

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

Agenda Item: 9

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

Ward Alliance Budget Overview

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

2.2 That each Ward in the North East 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 each of the Ward Alliances.

3.2 Decisions on funding applications must meet with Ward Alliance's approval and fulfil the 50% match funding requirement.

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 (based on the Ward Plan priorities,
- 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	Devolved from Area Council	Carried forward from 2023/24	Total available
Cudworth	£10,000	£10,000	£2,320.41	£22,320.41
Monk Betton	£10,000	£10,000	£3,464.64	£23,464.64
North East	£10,000	£10,000	£128.12	£20,128.12
Royston	£10,000	£10,000	£3,242.71	£23,242.71

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

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Appendix One: 2024-25 Ward Funding Allocations

Cudworth Ward Alliance

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

Base Allocation	10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	10,000.00
Public Health Engagement	0.00
Information Advice and Guidance	0.00
Carried forward from FY 2023-24 - WA Allocation and RBs	1,875.88
Carried forward from FY 2023-24 - Running Budgets (Engagement Fund)	444.53

Total Available Funding **22,320.41**

REF Line from WA Master Spend Spreadsheet 1 = NEMBWAF/24- 25/1	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non- Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
<i>Number</i>	<i>Name of project and where</i>	<i>Amount WA agreed</i>		11,160.21	22,320.41
1	Grass Roots in the Park	420.00	137.00	11,160.21	21,900.41
2	Brass on the Grass	450.00	82.20	11,160.21	21,450.41
3	Cudworth Outreach Advice Project (DIAL)	2,410.00	890.50	11,160.21	19,040.41
4	Engagement Fund	2,000.00	0.00	9,160.21	17,040.41
5	Activity Clubs and Camps (Exodus)	1,911.25	109.60	9,160.21	15,129.16
6	Horticultural Fund	500.00	1,424.80	9,160.21	14,629.16
7	Tea in the Park	1,000.00	1,678.25	9,160.21	13,629.16
8	Primary Sports Presentation Evening	400.00	0.00	8,760.21	13,229.16
9	Monthly Coffee Mornings - Rent	345.00	1,315.20	8,760.21	12,884.16
10	Cudworth Park Outdoor Cinema	2,575.00	548.00	8,760.21	10,309.16
11	Cudworth Crafters - Machinery for Craft Group	548.99	1,013.80	8,760.21	9,760.17
12	Youth Association - London Trip	1,199.00	0.00	7,561.21	8,561.17
13	Jolly Good Communities - What's Your Move event	1,000.00	3,699.00	7,561.21	7,561.17
		14,759.24	10,898.35		7,561.17

Appendix Two:

2024-25 Ward Funding Allocations

Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

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

Base Allocation	10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	10,000.00
Public Health Engagement	0.00
Information Advice and Guidance	0.00
Carried forward from FY 2023-24 - WA Allocation and RBs	3,464.64

Total Available Funding **23,464.64**

REF Line from WA Master Spend Spreadsheet 1 = NEMBWAF/24- 25/1	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non- Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
<i>Number</i>	<i>Name of project and where</i>	<i>Amount WA agreed</i>			
				11,732.32	23,464.64
1	Jolly Good Communities Medieval Mayhem	1,444.00	12,056.00	11,732.32	22,020.64
		1,444.00	12,056.00		22,020.64

Appendix Three:

2024-25 Ward Funding Allocations

North East Area Ward Alliance

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

Base Allocation	10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	10,000.00
Public Health Engagement	0.00
Information Advice and Guidance	0.00
Carried forward from FY 2023-24 - unspent running budgets*	128.12
Carried forward from FY 2023-24 - unspent WA Allocation	0.00

Total Available Funding **20,128.12**

REF Line from WA Master Spend Spreadsheet 1 = NENEWAF/2 4-25/1	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
<i>Number</i>	<i>Name of project and where</i>	<i>Amount WA agreed</i>			
				10,064.06	20,128.12
1	Grimethorpe Annual Gala	706.00	3,890.80	10,064.06	19,422.12
2	Brierley Summer Fete 2024	929.00	3,267.45	10,064.06	18,493.12
3	Shaftonbury	400.00	1,479.60	10,064.06	18,093.12
4	Secretary Q1 payment	125.00	0.00	9,939.06	17,968.12
		2,160.00	8,637.85		17,968.12

Appendix Four:

2024-25 Ward Funding Allocations

Royston Ward Alliance

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

Base Allocation	10,000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	10,000.00
Public Health Engagement	0.00
Information Advice and Guidance	0.00
Carried forward from FY 2023-24 - unspent running budgets	2,263.39
Carried forward from FY 2023-24 - unspent WAFs	979.32

Total Available Funding	23,242.71
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REF Line from WA Master Spend Spreadsheet 1 = NERWAF/24-25/1	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
<i>Number</i>	<i>Name of project and where</i>	<i>Amount WA agreed</i>			
				11,621.36	23,242.71
1	Royston Friends Association - Easter Eggs for activity	62.50	0.00	11,558.86	23,180.21
2	Royston Canal Club - Environmental Equipment	500.00	1,315.20	11,558.86	22,680.21
		562.50	1,315.20		22,680.21