BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council: 13th November 2023

Agenda Item: 10

Report of the North Area Council Manager

Ward Alliance Funded Projects - 2022/23 Monitoring Overview

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report updates the North Area Council the Ward Alliance Fund monitoring for the year 2022/23.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That each Ward in the North Area Council refers to the monitoring information for the Ward Alliance Fund in their own area and takes the time to reflect on which projects have worked well, enabling them to share best practice.

3. Introduction

- **3.1** As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000.
- **3.2** Each Ward Alliance comprises of the three elected Councillors and six or more community representatives, who develop a priority informed Ward Plan.
- **3.3** Collectively the Ward Alliance consider the Ward Alliance Fund applications. The Wards Alliance need to be satisfied that project applications:
 - meets a recognised need for the Ward (identified by the Ward Plan),
 - are in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
 - represent value for money.
- 4. Beneficiaries of Ward Alliance funding are required to submit monitoring reports to the North Area Teams Community Development Officers following completion of their projects. This information has been complied into a summary report by the North Area's Project Officer. Please find the four summary reports in appendix 1 of this report.

5. **Opportunities**:

It is recommended that the reports are shared with stakeholders and the wider voluntary and community sector to promote the work of the Ward Alliances and raise awareness of the funding opportunity.

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