

BARNSLEY 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 was held on 1st August 2023 at the Rainbow Centre in Thurnscoe all apologies were received with a warm welcome and round of introductions given for Tracey Hughes from Healthwatch who came and gave an update of their work in Dearne North and how the Ward Alliance and community groups and their families and individuals who attend them can help provide the relevant health opinions on the services on offer in the Dearne area.

Ward Alliance finance – 3 applications were submitted with recommendations for all to be approved.

The Community Development Officer highlighted project planning for Autumn/Winter needed to be sooner rather than later with no comments on future due to capacity and events already happening. This was referred until January 2024 to look at projects for the next financial year. It was agreed to see what provisions are out there that we could assist with or give financial help towards.

Group updates too place highlighting all the brilliant work that has been going off through the Summer holidays and Autumn in Dearne North.

Next meeting previous dates have been amended due to 2 elected members no longer available.

- 4.2** Dearne South Ward Alliance had two meetings in which the first one took place on **Tuesday 25th July 2023 at Heathercourt flats in Bolton on Dearne.**

Ward Alliance funding – 5 applications were submitted and discussed with all 5 been recommended for approval.

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 – the outdoor cinema is planned for August 30th 12pm – 5pm, they all agreed that this summer is the most we have ever seen in Bolton on Dearne and thanked the Area Team for all their hard work.

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

- 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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