

**North East Area Council Meeting:  
23 November 2023**

**Report of North East Area Council Manager:  
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**North East Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up-to-date overview of North East Area Council's (NEAC) current priorities and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 The report outlines the financial position to date for 2022-23 and the projected financial position to 2023-24. Please note financial projections assume that the base income budget remains the same and that existing services are maintained.

**2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the overview of NEAC current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant fund projects, with associated timescales.
- 2.2 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2022-23 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1 & 2 of this report.
- 2.3 Recommended Option 1: Fund a North East Area Drugs and Alcohol Advisor via Barnsley Recovery Steps for a 24-month period, likely to start from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2026, at a total cost of £41,000.

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### 3. Overview of Current Contracts and timescales

The table below outlines all the North East Area Council contracts, Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and grants **currently** being delivered, together with values, timescales and recent actions **agreed**:

Commissioning Table to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024					
Service	Provider	Cost	Date From	Date To	Type
<b>Love Where you Live</b>					
Devolved to Ward Alliances	Ward Alliances	£40,000	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Funds Transfer
Neighbourhood Engagement Officer	BMBC	£6,000	01/04/2022	31/05/2023	Cost of Salary
Cudworth Darfield Road Community Centre	Darfield Road CC	£4,820	01/04/2022	One Off	Offset income received
Responsible Dog Owner Project	NEAC Project	£4,000 (£1k Per Year)	01/04/2019	31/03/2023	Purchasing
Private Sector Housing Officer	BMBC Safer Communities	£37,750	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	SLA
<b>Thriving &amp; Vibrant Economy</b>					
Traineeships: Environmental Services	Barnsley Community Build	£222,988.33	01/04/2021	31/03/2024	Contract
<b>Young People</b>					
Outreach Youth Work	The Youth Association	£39,747.00	01/04/2023	31/03/2025	Grant
CYP Small Grants Programme	Various Providers	£41,889.00 Budget	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Youth Development Grants
Sanitary Supplies	Partnership Project	£1,000.00	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Purchasing
<b>Healthy Lifestyles</b>					
Social Isolation & Dementia	Age UK Barnsley	£44,995	01/07/2022	31/06/23	Grant
Social Isolation & Dementia	Age UK Barnsley	£39,998	01/07/2023	31/06/24	Grant
Devolved to Ward Alliances (Ringfenced for Advice & Guidance Projects)	Ward Based	£12,000	01/04/2023	31/04/24	Funds Transfer
Health & Wellbeing Fund	TBC	£30,000	TBC	TBC	TBC

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## 4 Contract & Grant Financial Decisions

### 4.1 Healthy Lifestyles Priority

At the North East Area Council meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Members agreed to a recommendation to commit a financial envelope of £30,000 per year for two years to progress the Healthy Lifestyles Priority.

At the North East Area Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023, Members agreed to a recommendation to identify a funding panel made up of NEAC Elected Members, with delegated responsibility for procurement to the Executive Director.

- 4.2 It was also reported to the Area Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 that further to the Member's priority setting and business intelligence workshops on 23 May and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to review hyperlocal business intelligence and information from professional colleagues, the Area Manager is currently exploring a partnership proposal to address specific prevalence around addictive behaviours.

The North East Area Council set the Healthy Lifestyles priority to support residents to lead healthier lives and adopt behaviours that have a positive impact on health and wellbeing. The project proposal for decision at this meeting would help to ensure that Barnsley residents have access to appropriate support, at the right time and place, so that any problems can be tackled early. This would help to address health inequalities resulting from drug and alcohol use, leading to fewer people living in poverty and providing people with the resources needed to look after themselves and their families.

- 4.4 Appendix A to this report details a proposal to fund a North East Drugs and Alcohol Advisor.

- 4.4 Appendix A also details the match funding that has been pursued to support this project totalling £30,000 for the 2-year period.

- 4.5 The Healthy Lifestyles panel met on 11<sup>th</sup> September to explore the project proposal and agreed that the project is feasible and meets the North East Area Council's 'Healthy Lifestyles' priority. They were encouraged that significant match funding has been sourced; funding that would not otherwise come into the North East Area. They were also happy that there would still be funding remaining in the Healthy Lifestyles budget to pursue other small project ideas in the future.

- 4.5 **Recommended Option 1:** Fund a North East Area Drugs and Alcohol Advisor via Barnsley Recovery Steps for a 24-month period, likely to start from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2026, at a total cost of £41,000.

Option 2: do not fund this project

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## **6. Financial Position**

- 6.1 Based on updated information relating to existing NEAC contracts, SLA's and Grant Agreements, Appendix 1 provides a revised position statement on NEAC funding. It shows revised year-end figures that have been reconciled with strategic finance and **actual** income and expenditure for 2023-24.

The 2023-24 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed upon as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

- 6.2 A finance overview with future projected expenditure for the period 2023 up to 2025 is attached as Appendix 2. This has been updated as at year-end and reconciled with Appendix 1 for accuracy.

Interventions being considered at today's meeting and other "informally agreed" services are shown in **amber**, with any future potential proposals shown in **red**.

The 2023 to 2024 budget projections remain indicative projections and maybe subject to changes agreed upon as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

The assumption is that the baseline budget remains the same year-on-year and this may also be subject to change.

### **Appendices:**

- Appendix 1: Finance Report – Actual income and expenditure  
Appendix 2: NEAC Financial Forecast