

**South Area Council Meeting:  
26<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Report of South Area Council Manager**

**South Area Council – Procurement and Financial Update**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide a financial and procurement update on the South Area Council commissioning budget.

**2. Recommendations**

South environmental caretaker service level agreement

- 2.1 That Members note the update within this report for the South Environmental Caretaker service. Funding has previously been agreed for a period of two years. To allow flexibility to adapt the service level agreement and bring the funding in line with Barnsley Council financial years, the service level agreement will cover the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and a further one-year agreement will be agreed for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

Social isolation and loneliness commission and grants panel nomination

- 2.2 That Members note the update within this report on the tackling loneliness and isolation grant schemes.

**3. South environmental caretaker service**

- 3.1 Funding has previously been agreed for a period of two years for the south environmental caretaker service. Following further discussion with Neighbourhood Services it has been recommended that the service level agreement timescale is brought in line with Barnsley Council financial years.
- 3.2 To realign with Barnsley Council's standard financial year the service level agreement will cover the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and a further one-year agreement will be agreed for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. This will also allow flexibility to adapt the service level agreement.

**4. Tackling loneliness and isolation priority update**

- 4.1 The south tackling social isolation and loneliness fund is a new fund established by the South Area Council to tackle social isolation and loneliness for over 50's, addressing the continued need for skilled one to one intervention support and providing opportunities for the community and voluntary sector to deliver activities and events supporting vulnerable people residing in the South Area Council area. The grant fund is designed to directly contribute to the South Area Council priorities of 'Health and wellbeing for all', 'Access to local information and advice' and 'Improving the local economy'.
- 4.2 The fund will be launched on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024, with a closing date of noon 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The grants will be in two parts, part A: Early intervention and prevention help for over 50's in the South area through one-to-one intervention support and advice and guidance. Part B: Activities, interventions and events to reduce social isolation and loneliness of local residents in the South area over 50 years of age.