

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 8th January 2024

Report of the Dearne Area Council Manager

Finance

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members regarding the Dearne Area Councils financial position.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets.

3.0 Area Council Financial update

3.1 2023/24 committed spend

With the carry forward from 2022/23 of £29,072.50 and the base budget of £200,000 the Area Council have already allocated £191, 631 of the commissioning budget. This will pay for Employment and Skills, Housing officer, Environmental service, Social Connectivity and the Neighbourhood Engagement officer post for two months, leaving £34,270.50 in the commissioning budget to spend on priorities in this financial year.

3.2 Dearne Development Fund

In the last financial year the funds supported four projects that met the Area Councils priorities, Citizens Advice, DIAL, TADS and a contribution towards Goldthorpe Development Groups bounce into summer event and the older persons get together. In July 2022 the Area Council agreed a further £30,000 to be put into the fund and Dial and Goldthorpe Development group were successful in their application to run for a further year. Members also a contributed to the Bounce into summer event, and to pay for welfare advice until December 2024, leaving £9,500.41 in the Dearne Development Fund.

Therefore in total the Dearne Area Council have £43,770.91 to carry over into the next financial year.

3.3 **2024/25 committed spend**

During the financial year 2024/25 spend as been committed to the Employment and Skills contract, Social Connectivity and Housing Officer. At the Area Council on the 20th of November 2023 members decided on developing service level agreement with Neighbourhood services for their environmental service, the first year costing will be £84,139. Therefore the committed spend for next year is £176,833 leaving £57,437.40 in the budget.

See Appendix one for financial breakdown

Appendices

Appendix 1: Financial update

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