

# **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

### **Report of the Dearne Area Council Manager**

#### **Commissioning Update**

##### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to receive an update with regards Dearne Area Council commissioned services.

##### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members note progress on their Dearne commissions
- 2.2 That members note progress with their environmental service

##### **3.0 Area Council commissions**

###### **3.1 Social Connectivity service**

This service has been running from July 2022 until the end of June 2025. This is a cost to the Area Council of £28,000 per annum. There are no issues with this contract.

###### **3.2 Housing & Cohesion Officer**

The Dearne Area Council approved the housing and Cohesion officer post until the end of March 2025. From January the officer has been working a four-day week and in the next financial year will cost £30,694, a reduced cost than previously highlighted. There are no issues with this contract.

###### **3.3 Assisting employment and skills**

Dearne Electronic Community Village will run until the end of March 2025 but reviewed annually. This service is a cost to the Area Council of £34,000 per annum. There are no issues with this contract.

###### **3.5 Environmental service**

The service currently provided by Twigg's which ended the end of March 2023 was extended for a further year. At the Area Council in November 2023 members were given several options and decided that they would not be going out to tender for this service but would be working with

neighbourhood services who could provide more hours within the Area Council financial envelope. After meeting with HR and legal it was decided that the current team leader would be TUPE across to neighbourhood services. Neighbourhood services are also going out to recruit for the driver post. Further meetings have been arranged to ensure a smooth transition from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024.

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