

## Penistone Area Council July 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People in the Penistone Area

#### Procurement discussion paper

#### **Background**

Following a member workshop on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, where members were presented with findings of recent community research into the needs for older people in the area, consideration was given to a number of potential ways PAC may be able to continue to provide support to address these in the future. £70k of Area Council funding was agreed at PAC on April 11<sup>th</sup> to be allocated for the purposes of procuring any future services, and further discussion on how members felt this should be allocated was held at PAC on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2024.

It was agreed that the Area Manager should undertake some further research into the options discussed and provide members with more detailed costs for discussion and decision at PAC on July 18<sup>th</sup> in order that a procurement process can be progressed as soon as possible.

#### **Options for discussion with estimated costs and timescales**

In line with outcomes from discussions to date, members favour a fragmentation of the previous approach taken for procurement of services to support isolated and vulnerable older people, which would see apportionment of grants to fund various services that would meet with needs of the area.

The key aspects of support needed include:

1. One to one be-friending – support to a volunteer led approach
2. Targeted Welfare Information and Advice
3. Transport solutions
4. Group activities – support to a community led approach
5. Volunteer support

	Type of support needed	Delivery model requirement	Market potential	Estimated cost
1	Be-Friending	<p>To provide a Be-friending support service to generate and support volunteers who can provide one to one support</p> <p>To generate 'interim' activities to build confidence , support individuals to access established community activities in the medium to long term</p> <p>To engage and support a local referral network</p>	<p>Age Uk Be-Friend Other organisations within the wider YorTender market</p>	<p>£30k pa Potential for a 2 year contract</p>
2	Welfare Advice	<p>To provide targeted information and advice to Isolated older people (65+) providing telephone and home visit support</p>	<p>CAB DIAL Age UK</p>	<p>£10k pa Potential for a 2 year contract</p>
3	Transport solutions	<p>To provide dedicated accessible transport with localised pick up to enable individuals to access health and welfare appointments and social activities within the area</p> <p>To grow and develop an individual driver pick up (taxi service) with potential to support a volunteer led model</p>	<p>Community Transport providers e.g Barnsley DIAL A Ride South Pennine Community Transport</p>	<p>£10k pa Potential for a 2 year contract</p>
4	Community group activities and support	<p>To work with the Penistone community to enable and enhance provision that can support older people to connect with the</p>		<p>£20k pa Potential for a 2 year contract</p>

		wider community and demonstrate health and wellbeing outcomes To develop a network of providers		
5	Volunteer Support	This would be included with each of the above grant proposals		
Total Estimated cost per annum for all grants				£70k pa

*Each aspect may be advertised independently for grant funding although organisations may choose to apply for more than one aspect.*

In addition to the above, a further model for consideration is the development of a dedicated post to sit within the Penistone Area Team which would meet numbers 1,4,5 above.

**Supporting Older People in the Penistone Area Community Co-ordinator** (proposed role requirements)

- To recruit train and support volunteer be-frienders
- To regenerate the SOPPA network through mapping of all provision and to create dedicated referral routes to individual be-friending and social activities and act as a point of co-ordination
- To work with the area team Community Development Officer (CDO) to support new groups to deliver activities where there are gaps in provision
- To work with the CDO to provide support to existing community groups to access grant funds to enhance provision, including managing a small community resource grant pot
- To work with the Area Manager to identify specific emerging needs; e.g. dementia support, carers support to enable links into strategic responses and longer term solutions

Estimated cost of 2 year fixed term contract with BMBC £40k approx. pa

Members are asked to advise on their preferred options from the above or provide any other potential solutions that they would like investigated further to meet the needs of the Penistone area.

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