

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Area Council Meeting:
14th November 2016**

**Report of Central Area Council
Manager**

Central Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an overview of the Central Area Council's current contracts and timescales.
- 1.2 It also updates members on the progress made to date in taking forward the "Building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people aged 8-14 years" procurement exercise and proposes a way forward for identifying additional local providers to deliver the complementary services for building emotional resilience in children and young people.
- 1.3 Within the context of updating members about the progress made in taking forward the "reducing loneliness and social isolation in vulnerable adults and older people" procurement, the report also provides members with information relating to a request for a 3 month extension to the current RVS contract.
- 1.4 Finally, the report outlines the current financial position for 2016/17 and 2017/18-2019/20.

2. Recommendations

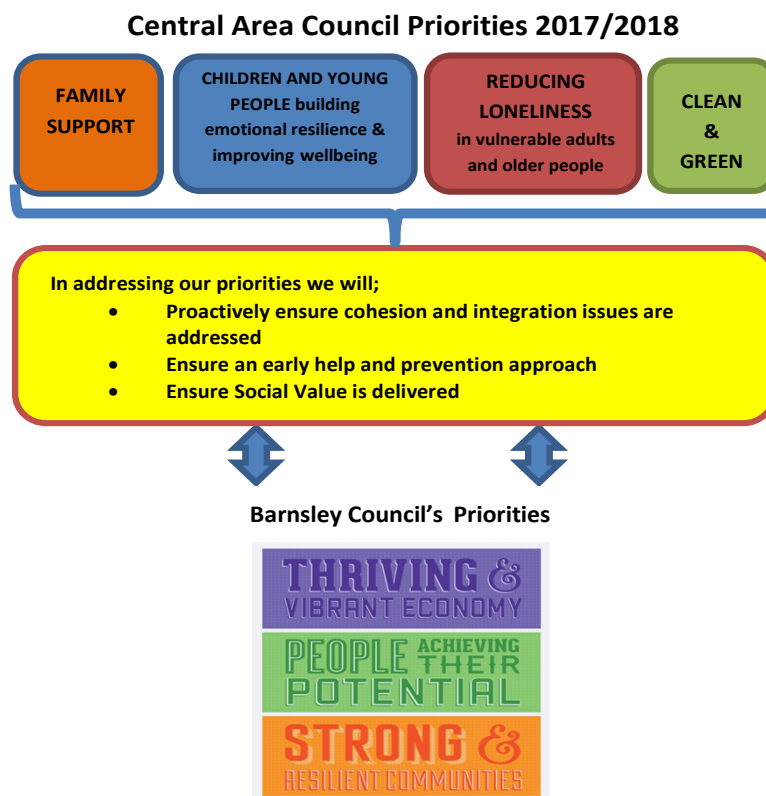
It is recommended that:

- 2.1 **Members note the overview of Central Council's current contracts with the associated timescales.**
- 2.2 **Members note the progress made in taking forward the "Building Emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people aged 8-14 years" procurement exercise.**
- 2.3 **Members consider and approve the proposal provided at Section 5.0 for identifying additional local providers to deliver the complementary services for building emotional resilience in children and young people aged 8-14 years.**

- 2.4 Members delegate responsibility for the formal approval of the Youth Resilience Fund grants, up to a total value of £70,000, to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the Youth Resilience Panel.
- 2.5 Members note the progress made in taking forward the “reducing loneliness and social isolation in vulnerable adults and older people” procurement.
- 2.6 Members formally approve the extension to the RVS Reducing loneliness and isolation in older people contract for a 3 month period to 30th June 2017 at a cost of £25,000, and authorisation be given to the Executive Director Communities to complete the necessary paperwork, in order to waive the relevant contract procedure rules to allow the contract extension to be progressed.
- 2.7 Members note the actual financial position for 2014/15 and 2015/16 and the projected expenditure for 2016/17-2019/20.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 At the meeting of Central Area Council on 7th July 2016 members agreed the following revised Central Area Council priority areas and underpinning principles.



3.2 Table 1 below provides an overview of current contracts, the actions agreed at previous meetings of Central Area Council in order to address the revised priorities (outlined above), together with an update and associated timescales for each.

Table 1:

Priority	Service and Current Provider-current contract duration, cost and end date	Actions agreed by Central Area Council	Progress
Older people	RVS – Service to reduce loneliness and isolation in older people–original contract (£200,000) extended to 31 st March 2017 at an additional cost of £ 85,000.	Agreed that this service would be broadened to include reducing social isolation in vulnerable adults, in addition to older people.	Although some initial work has been undertaken to gather the information and data required to ensure readiness for the first meeting of the Task Group, this has not yet happened. A full update can be found in Section 6.0 of this report.
Young People	YMCA -Service to improve the health and wellbeing of children & young people aged 8-12 years 2 year contract (£199,781) extended to 31 st March 2017 at an additional cost of £ 81,000.	The young people’s priority was revised to “Building Emotional resilience and wellbeing of children aged 8-14 years” at the Central Area Council meeting on 7 th July 2016.	Reflecting the content of the business case presented to Central Area Council on 19 th September 2016, a draft service specification and procurement strategy was approved at the meeting of Central Area Council on 17 th October 2016. A full update can be found in Section 4.0 and 5.0 of this report.
Young People	Addaction, Exodus and YMCA -Providing a collaborative service to improve the overall health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 13-19 years- Total cost £126,829. Funding Agreements end on 31 st March 2017.	See above.	
Clean & Green Clean and Green 2	Twiggs - Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people. Contract re-let to Twiggs, following a procurement process. Contract commenced		

	April 2016 1 year + 1 year - £85,000/annum. Contract ends April 2018.		
Clean and Green Environmental Enforcement 2	Contract re-let to Kingdom Security as part of a wider European procurement exercise with other Area Council's - 1 year + 1 year contract £42,000/annum SLA with BMBC's Enforcement Service- £10,500/annum		
Clean and Green	Private Rented Housing Management and Enforcement SLA. Initial 22 month period (£141,875) with extension agreed to 31 st March 2017 at an additional cost of £12,897.	Area Council approved the business case and agreed a further extension of 1 year for this SLA at a cost of £76,175. The end date is now 31 st March 2018.	Work is underway to amend the SLA for the extended period and include revised targets and milestones.
Home Visiting service for families with 0-5 year olds	Homestart South Yorkshire 1 year to 31 st March 2017- £15,852. Contract ends- 31 st March 2017.		
Family Support	Agreed as a new priority at Area Council meeting on 4 th July 2017.	Check and Challenge exercise of the Family Centre and Family Support Service delivery in the Central Council area to be carried out towards the end of the financial year. Once this exercise is complete a Task Group will be established to consider how Central Area Council can help to address any gaps or challenges identified.	NA

4.0 Building Emotional Resilience in young people – Main Provider Update

4.1 Following approval at the Central Area Council meeting on 17th October 2016 of a specification of requirements for a service to “build the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people aged 8-14 years”, and the

associated procurement strategy synopsis, the following progress has been made:

- Minor amendments made to specification following comments made at Central Area Council meeting on 17th October 2016.
- Advertisement placed on YORtender and Contracts Finder on 2nd November 2017.
- Deadline for tender submissions – Monday 28th November 2016.
- Tender Evaluation- 29th Nov-9th Dec 2016.
- Presentation/Interview Stage- Thursday 15th December 2016.
- Tender report and approval -2nd January 2017.

4.2 Members will be informed about the outcome of the procurement process to “build the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people aged 8-14 years” at the meeting of Central Area Council on 16th January 2017.

5.0 Building Emotional Resilience in young people- Complementary service: Local Providers-Update

5.1 At the meeting of Central Area Council on 19th September 2016, it was agreed that in addition to the procurement of a main provider to deliver a service to build emotional resilience in children and young people aged 8-14 years, “opportunities should also be made available for a number of smaller local providers to deliver a supplementary/complementary service” and that “a proposal for securing local providers to deliver a complementary/supplementary service would be presented” at a future Central Area Council meeting. An amount of £70,000 has been identified for this purpose.

5.2 To take this forward, and reflecting the learning from previous Central Area Council funding programmes to encourage the engagement of local providers (i.e. Working Together Fund and the more recent Youth Programme Fund), the following process with associated timescales for the development and implementation of a Youth Resilience Fund is proposed:

Step 1: Mid-January 2017

Following completion of the procurement process outlined in section 4.0 above, and the appointment of the Main provider, a Task Group will be established to develop a framework and criteria for the Youth Resilience Fund.

The Youth Resilience Fund framework and criteria will be designed to guide and encourage local providers to put forward proposals that will complement the service to be provided by the Main Provider.

As part of the work of this Task Group, a Youth Resilience Fund submission/application form and guidance notes will also be developed.

Step 2: End of January 2017

The Youth Resilience Fund and associated documentation will be launched and promoted to local community groups and organisations via local elected

members, community and neighbourhood networks, Ward Alliances etc. A 4 week period will be allowed for submissions/applications to be made.

Step 3: End of February-mid March 2017

Youth Resilience Fund submissions will be evaluated by Central Area Team against the Youth Resilience Framework criteria. Organisations that meet the criteria will then be invited to a Youth Resilience Fund Panel.

It is proposed that the Panel will be made up of a Central Area Team representative and 3 Central Area Council members.

The Grants Panel will recommend the projects that should be funded (up to a total value of £70,000).

Step 4: By end of March 2017

Funding agreements / contracts to be issued to successful Providers.

Service delivery to commence on 1st April 2017.

- 5.3 In order to ensure that the timescales outlined in the steps above can be met, it is proposed that Central Area Council devolves responsibility for the formal approval of the Youth Resilience Fund grants, up to a value of £70,000, to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the Youth Resilience Panel.

6.0 Reducing loneliness and isolation in vulnerable adults and older people

- 6.1 Although some initial work has been undertaken to gather the information and data required to ensure readiness for the first meeting of the Task Group for this service, further work is still required.
- 6.2 A meeting of the Task Group has however been scheduled to take place on Thursday 24th November 2017, 2.00-4.00pm, with a view to the draft specification and procurement strategy for this service being brought to the next meeting of Central Area Council on 16th January 2017, for consideration and approval.
- 6.3 The timescales outlined above would allow the tender for this service to go live on YORtender on 30th January 2017, with an anticipated approval to award date of 27th March 2017.
- 6.4 To ensure continuity of service delivery with the existing Provider (RVS), and to ensure the effective implementation of the new contract, it is proposed that a 3 month extension be given to the current contract with RVS at a cost of £ 25,000.
- 6.5 If this extension is approved, the start date for the new service for “reducing loneliness and isolation in vulnerable adults and older people (as outlined above) would be 1st July 2017.

7.0 Current financial position

- 7.1 Based on updated information relating to existing Central Area Council contracts, SLA's and funding agreements, Appendix 1 attached provides a revised position statement on Central Council funding.
- 7.2 It shows actual expenditure for 2014/15 and 2015/16 and projected expenditure for 2016/17-2019/20
- 7.3 The 2016/17-2019/20 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing contract management processes.
- 7.4 An amount of £2,022 income received from Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) for car parking up to 31st March 2016 is included.
- 7.5 The 2017/18-2019/20 figures include only those contracts that have been formally agreed, and do not include any of the proposed Central Area Council procurement/commissioning activity contained in this report.
- 7.6 Based on the financial statement attached at Appendix 1, an amount of approximately **£104,704** remains unallocated for the current financial year (2016/2017).
- 7.7 Subject to the Council's formal process to set its budget, and including approval of a carry forward amount of **£104,704** into the next financial year, an unallocated balance of **£341,029** is currently available for 2017/18.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Central Area Council Commissioning -Budget Financial Analysis 2014/15 -2019/20

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