

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Summary report of the Penistone Area Council Manager

Penistone Area Council Procurement and Financial updates

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides members with a summary update on the following commissioning and procurement activity:

- Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people service
- Working Together Grant Fund
- Supporting Young People Grant Fund
- Clean & Tidy Service

1.2 The report advises of the current priorities for PAC linking to spend

1.3 The report outlines the current budget position of the Penistone Ward Alliance

1.4 The report outlines the financial position for Penistone Area Council and provides a year end statement for the financial year 2022/23.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 **That members note the update of the contract funded by the new Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund and agree for an end of year review at PAC meeting June 8th 2023**

2.2 **That members receive the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund.**

2.3 **That members receive the update on the Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Grant Fund .**

2.4 **That members note the updates on the current Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020 and agree to further discussion re the future procurement process.**

2.5 **That members note the update and year end financial position of the Ward Alliance budget.**

2.6 **That Members note the record of allocated spend and end of year financial statement from the PAC financial budget for 2022/23 and current budget position for 2023/24.**

3.0 **Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Service**

- 3.1 At the PAC meeting 1st October 2020 it was agreed that £70K was made available from the 2020/21 Area Council budget to set up a further 'Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Fund' (SVIOP) with devolved responsibility for the formal approval of the grants to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the grant fund Panel Members.
- 3.2 Following member review of previous provision to establish a grant specification in August 2021 a robust grant procurement process was established and a new service delivered by Age UK Barnsley was secured to support vulnerable and isolated older people Ageing Well in Penistone.
- 3.3 The new contract started from July 1st 2022 at a cost of £70k per year for two years. PAC members have been provided with regular quarterly updates on the progress of this contract since it started at their meetings.
- 3.4 It is recommended that members receive a full 12 month evaluation of outcomes for the first year of this contract at their meeting on June 8th 2023, in order to decide on progression to year 2 of this contract and agree any funds associated with this.

4.0 **Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund**

- 4.1 At PAC 9th February 2023 Members were informed that a total of **£10,986** remained within the Working Together Grant fund, and that there were insufficient funds to be able to respond to emerging needs resulting from the impact of the rising costs of living. Members at this meeting subsequently agreed that an additional allocation of **£80k** be made to this grant pot from within the 2022/23 PAC budget.
- 4.2 Following a presentation to members at PAC February 9th 2023 by Citizens Advice Bureau where outcomes from their grant funded Debt advice service for Penistone for the last 12 months were outlined, members were informed of the likely potential future need for the area. As a result, members agreed that there was a future need for this service from April 2023 and encouraged CAB to apply for further Working together grant funds
- 4.3 An application from CAB for £21,179 to deliver a service for 2 years was received by the Working together grant panel, following the February PAC meeting. This grant funding application was approved by the Panel on March 22nd 2023.
- 4.4 External monies available through the remaining Practical Support grant within PAC budget will provide a contribution of £7245 to the delivery of the CAB service, which means **£13,934** will be allocated from the working together grant pot.
- 4.5 A current total of **£77,052** now remains within this grant pot which would enable PAC to consider new innovative approaches to addressing local need emerging from the rising cost of living such as food support and health impacts as discussed within this meeting.

4.6 Total allocations to date (since the grant started in 2014)

Penistone FM	£ 15,627.00
Penistone Round Table	£ 11,660.00
Penisone Scout Group	£ 8,050.00
Sporting Penistone	£ 16,230.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2017)	£ 4,275.00
Barnsley Market – BMBC Market Barn additions lighting and Wi-fi	£ 6,740.00
Penistone Youth Project (TYS)	£ 8,730.00
The People Focussed Group (Bumping spaces)	£ 19,836.00
Cycle Penistone CIC	£ 5,990.00
Penistone FM Community Radio Older people	£ 19,840.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 pilot	£ 5,000.00
Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers Penistone Station project	£ 6,630.00
Allocation to Ward Alliances	£ 10,000.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2018)	£ 4,395.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 Pilot extension	£ 6,538.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery 2018/19	£ 20,000.00
TPT conservation volunteers Penistone Station project extension	£ 2,890.00
Penistone FM Young Voices	£ 7,644.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2019 with option to extend to 2020)	£ 9,700.00
CAB Barnsley (Information and Advice Debt support 6 month Pilot to Sept 2019)	£ 2,115.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery contribution 2019/20	£ 14,000
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2020	£ 3566
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2021	£8118
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2021 with option to extend to 2022)	£10,136
Penistone FM Young Minds project	£8583
Additional amount allocated to cover YP grant overspend	£594
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to April 2023	£8191

Additional amount to Supporting Young People grant 2022	£574
DIAL (Information and Advice service) delivery for 2023	£5198
Angel Voices academy adult singing workshops	£8650
Total Allocations to February 2023	£259,500
<i>Amount remaining February 2023</i>	£10,986
<i>PAC allocation to enhance grant pot to meet emerging cost of living needs March 2023</i>	£80,000
<i>Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to April 2025</i>	£13,934
<i>Total amount available for allocation April 2023</i>	£77,052

5.0 Working Together Grant fund – Supporting Young People

- 5.1 At PAC meeting October 1st 2020 members agreed to an additional £40k allocated from within the current 2020/21 PAC commissioning budget to be ringfenced within the Working Together Fund and promoted solely for the use of activities which will support the physical and mental wellbeing of young people.
- 5.2 Following grant panel assessment of applications in late April /early May 2021 five project proposals were approved for funding at a total cost of £40,594. The additional £594 outside of the ringfenced grant allocation is recouped from the main Working Together Fund grant pot as show in 4.6 within this report.
- 5.3 Following the successful outcomes from projects funded, PAC at its meeting of April 7th 2022 approved for a second round of Supporting Young People Grant at a cost of £40k from within the current budget to encourage further provision.
- 5.4 Four projects were successfully approved by the grant panel in July 2022 at a cost of £40,574 (with the remaining £574 added from the main Working together grant fund as shown at 4.6 within this report)
- 5.5 Performance reporting from all projects has been received by PAC since this grant was approved and further updates will be available to PAC at its meeting on June 8th 2023.

5.6 Breakdown of allocations for Supporting Young people grant round 2

Ad Astra – supporting young people pre16 in Penistone Grammar school	£ 8,124
Angel Voices	£14,950
Penistone Girl Guiding	£10,000
Penistone Grammar peer support	£7,500
Total allocations	£40,574

6.0 **Clean, Green and Tidy Service**

- 6.1 Following a robust procurement process, in which members participated, Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd were successful in being appointed as the preferred provider for the Penistone Clean, Green and Tidy service and started their contract on the 1st April 2020 at a cost of £100,000 for the year from within the 2020/21 area council budget allocation.
- 6.2 The current Clean Green and Tidy service contract started during the lock down period for Covid-19 and as a result it was agreed to flex this to meet immediate needs during the crisis period. The contract performed satisfactorily within the flexed terms with performance highlighted at PAC meetings during 2020.
- 6.3 Members at PAC February 11th 2021 agreed to the continuation of this service to year two of the contract from April 2021 at a cost of £100k from the 2021/22 PAC budget. A full update of this service, and performance during the pandemic period was received by members at PAC June 3rd 2021.
- 6.4 Year two of the Clean Green and Tidy service contract has continued to be reviewed and flexed in order to accommodate the ongoing impact of the pandemic in 2021. A full summary of Year 2 performance was presented to members at PAC on February 10th 2022. In light of the findings of this, members agreed to continue to fund the final year of this contract from April 2022 at a cost of £100k from the 2022/23 PAC budget.
- 6.5 At it's meeting of June 9th 2022 PAC members agreed to participate in a review workshop during August 2022 to consider any future requirement for a new Clean, Green and Tidy Service for the Penistone area. Outcomes from the workshop on August 17th 2022 indicated that members wish to progress a procurement exercise for a further clean green and tidy service to start from April 2023.
- 6.6 At PAC September 15th 2022 Members approved £100k to be allocated from the PAC 2023/24 budget in order to progress the procurement process for a new clean green and tidy contract from April 2023
- 6.7 A member workshop was held on November 16th 2022 to consider the future contract specification and procurement options for a contract from April 2023. In light of the outcomes of this workshop, and to ensure sufficient time for development of the procurement process members at PAC 1st December 2022 approved a 6 month waiver to the existing Clean Green and Tidy contract from April 2023, at a cost of £50k allocated from the PAC 2023/24 budget.
- 6.8 Following a recent meeting with Twiggs outside of PAC, members agreed 6 month waiver outcomes for the existing contract. A quarter 4 performance update on the existing contract will be available to PAC members at their meeting on June 8th 2023.
- 6.9 It is recommended that members participate in a further workshop within the next 3 months, to agree and indicate preferred outcomes for the future procurement exercise

7.0 Penistone Ward Alliance

- 7.1 A budget allocation of £20k (£10k for each ward within the Penistone area) was made available to the Ward Alliance outside of Area Council funds for the financial year 2022/23. This, together with underspend of **£2,777.23** from the previous financial year 2021/22 and a carry forward allocation of **£5,960.00** from the ring fenced School's Out allocations provided the Ward Alliance with a working budget of **£28,737.23** for the 2022/23 financial year.
- 7.2 Following the Ward Alliance meetings of February 9th and March 9th 2023 final spend from the 2022/23 budget totalled **£23,208** leaving a remaining total of 5,529. Members are advised that the underspend remaining has now been carried forward to the 2023/24 Ward alliance budget allocation.
- 7.3 From April 1st 2023 a budget allocation of £20k (£10k for each ward within the Penistone area) has now been made available to the Penistone Ward Alliance outside of Area Council Funds for the financial year 2023/24. Together with remaining underspend from 2022/23, this gives the Ward Alliance a total budget of £25,529 for the current financial year.

8.0 Penistone Area Council Priorities

- 8.1 The current area governance arrangements recommend that Area Council priorities are reviewed on a regular basis in order to ensure that these reflect the current and emerging needs of the area and funding can be allocated appropriately
- 8.2 At PAC June 9th 2022 members agreed to participate in a workshop in early September to reconsider PAC priorities. The outcomes of the workshop concluded that existing PAC priorities are still relevant although it was acknowledged that impacts of cost of living increases need to be monitored.
- 8.3 At PAC meeting September 15th 2022 members agreed that ***existing priorities will remain the same but will be monitored within the context of any impact of rising costs of living*** in order that PAC may be able to provide any appropriate support.

9.0 Current Financial Summary Position

- 9.1 A PAC budget allocation of **£200k** was made available for spend within the financial year 2022/23. Together with underspend from the financial year 2021/22 of **£28,059** provided a total working budget of **£228,059**.
- 9.2 A ring fenced self Isolation fund made available to support the most clinically vulnerable during the pandemic, was successfully drawn down to support people in the Penistone area in 2021/22 at a value of **£13,845** which was **also** carried forward within the overall budget giving a total budget of **£241,904**
- 9.3 Approved spend for 2022/23 totalled **£220k**, leaving a total of **£8,059** which has been carried forward to the 2023/24 budget allocation.

- 9.4 Ring Fenced monies have now been allocated in support of the new DIAL contract from January 2023 as well as a targeted Winter Warmth initiative by DIAL. Remaining monies in this pot have been allocated to support a further Debt service with CAB as at 4.4 within this report.
- 9.5 A PAC 2023/24 budget allocation of **£200k** has now been made available for spend. Together with underspend from the financial year 2022/23 of **£8,059** this provides a total working budget of **£208,059**.
- 9.6 **Budget Allocations summary for 2022/23 and 2023/24**

Budget 2022/23	
Base budget	£200,000
Additional income to base budget Underspend from 2021/22 budget Self Isolation Funds carried forward	£28,059 £13,845 (ring fenced allocation by end of March 2023 DIAL and CAB contracts)
Total budget available for spend 2022/23	£241,904
Approved Spend items 2022/23	
Twiggs year 3 contract	£100,000
Young people's Grant Round 2	£40,000
Allocation to Working Together Grant pot in support of emerging cost of living responses	£80,000
Approved spend to end of financial year 2022/23	£220,000
financial year end amount to carry forward	£8,059 (minus ring fenced monies)
Budget 2023/24	
Base Budget	£200k
Additional income to base budget Underspend from 2021/22 budget	£8,059
Total budget available for spend 2023/24	£208,059
Approved Spend items 2023/24	
Spend already approved by PAC for procurement of Clean, green and tidy contract 2023/24 (to include £50k allocation to waiver existing contract to end of September 2023)	£100K
<i>Current amount remaining for allocation 2023/24</i>	£108,059

10.0 PAC Working Financial Summary

PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET 2022/23			
Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2022/23	Commissioning Budget 2023/24	
	Budget	Budget	Spend
Base Expenditure	£200,000.00	£200,000.00	
Underspend from previous year	£28,095.00	£8,095.00	
Countryside Skills Training			
Countryside Skills Training Extension			
Clean & Green			
Clean & Green extension			
Working Together Fund	£80,000.00		
Allocation to Ward Alliances/DWB 15-16			
Allocation to Ward Alliances 16-17			
Reducing Isolation in older people			
Public Health Funds			
Supporting Older People Fund			
Supporting Older People Fund ex			
Supporting Older People Fund ex 2			
Supporting Older People Fund ex 3			
Supporting Older People Fund ex 4			
Supporting Young People Fund			
Supporting Young People Fund 2022/23	£40,000.00		
Community Magazine distribution costs			
Allocation to Ward Alliances 17-18			
Allocation to Ward Alliances 18-19			
Allocation to Ward Alliance 19-20			
Allocation to Ward Alliance Dec 21			
Clean & Green 2017/18 (Y1)			
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension Nov 19 (Y2)			
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension April 2020 (Y2)			
Clean & Green April 2020 (Y1)			
Clean & Green April 2021 (Y2)			
Clean & Green April 2022 (Y3)	£100,000.00		
Clean & Green 2023		£100,000.00	
Penistone Living Inserts			
Supporting Vulnerable & Older People Grant 2021			
Allocation to WA for ringfenced summer holiday activities			
Public Health Monies			
financial hardship monies			
Practical Support Grant	£7,245.00		
Expenditure Incurred in Year			£0.00
What funds are available	£228,095.00	£208,095.00	
Carry forward = What funds are available - Practical Support Grant			

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