

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday 25 January 2024
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Hayward (Chair), Booker, Cherryholme, Ennis OBE, Green, Makinson, Peace, Sheard and Webster

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

37 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 23 November 2023 (Neac.25.01.24/2)**

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 23 November 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 23 November 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

38 **Age UK Update (Neac.25.01.24/3)**

Due to the absence of a presenter from Age UK, this item was abandoned.

RESOLVED that the item be abandoned.

39 **Jon Finch, Area Council Link Officer Feedback (Neac.25.01.24/4)**

Members received an update on the work of the Council and some of the recent key developments.

- Transformation work was underway, with service reviews and efficiency options being explored.
- The Council had taken 100% ownership of Oakwell Stadium.
- Market Gate Bridge had opened, with work ongoing to finalise outstanding works. The temporary bridge was to be removed.
- The Permanent Secretary at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities had visited Barnsley to discuss investment in the area.
- The Pride in Place Grants Panel was to meet in the coming weeks to review grant applications.

- Culture Strategy work was underway with workshops planned with elected members and Ward Alliances.

40 Procurement and Financial Update Report (Neac.25.01.24/5)

The Area Council Manager updated Members on the financial position to date provided in the appendices to the report, with various monies committed without being spent at this stage. The Healthy Lifestyles Panel was to meet later in February 2024 and make recommendations to a future Area Council meeting with progress on the the Drugs and Alcohol Advisor project also coming to a future meeting. Decisions made by the panel on the Youth Development Fund would come to a future Area Council meeting as formal recommendations. The procurement of a Clean and Green contract was progressing, with Members to be updated via email once the exercise was complete.

RESOLVED that:-

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; and
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 the report.

41 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair (Neac.25.01.24/6)

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances held throughout November and December 2023. The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth – the Sloppy Slippers event had been postponed and would take place on 17 February 2024. A Brass on the Grass event was being organised, with two bands signed up and a youth band approached, a Tea in the Park event would also take place in summer. Planning was in the initial stages for a day of action at Cudworth Park to clear the paths, with support from the Community Payback team.

Monk Bretton – Christmas activities had taken place including light switch-ons in Lundwood and Carlton. A Remembrance Sunday event had taken place with a volunteer on board for upkeep of the Remembrance Garden. The Ward Alliance had a good working relationship with Jolly Good Communities and took part in the program of activities scheduled wherever possible.

North East – the last Ward Alliance meeting had seen a useful presentation from U3A and a review of the DIAL service. Work with students at Outwood Academy Shafton was going well, with quarterly visits to the school. Winter Warm events were being planned and would provide an opportunity for services and providers to attend events in the community. Activities with young people such as sport and cooking were being explored, including half-term provision and a Saturday club. Funds

available to the Ward Alliance had previously been split by village, however this was now being trialled as a combined pot of funding available to all villages in the ward.

Royston – the asset transfer of Carlton Pavilion was being supported by the Ward Alliance. Christmas events had been successful, with funded activities for children taking place. Royston Park was hoping to ultimately achieve Green Flag status, the community orchard was thriving however play equipment needed refreshing and there was a plan of action in place. Talks were progressing looking to improve facilities at Rabbit Ings. Volunteering opportunities were plentiful, with local employers and service providers interested in participating.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

**42 Report on the Use of Area Council Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds
(Neac.25.01.24/7)**

Members were advised that the finances of Ward Alliances were ever changing and therefore the figures in the report were now higher than the current position. All Ward Alliances had available funds of less than £5,000 at the time of the meeting.

RESOLVED that Members receive the Ward Alliance Fund Report and note spend to date for the Wards of Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston.

Chair