

<b>MEETING:</b>	South Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Friday, 24 February 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 5, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

### Present

Councillors Stowe (Chair), Andrews BEM, Franklin, Frost, Daniel Griffin, Lamb, Saunders, Shepherd and R. Wraith

### 27 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Franklin, Lamb and Shepherd declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute Nos 32 'Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds' and 33 'Performance Report' insofar as the discussion related to the Forge Community Partnership.

### 28 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 2nd December, 2016 (Sac.24.02.2017/2)

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 29 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.24.02.2017/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 and 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017; Wombwell held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 , and 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

### 30 Kingdom Security (Sac.24.02.2017/4)

Lesley Dare, Senior Team Leader for the Kingdom Enforcement Team, was welcomed to the meeting and gave a presentation which, with the use of slides, gave details of the operation of the South Area Contract from April 2016 to date.

The presentation gave details of the following:

- The Kingdom Promise to:
  - Patrol the streets of the South Area Council enforcing Environmental legislation for Littering and Dog Fouling
  - Enhance the Parking Enforcement over and above that already offered
  - Complete a minimum of 85% of operational hours on patrol
  - Ensure each Ward received the same allocated hours of patrol time
  - Operate on Mondays to Saturdays from 6.00 am to 8.00 pm

- The number of complaints and intelligence received categorised by date, type of incident, location and action taken
- Gave details of how hours allocated to each area was recorded and balanced to ensure equity of provision
- Detailed information on Littering, dog fouling and parking (including fixed penalty notices and penalty charge notices) for each quarter both in total for the South Area and by Ward
- The success of the 'added extras' with particular reference to:
  - Juvenile Litter Picks
  - Fly tipping
  - Additional specific littering, Dog Fouling and Parking Operations
- The Revenue received by quarter and in total

In the ensuing discussion, the following matters were raised:

- It was noted that dog fouling and littering still remained a significant issue with a significant amount of 'tickets' being issued
- Parking issues were continuing to be a particular issue in both Wombwell and Hoyland. Arising out of this there was a discussion of the ongoing issues with regard to the difficulties associated with the allocation of responsibilities and the relationship between the Council's in house Parking Enforcement Team and Kingdom Staff. This was a concern and it was noted that regular meetings between Kingdom and BMBC Parking Services were held to try and resolve these ongoing issues
- It was noted that with regard to parking in particular, the number of complaints received was not a reflection of the significant number of 'tickets' issued – this could be because complaints were not always directed via Kingdom
- It was acknowledged that there was a need to provide additional information giving a breakdown of the 'Notices' issued by category on a Ward by Ward basis.
- The success of the Juvenile Litter Picks was referred to and in response, Mr Dare gave details of the staffing ratios required. Whilst Kingdom attempted to ensure that 'offenders' undertook litter pick in the area where the 'offence' had been committed, this was not always possible because of limited resources. All 36 Juveniles had found the Litter picks beneficial
- There was a discussion on the continuing problems of fly tipping and in response to questioning, Mr Dare outlined the steps taken by staff to try to locate the perpetrators even though it was not within the core responsibilities of Kingdom
- Reference was made to untaxed vehicles which were illegally parked and to the action taken to report such matters to the Police
- Reference was made to a successful operation undertaken at Skiers View. Comments had been received by some Members that officers had been officious or aggressive. In response, Mr Dare stated that he thought this was highly unlikely but any issues reported would be investigated. He had trained the officers personally and all wore body cameras in case of such reports. It was noted that two staff had been assaulted and both assailants had been prosecuted after being dealt with by the Police
- In response to detailed questioning, Mr Dare outlined the revenue position with regard to fines and prosecutions. It was noted that all of the income

generated from dog fouling and littering tickets and a proportion of the income generated from parking enforcement were returned to the South Area Council

In summary, Mr Dare thanked Members for the invitation to the meeting. If any Member had any issues to report they should contact Kindgom staff or should encourage members of the public to report issues to the Enforcement Call Centre on 01226 772468.

Members asked to place on record their thanks to Mr Dare and to his team for all their hard work on behalf of the residents of the South Area.

### **31 Date, Time, and Venue of Future Meetings (Sac.24.02.2017/5)**

The Chair asked for this item to be deferred until the next meeting.

The Director of Legal and Governance reminded Members that the deferral would meant that if dates/times of meetings was changed, the timetable of meetings for the forthcoming Municipal would already have been printed for the Annual Council meeting.

**RESOLVED** that consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting.

### **32 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.24.02.2017/6)**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, and Members noted the amounts of Ward Alliance Fund remaining to be allocated.

For Darfield Ward Alliance Fund, £17,173.20 remained, for Hoyland Milton, and Rockingham Ward Alliance, £409.86 remained and for Wombwell Ward Alliance £4,284.04 remained.

It was pleasing to note how many projects were now being funded and that Funds were now being so well used in terms of encouraging increasing numbers of volunteers to take part in community activities.

No information was available at the moment as to whether or not unallocated funds could be carried forward to the next financial year. If any information was forthcoming this would be forwarded to Members.

**RESOLVED** that the report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds be noted.

### **33 Performance Report (Sac.24.02.2017/7)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, referring to the Performance Report now circulated. The following matters were raised:

- Reference was made to local information and advice and particularly to the benefits gained as a result of advice received and also to the amount of unmanageable debt handled through financial settlements which represented a significant impact on the local economy and to local families
- The number of people who had been assisted and who were in danger of becoming homeless was worrying. Some of this was due to the way in which

payments were made to claimants and the move to direct payments and also as people struggled to manage on meagre incomes. The amount of money and resources saved to the Council and other agencies as a result of this service was noted. Every £1 spent resulted in a wider social impact to the value of £28.81. This included a range of factors including the reduction in mental stress and the potential impact on physical health, reductions in numbers of residents becoming homeless and reduced levels of depressive illnesses

- The increase in the number of adult volunteers (53 largely new volunteers largely from the Tidy Team) was pleasing to note. It was also noted that the impact of the work done by volunteers was likely to be greater than the recorded numbers alone reflected because of the amount of work done by volunteers. For example Darfield volunteers were undertaking environmental work around the 'Darfield Ring' and not only grew plants, but donated and planted them out. The Area Council Manager was investigating how such matters could be captured within the statistical information
- It was reported that the Jump Environmental Group was undertaking work within the park and also a litter pick next week in the vicinity of Church Street. The group was also involved in various bulb planting projects on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017
- The One Stop Shop twilight sessions were continuing to be extremely busy and reflected the fact that the majority of those seen were in work and required help with in-work benefits or other related issues
- Particular reference was made to the amber rating for 'outcome indicators met' in relation to the Summer Internship Programme and the reasons for this which was largely because not all places had been filled across both programmes. The Area Manager was satisfied that any provider would have faced similar difficulties in filling the available places and that the provider did everything they could to encourage young people to join the programme
- Following on from the above discussion, in relation to the Tidy Team, it was noted that two adult apprentices had been taken on and were progressing well. This was particularly pleasing as both had been unemployed for a significant period
- Progress was continuing with the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer pilot and the first quarterly meeting had been held in February. Good links had been established with other officers and the biggest areas of focus to date had been in Wombwell and to a lesser extent in Darfield. Further information on progress would be included in the Performance Management Report for the April meeting as the contract review figures were not due until after the current Performance Management Report had been written for this meeting.
- Three groups had been established to take forward priorities identified following the Health Asset Mapping Conference and whilst there had been a slight delay, these were to be taken forward shortly. The Area Council Manager would ensure that issues were picked up and progressed. Arising out of this,
  - The Universal Information and Advice Group had been put on hold whilst the mainstream advice services had been completely redesigned as part of the Council's Welfare Review which would be put in place from 1st April, 2017. The roll out of the Social Prescribing programme would also have an impact on this. Area Team Staff and Social Prescribing staff were having a joint workshop at the end of March,

- after which the Working Group should be able to be re-launched. This Workshop would also inform the discussion on reducing social isolation on the South Area Council agenda in April
- The 'Love Your Street' Group had started with a pilot event in Broomhill. A community clean-up followed by a BBQ had been well attended by some who had not been involved in any community initiative before. A toolkit had been developed for 'Love your Street' work and leaflets had been produced for community groups detailing what groups could do and how they should work. Packs were available and been passed to the Tidy Team and if anyone required one of these, they should contact the Area Council Manager or the Tidy Team
  - The Better Community Networks group would recommence following the return of the Area Council Manager
  - In relation to future Finance for the Area Council, it was reported that the reduction in the budget was no longer expected. Including all income received from the Kingdom Contract to date, the Area Council now had £43,000 unallocated at the end of the 2016/17 financial year. Further income from fines through the Kingdom contract was anticipated but could not be guaranteed and the amounts could not be known at this stage.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) that the report be received;
- (ii) that information from the 'Stay in Touch' period of the Summer Internship Programme from 2015 would be submitted to the next meeting giving details about the destinations and progress; and
- (iii) that an update be provided for the next meeting on the Private Sector Housing officer project as part of the Performance Management report.

## **34 South Area Council Advice Services (Sac.24.02.2017/8)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, referring to previous discussions at the Area Council, where Members had agreed on using some of their budget from 2017/18 and 2018/19 to provide advice services in the South area.

The Area Council Manager reminded Members of the background to this item and explained in detail the revisions to the tender specification requested at the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016. She also sought a nominee to serve as a representative on the Evaluation Panel which would be part of the recommissioning service. The tender would go out to the market as soon as Area Council approval had been granted, with a new contract being awarded from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.

## **RESOLVED:**

- (i) That approval be given to recommission an Advice Service for the South Area for 2 years from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 at a cost of £75,000 per annum;
- (ii) That the tender documentation to procure a Advice Service for the South Area be approved; and

- (iii) That Councillor Stowe take part in the Tender Moderation Panel for the Advice Service contract.

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Chair