

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday 1 September 2023
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Markham (Chair), Eastwood, Franklin, Frost, Higginbottom, Osborne, Shepherd, Stowe, Sumner, White and A. Wray

11 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Higginbottom declared a pecuniary interest in Items 15 and 17 as he was employed by Age UK. Councillor Higginbottom departed the meeting room prior to discussion of these items.

Councillors Frost and Markham declared a non-pecuniary interest in Items 15 and 17 as Trustees of Age UK Barnsley.

12 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 16 June 2023 (Sac.01.09.2023/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 16 June.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 16 June 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

13 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.01.09.2023/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances; Darfield held on 13 July 2023, Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 27 July 2023 and Wombwell held on 17 July 2023.

During Member discussion, the opportunity was taken to comment positively on the success of tidy up projects across the whole area. Members reflected on the success of ward-level events, including Wombwell Picnic in the Park and Darfield Gala.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

14 Culture Strategy - Jon Finch (Sac.01.09.2023/4)

Members received a presentation from Jon Finch, Head of Culture and Visitor Economy on the Council's development of a Culture Strategy.

In response to the presentation, the importance of culture to improving residents' lives and offering health and social returns was highlighted by Members. Members raised the point that the borough lacked large-scale performance venues that could attract national level performing arts organisations, while equally complimenting the

medium to small-scale offer that was currently available. Organisations in the area such as Elsecar Heritage Centre, Birdwell Venue, Maurice Dobson Museum and Wombwell Thespians were complimented for their contribution to the culture offer locally.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

15 Age UK Barnsley - Natalie Stokes (Sac.01.09.2023/5)

Members received a presentation from Natalie Stokes, Business Manager – Age UK Barnsley, reflecting upon the previous 2 years' Barnsley Better Together Service commissioned by South Area Council.

Members discussed the successful relationship between Age UK Barnsley and housing associations, such as Berneslai Homes, in delivering services to residents. The appropriateness of some venues in attracting a representative cohort was additionally discussed.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

16 Performance Report Q1 (Sac.01.09.2023/6)

The Area Council Manager spoke on the item, referring to the report circulated in the agenda pack.

Members spoke at length on vehicle parking issues across the area and how parking enforcement could tackle these problems. Clarity was given that vehicles obstructing pavements were a Police matter. The scheme of work to tackle problem parking outside schools was discussed, with parking enforcement having been furnished with school start and finish times as a tool to take targeted action. When tackling other specific local parking concerns, Members were informed they would be advised if any targeted action was to take place.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

17 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.01.09.2023/7)

The Area Council Manager presented Members with a procurement and financial update, which sought approval of a commission and for Members to note progress of existing commissions.

RESOLVED:-

1. That Members noted the information on the Age UK Barnsley Better Together Service; and
2. That approval be given to continue the Age UK Barnsley Better Together Service contract for 1 year from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 at a cost of £59,944; and
3. That Members noted the Environmental Caretaker Service update, including amendments to the Community Development Officer post; and

4. That Members noted the information provided on the South Area Council commissioning budget.

18 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.01.09.2023/8)

The Area Council Manager spoke on the item, referring to the report circulated in the agenda pack.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair