

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 6th June 2016**

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Update on Ward Alliance Fund and Devolved Ward budget spend

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks to inform Members about spend to date from Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne Area.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.

3.0 Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to Devolved Budget and Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

3.2 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4.0 Commitments to Date

4.1 Dearne North Ward spent all of its devolved ward budget allocation; there is no devolved ward budget for the 16/17 financial year. In the 15/16 financial year the Ward Alliance underspent by £69. Therefore for the 16/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has a starting budget of £10,069 to spend on Dearne North projects

Dearne South Ward spent all of its devolved ward budget allocation; there is no devolved ward budget for the 16/17 financial year. In the 15/16 financial year the Ward Alliance underspent by £1160. Therefore for the 16/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has a starting budget of £11,160 to spend on Dearne South projects

4.2 The Area Council have agreed with the option to allocate finances from the Area Council budget to the Ward Alliance. It was agreed that the Area Council discuss this at a later date when monies have been spent out of this year's allocation.

Further point to note is that 50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods

and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

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

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