



**North Area Council  
10 year celebration and LGA Peer  
Review**

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## 10 year celebration 2023

As part of the 10 point plan it was agreed to mark the 10 year celebration of Area Councils and Ward Alliances

The Area Councils and Ward Alliances have been in existence since May 2013, there has been a significant amount of work delivered to achieve the successes through this model. Purple Cabinet agreed to support the celebrations throughout the year of 2023, these are: -

- The launch event 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 <https://youtu.be/TlyLwkbpmnQ> plus a presence of staff for the next month at the Market Atrium to talk with the public about the opportunities to get involved. Along with a presence from our providers to engage with local communities and promote the good work.
- An individual celebration event in each of the six area to thank your volunteers
- A promotional stall at the Big Weekend event in July
- Dedicating the Love Where You Live award to the last 10 years
- A series of floats in the procession at the Bright Nights event in November to close the years celebrations



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## Intended outcomes of the 10 year celebration year

- Improve the understanding in local communities of the work of Area Councils and Ward Alliances
- Improve the promotional opportunities of the Area Councils and Ward Alliances – to improve the awareness of where to access services and get involved
- Celebrate local volunteers and thank them for their contributions
- Increase the awareness of volunteering opportunities and how local people can get involved
- Deliver the re-branding exercise as agreed and provide some consistent messaging into local communities about who the Area Councils are, what they do, how much funding they spend, what projects they support along with some key messaging for Ward Alliances to use
- Already aligned all of the deliverables through the Area Councils and Ward Alliances to the Barnsley 2030 priorities to ensure a golden thread through to the Council Plan
- Improved marketing of the Area Councils and Ward Alliances through a refresh to the website along with improved promotion of the services being offered and how to access these.



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## What is a LGA peer review?

This Stronger Communities Peer Challenge is based on the tried, tested and trusted Local Government Association model. This reflects the within local government for councils to informally test their effectiveness and learn from others.

- It is a voluntary and flexible process commissioned by a council to aid their improvement and learning.
- It involves a team of peers from local government (and sometimes those connected with it) who spend time onsite at the council to reflect back and challenge its practice in order to help the authority to reflect on, and improve, the way it works.



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- As it is the 10 year celebratory year of the area arrangements it was agreed to undertake an independent assessment of the model. It was agreed as part of the 10 point plan to invite the LGA to come and undertake a peer review in Barnsley.
- The peer review is taking place from the 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- The peer review team has been agreed by the Council
- The people being interviewed have been agreed and invited to take part
- The peer review team will be taken to see some projects in Barnsley that have been delivered as part of the Area Councils and Ward Alliances
- Initial feedback will be provided on the last day and a full report will be provided 2-3 months after the visit
- Next steps will be instigated following the final report
- Transformation Review running alongside this process.



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Thank-you for listening any questions



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