

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday 21 September 2023
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 2, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Hayward (Chair), Booker, Green, Makinson, McCarthy, Richardson, Sheard and Webster

18 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Hayward declared a non-pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda insofar as it related to Barnsley Community Build and their position on the Board.

19 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 20 July 2023 (Neac.21.9.23/2)**

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 20 July 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 20 July 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

20 **Safer Neighbourhoods Presentation - Alan Heppenstall (Neac.21.9.23/3)**

RESOLVED that the Safer Neighbourhoods Presentation be deferred to a future meeting.

21 **Area Link Officer Update - Jon Finch and Cultural Strategy Presentation - Jon Finch and Coby Walsh (Neac.21.9.23/4)**

Area Link Officer Update

Jon Finch provided Members with a verbal update on the proceedings from the Team around the Community meeting held on 7 September 2023. At this meeting, updates had been received from Live Well Barnsley, Barnsley Libraries and a talk on housing support grants.

The initial results from the Community Listening Survey were also presented. There had been 120 replies, of which, 74% had been received from females. The top issues raised were in relation to concerns around anti-social behaviour and crime and information available to families. It had been agreed that the closing date for further responses would be extended.

RESOLVED that the verbal update be noted.

Cultural Strategy Presentation

Jon Finch, Head of Culture and Visitor Economy, Barnsley MBC, delivered a presentation to update Members on the progress being made towards the development of a Cultural Strategy for Barnsley.

In response to the presentation, Members asked if data was available to show the number of visitors who had travelled from outside of the Barnsley borough to attend cultural events, visit the Town Centre on an evening and visit Barnsley Market.

In response, it was noted that data was collected by the Council for specific events, for example, visitors to the 'Barnsley Big Weekend', which had shown that visitors from outside of the borough were travelling 30 minutes to attend Town Centre events. It was highlighted that the Council needed to make improvements on obtaining data from wider partners. Furthermore, the Council also needed to undertake further work to promote the Town Centre, Barnsley's countryside and Barnsley's heritage offer to visitors over a 30-minute drive away. Mapping work was currently being undertaken to understand where craft related work and groups were being held in Barnsley.

Members were informed of the work which the Council could undertake in the short-term to assist promoting events taking place at Monk Bretton Priory. A meeting was scheduled to be held with English Heritage to discuss how they could market Monk Bretton Priory nationally.

Members heard that, as part of the High Street Heritage Action Zone project, work was currently taking place at Barnsley Civic to renovate internal parts of the building and to re-open the front entrance of the Civic on Eldon Street. Discussions were also taking place in relation to offering a broader range of events for 2024.

RESOLVED that Jon Finch be thanked for his presentation.

22 Quarter 1 (April to June 2023) Performance Report (Neac.21.9.23/5)

Lisa Phelan, Area Council Manager, submitted the North East Area Council Project Performance Report, which gave an oversight and update on the delivery of the commissioned projects for Quarter 1 - 2023/24 (April to June 2023).

The report outlined, amongst other things, how the projects within the Area Council area were meeting the Council's Corporate Priorities and the 2030 Ambitions. It also gave details of how projects were being delivered together with performance data against targets where appropriate.

Members discussed the importance of actively promoting the work of the Area Council by sharing good news stories arising from commissioned projects. The Area Council Manager provided assurances that the Area Council Team would continue to be visible and promote its work at every opportunity.

RESOLVED that the Project Performance Report for Quarter 1 – 2023/24 (April to June 2023) be noted.

23 Procurement and Financial Update Report (Neac.21.9.23/6)

Lisa Phelan, Area Council Manager, introduced a report providing Members with an up-to-date overview of the Area Council's current priorities. It provided an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded Projects together with the associated timescales.

The report also outlined the financial position to date for 2022-23 and gave details of the projected financial position to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

Members were informed that the Youth Development Fund (YDF) Funding Panel had met on 11 May 2023 to consider and review four applications which had been received.

Members considered and agreed to support all of the recommendations made by the YDF Funding Panel, as set out in section 4.1 of the report.

Members' attention was then drawn to the award of Clean and Green Contract/s.

The report indicated that the current North East Environmental Team contract would expire on 31 March 2024. A series of workshops had been held with Members to review this priority and to prepare, design and construct the new commission. The new service specification would be based on operational need from 1 April 2024. The aims and objectives of the new service specification were set out in paragraphs 5.7.1 to 5.7.9 within the report.

Members considered and agreed to support recommended option 8, as set out at paragraph 5.15 of the report.

RESOLVED

- i) That the North East Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant fund projects, with associated timescales, be noted.
- ii) That the actual financial position to date for 2022-23 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report be noted.
- iii) That recommendation 1 from the Youth Development Fund (YDF) Funding Panel to fund the Exodus Project Youth Club at Brierly at a cost of £10,512 for the period 1 June 2023 to 31 March 2025 be approved.
- iv) That recommendation 3 from the YDF Funding Panel to fund Grimethorpe Activity Zone for their Youth Club at Grimethorpe at a cost of £8,456.25 for the period 1 June 2023 to 31 March 2025 be approved.
- v) That recommendation 5 from the YDF Funding Panel to fund Ad Astra for Group Support Sessions at Carlton and Shafton secondary schools at a cost of £7,000 for the academic year 2023- 24 starting 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 be approved.

- vi) That recommendation 7 from the YDF Funding Panel to not fund Ad Astra one-to-one support sessions at Carlton secondary school be supported.
- vii) That recommendation 8 to procure Clean and Green Contract/s at a cost of £200,000 per year commencing on 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2027 for 3 years on a 1-year plus 1-year plus 1-year contract basis (subject to annual review) be approved. And that two Councillors from the NEAC sit on the Procurement Panel, with delegated responsibility for procurement of these contracts to the Executive Director be agreed.

24 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair (Neac.21.9.23/7)

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton and Royston Ward Alliances: Cudworth – 17 July 2023, Monk Bretton – 30 June 2023 and 11 August 2023, North East – 20 June 2023 and 26 July 2023, Royston – 3 July 2023.

The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – Brass on the Grass had taken place on Sunday 10 September 2023 with 130 people present. The Ward Alliance was currently considering arranging an Outdoor Cinema event for next summer.

A Cudworth Park clean-up event was scheduled for Sunday 23 September 2023, to be led by Jordan Bunney.

The Cudworth Ward Alliance monthly coffee mornings continued to be held at the Exodus Building in Cudworth. An Autumn Fair would be held on 21 October 2023, at the Exodus Building, in conjunction with the monthly coffee morning.

The Cudworth Ward Alliance would be holding its next meeting at Shafton Outwood Academy.

The Cudworth and North East Ward Alliances had agreed to run a weekly programme (in term-time) supported by the Area Council's Community Development Officers for students at Shafton Outwood Academy to introduce them to social action and volunteering. At the conclusion of the programme, students would be invited to join the Ward Alliances to help them promote its work to young people.

The Summer Reading Challenge Awards Presentation had been held on 18 September 2023 at Cudworth Library.

A discussion took place in relation to the Area Council's summer 2023 programme of activities. Feedback was provided that some of the events had been well-attended, and others not (possibly due to the location or time of the event taking place). The Area Manager agreed to present a report at a future meeting regarding a draft programme of summer activities for 2024.

Monk Bretton – Brass on the Grass had been held at Monk Bretton Park on 13 August 2023 and had been well-attended.

A meeting would be arranged shortly to plan for this year's Remembrance Sunday event.

The Lundwood Parish Fayre held on 22 July 2023 had been very well-attended, despite the unpleasant weather conditions. Outwood Primary School had held its first 'LundFest' on 22 June 2023, which had also been very well-attended.

A waymarker sign had now been installed on the Trans Pennine Trail.

North East – The Shafton Outdoor Cinema held on 2 September 2023 had been a huge success with 500 people attending, across the two films which had been screened during the morning and afternoon.

The RampUp sessions held during the summer had been well-attended.

The first 'Good to be Me' LGBTQ+ Festival had been held on 12 August 2023 at the Welfare Hall in Great Houghton with over 2,000 people attending.

The Ward Alliance had supported a funding application from Grimethorpe Residents Group for a four-week graffiti project at the Love Life Stadium in Grimethorpe. The project had 63 young people engage over the four-week period.

The Grimethorpe Residents Group Summer Gala had been held on 28 August 2023.

Royston – The RampUp sessions held at Royston Park during the summer had been well-attended. The Ward Alliance had part funded three sessions of free-swimming places per week at Royston Leisure Centre throughout the summer holidays, which had been well received.

The Youth Association had provided the Ward Alliance with an update on the services delivered in Royston. The Youth Association also provide Youth Work training to Level 2 and 3 for people over the age of 18. It was suggested that the training be promoted to students undertaking a Public Service course at Barnsley College.

The Area Council Manager agreed to provide Members with a breakdown of the number of individuals who were undertaking Youth Work training with the Youth Association in the North East Area.

The Ward Alliance was currently awaiting news on its two entries in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition.

The Ward Alliance had funded a new bench at Carlton Park. A volunteering session had been arranged for Tuesday 3 October 2023 to refurbish the play equipment in Royston Park.

The Summer Reading Challenge Awards Presentation would be held this evening at Royston Library. 119 children across a range of ages had taken part in the Challenge.

On behalf of the North East Area Council, Councillor Hayward wished to place on record his thanks to the North East Area Council's Community Development Officers

who had undertaken a large amount of work during difficult times and in a period of change.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

25 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds (Neac.21.9.23/8)

Lisa Phelan, Area Council Manager, submitted a report which outlined the agreed spend to date from the 2023/24 Ward Alliance Fund budget within the North East Area. The appendices attached to the report outlined the spend for each Ward Alliance together with the remaining allocations carried forward from the 2022/23 financial year.

RESOLVED that the report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds be noted.

26 Any other Business - 10 Year Celebration (Neac.21.09.23/9)

10 Year Celebration Event

The Area Council Manager provided Members with an update on the 10 Year Celebration event that would be held on Thursday 16 November 2023, at West Green Working Men's Club in Monk Bretton, commencing at 6:30 pm.

Entertainment had been arranged for the evening, which included a DJ and a quiz. The main act for the evening would be provided by singer 'Viva la Vintage'. A number of raffle prizes had also been donated and sourced.

Health and Wellbeing Funding Panel

The Area Council Manager reported that the first Health and Wellbeing Funding Panel meeting had recently been held to consider how funding should be utilised in future on healthy lifestyle themed priorities.

Councillor Sheard asked if consideration could be given at a future Health and Wellbeing Funding Panel in relation to developing an awareness campaign to help people spot the potential symptoms of breast and testicular cancer. The Area Council Manager agreed to discuss with Members at the next Health and Wellbeing Funding Panel meeting.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

Chair