

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting:

## Report of Dearne Area Council Manager

### The Dearne Area Council Housing Enforcement

#### 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members regarding the role of the enforcement and investigations officer and the proposal for funding this post until March 2017.

#### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members of the Dearne Area Council approve funding the enforcement and investigations officer post until March 2017 and allocate approximately £12,000 out of their commissioning budget to continue the level of Housing and enforcement provision that already exists within the Dearne Area.

#### 3.0 Roles and costings

- 3.1 The enforcement and Investigations officers role is to direct a team of anti-social behaviour enforcement officers in case managing instances of serious and persistent anti-social behaviour regardless of tenure ensuring appropriate outcomes are determined for each case within acceptable timescales. To timely progress straightforward legal cases including application and advocacy in court particularly in respect of Introductory Tenants and Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions.
- 3.2 A Service level agreement was developed by the Dearne Area Council and BMBC community safety in November 2014 and subsequently updated August 2015. This agreement was to provide enforcement and investigations officer for a period of one year within the Dearne Area. Subsequently at a Dearne Area Council meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 this post was funded for a further year, ending in November 2016.
- 3.3 BMBC community safety sourced funds from the Barnsley Economic Strategy in order to provide the Dearne with additional resources by way of having private sector housing Officer placed in the Dearne for a one year period. Again this post was funded by the Area Council for a further year and this post is funded until March 2017.
- 3.4 In order to ensure both posts were operating in the Dearne area, align to financial years and maintain current provision. The cost of extending the enforcement and Investigations officer's role would be approximately 12K. If

approved both the enforcement and Investigations officers and the private sector housing officer would both be secure until the end of March 2017.

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