

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 23rd January 2017**

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Update on Ward Alliance Fund spend

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks to inform Members about spend to date from Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne Area.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 **That the Dearne Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.**

3.0 Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

3.2 In considering projects for the use of the Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4.0 Commitments to Date

4.1 In the 15/16 financial year the Dearne North Ward Alliance underspent by £69. Therefore for the 16/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has a starting budget of £10,069 to spend on Dearne North projects. Further at the Area Council on the 19th of September members agreed to devolve a further £10k taking the total budget to £20,069.

To date Dearne North Alliance has spent £12,224.30 on eighteen projects. Of these projects eleven were matched funded to a cost of £8,172.30. As of January 2017 the Ward Alliance has a total allocation of £7844.70 to spend on meeting Dearne North Priorities.

4.2 In the 15/16 financial year the Dearne South Ward Alliance underspent by £1160. Therefore for the 16/17 financial year the Ward Alliance has a starting budget of £11,160 to spend on Dearne South projects. Further at the Area Council on the 19th of September members agreed to devolve a further £10k taking the total budget to £21,160.

To date Dearne South Alliance has spent £9,913.50 on twelve projects. Of these projects eight were matched funded at a cost of £7,163.50. As of January 2017 the Ward Alliance has a total of £11,246.50 to spend on Dearne South priorities.

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