

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
22nd May 2023

Agenda Item: 4

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Area Governance – North Area 10 Year Celebration

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To ensure that Members are aware of the intention to hold a North Area 10 Year Celebration event and the opportunity to participate in the planning.

2. Recommendation

2.1. **Members note the report.**

2.2. **Members are requested to identify Ward Alliance funded projects to showcase and confirm this at the July 2023 Area Council meeting.**

3. Background

3.1. The current Area Governance arrangements were introduced in 2013.

3.2. Following the Covid Pandemic as part of the recovery steps the Stronger Communities have been working through a plan to re-connect with communities and promote the contributions of everyone involved in the local area arrangements.

3.3. 10 years is a significant milestone and an excellent opportunity to reflect on the significant contributions of the Ward Alliances and the wider voluntary and community sector.

3.4. Objectives

- To celebrate and inform residents about our unique structure of Area Councils and Ward Alliances and to celebrate the last 10 years, when the model was first introduced. Showcasing the great work that has taken place in the last ten years.
- Raise awareness of Area Councils and Ward Alliances and the positive work they have done over the last 10 years to contribute to the Barnsley 2030 priorities
- Encourage more people to get involved in their local community and promote how they can do that

3.5. There will be a series of centralised events and engagement opportunities.

3.6. There is also a requirement to deliver an area-based Volunteer Celebration Event. With a focus on recognition of significant contributions.

4. Shaping the Celebration

- 4.1. The North Area Team has been tasked with arranging the event. To ensure that Members are empowered to contribute in their Community Leadership role, an elected Councillor from each ward and the Area Chair have volunteered to assist with event planning:

Chair:	Cllr Dave Leech
Darton East	Cllr Dickie Denton
Darton West	Cllr Alice Cave
Old Town	Cllr Jo Newing
St. Helen's	Cllr Sarah Tattersall

- 4.2. The planning group will work collaboratively to agree key considerations: date, time, venue, catering and entertainment.
- 4.3. Ward Alliances are also requested to identify projects they have funded to be showcased. It is intended to invite a short presentation for each project. Support is available from the North Team to ensure that any barriers are overcome.

5. Purpose, date and venue

- 5.1. The North Area has a history of celebrating success and community contribution at ward level but it is many years since the last North Area Commissioning and Ward Alliance networking event was held.
- 5.2. The date of the event is now confirmed as **Friday 15th September.** Dates have been added to Councillors diaries.
- 5.3. Following consideration of requirements and value for money, the venue has been booked and the event will be held at New Lodge Working Men's Club.

6. Cost Implications

- 6.1. There are no budget implications to the North Area Council at this time. A budget of £1,500 has been allocated to each locality to host an event.
- 6.2. Event shaping may lead to increased costs.

7. Recommended Next Steps

- 7.1. The Area Manager will arrange to meet with the working group monthly to work through the planning and preparation of the event. An update will be provided at Area Council meetings.
- 7.2. A programme for the evening will need to be mapped out.

7.3. Members are requested to confirm at the July Area Council meeting, which Allard Alliance led and/or funded project they wish to showcase.

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