

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council:
22nd May 2023**

Agenda Item: 7

**Report of the
North Area Council Manager**

Summer Sports Van Funding

1.0 Purpose of Report

To make Members aware that there is an opportunity to fund a sports van in the North Area over the Summer 2023.

2.0 Recommendation

North Area Council Members consider,

2.1 The opportunity to fund a sports van in the North Area over the Summer 2023.

2.2 Discuss the risks associated with funding short term provision.

2.3 Confirm the decision to fund the sports van, at a cost of £2,100.

2.4 Members confirm a capped budget for refreshments, cost £600.

3.0 Background

3.1 In summer 2021 the Sport and Active Recreation Team commissioned a sports van delivered by Reds in the Community, using one-off funding, to provide activities for young people. Due to the success of the programme, the Area Council funded the sports van in 2022.

3.2 If the Area Council wishes to fund the Sport Van for Summer 2023, Sports and Recreation colleagues will co-ordinate a programme of pop-up provision if any areas wanted to fund sessions in their area. This will only be possible if there is enough interest in order to fill up a week of provision across the borough and throughout the summer holidays.

3.3 The cost provided for a day of sports van activities in an area is £350 or £2,100 for the 6 weeks. The North Area would be allocated a day of the week for the duration.

3.4 The Area Manager has also be in discussion with the Sport and Recreation Team to ensure that the Ramp Up sessions (developing skills and confidence on bikes, enabling children and young people to show off

their skills and fix their bikes) are delivered across the North Area during the summer months.

4.0 Risks

- 4.1 The sports van is a limited time opportunity. Area Council funding is intended to fund opportunity that will have a lasting impact and leave a legacy withing the community.
- 4.2 However, it can be argued that for families who find the summer holidays financially challenging, the sports van offer an inclusive recreational opportunity for children and young people during the six week holidays. These are children who may have minimal other opportunities to participate in organised, positive engagement activities during the six week holidays.

5.0 Lessons Learned

- 5.1 It is not practical to run 4 sessions a day. It is recommended to alternate the wards during the delivery period and host two session per day.
- 5.2 It is essential that refreshments supplied do not contradict the healthy values of Reds In The Community.

6.0 Decision

- 6.1 Area Council Members were consulted at the workshop held on the 10th May. Members were in favour of funding the sport van in the North Area during summer 2023 at a cost of £2,100 for a day a week.
- 6.2 The Area Council are requested to formally confirm this decision.
- 6.3 Members are also requested to approve funding for refreshments, a capped budget of £600 is recommended.
- 6.4 The sports van and refreshments would total £2,700.

7.0 Next Steps

- 7.1 At the Area Councils request the Area Manager will make the necessary arrangements and book the provision. Ensuring that provision compliments the core Holiday Activities and Food programme Healthy Holidays.

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