

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council:
22nd July 2024**

Agenda Item: 7

**Report of the
North Area Council Manager**

Ward Alliance Budget Overview

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budgets for each ward for the 2024/25 period.

2. Recommendation

- 2.2 **That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2024/25, in line with the guidance on spend.**

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition, the Area Council has devolved £10,000 to the Ward Alliances between 2014/15 and 2019/20; no additional funding was devolved in 2020/21 and a reduced amount of £5,000 was devolved in 2021/22. The £5,000 per ward devolved funding from the Area Council was agreed for 2022/23. At this time no additional funding has been identified for devolution to Ward Alliances during 2024/25.
- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Funding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocated to projects where there is match funding.
- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:
- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
 - it is in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
 - it represents value for money.

4.0 2024/25 Financial Position

4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2023/24 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2024/25 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

4.2 Budget allocations for 2024/25

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2024/25	Grant Returned	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£1,195.70	£431.92	£11,627.62
Darton West	£10,000	£1,709.27	£184.97	£11,894.24
Old Town	£10,000	£2,690.44	1,963.28	£14,653.72
St Helen's	£10,000	£2,813.77	£0.00	£12,813.77

4.3 All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2024/25. This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities.

5.2 Ward Alliance Chairs are requested to notify the Area Manager as soon as possible regarding projects that require a long lead in time and/or the Area Team support for delivery.

5.3 Proactive promotion of the Ward Alliance Fund to local not for profit groups and organisations is highly recommended to ensure efficient expenditure over the financial year.

Officer Contact:
KellyLycett@barnsley.gov.uk

Date:
7th July 2024

Appendix 1:

2024-25 Ward Funding Allocations

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2024-25, the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£431.92
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2023-24	£1,195.70

Total Available Funding	£11,627.62
--------------------------------	-------------------

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Summer Activities	£250.00	£0.00	£5,563.81	£11,377.62
2	Health and Wellbeing	£1,000.00	£0.00	£4,563.81	£10,377.62
3	Grassroots Summer Activity Sessions	£650.00	£0.00	£3,913.81	£9,727.62
4	Defibrillator Working Budget	£200.00	£0.00	£3,713.81	£9,527.62
5	Secretary Payment Q1 - DE	£125.00	£0.00	£3,588.81	£9,402.62
6	Seamrippers Quilting Group - materials	£500.00	£3,500.00	£3,588.81	£8,902.62

2024-25 Ward Funding Allocations

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2024-25, the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£184.97
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2023-24	£1,709.27

Total Available Funding	£11,894.24
--------------------------------	-------------------

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Darby & Joan - Scarecrow Festival	£73.92	£822.00	£5,947.12	£11,820.32
2	Hanging Baskets -top-up	£500.00	£0.00	£5,447.12	£11,320.32

2024-25 Ward Funding Allocations

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2024-25, the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£1,963.28
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2023-24	£2,690.44

Total Available Funding £14,653.72

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Emmanuel Methodist Church - Poetry Comp	£1,309.09	£0.00	£5,243.70	£13,344.63
2	Friends of Wilthorpe Park - Pictures in the Park	£908.40	£0.00	£4,335.30	£12,436.23

2024-25 Ward Funding Allocations

ST HELEN'S WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2024-25, the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£0.00
Base Allocation	£2,813.77
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	£10,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2023-24	£0.00

Total Available Funding	£12,813.77
--------------------------------	-------------------

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Summer Sports Provision	£1,000.00	£0.00	£5,406.89	£11,813.77
2	Spring Bulbs 2024	£938.75	£0.00	£4,468.14	£10,875.02