

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 22nd May 2023

Report of the Dearne Area Council Manager

Finance

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members regarding the Dearne Area Councils financial position.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets.

3.0 Area Council Financial update

3.1 2022/23 Spend

The starting budget for 2022/23 was £256,980.34. Finances are already committed to the services, Employment and Skills, Environment, Education and Volunteering, Social Connectivity, the Housing and Cohesion and Neighbourhood Engagement officer post. The Neighbourhood and Engagement officer was successful in securing a part time Community Development post, therefore the costings previously agreed and allocated to the full time post as now reduced. In July 2022 the Area Council also committed £30,000 to the Dearne development fund. Taking all of the above into consideration the amount allocated to these services is £227,907.84 leaving £29,072.50 to carry forward.

3.2 2023/24 committed spend

With the carry forward of £29,072.50 and the base budget of £200,000 the Area Council have already allocated £191,631 of the commissioning budget. This will pay for Employment and Skills, Housing officer, Environmental service, Social Connectivity and the Neighbourhood Engagement officer post for two months, leaving £37,441.50 in the commissioning budget to spend on priorities in this financial year.

3.3 2024/25 committed spend

During the financial year 2024/25 spend as been committed to the Employment and Skills contract, Social Connectivity and Housing Officer. The committed spend is already at £95,967.

3.4 **Dearne Development Fund**

In the last financial year the funds supported four projects that met the Area Councils priorities, Citizens Advice, DIAL, TADS and a contribution towards Goldthorpe Development Groups bounce into summer event and the older persons get together. In July 2022 the Area Council agreed a further £30,000 to be put into the fund and Dial was successful in their application to run for a further year, leaving £25,488.41 in the Dearne Development Fund.

Therefore in total the Dearne Area Council have £62,929.91 to carry over into the this financial year.

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See Appendix one for financial breakdown

Appendices

Appendix 1: Financial update

Officer

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Dearne Area Council Manager

Date: 22nd May 2023