

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North East Area Council Meeting:
22nd September 2022**

**Report of North East Area Council
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North East Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up-to-date overview of North East Area Council's current priorities, and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 The report outlines the financial position to date for 2022-23 and the projected financial position to 2023-24. Please note financial projections assume that the base income budget remains the same and that existing services are maintained.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the overview of North East Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant fund projects, with associated timescales.
- 2.2 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2022-23 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1 & 2 of this report.
- 2.3 Members agree recommendations from the Youth Development Fund panel to fund three projects as follows:
 - 1) Ad Astra, Young Peoples Group sessions in school - Carlton CC, £6,000
 - 2) Ad Astra, Young Peoples Group sessions in school - Shafton ALC, £6,000
 - 3) Ad Astra, Young Peoples 1-1 Support Carlton CC, £6,680
- 2.4 Members consider options regarding part-funding of Stop Smoking Advisor from 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023 at a cost of £19,261
- 2.5 Members note appendix 3 to this report – Welfare Services Review

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

Service	Provider	Cost	Date From	Date To	
Love Where you Live					
Devolved to Ward Alliances	Ward Alliances	£40,000	01/04/2022	31/03/2023	Funds Transfer
Neighbourhood Engagement Officer	BMBC	£32,865	01/04/2022	31/03/2024	Cost of Salary
Cudworth Darfield Road	Darfield Road Community Centre	£4,820	01/04/2022	One Off	Grant
Responsible Dog Owner Project	NEAC Project	£4,000 (£1k Per Year)	01/04/2019	31/03/2023	Purchasing
Thriving & Vibrant Economy					
Traineeships: Environmental Services	Barnsley Community Build	£222,988.33	01/04/2021	31/03/2023	Contract
Private Sector Housing Management Officer	BMBC Safer Communities	£37,750	01/04/2022	31/03/2024	SLA
Young People					
After School & Holiday Clubs - Brierly	The Exodus Project	£4,020	01/01/2022	31/12/2023	Youth Development Grant
After School & Holiday Clubs - Cudworth	The Exodus Project	£5,995	01/06/2022	31/05/2023	Youth Development Grant
After School & Holiday Clubs	Grimethorpe Activity Zone	£5,700	01/04/2022	31/03/2023	Youth Development Grant
FIT Kids Excercize Sessions	New Options CIC	£6,000	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	Youth Development Grant
Young Peoples sessions in school - Carlton CC	Ad Astra	£5,499	01/09/2021	31/07/2022	Youth Development Grant
Young Peoples sessions in school - Shafton ALC	Ad Astra	£5,499	01/09/2021	31/07/2022	Youth Development Grant
Essential Period & Hygiene Supplies	Ad Astra	£2,000	As and when Required	Until spent	Youth Development Grant

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Sessions for Children & young People	Great Houghton Youth Group	£8,204	01/09/2021	31/08/2022	Youth Development Grant
Children's Mental Health	HEY (formerly TADS)	£17,000	01/02/2022	31/01/2023	Youth Development Grant
Husbandry Learning Opportunities	Community Community Farm	£6,005	01/09/2021	31/08/2022	Youth Development Grant
Youth Engagement	University of Sheffield	TBC			Youth Development Grant
Football Summer Camps & Activities	Love Life UK (Bruce Dyer)	TBC			Youth Development Grant
Healthy Lifestyles					
Social Isolation & Dementia	Age UK Barnsley	£40,000	01/04/2022	31/03/2023	Grant

4 Contract & Grant Financial Decisions

4.1 Youth Development Fund Update:

As per custom and practice over several years; Members have devolved the award of grants via the Youth Development Fund to a Grants Panel consisting of the Area Manager and an elected Member from each Ward. The panel is currently made up of the Area Manager, Cllr Joe Hayward, Cllr Caroline Makinson, Cllr Ken Richardson, Cllr Jeff Ennis.

The panel met and on 5th September 2022 and recommend the following awards:

- 4.1.1 **Ad Astra:** £6,000 per year for 1 academic year to deliver
Project Summary: Young Peoples group sessions in Shafton ALC
- 4.1.2 **Ad Astra:** £6,000 per year for 1 academic year to deliver
Project Summary: Young Peoples group sessions in Carlton ALC
- 4.1.3 **Ad Astra:** £6,840 per year for 1 academic year to deliver
Project Summary: Young Peoples 1-1 sessions in Carlton ALC

The panel had a lengthy discussion about creating opportunities for a more equitable and sustainable approach across the North East Area Council area and have asked the Manager to provide an options appraisal for further discussion at panel in October.

An update and recommendations will be provided at November's Area Council.

4.2 Stop Smoking Outreach Service

4.2.1 Background: The North East Area Council commissioned a community outreach stop smoking advisor which commenced April 2018. The advisor is well established throughout the North East Area and has produced some very positive results. It can be highlighted that the advisor working in this area has exceeded annual targets for supporting people to quit. Four week and twelve week quit rates continue to improve year on year, with 51% of people quitting in Year 1 and 58% quitting in Year 2 of the project. The advisor runs several clinics across the area at a variety of locations, including GP practices and family and community centres. All the sessions have been well attended, and positive client feedback has been received.

Towards the end of 2021, one-off funding became available and consequently an additional contract was created with the service provider for the provision of area-based stop smoking advisors specifically situated in high-prevalence areas of the borough, and adopting the North East Area model (see appendix one – specification). The Universal Service cover all areas of the borough, whereas those advisors under the additional contract conduct dedicated clinics, build relationships, and attend localised events solely with clients and businesses/ organisations from that area.

Prior to having this one-off additional funding, the North East advisors cost were covered by the North East Area Council. From 1st November 2021 three area-based advisors were placed in the South and Dearne areas and public health also covered the cost of the North East advisor for a one year period (ending 31st October 2022), in-line with one-off funding commitments. The decision to place advisors in the three areas above followed discussions with our stop smoking service provider, with the central area already having good coverage by the core service.

4.2.2 Evaluation: Public Health evaluated our Stop Smoking Services (SSS) from October 2017 to March 2022, encompassing the universal offer, smoking in pregnancy offer (SIP), and novel ‘hub and spoke’ model (Area Based Advisors). Data and information used includes: systematic evidence review, routine performance data and accompanying narratives, stakeholder opinion and feedback, and service user feedback. The aim of this evaluation is to examine the impact on outcomes of (1) changing providers from November 2019, and (2) the novel Hub and Spoke Model introduced in late 2021.

The main findings from the evaluation specific to this report include:

- The splitting of contracts in 2019 has likely had a positive impact on quits, although the full potential of this has been hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic. Extension of the current contract would be recommended for at least 1 year to further appreciate this effect, and allow time for referrals and subsequent KPIs to further recover

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- Some existing KPIs could be more ambitious in future contracts, for example 4 week and 12 week quit rates for the Universal offer
- Consider an economic evaluation or similar financial examination of costs of the service against its outcomes
- The priority group of routine and manual workers requires further focus. Capacity for both increased promotion of the service and service provision in this group this may come from the Area Based Advisors (currently in areas with high-proportions of routine and manual workers)
- Further work is needed to improve access to the service for those on lower incomes (this may come from the work of the Area Based Advisors)
- There was insufficient data to definitively determine the effectiveness of the new Area Based Advisors, although there is some early indication of a positive effect on quits and meeting of targets. Therefore, a recommendation would be A future analysis of KPIs comparing (and potentially pooling) Areas with and without Area-advisors is recommended, for example in early 2023

4.2.3 **Risks:** Potential risks to universal service delivery if funding cannot be sought:

- Service capacity issues due to an increase in referrals from the QUIT programme and other planned interventions i.e., Lung Health Checks
- A decrease in clients on low incomes entering the service due to the rising cost of living
- No time frame for agreement for Principal Town Plans making it difficult to discuss investment from these areas

4.2.4 **Reccomendations:**

- 4.2.1.1 Recommended Option 1: Public Health are able to fund **50%** of the Stop Smoking Advisor Costs for 12m. It is recommended that the North East Area Council fund the balance at a cost of £19,261 (Total cost of service £38,522) for 12m from 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023.

Action on Smoking Health calculates the cost of smoking to society and key to note for Barnsley is:

- It is estimated that each smoker will spend around £2000 annually on tobacco products
- Furthermore, according to NICE, every £1 spent on smoking cessation will save Barnsley £10 in future health and social care costs.

- 4.2.1.2 Option 2: Do nothing and the current area-based model will cease on 31st October 2022

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5 Financial Position

- 5.1 Based on updated information relating to existing NEAC contracts, SLA's and Grant Agreements, Appendix 1 provides a revised position statement on NEAC funding. It shows *actual* income and expenditure for 2021-22.

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

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

Items being considered at today's meeting and other informally agreed services/considerations are shown in **amber**, with any future potential proposals shown in **red**.

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

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

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report – Actual income and expenditure

Appendix 2: Budget Projections

Appendix 3: Welfare Services Review Paper