

**North East Area Council Meeting:
25th July 2024**

Agenda Item: 7

**Report of North East
Area Council Manager:**

Commissioning and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up-to-date overview of North East Area Council's (NEAC) current priorities and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 The report outlines the financial position to date for 2024-25 and the projected financial position to 2024-25. Please note financial projections assume that the base income budget remains the same and that existing services are maintained.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2023-24 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, as outlined in the Appendix. of this report.

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3. Overview of Current Contracts and timescales

3.1 The table below outlines all the North East Area Council contracts, Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and grants **currently** being delivered, together with values, timescales and recent actions **agreed**:

Commissioning Table (including decisions made for financial year 2024-25)					
Service	Provider	Cost	Date From	Date To	Type
Love Where you Live					
Devolved to Ward Alliances	Ward Alliances	£40,000	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Funds Transfer
		£40,000	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	
Neighbourhood Engagement Officer	BMBC	£6,000	01/04/2022	31/05/2023	Cost of Salary
Cudworth Darfield Road Community Centre	Darfield Road CC	£4,820	01/04/2022	One Off	Offset income received
Responsible Dog Owner Project	NEAC Project	£4,000	01/04/2019	31/03/2023	Purchasing
		(£1k Per Year)			
Private Sector Housing Officer	BMBC Safer Communities	£37,750	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	SLA
		£TBC	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	
Thriving & Vibrant Economy					
Traineeships: Environmental Services	Barnsley Community Build	£222,988.33	01/04/2021	31/03/2024	Contract
2024 Clean & Green Service	BCB	£200,000	01/04/2024	31/03/2027	Contract
Young People					
CYP Small Grants Programme	Various Providers	£41,889.00 Budget	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Youth Development Grants
Sanitary Supplies	Partnership Project	£1,000.00	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Purchasing
Outreach Youth Work	The Youth Association	£39,747.00	01/04/2023	31/03/2025	Grant

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Healthy Lifestyles					
Social Isolation & Dementia	Age UK Barnsley	£44,995	01/07/2022	31/06/2023	Grant
Social Isolation & Dementia	Age UK Barnsley	£39,998	01/07/2023	31/06/2024	Grant
		£39,999	01/07/2024	30/06/2025	
Devolved to Ward Alliances (Ringfenced for IAG)	Ward Based	£12,000	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	Funds Transfer
		£12,000	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	
Healthy Lifestyles Fund Alcohol & Drugs Advisor – Outreach Pilot	Humankind - Recovery Steps	£41,000 Total from NEAC	17/06/2024	16/06/2026	SLA Total 2yr Project Cost £71k, (£30k match funding received)
Healthy Lifestyles Fund Physical Activity & Healthy Eating Family Pilot	Grassroots	£2,940 Total from NEAC	01/01/2024	31/01/2025	Grant Total 1yr project costs £10,610 (match funding for the remainder)
Healthy Lifestyles Fund Olympics Event	Jolly Good Communities	£2,464 Total from NEAC	One off event 11/08/2024		Grant Total Event Cost £5,864 (match funding for the remainder)
Healthy Lifestyles Fund – Budget Balance as approved by Area Council	TBC – open fund	Total Funding committed by NEAC £30,000 £30,000 £13,956	01/04/23 01/04/24 Fund balance	31/03/24 31/03/25	TBC

4. Contract & Grant Financial Decisions

Healthy Lifestyles Priority

- 4.1 At the Area Council on 22nd September 2022; the NEAC was presented with a Welfare Services Review paper and asked the Area Manager to consider options for the commissioning of an area wide Advice service.

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- 4.2 The workshop considered costs for this which were indicative based on costings from local suppliers and other Area Council's with similar services.
- 4.3 Members at the workshop agreed that they would prefer to continue current arrangements within their respective wards and recommended and requested additional funds from the main commissioning budget to do this. This was agreed by the NEAC on 26 January 2023 actioned for the financial year 2023-24.
- 4.4 At the NEAC on 25 January 2024, Members requested that this arrangement be continued for the financial year 2024-25 and asked the Area Manager to make the recommendation to the next Area Council meeting to be formally agreed.
- 4.5 At the May 2024 NEAC meeting Councillors agreed Option 1: Devolve £12,000 (£3,000 per Ward Alliance) to be ringfenced for Ward Alliances to fund Information, Advice and Guidance services within their Ward Areas based on identified needs through Ward Alliance Fund arrangements.
- 4.6 **Following a successful recruitment process, the Drug and Alcohol Advisor commenced in role on the 16th June 2024.**

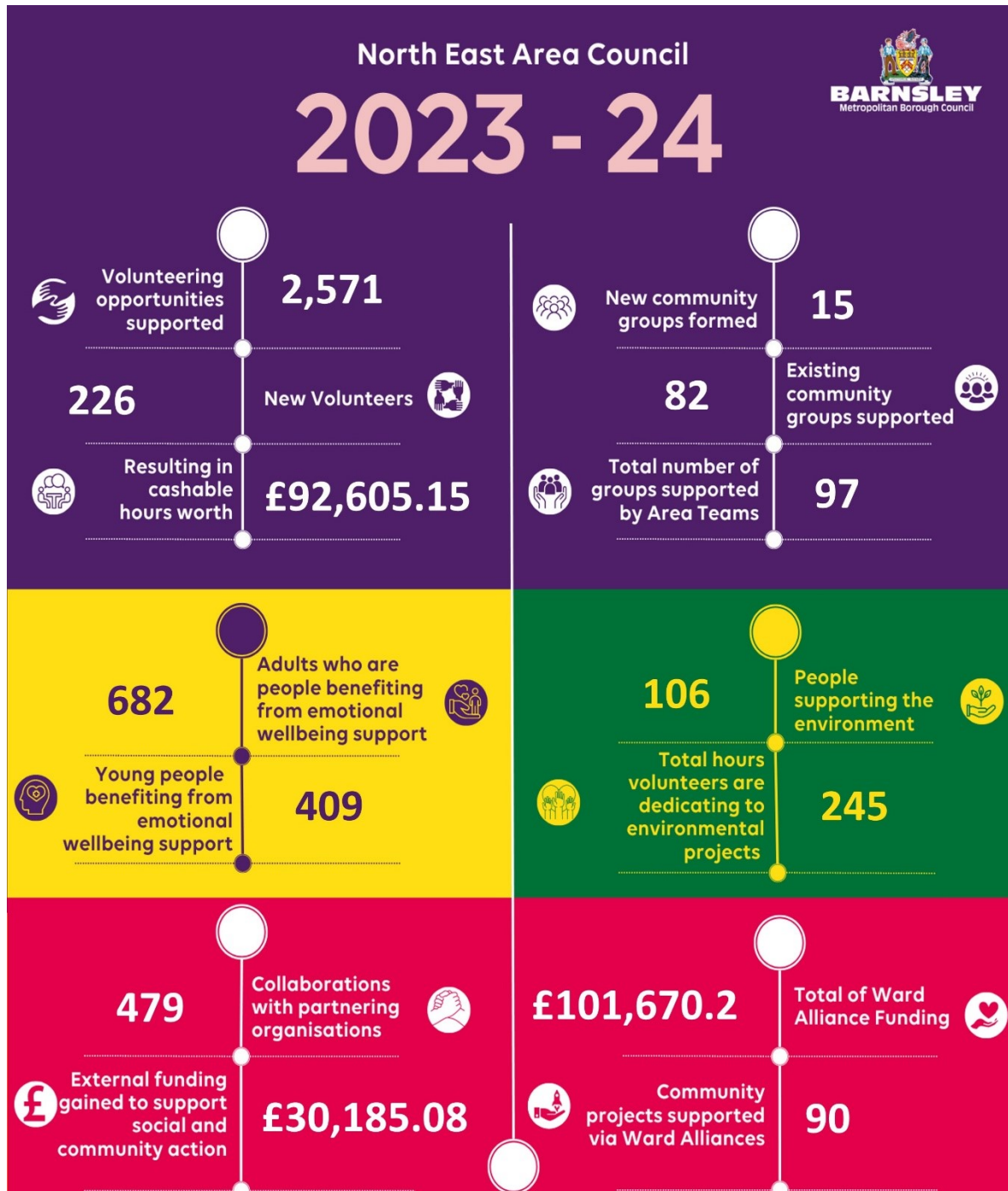
Love Where You Live Priority

- 4.7 At the Area Council meeting on 08 March 2023, members agreed to the recommendation to extend the BMBC Housing Officer SLA with Safer Communities from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 at a cost of £40,000 per annum.
- 4.8 Due to the salary increases stacked up over recent years, the amount agreed does not cover the full cost of our Housing Officer.
- 4.9 A presentation from Safer Communities will be given at today's Area Council meeting.
- 4.10 The Private sector Housing Officer (PHSO) continues to respond to high demand across the North East Area and has engaged with residents and supported with a variety of issues including housing disrepair, dog fouling and waste in gardens, fly-tipping, side waste, overgrown gardens, noise complaints, bin issues, illegal businesses, self-neglect/hoarding and people struggling financially.
- 4.11 The project is far exceeding its expected outcomes and picked up 85 new jobs in the last quarter alone with an additional 150 door knocks to engage with residents to talk about issues on their street or within their homes.
- 4.12 We were successful in our funding application of £3,000 to the HSG fund which has enabled us to purchase goods on behalf of vulnerable households to combat condensation and support with the cost of living, for example; dehumidifiers, slow cookers, electric heaters etc. The need was identified through the PHSO and facilitated through the NE Area Team.
- 4.13 At the May 2024 NEAC meeting Councillors agreed: to extend the BMBC Housing Officer SLA with Safer Communities from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 at the estimated revised cost of £45,750 which is an increase of what was previous agreed of £5,750 per annum.

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5. Performance Snapshot

5.1 In addition to the commissioned service performance report that was presented at the NEAC meeting in May 2024, a snapshot has been prepared that helps to demonstrate how the valuable contribution that the NEAC commissioned services and North East Area Team's delivery made to the Corporate and Stronger Communities KPIs during the year 2023/24.



5.2 Further details are available on request.

5.3 The intention is to present the Ward Alliance's annual reports at the September NEAC meeting.

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6. Financial Position

- 6.1 A finance overview with future projected expenditure for the period 2024 up to 2026 is attached as an Appendix to this report. This has been updated as of year-end 2023/24. Interventions being considered and other “informally agreed” services are shown in amber, with any future potential proposals shown in red.
- 6.2 The 2024 to 2025 budget projections remain indicative projections and maybe subject to changes agreed upon as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes. The assumption is that the baseline budget remains the same year-on-year and this may also be subject to change.

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Appendix 1: NEAC Financial Forecast

Income	Priority	2023/24	Column3	Column4	2024/25	Column5	Column6	2025/26	Column7	Column8
North East Area Council Allocation		£ 400,000.00			£ 400,000.00			£ 400,000.00		
Durgs & Alcohol Project Pilot		£ 25,000.00			£ 5,000.00					
Other Funding		£ 7,750.00								
Balance B/F from previous year		£ 186,700.86			£ 159,528.63			£ 99,597.26		
Total Available Spend:		£ 619,450.86			£ 564,528.63			£ 499,597.26		
Expenditure - Service / Provider	Priority	Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal	Committed 2	Under consideration2	Future Proposal	Committed 3	Under consideration3	Future Proposal2
Youth Development Small Grants - Balance	Children & Young People	£ 2,105.09			£ 24,941.75					£ 30,000.00
Exodus Brierley	Children & Young People	£ 6,414.25			£ 5,733.75					
Exodus Cudworth	Children & Young People	£ 5,777.42			£ 5,733.75					
Ad Astra 1-1	Children & Young People	£ 3,340.00								
Ad Astra Carlton Group	Children & Young People	£ 6,500.00								
Ad Astra Shafton Group	Children & Young People	£ 6,500.00								
Gt Houghton Youth Group	Children & Young People	£ 6,639.74								
Grimethorpe Activity Zone	Children & Young People	£ 4,612.50			£ 3,843.75					
Youth Development Detached Youth Work	Children & Young People	£ 39,747.00			£ 39,747.00					£ 40,000.00
Private Sector Housing Officer	Love Where You Live	£ 37,750.00			£ 45,750.00					£ 50,000.00
Devolved to Ward Alliances	Love Where You Live	£ 40,000.00			£ 40,000.00					£ 40,000.00
Devolved to Ward Alliances - Ringfenced for Info & Advice Services	Love Where You Live	£ 12,000.00			£ 12,000.00					£ 12,000.00
Responsible Dog Owner Project	Love Where You Live	£ 1,000.00								
Neighbourhood Engagement Officer (NEO)	Love Where You Live	£ 6,000.00								
Older People Social Isolation (Age UK to 30/06/24)	Healthy Lifestyles	£ 55,993.23			£ 39,997.37			£ 9,999.00		£ 30,000.00
Healthy Lifestyles Fund - Balance	Healthy Lifestyles	£ -			£ 13,606.00					£ 30,000.00
Humankind - Recovery Steps Drugs & Alcohol Outreach	Healthy Lifestyles				£ 35,500.00			£ 35,500.00		
Grassroots - NE Families Pilot	Healthy Lifestyles				£ 2,940.00					
Jolly Good Communities - Olympics Event	Healthy Lifestyles				£ 2,454.00					
Sanitary Supplies	Healthy Lifestyles	£ 1,000.00								
NEW Environmental/Clean, Green & Tidy	Love Where You Live				£ 192,684.00			£ 198,290.00		
NEET Team Phase 2	Thriving & Vibrant Economy	£ 222,988.00								
Darfield Road External Grant	N/A - Custodians Only	£ 1,555.00								
Total Expenditure:		£ 459,922.23	£ -	£ -	£ 464,931.37	£ -	£ -	£ 243,789.00	£ -	£ 232,000.00
Total anticipated contract spend:		£ 459,922.23			£ 464,931.37			£ 475,789.00		
Balance C/F		£ 159,528.63			£ 99,597.26			£ 23,808.26		