

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report of Dearne Area Council Manager

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward priorities.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward, and Neighbourhood levels (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance

- 4.1 Dearne North Ward Alliance have had two meetings during this period the first meeting took place on **Tuesday 2nd May**.

The main discussions were around previous applications that had been awarded and the performance reports that need to be collated and brought to the next meeting. The group also discussed the 2023 summer provision through the healthy holiday's budgets in their working funds. All agreed to fund the Crown Green family Bowling and source other groups activities to keep the children and families active.

The Community Development officer gave an update on the menopause café and highlighted that a specialist or medical trained professional would be a good addition to the group.

Group updates took place highlighting all the brilliant work that has been going off through Spring and what is coming up in the summer months.

The second meeting took place on **Tuesday 20th June** starting with welcomes and introductions for the newly appointed Dearne North Elected member Cllr Martin Morrell and the newly appointed secretary Vikki Longden.

Jenny Pitman from B:friend gave the Alliance members some information about the organisation. She included their aims and ambitions and some of the challenges they face with recruiting males to the social groups.

The Chair presented the 2022/23 performance report (emailed to each Ward Alliance members before the meeting) highlighting all the brilliant work that has happened.

The members had a further discussion about applications that were coming into the alliance, they agreed to cap the limits to £1000 with one application per year agreed.

Finance – 4 applications were submitted all approved.

Group updates were given by each of the Ward Alliance members representing their work in the Dearne North.

The next three meeting dates were agreed.

- 4.2** The Dearne South Ward Alliance meeting was held on **Tuesday 6th June** in which a warm welcome to the newly elected member for Dearne South, Cllr Abi Moore.

Finance – 2 applications were submitted and both approved.

The treasurer gave an up-to-date report on the working funds balances and projects against the committed spend.

Projects were discussed around summer provision and activities in Bolton on Dearne – all agreed to hold sub meeting to look at the future programme.

Group updates were given by each of the Ward Alliance members representing their work in the Dearne South.

Next three meeting dates were agreed.

- 4.3** The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliance, is in line with the approved Council protocols. Notes are for information only.

Appendix One: Dearne South ward Alliance meeting notes

Appendix two: Dearne North ward Alliance meeting notes

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