first aid

Sadie and Violetta
ParerPage 36nteers



Youth Resilience Fund

What do you enjoy about working with Ad Astra?

I learnt to be a good friend

I enjoyed that we played games

I enjoyed meeting Rebecca and Dawn

I learnt to listen, help others and be kind. I'm looking forward to helping in school. I liked they played games to tell us about team work and stuff

I have learnt to be kind and helpful

I enjoyed having free biscuits

I enjoyed talking to you

I have learnt how to be resilient

I enjoyed playing games, talking with Rebecca and Dawn and I especially enjoyed gobbling up all the biscuits

I have learnt to be more social, listen to other [and] how to be resilient

I enjoyed learning how to be a good buddy

Helping each other

Always being by their side and caring for each other

During the lunchtime drop-in session for mental health week at Carlton met some year 7's we had worked with in primary school, asked them how having transition workshops in year 6 helped them

Felt more confident

They said that all those who had covered rules and di

Really enjoyed made it much easier to navigate round school

Knew what to expect

Didn't find it as overwhelming





“ Why aren't you coming into our school now – it's my classes turn to do that buddy training ”

Youth Club Attendees



“ We've just moved into the area from Cubley Penistone and one set of my twins (12-year-olds) have started going to the youth club and the meet and eat session – they really enjoy all the activities – We also now receive a food parcel and have received some washing powder which also helps as we have a low income. ”



Youth Resilience Fund

At Athersley North we asked our pupils what they thought of their time with the Ad Astra team.

“We learnt how to be a buddy and how to be the best buddy.”

Lacie

“We learnt different ways of communication.”

Eve

“We learnt what secrets to tell and what not to tell.”

Emily

“We learnt how to be a good friend and what to do in different scenarios like someone being bullied.”

Lewis

“We learnt lots of ways to stop bullies.”

Jude

To whom it concerns,

I Appreciate everything the Ad Astra team do for my child since she was 11 years old both in school and out. She has had a lot of support around her confidence due to bullying and self esteem due to body shaming, also so personal family matters where the team have supported her also myself and my other children.

The activities the team do i.e dance, youth club etc helps her to socialize in a safe environment as she finds this difficult. The staff are very approachable and easy to talk to if I had concerns about her. I'm glad that she is now a young volunteer within the Ad Astra as it is also helping her decide what she wants when left school, and I feel that if she had not had this extra help, support and safe place to go she would be a totally different child and glad that she can continue with the team for a few more years. So from Year 6 at Primary School to Year 9 we have had difficulties in concentrating as he is under the ASDAT team and the staff of Ad Astra manage to keep him on Target and interested in what they are doing.

In my personal opinion what Ad Astra has done for my family through support from Primary Schools and secondary and in the community and also myself, I know other families that would and could do with the extra support in and out of school.

Thank you

Parent of z of the children and a member of the community



Youth Resilience Fund

Letter to The North Area Council

I write to you as it is my understanding that you are currently conducting an evaluation of the impact of the funding that was allocated to Adastra, and other providers, to work in conjunction with schools, which is due to end in July.

Working with the Adastra team has been of real benefit to us at Athersley South and we firmly believe there has been a positive impact. Despite initial challenges, as the project was launched during the Covid-19 pandemic, which we all appreciate had significant consequences for everyone, as a result of effective communication and a shared drive and vision to achieve the very best for the children of Athersley South, we navigated through the challenges and the outcome has been a strong and positive relationship which has enabled us to facilitate support for over eighty pupils each academic year.

Adastra have worked with us to personalise the programme to meet the needs of our community and our Year 5 children have benefitted from sessions which have complimented and extended our curriculum offer. The focus on peer relationships, managing these and developing the children's skills to enable them to become peer supporters/buddies for other children in school has raised the self esteem and skills of the Year 5 participants. In addition, there have been further benefits to our whole school community as the children have subsequently taken on responsibilities in school, supporting peers at lunch and break. This has had a positive impact on behaviour, with younger children in particular now engaged in activities facilitated by the Y5 children.

Transition to secondary school, and managing the complex emotions and feelings associated with this, has long been recognised as an area which our Y6 children need a lot of support with and working with Adastra has allowed us to add another tier to our support package.

Adastra have been able to reinforce key messages that children have already heard in school, but from non-school based adults which can be more impactful in some instances. Adastra have also been able to personalise and tailor support, working with smaller groups of children, and identifying and addressing specific elements of transition that are not so easily covered when children are accessing whole class curriculum lessons, particularly because our children transition to five different secondary schools. One such example is exploring, discussing and familiarising children with walking routes to school, accessing public transport, start and finish times and specific individual school expectations.

As stated above, our collaboration initially began during the pandemic, which brought challenges, but the pandemic itself has also had a significant longer lasting impact on the mental health and wellbeing of our children and this impact remains evident now. In response, we as a school have continued to refine our curriculum to best support our community and we are very grateful for the role that Adastra have played, providing another element of support which has been well received by our children and their Parents and Carers.

Mental health and wellbeing continues, and will continue to be, a major focus for our work in schools in the coming years, both as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, but also our society and its expectations and advances in technology which, while of great benefit, also exposes children to more risk and additional pressures. We would hope very much that we can continue to work in partnership with Adastra, to support our children's mental health and wellbeing, giving them the knowledge and skills to grow alongside a toolkit to manage and overcome challenges that they face, so they become well equipped, well rounded young people who will achieve well both academically and personally.

Emma Sanderson

Headteacher
Athersley South

Item 5

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

11th March 2024

Agenda item: 5

Report of
North Area Council Manager

North Area Council – 2023/24 Quarter 3 (October – December 2023) Performance Management Cover Report for Commissioned Projects and Stronger Communities Projects

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1. Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report Attached, Appendix 1.**

Background

A comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report for the period July - September (2023/24 Quarter 3) has been produced and is attached, Appendix 1.

Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)

The North Council Performance report provides North Council members with an aggregate picture of how all the North Council contracted services contribute to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives.

The information provided reflects information gathered from each contract for the period October – December 2023.

Contracted Service Providers:

- CAB & DIAL – Community Outreach Project

Extended Grant – Youth Resilience Grant

- YMCA
- Ad Astra

Extended Grant – Connecting Communities Grant

- DIAL
- Barnsley FC Community Trust (Reds In The Community)
- Age UK

Area Council Funded – Service Level Agreements

- Housing and Cohesion Officer
- Environmental Caretaker Service

A summary of the performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2023/24 Quarter 3 (October – December). The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from all North Area Council Providers, following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings.

The report provides a link between the commissioned services and the Public Health Outcomes: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/public-health-outcomes-framework>

In addition to the information provided in the summary reports, more detailed information is available on request, including case studies with photographs for each contracted service, and some performance data on a ward basis.

For your convenience and to help promote the work of our providers, the North Area's Project Officer has compiled the Promotional Material document, Appendix 2.

Performance Report – Issues

The CAB and DIAL contracted service is consistently running over capacity. This is a risk considering the current cost of living challenges.

A delay in recruitment meant that the Environmental Caretaker SLA was delayed. The service commenced on the 3rd July 2023.

The commencement of the Reds In The Community project was delayed due to recruitment challenges. As a result, the project will run to the end of 2024/25 Q1 within the existing budget envelope.

Appendices

Appendix 1: North Council Performance Management Report - Quarter 3 2023/24 – prepared by North Area's Project Officer, Katy Ashworth.

Appendix 2: Commissioned provision - Promotional Material

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28th February 2024

Project Performance Report

Q3 - 2023/24 (October - December 2023)

Support for raising costs of living

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Barnsley – the place
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Anti Poverty



Changing the
relationship



Health &
Wellbeing



Economic
Regeneration



Improving the
local environment



Opportunities for
young people

Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

Healthy Barnsley

- ✓ Everybody can enjoy life in good physical and mental health.
- ✓ Fewer people live in poverty, and everyone has the resources to look after themselves and their families.
- ✓ People can access the right support at the right time and place and tackle problems early.
- ✓ Our diverse communities are welcoming, supportive, and resilient.

Learning Barnsley

- ✓ Everyone has the opportunity to create wider social connections and enjoy cultural experiences.
- ✓ Children and young people aim high and achieve their full potential with improved educational achievement and attainment.
- ✓ Everyone fulfils their potential, with more people completing higher-level skill studies than ever before
- ✓ Lifelong learning is promoted and enables people to get into progress to and stay in work

Growing Barnsley

- ✓ Residents, businesses, and organisations are more confident in accessing and using digital resources, benefitting all aspects of daily life.
- ✓ Barnsley is known as a great place to invest, where businesses and organisations provide diverse and secure employment opportunities, contributing to an economy that benefits everyone.
- ✓ Local businesses are thriving through early-stage support and opportunities to grow
- ✓ People have a wider choice of quality, affordable housing to suit their needs and lifestyles.

Sustainable Barnsley





















- ✓ People are proud of and look after their local environment.
- ✓ People live in sustainable communities and reduce carbon emissions, and increase access to affordable and sustainable energy sources.
- ✓ Fossil fuels are being replaced by affordable and sustainable energy and people are able to enjoy more cycling and walking

Enabling Barnsley

- ✓ Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing

Contractual Overview

Table 1 below shows the Providers that have now been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the North Area Council.

Service	Priorities	Provider	Contract Value (per year)	Start Date	Updates
<p>Anti Poverty Outreach</p> <p>Page 8</p>	<p> Economic Regeneration</p> <p> Health and Wellbeing</p> <p> Anti Poverty</p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p>£215,00</p> <p>2 years (+1 year)</p>	<p>1st July 2023</p>	<p>Contract Live</p> <p>Contract extended</p>
<p>Environmental Caretakers</p> <p>Page 12</p>	<p> Improving the environment</p> <p> Health and Wellbeing</p> <p> Opportunities for young people</p>	<p></p>	<p>£100,803</p> <p>Continuity</p> <p>£20,160.60</p>	<p>1st July 2023</p>	<p>Contract Live</p>
<p>Economic Regeneration</p>	<p> Improving the local economy</p>				<p>Current gap in provision</p>
<p>Housing and Cohesion Officer</p> <p>Page 14</p>	<p> Improving the environment</p> <p> Health and Wellbeing</p> <p> Economic Regeneration</p> <p> Anti Poverty</p> <p> Changing the Relationship</p>	<p></p>	<p>£35,500</p> <p>12 month contract</p>	<p>15th May 2023</p>	<p>New Officer Appointed</p> <p>15/05/23</p>
<p>Youth Resilience</p> <p>Page 17</p>	<p> Improving the environment</p> <p> Opportunities for young people</p> <p> Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p></p>	<p>£90,000</p> <p>2 years (+1yr)</p>	<p>1st November 2020</p>	<p>Funding confirmed until</p> <p>31/10/2024</p>

Barnsley 2030 Ambitions

Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

	Anti-Poverty Outreach	Environmental Caretaker	Connecting Communities	Housing & Cohesion Officer	Youth Resilience
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	✓		✓	✓	✓

	Anti-Poverty Outreach	Environmental Caretaker	Connecting Communities	Housing & Cohesion Officer	Youth Resilience
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.			✓	✓	✓

	Anti-Poverty Outreach	Environmental Caretaker	Connecting Communities	Housing & Cohesion Officer	Youth Resilience
Enabling Barnsley Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Part A: Overview of performance

6 contracts have formally completed their contract monitoring/contract management reporting for Q3 2023/24.



Environmental Caretaker



Contract started in July



Anti - Poverty



Fourth Contract Year 9 (Q1)

Two providers are currently delivering the Youth Resilience Grant



Youth Resilience Fund



Three providers are delivering the connecting communities grant



Connecting Communities



The North Area also funds contracted posts:



Housing and Cohesion Officer



New Officer Appointed in May

Stronger Communities

Key Performance Indicators

Table 2 below shows the Providers contribute towards the Key Performance Indicators and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Stronger Communities directorate

*Still awaiting data from two providers



Anti-Poverty Outreach



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Economic
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Health &
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Service Outline

Delivered by Citizens Advice Barnsley and DIAL Barnsley, the NAC Outreach service advises local people on all their issues. Their services are free, confidential, impartial and available to everyone.

Both providers deliver AQS quality marked advice that is independently and externally audited. They advise on all categories of law, including debt and money worries, in-work, out-of-work and disability benefits; housing and homelessness; employment, relationship and consumer issues. This breadth of knowledge means they are uniquely qualified to provide wrap-around services to support people with multiple interlinked issues. They help clients sort out problems before they reach a crisis point, and through income maximisation and debt management, they help stabilise people's finances to prevent and reduce the impact of poverty. The client feedback they gather shows that this advice helps improve health and wellbeing and reduces stress.

Anti-Poverty Outreach



£604,571 ↑

Overall benefit gain (in £)

£6,709 ↓

Amount of debt managed

£26 ↑

Return on investment (for every pound spent)

753

Number of clients this quarter

89%

Local people feel more able to manage their own affairs

82%

Local residents experienced improved health and wellbeing

Extract from performance report

In the period 1st October to 31st December 2023, advisers from both organisations have provided information and advice to 753 client contacts, supported clients to claim £604,571 of welfare benefits and managed £6,709 of debt. Included in this figure, CAB has provided fuel and food vouchers to a total of £1,059 for 17 clients an average of £62.

As in previous reports, the majority of clients for both organisations accessed the service for help with benefit-related issues. The generalist adviser from CAB has also supported clients with various other issues including housing, utilities & communication, employment, legal, charitable support & food banks, and debt. relationship and family issues, travel and transport, consumer, immigration & asylum, tax, education, financial services & capabilities, health & community care, GVA & hate crime and other issues.

Of the 753 client contacts this quarter, 190 have required help with form filling – a total of 25% of the clients, the majority of which are related to the benefits system. DIAL forms are completed face-to-face with the clients and not over the telephone.

CAB & DIAL contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

1.09 Sickness absence rate

1.15 Statutory homelessness

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

2.23 Self-reporting wellbeing

Health public health and preventing premature mortality

Objective 4: reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities

4.13 Health related quality of life for older people

4.15 Excess winter deaths

Case Study

Citizen's Advice Barnsley



Supporting someone who was wrongly fined by a parking company, appealed the fine with the help of CAB and got it cancelled

* All client Storytellers have been given different names, and certain details have been omitted or changed to preserve their anonymity.

When Colin* travelled to another town on business, he parked in a multi-storey car park for an overnight stay. The hotel told him their parking was on a different level, so he immediately moved his car, paid for overnight parking and kept the receipt. He was soon very glad that he had...

A few days later, he received a letter from the company that owned the car park, with a £50.00 fine. Colin appealed it, sending evidence of payment, but much to his annoyance, he received another letter saying that it was too late to appeal and raising the fine to £100.00! Again, he wrote to them but received no response. That was when he decided to contact Citizens Advice Barnsley to ask what he could do.

The adviser explained that it was probably best not to pay at this point. Fortunately, the company belonged to a professional regulatory organisation which could decide whether the fine must be paid or whether it should be cancelled. Colin needed to write formally to the parking company again, and then progress his appeal to their professional regulatory body if he needed to.

The adviser forwarded all of the information to Colin by email, and outlined the pros and cons of each course of action, up to and including going to court. Colin let the adviser know that he had decided to appeal through the British Parking Association.

The next time the adviser heard from Colin, it was to say that the BPA had addressed his case with the parking company with his permission and that subsequently, he had heard from the company, rescinding the fine! He was delighted by this and thanked Citizens Advice Barnsley for their guidance and support.

Case Study



"Throughout the whole process I was put at ease, everything was explained to me and the information was clear and concise, I will not hesitate to recommend DIAL's services to others"

Miss P



Before DIAL

Mr and Mrs W are a couple in their 70's. They both have multiple health conditions and rely a lot on their children who live locally for care. Their son and daughter can come around for 3 days a week due to work commitments to do their laundry, cook pre-prepared meals and help them to wash and bathe. The rest of the time they try to get by the best that they can. Since Covid, they have been struggling financially as they only have their state pensions to live on. This has had a marked effect on their mental well-being as the things that they used to enjoy doing such as going on trips with their family have been put on hold as they struggle to pay their bills and eat.

Advice provided by DIAL

Mr and Mrs W rang the DIAL advice line for a benefits check. It was apparent given the nature of their disabilities that they both should be claiming a disability benefit. Furthermore, as DIAL checked their total weekly income this showed that they were well below the income threshold as they were eligible to claim Pension Credit. DIAL provided details on how to get an Attendance Allowance form and advised to come to a North Area outreach for assistance to complete the forms. Also, they were advised to get supporting medical evidence to help with their claims. They attended a North Area outreach on 3 occasions at which DIAL helped to complete the Attendance allowance forms and also did an online claim for Pension Credit. DIAL also provided contact details for Barnsley equipment and adaptations for help with getting extra equipment that would make it easier to cope with their daily living activities when their children are not able to come around.

After DIAL

Both claims for Attendance allowance were successful. Mr and Mrs W were both awarded the high rate of £101.75 each. The claim for pension credit was also successful and Mr and Mrs P are now in receipt of a couple's severe disability premium of £152.80 extra a week. They now have an extra £356.30 a week to live on. This has almost doubled their weekly income. This has had a massive effect on their quality of life. They can buy food that they have denied themselves due to lack of income and feel less of a burden to their family as they can pay their way when they go out on trips. They have no fears about putting the heating on as was the case previously as they were experiencing fuel poverty. They also have grab rails at the side of the toilet fitted.

Provider



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Purpose and Function Overview Overview

Service delivery will focus on a programme devised by the North Area Council and the four Ward Alliance, including proactive maintenance, reactive work, and support for volunteer groups. This work will require the provider to:

- Maintain a clean, green, well-presented, and welcoming physical environment in the North Area. This includes proactive approaches to littering, grass cutting, untidy areas, shrub bed maintenance, cutting back, scraping,, etc.
- Respond to reactive requests for service in response to local needs as directed by the North Area Council and Ward Alliances.
- Undertake environmental improvements alongside Ward Alliances and community groups.
- Working with existing community groups, as directed by the Ward Alliances.
- Support the Ward Alliances and North Area Team to develop new environmentally-focused community groups.

Environmental Caretakers contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities

1.16 Utilising outdoor space for exercises and health reasons

Health improvement

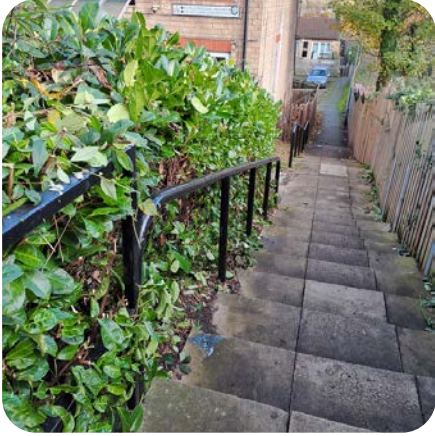
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

2.13 Proportion of physically active and inactive adults

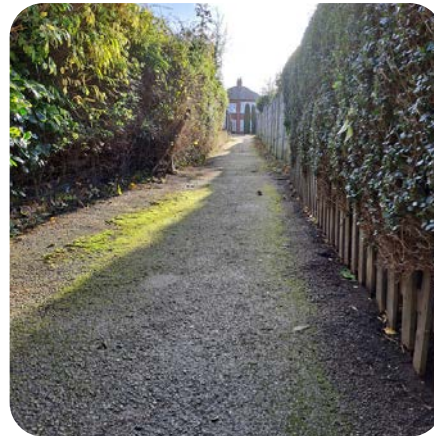
2.13 Self-reported wellbeing

Environmental Caretaker

Honeywell Day of Action



Wilthorpe Avenue



Kingsway - Croft Drive



Wingfield Road



Housing and Cohesion Officer

Provider



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Changing the Relationship



Health & Wellbeing



Improving the economy

Purpose of Post

To ensure compliance with the legislation and statutory obligations of the Council dealing with poor housing and environmental conditions in the Private Rented Sector, ensuring effective regulation with a balanced proactive and reactive approach through the discharging of informal, formal and legal actions. Contribute to improved standards in the local private rented sector and stability for both tenants and landlords.

- Provide advice, guidance and support in accordance with approved Council policies, procedures and statutory responsibilities pertaining to private sector housing and the environment.
- To pro-actively engage and liaise with internal and external stakeholders including tenants, landlords, members of the public and partners, developing strong and cohesive working relationships.
- Respond to requests for service, investigate complaints and provide advice on sub-standard housing conditions in the private rented sector.
- Contribute to the development and delivery of a highly visible proactive approach to raising standards of poor-quality private sector housing across the Borough.

Housing and Cohesion Officer

Provider



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Housing Cohesion Officer's contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

- 1.01i Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20)
- 1.06ii Adults in contact with secondary mental health services who live in stable appropriate accommodation
- 1.15 Statutory homelessness
- 1.17 Fuel Poverty
- 1.18i Social isolation: Percentage of adult social care users who have as much social contact as they would like

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

- 2.23 Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20)

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Case Study

Operation 'Drift' - Old Town

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Barnsley – the place
of possibilities.

Ambitions

Healthy Barnsley

- ✓ People are safe and feel safe
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Anti Poverty

Priorities

Growing Barnsley

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Learning Barnsley

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What was done?

Operation 'Drift' was planned and organised by me, in collaboration with the North Area LPT Sergeant. The operation took place in the Honeywell area between Bridge Street and Barnabas Walk. Focusing on a broad range of issues and to achieve meaningful results, I recruited the services of external stakeholders and colleagues from internal departments. The operation was conducted over 2 days in November and produced the following results:

- ✓ **27 private rental properties** on Honeywell Street and Bridge Street were visited. This resulted in identifying **3 tenants reporting damp/mould issues** in their homes. **2 tenants agreed to house inspections** that have been carried out. Several hazards were identified, and notices have been served on Letting Agents. I have also provided support from the **Housing Support Grant** to one of the tenants, a single mother of 2 young children who is in **fuel poverty**. Housing Officers and the Community Payback Team were on litter-picking duties, whilst 2 members from the Enforcement Team **issued 4 FPNs** for littering offences.
- ✓ **Berneslai Homes** deployed their Community Engagement Team to canvas residents regarding their concerns and issues. **The Tenants First Team** visited tenants regarding support needs, including hardship funds assistance. The **ASB Team** addressed concerns with ASB issues. **SYP conducted 12 stop searches** and seized cannabis leading to **3 individuals** being dealt with by the **RJ process**. Several intelligence reports were generated regarding drug dealing and **speed checks** captured data from **132 vehicles**.
- ✓ **Age UK** teamed up with the local Community development Officer to leaflet drop and raise awareness of the **Lunch Club** at the Community Centre and the forthcoming **'Food Pantry'** initiative at the Community Centre, providing residents with an opportunity to purchase quality food at greatly reduced prices.
- ✓ The **Environmental Caretaker Team** produced very tangible results cutting back and tidying bushes/shrubs and by doing so, they exposed a handrail on the steps that run at the side of the estate. An elderly female resident commented that it was now possible for her to use the steps due to the handrail being accessible to her.
- ✓ **Neighbourhood Services** collected several truckloads of garden waste and fly-tipped waste. They also cleared waste left by rough sleepers in a gated area beneath Barnabas Walk. Residents commented that youths had been climbing into this area which highlighted a health/hygiene hazard. A dozen syringes were found amongst the waste that was cleared.

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Youth Resilience Fund

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Health & Wellbeing

Purpose of the Youth Resilience Grant

The North Area Council Youth Resilience Fund has been established by the North Area Council for the academic year 2020/2021 to support the delivery of a range of positive after-school and holiday provisions (interventions/ projects/ activities/ sessions) that will contribute to building the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people (aged 8-13). This resilience-building will prepare children in years 5 and 6, who are displaying additional emotional support needs, with extra skills that will prepare them to transition to senior school successfully.

The grant opportunity is currently delivered by two providers: YMCA and Ad Astra.

Providers



Provider



Youth Resilience Fund

Supporting



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Project Summary:

Working in three primary schools in the St Helens Ward, we work with the schools and students to build a flexible programme that meets their needs. Alongside the work in the schools, we offer a youth club session for up to 13-year-olds to participate, and we will also offer volunteer placements for older young people. We have lunchtime referral and drop-in sessions for Y7 pupils at Outwood Carlton. During the school holidays, we offer activities that include a healthy meal.

Buddy Training

Afterschool sessions will allow us to offer creative ways for the young people to put into practice the skills they have learnt in their Buddy Training session. Some of the areas we cover in our Buddy training are as follows:

- Buddy Rules and skills it takes to become a buddy
- Listening and Communication skills
- Confidentiality and who to turn to if you need help (signposting)
- Anti-Bullying workshops

Transitions Work

For Y6 Pupils, we will offer the same time scales of 3 x 6-week sessions with a transitional theme of working with schools for groups and individuals. The themes will cover :

- Social Adjustments – Relationships /making new friends, etc
- Institutional adjustments – getting used to a new school and new routines
- Curriculum interest – favourite tops and what will be new

Year 7

For Outwood pupils, the lunchtime period is classed as their free time, and although it is still within school hours, afterschool sessions are often a problem for secondary pupils due to transport/ getting home etc. and if we were in school, staff could refer and any issues, the young people had could be dealt with much quicker.

Youth Club

From New Lodge Community Centre, we will offer Youth Club sessions for children and young people aged up to 13, offering a wide range of creative and educational activities with opportunities for young people to become Peer Supporters for Ad Astra.

144

Number of unique individuals engaged

100

Number of children /Young People reporting an improvement in their emotional wellbeing.

57

Number of young people consistently attending Youth Sessions (Term-Time Only)

67

Number of young people attending conflict resolution workshops (Term-Time Only)



Youth Resilience Fund

Holiday Provision

Due to our move in October from New Lodge Community Centre to The Roundhouse Library, we did no daytime holiday provision. We did however have a great Halloween Party for the young people

Youth Club

We thought this may be a quiet term with us moving from centre-based to detached for our youth club. BUT no even on the coldest of nights the young people have turned out onto the MUGA and New Lodge Park area to meet with staff – the young people have turned up in shorts and PJs to meet with us – only to be turned around and sent home to get some layers on – It's been a great second half of the term and to the surprise of the staff all have enjoyed. Our numbers have reduced slightly but, on some nights, we have had almost 20 young people stood having hot chocolate and an assortment of treats. Local parents have been really supportive of the session providing buns and pizza and torches.

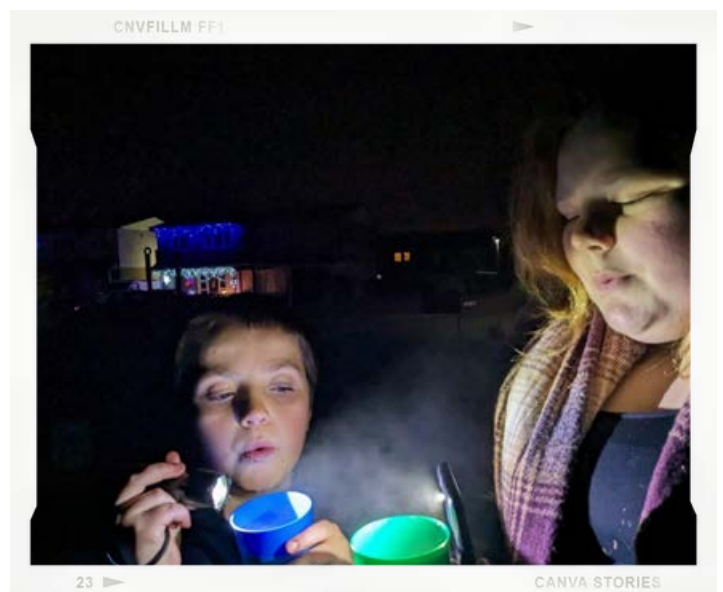
Each week the staff meet with the young people in the park/MUGA area for hot chocolate and refreshments and then the majority all have a walk around the area, stopping occasionally and talking to other young people or parents/carers.

Outwood Academy Carlton

Our work in Carlton with Year 7 pupils has gone well again this term – we have really good communication with the Safe Guarding lead and Head of Year 7 and report back every session with the DSGL

Topics covered in this period:

- ✓ Confidentiality
- ✓ The Care system and relationships with Social Workers
- ✓ Emotions and what triggers these
- ✓ Responsibilities of your actions and consequences
- ✓ Ambitions
- ✓ Positive Healthy Relationships
- ✓ Parents Drug Use – being moved out of the family home to live with grandparents
- ✓ Estranged families
- ✓ Young Peoples Mental Health
- ✓ Sleep techniques
- ✓ Homework support
- ✓ How do you build resilience?



Street-based youth work





Youth Resilience Fund

Additional Outcomes

- We still deliver food parcels to parents from all three of the schools on a weekly basis – our capacity is 40 per week
- We have regular parent volunteers from Laithes Primary
- We've also worked in partnership with our Thursday Morning Community Cafes with Dial – BMBC SEND Parent Partnership which supports many parents in the area

As part of Safeguarding Week, Carlton Outwood asked if we would do a lunchtime drop-in for young people.

We spoke to 43 different young people in Year 7

The topics we covered with the Y7 pupils were as follows

- Feeling overwhelmed with secondary school
- ADHD – the impact it has on learning and how school lack information
- What makes you 'uncomfortable' in school and out of school
- Friendship groups
- Pupils told us it was great having someone to talk to

Due to our centre being refurbished, we couldn't have the usual Christmas Tree Light switch on and Christmas Fair

We did however manage to find a little bit of funding to take two of our groups out for a Christmas Treat – One group chose to go to Market Kitchen for a meal and the other group chose to go 10 Pin Bowling

For our younger members, we got some Literacy support funding and purchased £100 worth of books which we gave our Tinky's and Afterschool clubs as part of their Christmas gift alongside the Selection Boxes from the Ward Alliance



Youth Resilience Fund

75

Total number of sessions (including in-school, holiday provision & YMCA Youth Clubs)

29

Number of new unique individuals engaged

0

Number of peer support sessions delivered

2

Number of school holiday sessions delivered

1

Number of family members engaged in the project

3

Number of young volunteers

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- Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract

Context:

North Area Council provide grant funding to YMCA Barnsley to deliver a programme of youth work for children and young people aged 10-14 years within the North Area. The project focuses on building emotional resilience and developing the skills and tools to encourage and maintain positive emotional health, wellbeing, and support and prepare them for life's transitions.

The project is commissioned primarily as an 'out of school hours' programme, and delivery takes place after school, twilight, evenings, weekends and school holidays with one school session and some transition support taking place in curriculum times. However, the delivery model will remain flexible to support participants and respond to local needs.

Outcomes:

- Improvement in the subjective wellbeing of children and young people.
- Increased confidence, self-esteem, attitudes and aspirations of children and young people.
- Increase in the emotional resilience of children & young people.
- Strengthened protective factors for wellbeing in children & young people.
- Supporting young people to take ownership of their lives and make positive life choices.

“Youth work offers young people safe spaces to explore their identity, experience decision-making, increase their confidence, develop interpersonal skills and think through the consequences of their actions. This leads to better-informed choices, changes in activity and improved outcomes for young people.”



Youth Resilience Fund

Schools Delivery:

Kexborough Primary School

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

The group of young people are a specific group of Y6 pupils identified as those who would most benefit from the project and improve their emotional resilience and well-being.

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.

Transition Support:

Consistent youth work staffing in locality areas and schools building positive relationships with participants to ensure that they already have established relationships and can access the same workers as they move between Y6 and Y7.

Supporting schools with their transition models and engaging our participants in that process, e.g. Peer Supporters being part of transition assemblies and evenings, visits to primary schools and befriending models in secondary schools.

Secondary School Delivery Model:

Darton Academy Targeted & open access drop-in after-school support session

For years, Y7 and Y8 students have used arts/games/themed projects /group discussions to engage participants and build relationships, as well as specific activities to encourage the development of key resilience and personal and social skills. Providing access and opportunities for participants to engage in positive activities in a safe space with access to skilled and experienced youth workers who can also provide additional support around emotional and mental health.

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.

The school's Leadership Team identified this current cohort, 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.

“Thanks ever so much for providing the children with a great service, they all love it.”

Summer Lane Primary – **Katie Jepson**,
Parent Support ACPage 65 Deputy DSL



Youth Resilience Fund

Holiday Provision

A locality-specific mixed model of centre-based, detached, outdoor and outreach provision providing a diverse range of positive activities and opportunities as an alternative to risk-taking and anti-social behaviours. Providing a combination of long-term regular sessions alongside short projects and flexible activities. Using safe, easily accessible venues based in the locality areas provides participants with somewhere to belong, be with their friends and meet new people in a safe, supportive environment.

Street-based Youth Work (Detached youth work)

engages with young people in their localities on the streets and green spaces. It offers a programme of positive activities as an alternative to anti-social and risk-taking behaviours. We use games, arts, and outdoor and environmental activities alongside wider family engagement, supporting specific children and their families with challenges around health, wellbeing and resilience whilst remaining firmly within the recognised structures and ethos of a detached youth work programme and a young people-led service.

Youth clubs

YMCA Barnsley have continued to maintain delivery of our centrally based youth clubs for young people aged 8-13 and 13-19 years. (Y Stay In & Junior's Youth Club) We use arts/games/themed projects /group discussion /sports /dance to engage participants and build relationships as well as specific activities to encourage development of key resilience and personal and social skills. Providing access and opportunities for participants to engage with positive activities in a safe space.

Both these youth clubs and our holiday provision sessions continue to attract and engage with a number of young people from the North Area on a weekly basis. In this quarter the percentage of participants from the North Area was 41% for Junior Youth Club and 44% for Y Stay In. In both cases the majority of the young people live in the localities of Old Town and Wilthorpe.

Youth Worker Support

Access to support from qualified, skilled and experienced youth workers: Providing opportunities for young people to build and develop professional relationships with trusted adults. Through professional relationships based on trust and respect and an understanding of the realities of young people's lives, youth workers encourage, support and challenge young people to explore what they want to achieve, reflect on their behaviour, and consider whether their choices are helping them move forward.

Themed and issue-based projects

- Health & wellbeing sessions / Understanding emotions & self-awareness work (Primary)
- Self-esteem, confidence and aspirations sessions (Secondary)
- 1-1 support around mental health and emotional resilience where required
- A sleep support programme was delivered to support participants who expressed a need.
- Outdoor learning, horticulture and the environment.
- Regular consultation with young people to engage them in developing their provision and widen their experiences of the range of opportunities available to them.
- Consultation and engagement with wider projects to increase young people's knowledge and understanding and ensure they have a voice and are listened to.

"I have been coming to Darton's YMCA after school club since Yr7, I have enjoyed being a part of club and learning new skills, I find YMCA a safe space and I am free to express myself how I want to."

Darton ASC Participant -Anonymised



Youth Resilience Fund

Supporting



Kexborough
Primary



Wellgate
Primary



Delta Academy
Darton



Summer Lane
Primary

School Delivery

Over the past quarter, we have seen an increase in young people who have been consistently accessing after-school clubs, transition clubs and youth clubs. We have seen young people who have previously attended the Primary school YMCA sessions join the Darton ASC, highlighting the importance of continued support for young people as they transition into secondary school and beyond. The Youth Workers continue to work on ensuring the sessions are a safe space where the young people feel like they belong and have opportunities to be themselves and learn new skills such as leadership, teamwork, confidence, resilience and emotional well-being. We deliver a range of different sessions from arts and crafts activities, group work activities, issue-based discussions and specific themed activities. These positive and empowering activities offered to the young people this quarter have included:

Transition Support: Youth workers have started to work with Yr6 students about their transition into secondary school in the summer offering support and guidance about what the young people can expect when they make the move up to Yr7 in September. Exploring opportunities, hopes, worries, fears and challenges, reflecting on skills developed and building positivity for the move to Y7.

National Fitness Day – Highlighting the importance of keeping active and the benefits for young people’s mental health and wellbeing. Young people were supported to lead their favourite active games allowing them to develop leadership skills and improve confidence when speaking to others. Discussions and activities to develop knowledge and understanding around food, nutrition, calories and eating in moderation. Increasing knowledge and understanding about what they are putting into their bodies and identifying healthier alternatives where appropriate.

Positive smile day – Focused on encouraging young people to think about what makes them smile and the impact of a smile. Conversations about nice things they have done with other people that have led to someone smiling, what makes them smile giving the young people a chance to reflect and become more self-aware about things that make them happy or unhappy. Discussion about tools and techniques to prioritise things that make them smile.

Recycle week – A themed week of activities highlighting the importance of recycling as it is a key issue for young people. Upcycling arts and crafts and related discussion to encourage young to people to think about how objects that you would normally throw away can be upcycled and reused.



Youth Resilience Fund

Supporting



Kexborough
Primary



Wellgate
Primary



Delta Academy
Darton



Summer Lane
Primary

School Delivery

Anti-Bullying Week - A themed week of activities and discussions focussed on the importance of being kind and celebrating our uniqueness. In Darton Academy young people designed and decorated socks for National Odd Sock Day. While we were making these we spoke about what everyone can do to help others who are going through bullying. The young people spoke about offering support for their peers giving them the chance to talk, with information where they access support if they are experiencing bullying.

In primary schools' young people had discussions about kind and trash phrases. The young people gave examples of when they could use kind phrases and spoke about alternative things you can say instead of using "trash" statements from the list. Doing this activity has helped the young people to have an understanding of how certain words/phrases can impact other people's lives.

During this quarter YMCA Barnsley has been continuing the work with the participants looking at Equality Diversity and Inclusion policies and procedures. The feedback YMCA received from the participants indicated that they continue to feel nurtured and included within the sessions. The participants spoke about the sessions being a safe space for them and how they can be themselves without the fear of judgement from the youth workers or other young people.

Ongoing projects throughout Quarter 3 included:

- **HSG funded Self Care Packs** – The 3rd distribution of the year of packs of personal care items. We know that December and January are months in which many families struggle with the extra financial strain of Christmas.
- **YMCA Residential Steering Group** – Planning for cross-project residential activities in summer 2024 with membership from all of our secondary school sessions. The steering group will ensure that the project is young person-led and coproduced in all aspects from decisions about venues and activities to leading the fundraising.
- **Chilypep Homefest annual event** – Young people represented the YMCA at the event with the opportunity to talk to other young people and professionals. A chance conversation with a young person led to the project being able to identify and offer additional support to a family who had recently moved to the Women and Children's Refuge, particularly with access to activities for the whole family and items to enhance their Christmas experience.



Youth Resilience Fund

Supporting



Kexborough Primary



Wellgate Primary



Delta Academy Darton



Summer Lane Primary

Holiday Provision

During this quarter the project delivered one week of holiday provision during the October half-term break with activities delivered in response to the needs and wants of the participants. This included:

- Halloween-themed detached session at Wilthorpe Park. Originally planned to support an event in the park but unfortunately, this was not able to happen. However as this was an opportunity to engage with young people in a different location, we continued with delivering a successful, additional outreach session with themed activities and games.
- A whole project Halloween scavenger hunt at YMCA Barnsley, creating opportunities for young people to meet with other young people whom they hadn't met before and work together in teams.
- Team games at Kexborough focussed on working together and developing transferrable skills such as teamwork, effective communication and listening.
- Stop Frame Animation Workshop requested by young people (postponed until February due to unforeseen circumstances as the provider had to cancel)

Plans for the next quarter include:

- Fundraising with the steering group for the upcoming residential activities
- February Half-term Delivery
- Project engagement with Area Council Members as part of their review.
- YMCA LUF Project Coproduction
- Annual Participant Survey
- Project Peer supporters working alongside the YMCA Barnsley Youth Board.

“I like to come to the YMCA Afterschool club because we do lots after different activities and each week we do something different making it exciting plus I get to stay with my friends. The activities I like was decorating biscuits and this (Christmas stuff) I also liked the games with the parachute because they were fun”

Kieran (Kexborough ASC)

“Since joining YMCA Kieran has loved coming, he can't wait for Thursdays when its afterschool club. When he comes out of YMCA I look forward to Kieran telling me what he has been up to because he never tell/talks to me about what he has been up to at school but he is happy to tell me about what he has been up to a YMCA and nice to hear.”

Kieran (Kexborough ASC)



Youth Resilience Fund

Street-Based Youth Work

Staff have maintained a weekly presence in and around Kexborough and Darton. Focusing on a core group of young people familiar to us for a while, the sessions and activities have taken place chiefly in and around Priestly Avenue Park and estate.

Our team meet regularly with a core group of mixed-age young people usually at Priestly Avenue. We deliver a mixed programme of street-based team games, issued-based workshops and activities to promote confidence and life skills and a broader understanding of community and identity and where young people feel they fit within their community.

We are now regularly using the Berneslai Homes bungalow on Priestly Avenue as a venue. This enables us to maintain relationships and project delivery with the core group of young people as cold dark streets don't always lend themselves to targeted project work.

We value the opportunity to use this space, particularly as it enables us to also foster some intergenerational and community relationships with the local community. After a wonderful summer and autumn building relationships across generations within the community, we are hopeful this energy and focus will be maintained. The young people have expressed a wish to make and deliver gifts for older residents in the community. Pot plants, soft pot making, and Easter decorations are all ideas thrown into the hat for consideration for activities in early 2024.

The core group are also keen to explore issues pertinent to them via drama and other creative means. Drama has proven to be a fantastic vehicle for learning previously with this group

The team regularly include Longfields adjoining estates, the Kexborough streets and green spaces as part of the regular route engaging with young people both new and those known to us, checking in with them, maintaining relationships and ensuring they are aware of services available to them. As nights have become darker and colder, fewer people are out on the streets other than dog walkers and the usual small groups of young people. Our team have reported no evidence of anti-social behaviour in recent weeks which often is expected come darker nights.

In recent weeks, our team have engaged with a small group of young men who have built a ramp course in Uplands Avenue Park, one of them was known to us. Whilst the young men appear quite focussed and keen to build their course, staff have engaged them in discussions about responsibility to others and safety, reminding them that they ought not to dig and leave obstacles for other park users to trip over etc. The young men were very receptive and heeded our team's cautionary words. An early relationship but one we hope to build on and carry forward.



Case Study

After Schools Project

Youth Resilience Fund

North Area Council Priorities



Opportunities for young people



Learning Barnsley

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

This case study highlights the role of the youth worker in supporting young people to develop their social and emotional skills and build networks of friends and relationships with trusted youth workers in a safe, supportive environment. Positively impacting their personal and social development in the areas of core self, belonging, learning and contributing to building positive well-being and emotional resilience.

Context

Lilly has regularly attended the Darton Academy ASC for over a year, and she generally stays within her friendship group. The youth workers noted that Lilly only attended the ASC when her friends were attending and generally stayed within her friendship group. Outside of the ASC Lilly struggles within the school and has stated multiple times about struggles she has with peers in her class, the youth workers have provided support around this and with Lilly's consent have discussed it with the school. Since Lilly started coming to ASC the youth workers have been working with her to build her confidence and self-esteem.

Intervention/Process

When Lilly started coming to the ASC she was shy and would not engage with the youth workers, she would enter the room sit with her friends and complete the activity without engaging with people outside of her friendship group. The Youth Workers spent time with her and her group making sure that they were trying to build a relationship with Lilly. Over time Lilly became more open with the Youth Workers and started to talk more about her life. One thing the Youth Workers found out about Lilly was that she enjoyed origami. To help build the relationship between Lilly and the youth workers asked her if she could teach the Youth Workers her favourite origami which she agreed to do.

Lilly initially demonstrated how to make origami butterflies to the youth workers which then sparked an interest in other young people in the session who then asked if Lilly could teach them as well. Lilly was hesitant to teach others however the youth workers encouraged her to show her peers and offered support while she was doing it. Lilly taught her peers how to make the butterfly origami. After she had shown her peers how to make them the youth workers asked her how she felt, Lilly said, "Happy that I was able to show people how to make them." She then asked if we could do a competition to make and decorate butterflies to see who could make the best one. This was then suggested to the wider group and was facilitated the following week. The youth workers asked if she wanted to judge the competition and take a lead on it. Lilly said that she didn't want to as she wanted to make her own butterfly but thanked the Youth worker for offering.



Case Study

Street-Based Youth Work

Youth Resilience Fund

Impact of the Work with the Individual

Lily was encouraged to reflect on this experience and said that she enjoyed teaching people a new skill and making a challenge out of origami.

In the sessions that followed, there was a clear difference in Lilly’s demeanour, she engaged more in the sessions with people outside of her friendship group and was happy to speak to the youth workers continuing to share more about her personal life. Lilly has started to offer suggestions within the sessions from different crafts she has seen at home to different games at the end of each session.

When Lily started coming to the session she would only speak with her close friends, however now she will speak to different people throughout the session and wants to try different activities. Lilly will occasionally come to the sessions and not want to partake in the activity if something is bothering her, but she does choose to sit and speak to youth workers about what is on her mind.

What’s Next?

Over the next year, the youth workers will continue to provide support as needed and encourage Lilly to take a leadership role in activities which she asks to do, which will help to improve Lilly’s self-esteem and confidence when talking to others, particularly new people. The youth workers will offer support to Lilly for the next steps in her life after leaving the Darton ASC. A part of that support will be offering her other options to continue her journey with the YMCA via different youth clubs and other provisions she would be able to attend.

***The name of the young person in this case study has been changed**

*YMCA & Ad Astra's contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

1.01ii Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20)

1.03 Pupil Absence

1.04 First time entrants to the youth justice system

1.16 Utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities





2.07 Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (0 - 14 years)

2.08ii Percentage of children where there is cause for concern

1.04 Self-reporting well-being

Community Grants Summary Performance Management Report

April 2023 - March 2024

Service	Priorities	Provider	Contract Value (per year)	Start Date	End Date	Reports
Connecting Communities Page 32	 Health and Wellbeing	 North Area Social Inclusion Service	£79,600.20	April 2021	March 2024	Quarter 2 Received
Connecting Communities Page 39	 Health and Wellbeing	 Connections Hub	£66,450.00	April 2021	March 2022	Quarter 4 Received
Connecting Communities Page 43	 Health and Wellbeing	 Reds Connect	£41,472.21	April 2021	March 2022	Quarter 4 Received

Connecting Communities

15

New referrals

8

Volunteers

5

Existing Volunteers

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North Area Council Priorities



Anti Poverty



Changing the Relationship



Health & Wellbeing

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.
- People have access to early help and support

Enabling Barnsley

- Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing

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Project Aims

Age UK Barnsley are a local charity that works only for the benefit of the people of Barnsley Borough and our Resource Centre/Head Office is based within the Town Centre. We have been providing successful, innovative, area-wide services addressing social isolation in Barnsley for more than 5 years. Age UK Barnsley work with older people with a wide range of needs and health conditions including dementia, mental health problems, physical health conditions and limited mobility.

Project Summary

This quarter the North area has continued to benefit from its two part-time Inclusion Project Officers; Joy and Emma, who have worked with and provided support to 48 individual older people with one-to-one regular support. 15 of these one-to-ones were for newly referred clients received this quarter.

Project Officers have worked with these people to develop personalised support and action plans, to ensure that the support from the team meets their individual needs. Alongside our Project Officers, there are also volunteers, who are enabling some service users who are isolated but unable to get out to groups, to have access to face-to-face befriending support regularly.

Achievements this quarter - April 2023 - June 2023

- When delivering one-to-one support, we have been able to signpost service users to services such as Age UK Barnsley's Information and Advice team, Romeros, Alzheimer's Society, fire service, Equipment & Adaptions, Mental Health Team, Memory Team, Butterflies, Adult Social Care, Digital champions, Adult Skills & Community Learning, U3A, Library Services including home drop off and audiobooks, Age UK Barnsley's Shopping service, Handyman service and Gardening service, Therapist, Hairdressing and Podiatry services. We have also supported 2 older people in registering for the Door-2-Door transport offer.
- This quarter we have received referrals from the mental health team, social prescribers, information and advice, self-referrals, family and specialist occupational therapy such as the reablement team, South Yorkshire police and Bereavement services.
- **The Darton Wellbeing Group** has been attended each month by a Tai Chi instructor, which has enabled group members to participate in chair-based Tai Chi. We have also had a visit to the same group Co-op Estate planning services, to inform group members of their legal rights in later life. Members were informed before the session that other providers were available for this service and that there was no obligation to use/purchase any services with co-op. It was simply an information session. Group members reported that they enjoyed the talk, and took some valued points away with them.
- During this quarter we also celebrated **3 very special birthdays** within the Darton Wellbeing group. 2 of our members celebrated their 70th birthdays and one celebrated their 80th. We as a group celebrated with a birthday cake, cream tea, pass the parcel and a song.
- **The Eastfield Arms Lunch** with Company group moved to Fridays to attract more members from the community. We offer great thanks to the Eastfield arms, as they offered to fund a free tea/coffee for age UK group members. This group has seen 21 members attend, with initial interest looking very positive.
- **The Dementia café** now has a regular attendance of 10 members. For some, this has remained a lifeline and a great way to socialise within a small group, where their anxiety of crowds isn't affected. The group enjoyed selecting their favourite Christmas songs, reminiscing about their favourite Christmas gifts, and memories they have of Christmas past with their respective families. They particularly liked playing bells in time to 'Jingle Bells' The group also celebrated Christmas with a Christmas dinner on the last session of the year, served in our day provision at the Elisabeth Activity & Day Care centre. Some of the group also attended Barnsley Singers Christmas Concert at Emanuel Church on Saturday 2nd December. A great time was had by all, and members said they would love to make this a new tradition for the group.
- **Chatty Tuesdays @ The Ginnel** continued to be attended by a small number, but this dwindled, so we took the difficult decision to cease this group in favour of a funded lunch club at Alder Close. The last session of the Ginnel lunch club was on 28th November 2023

Connecting Communities

Kexbrough Breakfast Club and Chair Based Exercise funded by BOPPA



Warm Event at Mapplewell Village Hall



Christmas Lunch at The Ginnel with The Darton Wellness Group



- **Kexbrough Brunch Club** is a new group this quarter, which started on 19th October within Kexbrough social club. This group has provided free breakfast to 7 members fortnightly. We are hoping this will grow with time. We also commenced chair-based exercise provided by funding through The BOPPA, which the members thoroughly enjoy. Each week we offer free hot beverages, with either toast or crumpets, with a game of bingo to round off the session. The exercise that BOPPA provides is delivered in a fun and enjoyable way, always including a moderately competitive game. The members enjoy competing in teams against each other and have formed a close bond of friendship together.
- **Alder Close Lunch Club** is another new group for this quarter, offering free hot lunch to residents in the North Area. It provides a nutritious meal to older adults in the community who may be at risk of malnutrition or social isolation. The project is designed to promote health and wellbeing by providing a space for social interaction and the opportunity to meet new people. Though this group is in its infancy, we have seen 4 group members now regularly attending, and with further promotion aim for this to grow in the new year.
- **Roundhouse Breakfast Club** started in this quarter. Initial reaction was slow, however with some further advertising we saw 3 people regularly attending the session. In the new year this group will also incorporate MCST (Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy) aimed at those living with Dementia or early stage memory problems. The aim of Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST) at Age UK Barnsley is to help older adults maintain their cognitive abilities and prevent or delay cognitive decline. Through regular MCST sessions, participants engage in stimulating and enjoyable activities designed to challenge their thinking, memory, and problem-solving skills. The program also provides a social opportunity for participants to connect with others and reduce feelings of isolation. Overall, MCST aims to improve quality of life and promote healthy aging for older adults.
- **Elizabeth Activity & Daycare centre** and the Ken Littlewood suite at Queens Road, Barnsley continues to go from strength to strength. It provides a fun, stimulating environment for older people in need of a little extra support. We rely on wonderful volunteers to help with the running of the centre and ensuring that everyone who comes has the time of their lives. We run a free taster session for the centre. Several North area social inclusion clients are in the process of taking up this invaluable offer. At the Elizabeth Activity & Care Centre, we provide a safe and engaging environment for seniors to socialise, participate in activities, and receive personalised care. Our location allows for easy access and convenience for both our clients and their families. Our dedicated staff are committed to enhancing the quality of life for our clients through a range of services and programs tailored to their unique needs and interests. The venue will also have the added value of an outdoor space and gardening activity option from Spring 2024 with thanks to funding from B&Q.

- Several volunteer support group sessions have been held at The Elizabeth Activity & Care Centre. This was to bring together the wonderful volunteers within our organisation to consult them on our aims and strategy going forward. It has been an invaluable opportunity to showcase their great contributions to their role within Age UK Barnsley, and their feedback has been taken on board.
- Our Project Officers attended a winter warm event at Mapplewell Village Hall aimed at providing warmth and comfort during the cold winter months. This event included activities such as providing warm clothing and blankets to those in need, information on community gatherings with hot beverages and food available, also offering shelter to those without a warm place to stay. The goal is to promote a sense of togetherness and support within the community, while also helping those who may be struggling during the winter season. Lots of information was available on the day, with stalls from Barnsley Stop Smoking services, Cryo Central Pain Management, Berneslai Homes, Impact, Barnsley U3A, Macmillan, Healthwatch, How's Thi Ticker, Adult Skills & Community Learning, IAPT, Barnsley Wellbeing Walks, and Reds Connect. At our Age UK Barnsley Stall, we offered informational leaflets on all the services we have currently. Including Information and Advice, Handyperson, Gardener, Affordable Shopper, Social Inclusion, Elizabeth Activity and Care Centre, as well as a list of all Age UK Barnsley social groups and BOPPAA activities across the borough.
- Age UK Barnsley recently held its annual Christmas party, which was a huge success. The event was well-attended by clients across our Social Inclusion projects, who enjoyed a variety of festive activities and entertainment. Social Inclusion team members organised the event and ensured that everyone had a great time. The party was a wonderful opportunity for people to come together and celebrate the holiday season. Age UK Barnsley is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for older adults, and the Christmas party was a perfect example of this and also provided every individual with a Christmas gift to open on the big day.



Service Users Christmas Party at
The HolidPage 78vorth



Darton Wellness
Birthday Celebrations



Case Study

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Connecting Communities

Background:

MW lives alone, does not drive, therefore experiences some loneliness due to transport issues. She was referred to us in the hopes that she would find friends in her area, through our social groups.

Summary

MW is a volunteer for Age UK Barnsley. Having been referred to our Inclusion team due to her increased social isolation after retirement. An experienced nurse she missed the social daily interactions and there was a decline in her own mental health and wellbeing.

We often use the tactic of recommending becoming a Volunteer to our clients that have a particular ability to communicate well as this feels less 'needy' than suggesting to attend groups etc as a client.

After talking through the options, MW decided to go ahead and start face to face befriending. This is when a volunteer, after rigorous checks, goes into a person's home for a period each week, and becomes a friend to chat and socialise with. MW has become a constant companion to her 'friend' and even visited her whilst in respite across town. MW cherishes the time she spends with her now friend, and regularly feeds back to our team on what they have chatted about. She feels uplifted by their conversation and time together and tells us that her friend says the same.

MW now also volunteers at a group session for at least 2 hours per week. She is an invaluable member of the North area team and is well liked among all the groups.

Key Learning Points:

Where clients have a higher capacity to contribute it is appropriate to consider asking them to volunteer rather than become a Service User. Whilst the outcome still achieves the end goal for the individual it can be a more welcome opportunity to help others than to consider being a person in need.

Who was involved

- Social Inclusion Team
- Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Group members
- service user whom MW befriends weekly

Any unplanned outcomes (Good or Bad)

MW often tells us that her life has completely changes since volunteering with Age UK Barnsley, and that she feels like she has a purpose in her life again.

Outcomes of Project

The team at AUKB can play a vital role when planning and considering each individuals need. They help to ensure that older people in the community feel valued, respected, and included. By organising social groups and events, these officers help combat social isolation and loneliness, which has a negative impact on mental health and wellbeing. They also refer to our Information and Advice team to offer practical support and advice on a range of issues, such as housing, benefits, and healthcare. Overall, social inclusion officers are an important resource for older people in Barnsley, helping them to stay connected and engaged with their community. This case study is a perfect example of how a person's life can be changed for the better.

Next Steps

MW to continue to volunteer as and when she is available, as she makes such a difference to her life.



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Aim of the Connections Hubs

We wish to support individuals, especially those with long-term health conditions or disabilities, to recover from the longer-term impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic by re-connecting them with their community through the creation of a weekly hub providing opportunities for people to meet, share and learn.

Building on the proven successful Happy Café model (both nationally and in the north area), the hub will deliver a varied programme of activities and events and provide opportunities for increasing social capital through volunteering and establishing a concept of membership amongst participants.

The gaps

Loneliness and isolation are not new challenges for disabled people, particularly those living in deprived areas.

Some will need support and assurance to overcome the seclusion they have experienced and to enable them to re-engage with the life they enjoyed pre-covid. Others will have reassessed their lives and taken the decision to improve their future lives. Some will have lost their job or volunteering roles and want to improve their opportunities by improving their skills.

The hub will offer the opportunity to meet like-minded people, share experiences and learn new or improve existing skills, thus developing a community spirit and sense of belonging.



Connecting Communities

Connection Hub
Quarter 3

Darton East

We have continued to hold the autumn/winter events at St John's Church Hall. The Christmas gift swap and crafts event saw new sign-ups.

Together at the Table has been launched in this area, aimed at providing breakfasts. When it first launched there seemed to have been a bit of interest but this has slowly begun to dwindle. We are looking at working with a local pub as a more accessible venue in the New Year.

Darton West

The weekly social group sessions have continued at Priestley Avenue Community Centre, with the majority of the members attending for a game of bingo. The first autumn/winter event, the Halloween Wreath making was successful and was enjoyed by the members. As none of the members who attended this group came on the coach trip to Leeds Christmas Market we arranged to have a buffet with them on the day of their Christmas gift swap and crafts. Together at the Table has also launched in this ward, with many of the members attending both groups.

St Helens

Before New Lodge Community Closed for refurbishment at the end of October we continued to hold the fortnightly bingo sessions and monthly coffee mornings there. The bingo continues to be a roaring success. The first of the autumn/winter events which was Halloween wreath making was also a success, with two new members signing up. After the closure of the Community Centre, the bingo was moved over to the Roundhouse Library, with the last session having 5 new sign-ups and being the busiest yet.

Old Town

October saw the launch of Together at the Table, a new group aimed at providing a warm meal and inclusive activities. While the initial uptake was slow, numbers have grown with 12 people attending the last session.

26

Members signed up to
Connect Together

20

Members signed up to
Connect Together

51

Members signed up to
Connect Together

22

Members signed up to
Connect Together

123

People more engaged in
activities

4

New Volunteers

10

Existing Volunteers



Connecting Communities



The Christmas Market Coach Trip

As part of the autumn/winter calendar, we arranged for a coach trip to take us to Leeds Christmas Market. Everyone who went really enjoyed the day and they all received £5 spending money which had been raised at our Jumble Sale.

Together at the Table

Since launching in October, we have 49 members and continue to provide warm meals and a safe place for people to come together for food and friendship.



Case Study

North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

Priorities



Anti Poverty



Changing the Relationship



Health & Wellbeing



How this commission is making Barnsley the place of possibilities

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Connecting Communities

Before Connect Together

Miss J is a 40-year-old single mother of two who has health conditions including the growth of non-cancerous tumours which regularly require surgery for removal, and anxiety. She was also diagnosed with dyslexia at the age of 17. Miss J says that being a single parent and having anxiety has caused her to become more and more isolated which has impacted on her mental health.

Intervention

Miss J self-referred to Connect Together in September 2022 after hearing about the crisis support session. On attending the session she was able to access expert advice from a member of our Warm Connections team and received a free slow cooker. Since then Miss J has attended the group on a regular basis and has enjoyed the monthly events such as the spring clean and gardening giveaways. Most recently Miss J has stepped out of her comfort zone and volunteered to call out the bingo numbers. Due to her dyslexia Miss J sometimes struggles reading the numbers however, the rest of the group are very supportive of her and help in building her confidence.

Outcomes

Since joining Connect Together Miss J has become a valued member of the group and made a number of new friends. She feels that her mental health has improved and that calling the bingo numbers is her making a positive contribution to the group.

Connecting Communities

Programme Aims

- Beneficiaries have improved emotional and physical wellbeing
- Beneficiaries are connecting, interacting, and forging new friendships
- Beneficiaries are regularly participating in the activities in their local area
- Beneficiaries are adopting and maintaining more active lifestyles

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
- Project milestones achieved
- Project outcome indicator targets met
- Overall project progress & achievements

Performance Narrative Report

The sessions have continued to run as promoted with established numbers on both the exercise and Extra Time Hub sessions. The Team Talk session is still proving difficult in attracting regular numbers . The sessions have been disturbed through enforced venue changes and this may have impacted on attendance. We are still actively promoting through our regular avenues and are hopeful we may pick up further numbers across all the sessions as people look to make lifestyle changes with the start of the New Year.

Vikki continues her community engagement through her presence in the local area and by promoting at a number of premises, library, local businesses and schools.





Connecting Communities

Team Talk

We have struggled to attract new participants and we have seen a drop in the average attendance. As mentioned earlier in the report we have had to change venues and this could be a contributory factor. We have talked about opening the session up to offer the support to anyone who feels they would benefit from participating.



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Attendees at Team Talk

Exercise Session

The exercise session is going well. We have a nice number of people attending on a regular basis. The group dynamics are great with a mix of participants all getting along well. The WhatsApp group has proved popular not only for sharing information but also for keeping participants connected. This is particularly important especially around Christmas when people may feel even more isolated.

The group continues to enjoy a variety of different exercise sessions. Vikki hosted a Halloween special complete with fancy dress and suitable soundtrack. Vikki also invited participants to a Christmas celebration event. They enjoyed meeting up for an evening meal, secret santa and other festive activities.

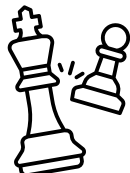


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Attendees at the exercise sessions

The Extra Time Hub

The group continue to enjoy their weekly meet up. They engage in various games with participants continually contributing new ideas to help keep the sessions fresh. They are still having the occasional meet up away from the session where they enjoy lunch and a catch up.



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Attendees at Extra Time Hub

“ I look forward to Thursday very much. I meet up with other folks who like to get out of the house and play a variety of fun games. We have a chat and lots of laughs and enjoy the games so much! Its great fun and gives me the opportunity of having a break as a carer from which I benefit so much.”



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Reds Connect

Connecting Communities

North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

Priorities



**Health &
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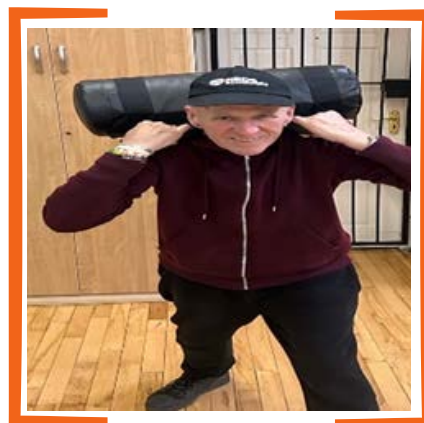
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Case Study

Dave has been attending Tuesday Connect classes for 8 months now. He is there every Tuesday unless Barnsley are playing at home on that night and in which case, the love of his team comes first. Since attending he has become an integral member of our group. Usually the only regular male participant, but this does not stop him, Dave thrives in an active environment and takes it all in his element that he is exercising with a group of women who are vigorously trying to lose weight.

Dave points out that he walks everywhere. The class at St Helens Church has really helped him stay active during the winter months due to the location. It is not far for him to walk and so he has still been able to get out in the cold dark evenings to attend. This has also tackled any social isolation that winter months brings. Dave enjoys the variety the circuit classes bring and has learnt to work alone or in a team. As a fitness coach I have seen a massive change in him from his initial joining period. His confidence has come on tenfold, Dave was originally a lot quieter, but we have broken barriers for the better and now if Dave is absent from the class, everyone notices and shows concern.

Dave loves his active fitness classes with the group he has made friends with, he has made some real confidence progression, loves the location and loves the variety of activities.



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Item 6

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
11th March 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 Youth Resilience Fund Review overview and summary. Full details can be found in**
- 2.2. **The Young People's Priority Working Group have recommended a continuation of the funding stream but wish to readvertise the opportunity as a competitive grant.**
- 2.3. **Financial commitment required for this grant is £100,000.00 p.a. for two years plus (plus the option to extend for one year).**
- 2.4. **That responsibility for finalising the outcomes and objectives; advertising the opportunity, and arranging the moderation panel for the grant opportunity is devolved to the Priority Working Group and the Area Manager.**
- 2.5. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position the existing the 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 with provider, Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd. 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 concluded. This period of cover has impacted on the contingency budget. The extend to which will be know at the end of the financial year.

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 enabling 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. 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. Full details are accessible in Item 6 of today's agenda.

At a workshop on the 29th February 2024 the priority working group discussed the findings of the review. They unanimously agreed that this programme is difficult to quantify but it is extremely valuable to the beneficiaries. The recommendation following the review is to continue with the funding stream but to re-advertise the grant opportunity for a further two years, plus one, at a value of £100,000.00 per annum.

It is also recommended that, responsibility for finalising the outcomes, objectives, advertising and moderation panel for the grant opportunity is devolved to the Area Manager.

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 2023/24
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. **The Area**

Manager has requested that the Caretaker recharge is aligned with the financial year to help with budget forecasting.

- 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 has been 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 literacy, self-regulation 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: Following a extensive review process, the young people priority working group met on the 29th February 2024 and made the

recommendations in A decision on if this grant funding stream continues will be required in 3.5 of this report.

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 a 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 Barnsley FC Community Trust (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. Following the extensive review of the Youth Resilience Fund, the young people's priority working group have recommended that the funding stream continues and requested that the grant opportunity is re-advertised. Provided that the Area Council agree to this recommendation it will require the Area Manager to work with the Young People's Priority Working Group to re-design the grant opportunity framework with precedence over other workstreams.

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Date:
29th February 2024

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 8

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 11th March 2024

Agenda Item: 8

Report of North Area Council
Manager

North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the North Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance implementation.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to the received by the Area Council.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during January and February 2024.

Appendices:

Darton East Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix One
Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Two
Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Three
St Helens Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Four

The reporting into the North Area Council, of the Ward Alliance notes is in line with the approved Council protocols. The notes are for information only.

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Date:
28th February 2024

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance

Tuesday 9th January – 6 PM

Face to face meeting.

Present:

Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor

David Hilton – Green space

Rebecca Batty - North Area Team

Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man

Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident

Helen Altun – Secretary

Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager

1. Apologies

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor

Paul Marsh – Local Business Man

2. Declarations of Interest –None

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising - None

5. Financial Update

£2994.70 total.

£0.00 match funding.

£2994.70 none match funding.

This funding may or may not be carried over into the next financial year. This funding can be earmarked.

The funding can also be advertised more. The group agreed to put a push on advertising it more from March/April time.

6. Applications for Funding – None.

Application review – The flow chart was given out to members and spoken through.

The group said it would be a good idea for funding applications of large amounts for a member of the group who put in the application to attend the ward alliance meeting to answer any questions the ward alliance may have.

It was also agreed that groups applying for funding should expect to wait approx. two months for a decision.

Members also said it was unfair to say no to an application for funding and then say they can't come back to us for funding for six months. 3 months seems more sensible for funding agreed and no time limit on funding applications that haven't been agreed.

There is guidance about the application form and how to fill it in, The application form cannot be changed or adjusted because this was agreed at cabinet. Darton East could trial a new process and if it worked it might be adopted by other wards. The guidance can be flexed.

The group agreed to take any time limits away to come back for funding on rejected applications.

Take the time limit to reapply for funding from 6 months to 3 months for successful applications subject to special agreement.

Invite the application applicant to attend the ward alliance meeting if the funding application is over £1000. If the applicant did not want to come to the meeting the ward alliance group would still, make a decision on the application.

7. Ward Action Plan

The environmental team picked up 16 bags of litter and fly tipping. Rosie has the updated list with dates and venues coming up.

8. Environmental contract

The contract seems to be running well and is very positive. Sammy will go back to his role at the end of January.

Members asked to get a footpath plan and ask for them to be looked at by the environmental caretakers before spring.

Feedback will be given to the environmental caretakers on their work.

The Hanging baskets went out to tender and a new supplier has been appointed.

Contracts are being finalised. Orders will need to be in by February. There is a significant price increase. A repeat sponsor will pay £110 and a new sponsor will pay £143. This includes the plaque. The plaque and basket for an existing sponsor who sponsors again will remain in the same lamppost.

There is a list of people who are wanting to sponsor, and the existing sponsors will be contacted first. Afterwards any available to sponsor will be advertised. The baskets will go up in June and will be taken down in September.

A member suggested that it might be an idea to put something on the brackets in winter with sponsorship available. If we decide to go ahead with this idea, we would need to speak about it around June time at the ward alliance meeting.

In our area there is approx. another 20 lampposts available and the brackets for the lampposts cost £15.75 per bracket.

9. Community Summer Gala

At the last ward alliance meeting members discussed the summer gala and decided we would need to have a public meeting. Community groups can come along to the meeting and the group would need to have a chair and governance. It would also be an idea for the event to be run by a community group if we have any interest.

Regarding insurance for the summer gala if a council employee is present this would cover the insurance with Barnsley council.

We have not heard from Darton West and they are still considering if they wish to get involved.

It could be a joint event between Darton and Mapplewell which could be alternated between both parks.

The voice of Darton is interested in getting involved.

A member stated that ward alliance members from Darton East should get involved.

If Darton West do not want to get involved they do not have to, but would that mean all the funding came from Darton East ?

FOMAS may be able to help with funding a community summer gala and funding could be available from other sources.

St Helen's ward alliance put on a very good family event in their area.

Councillor Richard Denton would be happy to chair the initial meeting but would not be putting himself forward to chair the organising group.

A member said that our ward alliance Facebook posts need to be increased and things could be improved with the Facebook page.

The ward alliance should be promoted on as many channels on social media as possible.

Some members expressed they were not happy with the public meeting and event idea being advertised on the Liberal Democrat Facebook page and it should not have been put on a political page. A discussion was had, and members had to agree to disagree about the post being put on the Liberal Democrats page.

If members feel any posts are inappropriate, please contact the member who posted the post or the governance team at Barnsley council and ask them to investigate it.

10.AOB

A member asked if the Barnsley North East hiking and heritage trail could be linked in to our heritage boards. Could the boards also be linked in to James Hudson Taylor with a guided walk around the area.

Bins – Putting plastic wheelie bins in laybys in not a good idea. Can the council revert to putting a normal bin there as the wheelie bins are getting set on fire. It was explained that the council were looking at something more substantial than wheelie bins in laybys.

A member asked about the new bins in the area which should have been installed between Christmas and the new year but have not yet been put in. It was agreed this could be chased up.

A member asked for a sign to be flagged up to the council on the junction of Paddock Road.

A sign is also down on Windhill Lane and the sign which was near the new takeaway on Towngate has not been replaced.

A member explained that the Christmas tree at Windhill needs to be moved. Could funding be approved from this budget to put a power point in for the Christmas tree.

It is not cheap to put in a power point, but it would be a good idea. A member suggested to earmark a chunk of money from the funding then so much per year. A member asked when the double yellow lines were going to be painted on the roads around the Co Op and Carr Green Lane. These should have been completed a while ago. Also, Darton Primary school is waiting for some road markings to be put on the road.

Meeting closed.

11. Time and date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 13th February at 6pm.

Darton East Ward Alliance
Tuesday 13th February – 6 PM
Face to face meeting.

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt
David Lockwood
Teresa Wilcockson
Paul Marsh

North Area Team:

Rebecca Battye

1. Apologies

Cllr Dickie Denton
Helen Altun
Nick Hibberd
Gez Morrall
David Hilton

2. **Declarations of Interest –None**

3. **Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.**

4. **Matters Arising - None**

5. Financial Update

£2994.70 total.
£0.00 match funding.
£2994.70 none match funding.

6. Applications for Funding –

Ward Alliance Childrens Disco Working Budget - £300 – Approved

Hanging Baskets Working Budget £500 – Approved

Application review Process – Discussed and adopted on a trial basis.

7. Ward Action Plan

No updates.

2024/25 Ward Action Plan to be added to the March agenda. Discussion to be had on Ward Alliance priorities and projects for year ahead.

8. Environmental contract

A member reported that all feedback received from the local community about the clean and green team has been positive.

The team have been busy in the area and have supporting with the removal of fly tipping.

Ward Alliance litter picks remain the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the month. The next two are:

21st February- meeting Staincross WMC

6th March - covering Dearne Street area and Woolley Colliery Village.

9. Community Summer Gala

A Summer Event report paper was submitted ahead of the Ward Alliance – this was discussed at the meeting.

A member fed back from the community/open summer gala meeting on 30th January. The main points included:

- 11 people attended
- Discussion about what type of event – most popular was a family orientated day.
- To be held Mapplewell Park

A discussion was had by the Ward Alliance and it was agreed that it would be feasible to organise a small event this year. A Ward Alliance sub group to be formed to lead on organising and delivery of the event. Sub group to meet in next two weeks to start planning.

10. AOB

None

11. Time and date of next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 12th March at 6pm.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Monday 15th January 2024

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Trevor Cave, Ann Carroll, Liam Morgan, John Ryan, Shelly Jepson, Christina Carroll, Richard Haigh.

Apologies:

None.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

- 1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 The minutes of the meeting Wednesday 15th November 2023 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Rebecca to chase up quotes and repair of Ward Notice Boards (this matter has taken 2 years for work to be commenced)

Rebecca to follow up and complete payment for work done on local milestone restoration at Redbrook

Rebecca to organise for Clean and Green Team to tidy 2 planters located at Claycliffe Roundabout

Rebecca to meet with Hanging basket provider re: costs and update next meeting (Agenda item)

Rebecca to send on behalf of all Councillors and Ward Alliance members a thank you letter to Paul Beaumont for his work regarding Christmas events at Kexbrough

Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to meet with Amanda Jerrard re: issues concerning

1. Wilthorpe/Redbrook Community Centre
2. Planters at both Dayhouse Way (Re-site) and Claycliffe Roundabout (general maintenance)

Cllr Sharon Howard to follow up large litter bin to be sited at Ripley Grove bus stop and removing current litter bin from Ripley Grove bus stop and re-site at BBIC bus stop

Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to meet with management of Wilthorpe/Redbrook Community Centre to look at ways forward

All Ward Alliance members to observe any car parking issues outside The Royal and Crown and Anchor public houses at Barugh Green and report as appropriate

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented the Ward Action Plan this was discussed and updated.
Members to consider any changes for 2024/2025 (Agenda item)

4 Active Travel Update

Nothing to report

5 WAF Budget

This was presented by Rebecca
Remaining Budget £ 5922.92

6 WAF applications.

None

7 Hanging Basket Provision 2024 Update

Rebecca updated members of the current situation

Members agreed in principle for the following:

New baskets to cost £105

Repeat baskets to cost £75

(Agenda item for February meeting)

8 Christmas 2023 Programme of Events Review

All members agreed the events had been very successful across the Ward

9 Darton Stars Awards 2024 Update and programme

Date for Event 15th March 2024

Sub Group to meet to finalise programme (Agenda item)

10 Darton West Asset List/Key Locations and Events Update

Nothing to report

11 Bi Annual Summer Event (Discussion)

This was discussed

It was agreed not to pursue a Bi Annual Gala at this time due to distance for some Ward residents to travel from across the Ward and other possible transport issues and limitations

Summer Activities Programme across the Ward to continue as normal

(Agenda item February meeting)

A.O.B.

Shelly to liaise with Liam re: future date for the Oliver production arrangements
Cllr Trevor Cave to contact Julie Hailsworth re: booking arrangements for the Darton Centre

Christina to look in to possible summer events by Voice for Darton and update (Agenda item)

Date and Time of next meeting

Unable to sort date and time for next meeting due to lack of venue

Darton West Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Monday 19th February 2024

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave,
Cllr Sharon Howard, Liam Morgan, Ann Carroll, John Ryan,
Christina Carroll, Shelly Jepson, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: None.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

- 1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 The minutes of the meeting Monday 15th January 2024 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

**Rebecca to follow up repair of 3 Notice Boards across the Ward
(It was approved by Ward Alliance members that £335.00 would be made for
payment of Notice Board repairs)**

**Rebecca to contact Clean and Green Team to assist with tidying of two
planters at Claycliffe roundabout**

**Rebecca to send letter to local business in the locality of Darton embankment
to assist in reducing littering of the area**

**Rebecca to invite Anna Hartley (Director of Communities and Public Health) to
the next Ward Alliance meeting**

**Cllrs A Cave, S Howard and T Cave to discuss with the Leader costings for the
re siting of 2 planters at Dayhouse Way**

**Cllrs A Cave, S Howard and T Cave to arrange a meeting with *Amanda Jerrard
and the Committee of Redbrook/ Wilthorpe* Community Centre to discuss
current issues and ways forward**

**Cllrs A Cave, S Howard and T Cave to inform Parks Officers to concerns of a
person using Darton Park muga area for personal gain**

**Cllrs A Cave, S Howard, T Cave to speak with Gary Hindsley re: future street
names for MU1 site. (Possible future joint venture for Gawber/ Barugh Green
Primary Schools and Gawber History Group)**

**Cllr Sharon Howard to contact Gary Hindsley (Head of Planning)
re: possible link with Amco to assist with Longfields project
Liam to contact Dave Timlin to link in with Longfields project**

Richard to contact Toyota re: planters programme

Richard to send to Ward Alliance members photograph of Gawber Primary School pupils History Board Design

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented the Ward Action Plan this was discussed and updated.

4 Active Travel Update

Discussed as part of the Ward Action Plan

5 WAF Budget

This was presented by Rebecca

Remaining Budget £5922.92

6 WAF applications.

Greenotes CIC (Approved)

7 Hanging Basket Provision 2024 Update

Rebecca updated members of costings and progress

8 Darton Stars Awards 2024 Update and programme

Rebecca updated re: pending event and programme

Ward Alliance members to arrive 5.15 pm

Event start 5.30 pm

Venue Barnsley Town Hall

9 Annual Summer Event

This was discussed, to follow up (April agenda)

10 Darton West Asset list update

Nothing to report

A.O.B.

Liam updated Ward members re: events, programmes and locations supported by the Butterflies Group

Cllrs A Cave, S Howard and T Cave informed Ward members of the recent visit of Anna Hartley (Director of Communities and Public Health) to all areas of the Ward.

Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 11th March 2024, 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre

Appendix Three:



9th January 2024, 6.30pm, Honeywell Sports Village Notes of the Meeting

Attendance: Cllr Newing (Chair), Cllr Pickering, Cllr Lofts, Bill Gaunt, John Love, Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon

Apologies: Tina Burke, James Crampton, Pat Braithwaite

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

- Bill to contact Jo Batty and Kirsty Summerfield to see if they're going ahead with the Old Town Carnival.
- Love Gawber & Pogmoor were also interested in doing a summer event on the fields at Pogmoor
- Cllr Newing agreed to speak to Emma White re: dementia friendly Ward stuff
- Bill agreed to look at getting a quote for the public liability insurance

Action: Bill Gaunt to contact Jo Batty and Kirsty Summerfield to ensure Carnival is going ahead

Action: Cllr Newing to contact Emma White re: Dementia Friendly Ward work

Action: Bill to get quote for public liability insurance

3. Membership

- It was stressed that more community members are needed on the Ward Alliance.
- Gillian agreed to approach Emma from the Old School House to see if she is interested

4. Financial Update

- The current balance of the Ward Alliance Fund is £9,602.41.

5. Funding Bids

Friends of Wilthorpe Park

- The park group sent in a bid to request a container for the park. This was submitted as the room for the event items and gardening equipment that are building up.
- The bid was recommended for approval with a total of £2,416

Hanging Baskets

- The bid for the hanging baskets was submitted for approval
- It was noted that this money would hopefully come back into the pot, as it's there to cover any non-payment from sponsors.
- Questions were asked about putting on Ward Alliance details for the plaques, but Lee explained with the fact that sponsors were paying for this, and the fact that they are uniform throughout the Borough, it would not be appropriate to put this on, however, we can have a discussion around sponsoring some baskets from the Old Town Ward Alliance themselves.
- The bid was recommended for approval with a total of £3,000

6. Events 2024

Old Town Carnival

- As noted above, Bill is contacting Jo Batty and Kirsty to ensure volunteers are moving forward with this

Pogmoor Summer Gala

- This is in the hands of Love Gawber and Pogmoor to arrange
- They are looking at around July for this

Kings Award Tea Party

- Friends of Wilthorpe Park are still interested in arranging a gala / afternoon tea to celebrate the Kings Award for Voluntary Service
- In all cases, Ward Alliance members said they are free to apply to the Ward Alliance for support and funding.

7. Community Pantry

- Lee explained that the venue for the community pantry is almost cleared, and a storage cupboard is being ordered for the craft group.
- Fareshare have the application for food delivery and are reviewing it
- Lee is about to submit bid for Healthier Communities money
- Gillian suggested she could get a contact for ALDI to get a discount on food

Action: Gillian to provide ALDI contact to Lee

Action: Lee to submit Healthier Communities bid

8. Community Caretakers

- The following areas were mentioned for looking at by the Community Caretakers
 - Wakefield Rd at side of Grey Horse
 - Leaves on the path at West Rd
 - Moss on pavements

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 13th February 2024, 6.30pm, **Honeywell Community Centre**

Appendix Four:

St Helens Ward Alliance
Thursday 11th January 2024 - 4pm, Roundhouse Library
Notes of the Meeting

Present

CHAIR Cllr Sarah Tattersall

Community Members -, Kath Bostwick, Claire Nock, Sally Goodier, and Michelle Cooper

BMBC Staff - Lee Swift

Apologies Cllr Neil Wright, Cllr Dave Leech, Dawn Bailey

- Welcomes and Introductions

Minutes from the previous meeting

One alteration in Any Other Business.

- SG enquired over the bin on Derwent Road to be permanently fixed not removed.

The minutes were then accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Action Points from the previous meeting

Follow on to next meeting – **Cllr NW** feedback from New Lodge Community Group re Halloween event.

Cllr ST – Spoke to Father Needham from St Helens about the Memory Tree event –

After much discussion about the Memory Tree event it was agreed that Cllr Tattersall would speak to Father Peter from St Helens and enquire as to whether we could link this with All Souls Day in November 2024

ACTION Cllr ST

LS - Monitoring Form for Girl Guides at St Helens Church – Lee passed this onto Pat Padgett

The topic of monitoring forms caused a discussion and KB asked why they are not brought to the meetings. It was agreed that all future monitoring forms would be seen at Ward Alliance Meetings

ACTION LS

LS - Performance Reports from the biannual reports completed by the NAC team plus the Ground Rules and Ward Plan for 2024/2025 will be done at our upcoming Ward Planning Meeting

ACTION LS

LS – Environmental Caretakers – it was reported that all the requested work had been done to a very high standard.

Cllr ST/Cllr NW – this issue with the bin/s will be carried over to the next meeting.

Cllr DL – the issue with the Road Safety will be carried over to the next meeting.

Funding Applications

Lee gave the background for the application for Hanging baskets for our area.

There was a great deal of discussion about the cost for sponsorship of the hanging baskets.

The application for Hanging Baskets was deferred until after the Area Council meeting on the 15th January. An extra-ordinary meeting will be held depending on the outcome of this.

ACTION Cllr ST / LS

Funding Update

Lee gave a comprehensive report on our current financial situation.

There was a lengthy discussion around the allocation of funding and money in 2024/2025

It was requested that a change to how the budget is presented. This will include the remaining money of each event once this has been completed.

KB asked for an update of the funding situation after the Summer Gala and the Halloween event

ACTION LS

Environmental Caretakers

Reports have been coming in from the community about the great work that the team are doing.

A list of forthcoming events was handed to all members.

SG reported that there had been a significant increase in the amount of dog faeces on Peveral Cres – this needs reporting to the Wardens.

ACTION Cllr ST

KB reported that the Mondal Cres area needed work in the area – this is the responsibility of Berneslai Homes.

Lee reported that the Caretakers will do 3 weekend community events per year as part of their contract – If any group would like to work with them.

Ad Astra as part of their Easter Holiday provision will be doing an Easter Hunt – Litter Pick and supplying Pie and Peas to the participants.

ACTION MC

KB spoke about the Standhill Crescent area that leads to the Active Travel Routes – this area is overgrown – It was reported that Cllr DL has been in discussions with the NCB about the area – we will take this to the next meeting.

ACTION LS

Events

KB spoke about the success of the St Helens Church Christmas events and how the numbers were significant.

The timings worked well at all events running them straight after schools.

Cllr ST reported that we would normally have three events.

KB asked if Holy Trinity could be involved this year with the possible use of the Blessed Sacrament Church as a Christmas event.

SG asked if there was any possibility of a Christmas Tree on the Monsal Crescent area.

More consultation required.

ACTION Cllr ST

KB asked about Christmas Lights around the Roundhouse Area – storage of lights is an issue.

ACTION Cllr NW / KB

Costings would be required for 6 – 10 lights.

ACTION LS

Gala 2024

Thanks were given to past organisers of this event and issues were discussed.

Required to run the event is an organiser and a working party.

Working Party will consist of Cllr NW SG CN and KB – this group will organise their first meeting.

Cllr ST will support the group.

For Rules of Engagement for the Working Party

- The Working party will report back to the full meeting.
- The final say on any decisions will go to the full meeting.

ACTION Cllr NW – SG – CN – KB

A discussion was had about a working budget for the Gala it was agreed that an application for £1200 would be put together for the next meeting.

ACTION Cllr ST

The working party are going to contact vendors to check on their availability for the summer. Lee will pass on all the details he has of vendors we have used previously. People discussed the need to move away from strictly agency stalls. MC suggested allowing the stalls, but encouraging more engaging activities and offers from those providers e.g. mini games they can play and run as part of it.

ACTION LS AND GALA WORKING PARTY

Any Other Business

Dates for WA meetings for 2024

ACTION MC

KB – asked about Wildflower seeding – several areas were suggested but these required more information, and we may need to do a consultation with residents who live in the area.

Information about seeds and costings

ACTION KB

Enquire with the Environmental Caretakers for a Bluebell wooded area.

ACTION LS

Enquire with Highways for clarification and guidance re wildflower areas.

ACTION Cllr ST

Possible Community event could be Litter Pick / Clean up and seed /bulb planting session at Wharnccliffe Memorial Field.

DATE OF THE NEXT AND FUTURE 2024 MEETINGS

DONM February 22nd 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

April 4th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

(This is the Thursday following Easter Monday – are members away?)

May 16th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

June 27th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

We may need an early July meeting to confirm details for Summer Gala instead of the August meeting.

August 8th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

(do we do an August Meeting??)

September 19th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

October 31st 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

December 12th 4pm at The Roundhouse Library

St Helens Ward Alliance
Extra-ordinary Meeting - 23rd Jan 2024

Present

Chair Cllr Sarah Tattersall

Cllr Neil Wright Cllr Dave Leech

Community Members Dawn Bailey (DB) Sally Goodier (SG) Claire Nock (CN) Kath Bostwick (KB)

Michelle Cooper (MC)

BMBC Lee Swift (LS)

This was a one item Agenda – Hanging Baskets for the St Helens Ward

Cllr ST gave an introductory set up for the meeting

LS updated the group on the process he had

Cllr DL spoke to the group about setting up a meeting with Rachael Payling and the other area chairs to discuss the amount of subsidizing that will be put in place for the baskets – explaining in this current economic climate the increase from the previous year was high and questioned would people /companies be able to afford the increase.

LS had been out and done a survey of all the lampposts in the area (with the aim to submit them to Street Lighting) to verify if they are suitable for Hanging baskets – He informed the group that this has to be done every year.

The next step would be to have all sponsorships/ requirements (Basket orders) in by 19th February to confirm the orders with the company supplying.

Lee and his colleagues are currently contacting all previous sponsors of Hanging Baskets with the new prices.

Brand New Sponsor- Basket £145 – this includes basket and sign

Previous Sponsor – Basket £110 – this includes basket

Additional cost of £16 if a new bracket is required for the lamppost

Cllr DL – Asked if we should expect the sponsors to pay for a bracket? Should Ward Alliances pay for the brackets then they will own them.

LS – Sponsors shouldn't have to pay for brackets as there are several in the area from previous years and currently the WA hasn't agreed to contribute to the Hanging Baskets

LS – BMBC will sort Lampposts and brackets – and they will stick to their original price of £16 per bracket should we require any

There was a great deal of discussion around:

- how many sponsors we have had in previous years (10 – 15) and whether the cost of sponsorship would be estimated to be repaid
- the increase in price this year. – (£67 last year)
- Where the previous year's baskets are now
- The company who acquired the tender (KMO Ltd)
- who they have subcontracted to in Barnsley (Twiggs)
- Could we use a local supplier and the implications
- Could we use a local supplier in future years

Cllr ST gave the group the options and costings for Hanging Baskets

Minimum cost for 20 baskets with no signs or brackets £2200

Maximum cost for 20 baskets with signs etc. £3320

Everyone around the table was given the opportunity to air their views
KB proposed we purchase 20 baskets at the minimal cost of £2200
SG seconded this proposal
It was agreed and voted unanimously
We will await the response from the Area Chairs at our next meeting

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