

**North East Area Council Meeting:
25th May 2023**

**Report of North East Area Council Manager:
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North East Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up-to-date overview of North East Area Council's (NEAC) current priorities, and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 The report outlines the financial position to date for 2022-23 and the projected financial position to 2023-24. Please note financial projections assume that the base income budget remains the same and that existing services are maintained.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the overview of North East Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant fund projects, with associated timescales.
- 2.2 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2022-23 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1 & 2 of this report.
- 2.3 Members agree recommended option 1: offer an extension to the Age UK Social Isolation project via a variation to grant agreement for a further 2-years from 1st June 2023 to 31st July 2025 at a cost of £39,995 per annum.

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3. Overview of Current Contracts and timescales

The table below outlines all the North East Area Council contracts, Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and grants **currently** being delivered, together with values, timescales and recent actions **agreed**:

Commissioning Table to 31st March 2023					
Service	Provider	Cost	Date From	Date To	
Love Where you Live					
Devolved to Ward Alliances	Ward Alliances	£40,000	01/04/2022	31/03/2023	Funds Transfer
Neighbourhood Engagement Officer	BMBC	£30,911	01/04/2022	31/03/2024	Cost of Salary
Cudworth Darfield Road	Darfield Road Community Centre	£4,820	01/04/2022	One Off (offset income received)	Grant
Responsible Dog Owner Project	NEAC Project	£4,000 (£1k Per Year)	01/04/2019	31/03/2023	Purchasing
Private Sector Housing Officer	BMBC Safer Communities	£37,750	01/04/2022	31/03/2024	SLA
Thriving & Vibrant Economy					
Traineeships: Environmental Services	Barnsley Community Build	£222,988.33	01/04/2021	31/03/2024	Contract
Young People					
After School & Holiday Clubs - Brierly	The Exodus Project	£4,020	01/01/2022	31/12/2023	Youth Development Grant
After School & Holiday Clubs - Cudworth	The Exodus Project	£5,995	01/06/2022	31/05/2023	Youth Development Grant
After School & Holiday Clubs	Grimethorpe Activity Zone	£5,700	01/04/2022	31/03/2023	Youth Development Grant
FIT Kids Excercise Sessions	New Options CIC	£6,000	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	Youth Development Grant
Young Peoples sessions - Carlton CC	Ad Astra	£5,499 £6,000	01/09/2021 01/09/2022	31/07/2022 31/07/2023	Youth Development Grant
Young Peoples 1-1 Support in Carlton ALC	Ad Astra	£5,499 £6,680	01/09/2021 01/09/2022	31/07/2022 31/07/2023	Youth Development Grant
Young Peoples sessions school - Shafton ALC	Ad Astra	£5,499 £6,000	01/09/2021 01/09/2022	31/07/2022 31/07/2023	Youth Development Grant
Essential Period & Hygiene Supplies	Ad Astra	£2,000	As and when Required	Until spent	Youth Development Grant

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Sessions for Children & young People	Great Houghton Youth Group	£8,204 £8,853	01/09/2021 01/01/2023	31/08/2022 31/12/2024	Youth Development Grant
Children's Mental Health	HEY (formerly TADS)	£17,000	01/02/2022	31/01/2023	Youth Development Grant
Husbandry Learning Opportunities	Community Community Farm	£6,005	01/09/2021	31/08/2022	Youth Development Grant
CYP Events	Jolly Good Communities	£2,000	01/03/2022	31/03/2023	H & W Grant
Healthy Lifestyles					
Social Isolation & Dementia	Age UK Barnsley	£44,995	01/07/2022	30/06/2023	Grant
Bingo	New Option	£600	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	H & W Grant

4 Contract & Grant Financial Decisions

- 4.1 At the Area Council meeting on 14th March 2022, the NEAC made the decision to fund a Social Isolation project which was progressed through procurement by Rachel Payling (covering for Caroline Donovan at the time).
- 4.2 The scope of the project was intended to be for 3-years and the grant application proposal from the provider did indeed cover costs for a 3-year period.
- 4.3 The procurement event resulted in a grant to Age UK Barnsley for 1-year delivery from 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023 at a cost of £39,995 for the year.
- 4.4 At the North East Area council meeting on 30th March 2023, Members noted budget projections for a financial envelope of £39,995 per year for two years to continue with a Social Isolation service.
- 4.5 After advice through the Council's legal team, they have confirmed that the grant agreement can be varied to reflect the original intention of the project spanning the three year period.
- 4.6 Age Uk Barnsley have met all of their milestones and outcomes and have firmly put their roots down in the North East Area. After robust grant monitoring through the duration of the existing agreement, there are no concerns and the project effectively supports older people across the whole North East Area through a combination of 1-1 befriending, group support, seasonal activities, community events and home-based activities. This is demonstrated through quarterly performance reports showing consistent need that includes case studies and through collaboration with the Area Team. They also bring significant social value through volunteering and via other complimentary projects and initiatives that are funded through other sources.

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- 4.7 Recommended Option 1: offer an extension to the Age UK Social Isolation project via a variation to grant agreement for a further 2-years from 1st June 2023 to 31st July 2025 at a cost of £39,998 per annum.
- 4.8 Option 2: start a fresh procurement exercise to appoint a new provider to deliver the services. This option is not recommended as it would cause significant inconvenience and substantial duplication of costs for the Council. Additionally, there is no guarantee that an alternative provider can be procured.
- 4.9 Option 3: do not extend the Age UK Basrnley Social Isolation project and allow it to expire on 30th June 2023.

Health & Wellbeing Fund

- 4.10 Historically; the North East Area Council have had a fund available to fund projects to address health and wellbeing under the Healthy Lifestyles priority based on identified need. At the North East Area council meeting on 30th March 2023, Members agreed a recommendation to commit a financial envelope of £30,000 per year for two years to progress this priority.

Members asked the the Area Manager to develop aims and objectives for the fund baed on a combination of business intelligence, professional partnerships and community listening and asked that this is progressed by the Area Manager, through the development of a panel made up of NEAC Elected Members, with delegated responsibility for the procurement of these grants to the Executive Director.

Since this time, the Area Manager has organised a Members priority setting and business intellenge workshop to review hyperlocal business intelligence as well and information from professional colleagues to better understand the challenges that we are able to support and to align with strategic priorities.

A further update will be brought to the June meeting.

5. Financial Position

- 5.1 Based on updated information relating to existing NEAC contracts, SLA's and Grant Agreements, Appendix 1 provides a revised position statement on NEAC funding. It shows revised year-end figures that have been reconciled with strategic finance and **actual** income and expenditure for 2023-24.

The 2023-24 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

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- 5.2 A finance overview with future projected expenditure for the period 2023 up to 2025 is attached as Appendix 2. This has been updated as at year-end and reconciled with Appendix 1 for accuracy.

Interventions being considered at today's meeting and other "informally agreed" services are shown in **amber**, with any future potential proposals shown in **red**.

The 2023 to 2024 budget projections remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

The assumption is that the baseline budget remains the same year-on-year and this may also be subject to change.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report – Actual income and expenditure

Appendix 2: NEAC Financial Forecast