

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North East Area Council Meeting:
March 30th, 2017**

Agenda Item: 11

**Report of North East
Area Council Manager**

Review of the North East Area Council Priorities for 2017/ 2018 and the Proposals for Future Commissions

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this Report is to:

- Note the discussions held at the North East Area Council workshop held on February 2nd, 2017, and to consider and review the North East Area Council Priorities for 2017/ 2018.
- To approve the proposals for future commissions, which were discussed and considered at the workshop on February 2nd, 2017.
- To note the current and projected financial position with regard to spend.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That Love Where You Live, Young People, Healthy Lifestyles and Thriving and Vibrant Economy, should remain the Key Priorities, and areas of focus, for the North East Area Council in 2017 / 2018.**
- 2.2 **That Members note the current Financial Position of the North East Area Council, and the funds that are available for 2017 / 2018.**
- 2.3 **That Members consider the proposed Commissioned projects, the Youth Development Grant, and the delegation of funding to the Ward Alliances for 2017 / 2018 as discussed at the North East Area Council workshop held on February 2nd, 2017, and to consider the Options that are available to them.**

3 Priority Setting

3.1 It was unanimously agreed by the Councillors that the Key Priorities and areas of focus for the North East Area Council during 2017 / 2018 should be:

- Love Where You Live
- Young People
- Health Lifestyles
- Thriving and Vibrant Economy

3.2 It was agreed that these priorities would help to progress the Corporate Vision of:

- Strong and Resilient Communities
- People Achieving Their Potential
- Thriving and Vibrant Economy

3.3 The Councillors also agreed the underpinning principle to:

- Strive to promote and encourage Community Cohesion and integration in all projects that the North East Area Council is involved in.

4 Current Financial Position

4.1 Based on updated information relating to the North East Area Council procured services to date, and the Youth Development Grant fund, Appendix 1 provides a current position statement for the North East Area Council.

4.2 Members are asked to note, with regard to the Environmental Enforcement Project the total income received from Fixed Penalty Notices and Parking fines for 2014 / 2015 and 2015 / 2016 is £37,702.

4.3 The contingency sums for parks maintenance, the community magazine and the NEET Team phase 2 are identified in red on Appendix 2.

4.4 As noted in previous meetings, Councillors should be aware that these are still indicative projections and may be subject to change depending on the payment schedules submitted and agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

5. Consideration of Commissioned Projects for 2017 / 2018

5.1 At the Workshop held on February 2nd, 2017, the Councillors considered future commissions, and the Youth Development Grant, for 2017 – 2018. Please see Appendix 3. It was noted that there is shortfall of £18,242. The Area Manager was asked to prepare an Options report for the member's consideration.

6. Consideration of Alternative Approaches

Members are asked to consider the following Options to address the shortfall in budget available

Option One

To devolve £10,000 to each of the four Ward Alliances, with an option to return any underspend at the end of the financial year back to the Area Council, and to make the following reductions:

To reduce the Undergraduate Apprentice Scheme from 11 months to 10 months	£1,500
To discontinue funding the anti-social behaviour damage to Parks equipment.	£5,000,
To reduce the Youth Development Fund by £12,000,	£12,000.
Total savings	£18500

Option Two

To reduce the funding delegated to the Ward Alliances by £4,650 per Ward	£18,600
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Appendices

Appendix 1:	Commissioning Budget Financial analysis 2014 / 2015 to 2016 / 2017
Appendix 2:	Commissioning Budget Financial analysis 2014 / 2015 to 2016 / 2017 highlighting contingency figures
Appendix 3	Workshop Summary 2 nd February, 2017