

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday 15 December 2023
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Markham (Chair), Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, Higginbottom, Osborne, Shepherd, Smith, Stowe, White and A. Wray

23 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Higginbottom declared a pecuniary interest as an employee of Age UK Barnsley in respect of minute number 30.

Councillor Frost declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of Age UK Barnsley in respect of minute number 30.

Councillor Markham declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of Age UK Barnsley in respect of minute number 30.

Councillor Osborne declared a non-pecuniary interest as a board member at Berneslai Homes in respect of the agenda as a whole.

24 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 20 October 2023 (Sac.15.12.2023/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 20 October 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 20 October 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

25 Healthwatch - Tracy Hughes (Sac.15.12.2023/3)

Members received a verbal presentation on the topic of adult safeguarding and the role Healthwatch Barnsley played in supporting this issue. Topics discussed included how information on safeguarding was communicated to the public, through literature, partnership working and active in-person engagement. Healthwatch Barnsley was able to provide a supporting role in the reporting of safeguarding concerns from the public to the local authority.

During Member discussion, a lack of information on how to access support by the public was highlighted, as was the importance of working with partners such as housing associations and engaging through community events. It was stated that up-to-date lists of contacts for this area should be provided to multi-agency workers, so to alleviate some of the existing gaps in where workers could signpost. Members discussed incidents where safeguarding concerns should be reported, including

vulnerable adults being manipulated at home and changes of behaviour being noticed by neighbours and community workers.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

26 Community Safety - Rachel Dickinson (Sac.15.12.2023/4)

Members received a presentation on the Clear Hold and Build initiative, a three-step model which looked to tackle organised crime in an innovative way. Hoyland had been chosen as a pilot location of this Home Office initiative.

During Member discussion examples of organised crime and ASB across the South Area were considered at length, including drug crime and off-road bikers. In determining methods to tackle crime, Members identified; CCTV and street-lighting, partnership agency working, youth workers and opportunities for young people, and appropriate locating of supported living accommodation. The shortfalls in police resource were acknowledged, as were delays in courts convicting criminals.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

27 District Enforcement - School Patrols Contract Update - Paul Wilcock (Sac.15.12.2023/5)

Members received a presentation from District Enforcement with an update on their activity on parking enforcement outside schools.

Various parking contraventions were discussed by Members as were solutions to the issues presented. As well as enforcement action through fixed penalty notices, Members considered the educational aspect of the contract. Discussion was also had on how faded signage should be renewed and proposals for future traffic regulation orders be considered, where proportionate.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

28 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.15.12.2023/6)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances; Darfield Ward Alliance held on 16 November 2023; and Wombwell Ward Alliance held on 20 November 2023.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

29 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.15.12.2023/7)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, referring to the report circulated in the agenda pack.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

30 Procurement and Finance Report with Performance Update (Sac.15.12.2023/8)

The Area Council Manager introduced the report and outlined to Members the commissioned services contracts and service level agreements that were due for expiry in the upcoming financial year 2024-25. The commissioned services comprised:

- Environmental Enforcement services
- South Area Caretaker service
- Age UK Barnsley – Better Together Service
- Barnsley CAB – community outreach project
- Private sector housing support
- South Area Council commissioning budget

During Member discussion a consensus was reached that the private sector housing support SLA was to be renewed and needn't be workshopped.

RESOLVED :-

1. That the private sector housing SLA be renewed; and
2. That Members note the information and updates within the report and agree to reviewing the remaining South Area Council priorities and commissioning services in a series of workshops to be arranged by the South Area Council Manager.

Chair