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# Penistone Area Council

## Q1 (April – June 2024)

### Interim Performance Updates



Barnsley – the place  
of possibilities.



**Penistone Area Council**  
Penistone East, Penistone West

# Area Council Priorities







**Health and Wellbeing**   **Supporting Young People**   **Local Economy + tourism**   **Helping People connect**   **Our Environment**





**Barnsley 2030 priorities**

**Sustainable**   **Growing**   **Healthy**   **Learning**

These services address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Penistone Area Council.

Priority	Service	Contract /Grant	Contract end date	Provider	2030
	<b>Environment Services Reactive Service</b>	£40,000 per annum	April 2025	Vital Facilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract awarded to Vital Facilities April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024</li> <li>Direct purchasing of service with work paid for on an individual basis</li> <li>Vital facilities given a back log of jobs generated from within the community during the period when the area had no environmental services in place following the completion of the previous contract</li> <li>Response to work requests has been slow, visits to the area to look at work did not start until well into May</li> <li>23 requests have been entered onto the service portal since April</li> <li>14 quotes have been received and approved totalling £12,910 to date</li> <li>No jobs have yet been completed or paid for</li> </ul>					
	<b>Environment services Community support service</b>	£40,000 per annum	April 2025	Greenotes CiC	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract started with Greenotes CiC on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.</li> <li>Good progress has been made in making contacts with our community networks</li> <li>Successful launch event on April 30<sup>th</sup> to connect volunteers and groups across the area and start to develop the network</li> <li>13 community events in total delivered in this period, including new ways to engage younger members of the community</li> <li>1 accredited training course delivered ( First Aid for volunteers) 9 volunteers receiving accreditation</li> <li>20 community groups worked with</li> <li>116 new volunteers and 477 hours of volunteer time</li> </ul>					

	<p><b>Environment services</b> Community Grant Pot</p>	<p>£20,000 per annum</p>	<p>April 2025</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant pot advertised from April 1<sup>st</sup> and re-communicated via our neighbourhood network newsletter and application given out at the Greennotes launch event</li> <li>2 applications to date with applicants supported by Greenotes</li> <li>First grant panel met 6<sup>th</sup> June and included BMBC parks rep, community rep, member of PAC. Panel advised by Greenotes for professional knowledge</li> <li>Grants totalling £1,988.79 were awarded ; Team Green Moor , Replacement &amp; New Buy Project £1,000 , Hoylandswaine Events Group, Floral Displays and sustainability and biodiversity £988.79</li> <li>The grant is continuing to be promoted</li> </ul>					
	<p><b>Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people</b></p>	<p>£70,000 per annum</p>	<p>Funded until June 2024</p>	<p>Age UK Barnsley</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This has been the final quarter for this contract with Age UK</li> <li>Support has continued to be offered to a range of groups in the area including New Inn lunch club, Penistone library boardgames group and following consultation a new Bingo session has been started at Pendon House</li> <li>One to one support continues with 18 referrals made for support</li> <li>Happy Vibes dementia group has seen a slight increase in numbers this quarter and Age UK will continue to support this after their contracts finishes</li> <li>8 hours of Information and Advice support has been available with home visits as needed.</li> <li>The team has provided support to the PAC consultation on Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People in the Penistone area by distributing this with groups and individuals and supporting people to complete these</li> <li>A volunteer event has been held at Penistone Grammar to try and encourage more young people to support in the area</li> <li>Added value has been provided by a full range of BOPPAA activities in the area supporting older people with fitness and wellbeing</li> <li>A full project evaluation will be provided for the full Q1 performance report.</li> </ul>					
	<p><b>Debt advice service</b></p>	<p>£ 8,191</p>	<p>Funded until March 2024</p>	<p>Citizens Advice Barnsley</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The service continues to operate a face to face drop in from Penistone Library on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month</li> <li>Numbers are continuing to increase; the last quarter saw 81 face to face interventions against a target of 32, this suggests a positive word of mouth effect in the area</li> <li>Although Debt advice is not the most demanded service ( only 5% of enquiries last quarter) a good range of advice is being provided according to need and including benefits, Universal Credit , housing, legal, employment, relationships &amp; family, financial capabilities, utilities and communication, charitable support, consumer, travel &amp; transport and health &amp; community care .</li> <li>A full breakdown of the stats for Quarter 1 will be provided in the full report</li> </ul>					

	<b>Information and Advice service</b>	<b>£5,198 per annum</b>	<b>Funded until January 2025</b>	<b>DIAL</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The service moved face to face delivery of appointments from Penistone Town hall to Penistone Library on June 18<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the changes being made to the town hall. ( This now means all PAC funded welfare advice is now delivered in Penistone Library)</li> <li><b>94</b> residents given telephone advice *not funded by Penistone Area Council</li> <li><b>46</b> residents attended outreach</li> <li>The total <b>actual</b> amount of unclaimed benefit income generated through the service to date is <b>£102,563</b></li> <li>For every <b>£1</b> invested from the Penistone Working Together Fund the project, including matched funding has brought <b>£41.71</b> into the area</li> <li><b>Added Value</b> - Matched funding contributed during the period to date <b>£1,828</b></li> </ul>					
	<b>Working Together Grant Supporting Young People</b>	<b>£40,000</b>	<b>September 2024</b>	<b>Various</b>	
<b>Ad Astra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the start of the quarter the team experienced some difficulties in accessing pupils for group work within Penistone Grammar school, this was resolved but created a slight delay in delivery for the quarter.</li> <li>This has also impacted on the number of pupils the team has been able to see.</li> <li>The focus for this term has been on Year 7's and Year 8's providing group support to each cohort separately</li> <li>One to one support has been made available to Y10 pupils and others identified in previous sessions.</li> <li>Full stats will be available in the full Q1 performance report.</li> </ul>				
<b>Angel Voices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A full programme of well attended workshops has been delivered during the quarter</li> <li>Workshops have included visits from individuals in the industry such as film director Gabrielle Russell</li> <li>Young people have been preparing for ABRSM exams due to be taking place at the end of the quarter</li> <li>A number of successful performances have taken place including : Six Queens ( an individually written performance by Angel Voices) at the Paramount, contributions to the Mayor's civic service, We Will Rock You at The Cherry Tree, Horbury and support to a number of environmental events in the Penistone area.</li> <li>Angel voices were nominated for 2 awards this quarter Yorkshire choice awards ( in Leeds) and Barnsley Young Champions. Although not winners Young people from our workshops were thrilled to be part of these events.</li> <li>Volunteer support has increased significantly in the last quarter and a dedicated group has been established that supports with both workshops and performances</li> </ul>				
<b>Cawthorne Cricket Club</b>	These 2 projects completed their delivery programme at the end of quarter 4 and a full report was provided in the Q4 performance report				
<b>Thurgoland Thespians</b>					

**Walking the  
Goats**

- The project has started to gain more momentum this quarter
- There has been an increase in the number of schools referring to the project from 2 to 4 but the team has now also made links with local groups such as Brownies and scouts to increase numbers
- 13 sessions have taken place supporting between 15-18 young people with mental health and emotional wellbeing issues within the context of the farm
- Volunteer support has been provided and one new volunteer has joined this quarter
- PAC review visit to the project arranged for July 15<sup>th</sup>