

# BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting:  
31 January 2024

Report of Central Area Council Manager:  
Sarah Blunkett

## **Central Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up-to-date overview of Central Area Council's 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 2023-2024 and the projected financial position to 2024-2025. 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 Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 2.2 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2023-2024 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-2025 as outlined.
- 2.3 Members note that the Social Isolation and Loneliness moderation panel met and were able to progress four applications at a total cost of £102,736.20
- 2.4 Members agree to Recommended Option 1a to progress the commissioning of services via a 'Social Isolation and Vulnerable Persons Challenge fund' with a financial envelope of £62,666.80 for grants to end prior 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Members are also asked that this is progressed by the Area Manager, in conjunction with a panel made up of CAC Elected Members, with delegated responsibility for the procurement of these grants to the Executive Director.
- 2.5 Members agree option 2a to allocated additional £515 to the Youth Work Fund to support both applications for YMCA and Youth Association in their entirety

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### 3 Overview of Contracts and timescales

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

Priority	Service/ Fund	Provider	Value	From	To	Type
Social Isolation	<b>Social Isolation Challenge Fund</b> My Community, My Life	Age UK Barnsley	£79,187 £40,000	01/04/2021 01/04/2023	31/03/2023 31/04/2024	Grant Agreement
	<b>Social Isolation Challenge Fund</b> Thriving Communities	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	£79,165.17 £41,800	01/04/2021 01/04/2023	31/03/2023 31/04/2024	Grant Agreement
	<b>Social Isolation Challenge Fund</b> Reds Connect Project	Reds in the Community	£30,252.96 £15,500	01/04/2021 01/04/2023	31/03/2023 31/04/2024	Grant Agreement
Children & Young People	<b>CAC Commission</b> Building emotional resilience & wellbeing in children & young people School Year 6 to Year 9	Barnsley YMCA	Year 1 £139,876 Year 2 £139,867	01/04/2023 01/04/2024	31/03/2024 31/03/2025	Contract
	<b>2022 Youth Fund</b> Street Smart	The Youth Association (TYA)	Year 1 £52,000 Year 2 £52,000	01/07/2022 01/07/2023	30/06/2023 30/06/2024	Grant Agreement
	<b>2022 Youth Fund</b> Detached Youth work	YMCA	Year 1 £12,934 Year 2 £12,934	01/07/2022 01/07/2023	30/06/2023 30/06/2024	Grant Agreement
Clean & Green	<b>CAC Commission</b> Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance	Year 1 £110,000 Year 2 £110,000 Year 3 £110,000	01/04/2022 01/04/2023 01/04/2024	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	Contract
	<b>CAC Commission</b> Targeted Household Fly Tipping Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 £35,000 Year 2 £35,000 Year 3 £35,000	01/04/2022 01/04/2023 01/04/2024	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	SLA
	<b>CAC Commission</b> Private Rented Housing Support Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 £35,000 Year 2 £35,000 Year 3 £35,000	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	31/03/2023 31/03/2024 31/03/2025	SLA
Vulnerable People	<b>Uplift project</b> <i>Funding agreed as match funding with Arts Council</i>	Creative Recovery	Year 1 £15,000 Year 2 £15,000	01/10/2022	30/09/2024	Grant Agreement
	<b>Central Wellbeing</b>	DIAL Barnsley	Year 1 £29,597	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Grant Agreement

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Fund Tranche 1 Advice Drop-In		Year 2 £29,597	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	
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### 4. Contract & Grant Financial Decisions

#### 4.1 Social Isolation and Supporting Vulnerable People Priorities

4.1.1 As per decisions made at the CAC meeting on 19 July 2023; the Social Isolation and Loneliness grant fund will run for 1 year and a total financial envelope of £130,000.00 is available. Responsibility for the procurement of these grants was delegated to the Executive Director.

4.1.2 The fund launched at the end of September and closed 31 October 2023.

A total of ten applications were received. These were scored by the panel and independently moderated. The panel were able to progress four applications at a total cost of £102,736.20. At the time of this report draft grant applications have been issued to:

- Barnsley FC, Community with Reds Connect £22,760.20
- Citizens Advice Barnsley with Advice Drop in Service £21,160
- DIAL Barnsley with Community Timebank Project £18,838
- Age UK with My Community My Life £39,978.20

4.1.3 £27,263.80 of the fund was unallocated. There is also £35,403 unallocated from tranche 2 supporting vulnerable people priority.

4.1.4 Suggested options for Members to consider:

**Recommended Option 1a:** Open a social isolation and vulnerable persons grant fund to run for 1 year up to £62,666.80. This would bring any grants offered in line with other current commissions to end March 2025. This would enable members to review all priorities together during 2024. This would also allow trial projects to take place furthering local intelligence for this priority. Applications to this fund would be considered via a funding panel made up of elected members and the area council manager and that responsibility is delegated to the Executive Director of Public Health & Communities to agree procurement of these grants.

**Option 1b:** Open a social isolation challenge fund or commission to run for 2-3 years to allow for a more sustainable offer.

**Option 1c:** Defer the fund and decisions making until 2024 to form part of the wider CAC review

#### 4.2 Youth Work Fund

4.2.1 Further to the Area Council meeting on 19 July 2023, Members agreed that the Area Council Manager should progress with funding outreach youth work from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025 to line up with the expiration of all other funds in anticipation of a full review of all Area Council Priorities. The panel met and considered two very worthy applications from the Youth Association and YMCA. The amount allocated by CAC was £50,000. The total application about was £50,515.

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4.2.2 The panel recommends that an additional £515 is allocated to the Youth Work Fund to support both applications in their entirety.

Option 2a Allocate an additional £515 to the Youth Work Fund to allow both projects to be funded in their entirety.

Option 2b to work with providers to make savings to allow both projects to run with reductions.

### 5. Financial Position

5.1 Based on updated information relating to existing CAC contracts, SLA's and Grant Agreements, Appendix 1 provides a revised position statement on CAC funding.

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

There is £27,263.80 of the fund that was unallocated from the social isolation challenge fund.. There is also £35,403 unallocated from tranche 2 supporting vulnerable people priority. This allows for £62,666.80 available for allocation.

5.2 A finance overview with future projected expenditure is attached for information 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 future potential proposals shown in **red**. There are no items for consideration at this meeting.

The budget projections remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed 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 be subject to change

### Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report – Actual Income and Expenditure

Appendix 2: CAC Budget Allocation and Forecast