

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Penistone Area Council
8th December 2016

Report of the
Penistone Area Council Manager

Penistone Area Council priorities and commissioning review

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of the discussions at Members Briefings on the 17th and 24th November 2016 regarding the Penistone Area Council priorities for 2017/ 2018.
- 1.2 The report outlines the process followed for members considering their priorities for 2017 /2018.
- 1.3 The report also considers current contracts and future commissioning.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members receive the overview of discussions at Members Briefings on the 17th and 24th November and agree the proposed new priorities and guiding principles for 2017 / 2018 outlined in section 3 of this report:
- Environment
 - The Local Economy including Tourism
 - Helping people to connect better
 - Supporting young people
 - Health and Well being
- 2.2 That members note the discussions regarding future commissioning, and agree to hold a Members Briefing in January to look at environmental enforcement in more detail and note budget recommendations in the separate Managers report.

3.0 Priority Review Workshop Outline: 17th and 24th November 2016

- 3.1 **Part 1: Looking Back**
Current priorities:



- Previous review saw Health and well- being replacing ‘Access to healthcare’ priority in September 2015
- Local economy priority was strengthened to include tourism

3.2 Commissioning budget – Spend to date:

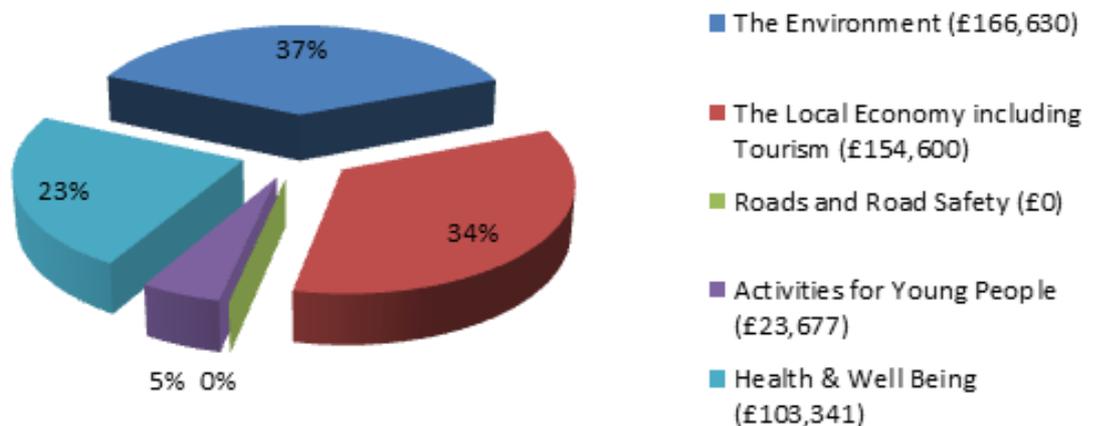
- **£32,038** left to commit from 2016/ 2017 budget
- **£78,033** remaining in Working Together Fund although a total of 7 applications (£100,000) will have been considered at the next grant panel meeting on 29th November 16.

Commissioning activity:

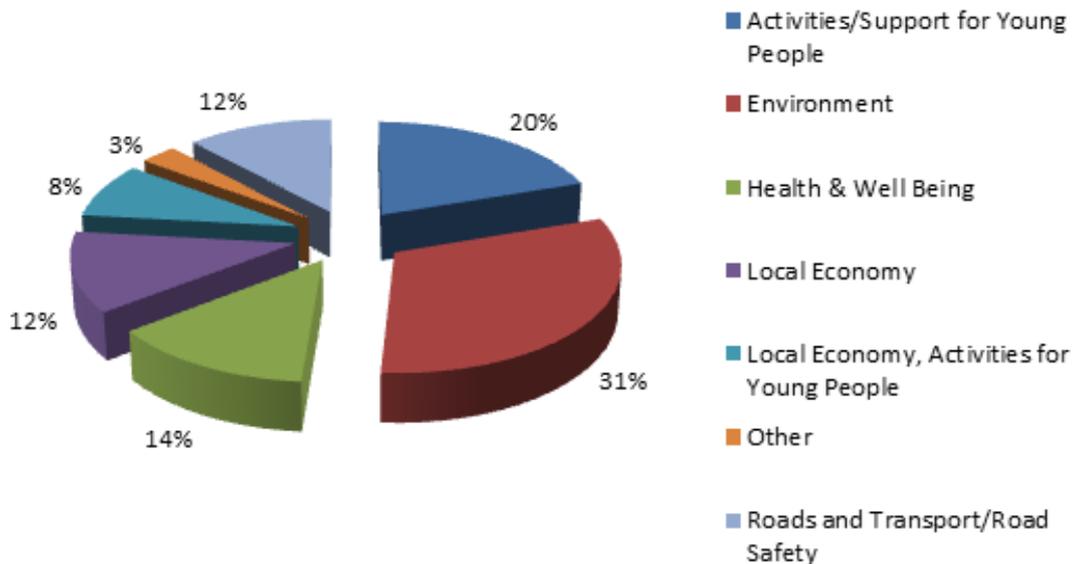
	2014/15 £200,000	2015/16 £200,000	2016/17 £200,000	Total £600,000
Countryside Skills and Training	£100,000			£100,000
Countryside Skills and Training extension		£54,600		£54,600
Clean and Tidy Team		£35,555	£124,445	£160,000
Working Together Fund		£60,000	£60,000	£120,000
Allocation to Ward Alliance		£40,000	£20,000	£60,000
Vulnerable and Older People Commission			£70,000	£70,000
Community magazine – Penistone Matters			£3362	£3362
Total spend allocation				£567,962
Remaining allocation			£32,038	

Proportion of Area Council spend against each priority:

Penistone Area Council Priorities



Proportion of Penistone East and West Ward Alliance spend against each priority:



3.3 At the briefing meetings on the 17th November and 24th November 16 Elected Members considered the following information:

Update on the commissioning budget, budget to date and an overview of how budgets has been spent against each priority across the Penistone Area Council and Ward Alliance:

- The Environment has seen the largest proportion of spend for the Penistone Area Council and Ward Alliance
- Roads and Road safety: 0% of spend for Area Council Budget, 12% of Ward Alliance funding

A presentation on achievements through commissioning work

- The achievements and reported figures for the advice sessions were noted in particular as value for money

A list of project work in early development

- Market Barn promotions and Wi-fi were noted
- Social media presence a priority regarding reaching a wider community and tailoring messages
- Health still a priority and ideas are being developed around a health fayre and pulling together various opportunities to deliver first aid training, community defibrillator training etc.

Penistone data considered:

- Data: NEETS by local area, business start-ups, isolation, incomes and household data, internet usage and average speeds, Fuel Poverty by super output area, benefits data, environmental crime demand profiles, inequalities profiles and road accident data
- Members not convinced that even the low average internet figures are being achieved
- Fuel poverty was highlighted
- Members found the dog fouling stats interesting – % of incidents attended by neighbourhood service and % of reports to community safety
- Members noted variations between Penistone West and East across

some of the data sets

- Some indicators have declined since the previous time point: For Penistone West under 75 mortality from cancer and smoking related deaths and Living Longer Life expectancy for men and women. Penistone East - Under 75s mortality rate from cardiovascular diseases has declined
- The rate of excess weight in 4-5 year olds has declined slightly for Penistone East since the previous time point.

3.4 Following a discussion of the data, local intelligence, performance to date, budget allocations and current contracts the Penistone Area Council discussed the existing priorities and put forward the following amended ones:



Roads and road safety changed to ‘Helping people to connect better’

- Members reflected on the commissioning budget spend against ‘Roads and road safety’ to date
- ‘Helping people to connect better’ is an overarching priority recognising the rural nature of the area and challenges regarding transport, isolated communities and individuals, access to services across the area and challenges regarding online services and broadband
- Also includes supporting groups and communities across the area

Activities for young people changed to ‘Supporting Young People’

- Ward Alliance allocated 20% of its budget against young people’s activities and the Area Council funded the Woods and Walls project. The change recognises that these projects have delivered much greater value than purely activities; a driver has been building confidence, self-esteem, skills and preparation for the work place. It was decided that support for young people better reflected this intention.

The local Economy including tourism – no change

- Still considered an important priority

- Support for developing a local visitor economy / tourism hub and making better use of the Town Hall
- Helping small businesses access existing support available to them
- Suggested we should be working with young farmers

Health and Wellbeing – no change

- Still relevant – whilst Penistone data is better than Borough average there are still some areas which have declined (life expectancy, excess weight in 4 -5 year olds) or close to national average (smoking in pregnancy)
- Data shows a large proportion of deaths which are attributable to modifiable lifestyle factors
- Promotion of outdoor lifestyles and access to the outdoors / leisure activities
- Fuel poverty a highlighted concern
- Explore 'mile a day' project to roll out across area

Environment – no change

- Remains a key priority

3.5 The following were discussed as **guiding principles** across all of the priorities:

- Consider the specific needs of young people when developing services and projects, acknowledge the challenges they may face and addressing any equality and access issues.
- Providing opportunities for groups and residents to come together support each other, build skills and knowledge
- Ensuring our work and partners reflects the rural nature of the area and are fit for purpose
- Maximise resources by working with partners on delivering priorities in particular health and well being
- Involve service users, officers and residents in the development of projects
- Make better use of neighbourhood networks in promoting our work and its value and communicating in a variety of formats that meet differing needs
- Supporting volunteering opportunities and social action

4.0 PART 2: Consideration of current contracts and future commissioning

4.1 Members discussed each of the commissioning activity, its value and relevance to new priorities and discussed how they wanted to proceed:

Helping people to connect better

Working Together Fund – After a slow start groups and organisations are now applying to the fund. Members agreed that they would support the continuation of the fund into next financial year. Currently **£78,033** remains in fund.

- Proposed an initial amount of £50,000 for 2017/ 18 – previous allocation £120,000
- Awards range between £5000 - £20,000 and will remain

- Proposed that panel dates would be set in the diary to allow targeted publicity and groups to plan their applications and activity –dates in April 17, August 17 and January 18
- Options to top up existing budget and commit remaining budget

Environment

Clean and Tidy Team

- Existing contract ends 30th April 17
- Members agreed that this is still a priority and would like to commission a new service from May 17
- Current contract value = £160,000

Environmental enforcement

- Members wanted to explore the idea of an environmental enforcement contract
- All other Area Councils are currently in contract with Kingdom security to deliver environmental enforcement activity across those areas
- Recommendation to hold a Members Briefing in January to look at the options in more details

The local economy including tourism

- Report from Kevin Steel, BBIC regarding potential project ideas presented at members briefing for consideration

Support for young people

- No specific procurement activity or projects planned under this priority.
- Currently a Working Together Fund application from IKIC youth worker being considered.
- Supporting young people was also discussed as a guiding principle underpinning all priorities

Health and well being

- £70,000 isolated and older people contract will be delivered from January 17 into next financial year but funded through 2016/17 budget as this has been ring fenced
- DIAL sessions – Look to continue advice services and pilot an evening session for in work benefit queries
- Health Fayre to be developed through Ward Alliance and supported by Community Development Officer

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