

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 23rd January 2017

Report of the Dearne Area Council Manager

Dearne Area Council Financial Position and Progress of Projects

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides an updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend, and outlines the unallocated amount remaining for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial year
- 1.2 This report also provides an update in relation to projects that were previously agreed at the Dearne Area Council

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Dearne Area Council members note the updated financial position for all Dearne Area Council spend and the unallocated amounts remaining for 2016/17 and 2017/18.
- 2.2 Dearne Area Council members note the progress of previously agreed projects that have been committed out of their 2016/17 and 2017/18 finances
- 2.3 Dearne Area Council members agree the continuation of the Kingdom service based on their in principle agreement for the contract that started in April 2016

3.0 Financial update 2016/17

- 3.1 Including monies carried forward from 2015/16 the Dearne Area Council had an allocation of £220,664 to spend on meeting the Dearne Area Council priorities in the 16/17 financial year. To date the Area Council have spent and earmarked £217,280 on previously agreed projects/services, leaving £3,384 in the budget from the original allocation.
- 3.2 Although earmarked the Dearne Area Council have only spent £57,247 of its £80K Dearne Development Fund allocation leaving £22,753 of monies earmarked to spend on meeting future area priorities. Not all of the eight allocations will have cleared at the end of the 2016/17 financial year as most of these funds are paid on a monthly basis over a period of twelve months and the projects were only due to start in November and January. Further the community newsletter was previously earmarked out of the 2016/17 finances but will not come out of the budget until after April.
- 3.3 The fix penalty notice income will also have to be added to the unspent allocation in the 2016/17 financial year. The actual amount will not be known

until the end of the financial year. Therefore taking this into consideration and excluding earmarked or committed funds the total amount unallocated for the 2016/17 financial year approximately will be £9,199.

4.0 **Financial update 2017/18**

- 4.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 21st November 2016 members agreed to allocate £72,162 to fund the Investigations and Housing Officer roles for the Dearne from their 2017/18 allocation. Members also agreed the procurement of the volunteer, education and environmental service at a cost of £75,000
- 4.2 The Kingdom enforcement commission is due to continue for a further year after March 31st 2017, as per the original contract agreement. Based on the fact that the financial position for 2017 is now secure, satisfactory performance/ delivery and members of the Dearne Area Council approving the continuation of the Kingdom enforcement service, this will cost the Dearne Area Council £32,898 from their 2017/18 allocation. This amount includes the BMBC community safety contribution.
- 4.3 Taking all of the above into consideration this brings the total spend already committed from the 2017/18 financial year to £180,060, leaving £9,139 unallocated. This amount does not include any previously earmarked or committed funds from the 2016/17 financial year.

5.0 **Progress of projects**

- 5.1 At the Dearne Area Council meeting on the 19th September, 2016 members agreed to allocate £10k towards the Railway Embankment Project. This project has since received £40k from section 106 monies and the group have submitted other bids for equipment and bulbs. The group will be discussing the access route to the site and how it will be managed.
- 5.2 Members also agreed to the procurement of the environmental and volunteering service at a cost of £75k with the option to continue the service for a further year. Two applications have been submitted and are currently being evaluated. The evaluation panel will consist of the Area manager, Chris Smith from Parks Service and Cllr Johnson. Interviews will take place on the 12th January, 2017.

Appendix one- financial update

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