

July 2023

Penistone Area Council

Interim Performance

Updates from April - June



Barnsley - the place of possibilities.



Penistone Area Council
Penistone East, Penistone West

Area Council Priorities

Health and Wellbeing Supporting Young People Local Economy + tourism Helping People connect Our Environment

Barnsley 2030 priorities

Sustainable Growing Healthy Learning

These services address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Penistone Area Council.

Priority	Service	Contract /Grant	Contract end date	Provider	2030
	Clean, Green and Tidy	£50,000 per annum	Funded until end of September 2023	Twiggs	
	Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people	£70,000 per annum	Funded until June 2024	Age UK Barnsley	
	Debt advice service	£ 8,191	Funded until March 2024	Citizens Advice Barnsley	
	Information and Advice service	£5,198 per annum	Funded until January 2025	DIAL	
	Working Together Grant Supporting Young People	£40,000	August 2023	Various	
	Principal Towns	No cost to PAC	Ongoing	BMBC	

Previous Quarter 4 performance outcomes

	Outcome indicator	Q4 Jan-Mar 2023	This year 2022/23	Year 2021/22	To date
	Clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	15	77	58	283
	Young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	1	9	76	656
	People who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	18	132	299	740
	Apprentice and placements created and recruited to	0	1	2	6
	People taking up work experience placements	0	0	1	32
	Young People engaged in volunteering	1	13	95	782
	Activities which involve young people under the age of 18	27	111	156	497
	Community groups supported	12	48	56	701
	New community groups supported	3	7	3	67
	Community car scheme journeys	142	381	126	1415
	Adult volunteers engaged	154	629	680	4054
	New volunteers	20	150	123	1090
	Residents and young people receiving advice and support	151	931	571	3290
	Residents referred to health and advice	4	6	67	166
	FTE jobs created and recruited to	0	2	2	24.5
	Local spend (average across all contracts)	95%	95%	95%	95.4%
	Volunteer hours contributed (£ value)	£12,521.80	£48,123.45	£48,765.60	£395,613.74
	Volunteer opportunities created	100	76	509	2052
	People achieving a qualification / accreditation	0	0	5	157
	People receiving training	0	48	103	1164

Clean, Green and Tidy Service

Twiggs



This contract provides a service to help maintain a clean, green and tidy environment in the wards of Penistone East and Penistone West. The emphasis is to work with the community; incorporating volunteers, local businesses, parish councils and local schools to empower and enable a sustainable approach. With pandemic restrictions lifting in this final year of the contract for the first time in two years, the contract has worked in a more 'normal way' supporting community groups, parish maintained areas , as well as returning into schools to achieve the educational outcomes of the contract.

- This is the first quarter of the 6 month extension to contract to the end of September 2023
- Now providing a team of 4 to the area two days per week on a rotational basis to ensure all groups can still be supported
- Some specific Twiggs led project work initiated in Oxspring Bower Hill and Roughbirchworth Lane, and also supported some smaller areas with less volunteer capacity such as Howbrook and Sprouthouse Well
- Groups supported with specific projects e.g Wildflower bed management at Hoylandswaine and with Team Green Moor.
- Work picked up again at Watermeadows park with clearance and bulb planting for next spring displays.
- Support given to Royd community gardens working with GXO logistics providing volunteer support as part of their corporate social responsibility
- Educational work with pupils from Hoylandswaine Primary school to improve the school environment and a joint project with Penistone Grammar pupils and Springvale community gardens to create wildlife habitats

Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people

Age UK Barnsley



Ageing Well in Penistone is the contract delivered by Age UK Barnsley to address loneliness and social isolation among older people in the electoral wards of Penistone East and Penistone West. The Service provides support at a one to one level through volunteer be-friending , helps to establish group activities with a particular emphasis on health outcomes, provides information and advice targeted to older people, special events and a community car scheme to help people access social and health activities and appointments. Two social inclusion workers are attached to this contract employed by Age UK Barnsley.

- 21 new referrals during the quarter which have been assessed and signposted to various provision including: Be-frienders, Adult Social Care, Aids and Adaptation team, Age Uk Shopping service and handyperson service, Dial-a-ride, groups and activities.
- Increase in more complex needs emerging as more people going into care, often following a fall or due to advanced dementia.
- Volunteer numbers remain good with 364 volunteer hours from 31 active volunteers
- Information and Advice service demand continues to rise with 9 new referrals over the last quarter and continuation of 10 existing cases. One case in particular has generated an additional £10k per year for the individual concerned.
- An intergeneration event was planned which brought together young people from Greenworks Plus with Service users from the Happy Vibes group and Penistone Board Games group to join in a coronation celebration.
- Penistone Men In Sheds is making good progress in new premises with 4 new members, adding to a membership now around 25. More have expressed interest and plan to join once the new site is ready.
- There remains a good offer for group activities in the area including the added value provided by BOPPA fitness activities to help prevent falls, but the Happy Vibes café has seen a reduction in numbers due to service users needing to go into care.

Working Together Grant Funded projects

Citizens Advice Barnsley



The advice service has supported clients with a variety of different issues, but as in previous years, the most common are Benefits and Tax Credits, Debt, and Universal Credit. As well as improved financial outcomes the support provided by the advice service also helps to improve health and wellbeing, reduces client stress, and improve resilience by increasing the client's ability to cope through self-help.

- the service continues to provide support via telephone, e-mail and website which does enable a great number of contacts, and appears to be a preferred method for many in the Penistone area
- The area manager has been working with CAB to look at returning to face to face deliver in the Penistone area. There is potential for space at Penistone Library for this to be offered once a fortnight, but with the service continuing to offer the non face to face support alongside this. This is unlikely to start until the next quarter so will be monitoring as part of the quarter 2 performance reporting

DIAL Barnsley



The service continues to support clients with significant health needs, and the majority of enquiries are for Personal Independence Payments although wider benefits are considered as part of assessment. Although a telephone service and on-line enquiry support continues to be offered for the Penistone area, the funding provided by PAC supports the half day face to face appointments delivered in Penistone town hall.

- Face to face appointments averaging at about 13 per month
- Majority still enquire about PIP although there has been a recent increase in Blue Badge enquiries (this service is also available at Penistone library)
- Addition services also available from DIAL include the warm connections advice which can be delivered via home visits. These are increasing as people have become more in debt with energy bills

Angel Voices Adult Singing Workshops



Providing singing workshops for adults with a new or existing interest in singing for pleasure and to improve health outcomes.

- Continues to be delivered at Cawthorne Village Hall
- Continuing to attract some new members at each session
- As adults have many commitments attendance varies, but the workshops are flexible enough to accommodate whoever turns up
- Interest is increasing as a means to support with health improvements ; incidence of people enquiring who have had lung damage due to the impacts of covid.

Supporting Young People Grant Fund

A second year of funding was allocated from PAC funds to support this grant in 2022. Four projects were successful in gaining funds to deliver projects to support young people in the Penistone area within a 12 month period . All projects started in September 2022

Ad Astra



Providing mental health support to pupils within the school. The focus this term was to support pupils in Y9 with the twice weekly group sessions , encouraging peer support where appropriate. Other individual support is also available as part of the project's programme.

A full evaluation of the project is presented to PAC within the July meeting

Penistone Grammar School



All aspects of the project came to a conclusion this term.

- Pupils have benefitted from diverse inspirational speakers from a range of backgrounds including Political leaders, authors and athletes who have challenged and informed pupils
- 40 pupils from years 8-10 have now received training in the RSPH (Royal Society of Public Health) level 2 mentoring qualification, and have been able to provide peer support to others within the school with low level mental health issues as part of a wider initiative within the school to help improve pupils' mental wellbeing.

Girlguiding Barnsley West



The residential event for up to 250 young women has been held at Kingswood outdoor learning centre making use of the outdoor facilities to challenge and inspire. The event provided an overnight experience for many young women for the first time away from home. The Going Away Badge has been developed to provide a focus for activities to support with learning and preparing for being away prior to the event.

Angel Voices



The singing workshops continue to prove popular with young people, averaging with about 12/15 participants per workshop, with new young people coming along each time. Demand for performances has increased in the area with requests from local events such as the Oxspring Coronation picnic. Many young people from the workshops are starting to develop their own performances, being talent spotted and asked to audition for national musical theatre production and TV. Almost all of the young people have been going through their ABRSM exams at grades 2&3 in the last few months. Planning is taking place for a special show at the Paramount in September to showcase the talent that has been developed from these funded workshops.