

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
13th March 2023

Agenda Item: 5

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Area Governance – North Area 10 Year Celebration

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To ensure that Members are aware of the intention to hold a North Area 10 Year Celebration event and the opportunity to participate in the planning.

2. Recommendation

2.1. **Members note the report.**

2.2. **Members are requested to identify Ward Alliance funded projects to showcase.**

3. Background

3.1. The current Area Governance arrangements were introduced in 2013.

3.2. Following the Covid Pandemic as part of the recovery steps the Stronger Communities have been working through a plan to re-connect with communities and promote the contributions of everyone involved in the local area arrangements.

3.3. 10 years is a significant milestone and an excellent opportunity to reflect on the significant contributions of the Ward Alliances and the wider voluntary and community sector.

3.4. Objectives

- To celebrate and inform residents about our unique structure of Area Councils and Ward Alliances and to celebrate the last 10 years, when the model was first introduced. Showcasing the great work that has taken place in the last ten years.
- Raise awareness of Area Councils and Ward Alliances and the positive work they have done over the last 10 years to contribute to the Barnsley 2030 priorities
- Encourage more people to get involved in their local community and promote how they can do that

3.5. There will be a series of centralised events and engagement opportunities.

3.6. There is also a requirement to deliver an area-based Volunteer Celebration Event. With a focus on recognition of significant contributions.

4. Proposals for the North Area's Celebration

- 4.1. The North Area has a history of celebrating success and community contribution at Ward level but it is many years since the last North Area Commissioning and Ward Alliance networking event was held.
- 4.2. Councillors have been consulted on potential dates. Dates being considered are (save the date invites have been shared with Councillors):
Friday 8th September
Friday 15th September
- 4.3. A date is required to ensure that a venue can be identified. It is recommended that this is a community venue, rather than a town centre venue.

5. Shaping the Celebration

- 5.1. The North Area Team has been tasked with arranging the event. To ensure that Members are empowered to contribute in their Community Leadership role, an elected Councillor from each ward and the Area Chair have volunteered to assist with event planning:
Chair: Cllr Dave Leech
Darton East Cllr Dickie Denton
Darton West Cllr Alice Cave
Old Town TBC
St. Helen's Cllr Sarah Tattersall
- 5.2. The planning group will work collaboratively to agree key considerations: date, time, venue, catering and entertainment.
- 5.3. Ward Alliances are also requested to identify projects they have funded to be showcased. It is intended to invite a short presentation for each project. Support is available from the North Team to ensure that any barriers are overcome.

6. Cost Implications

- 6.1. There are no budget implications to the North Area Council at this time. A budget of £1,500 has been allocated to each locality to host an event.
- 6.2. Event shaping may lead to increased costs.

7. Recommended Next Steps

- 7.1. The Area Manager will arrange to meet with the working group monthly to work through the planning and preparation of the event. An update will be provided at Area Council meetings.

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