

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 15th May 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

3.0 Financial update 2016/17

- 3.1 Although earmarked in 2016/17 the Dearne Area Council have only spent £68,172.50 of its £80,000 Dearne Development Fund allocation leaving £11,827 of monies earmarked to spend on meeting future area priorities, this amount is not included in the final total below. Not all of the 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. Further the community newsletter was previously earmarked out of the 2016/17 finances but will not come out of the budget until after April.
- 3.2 Now the final figure of £13,173 has been received regarding fixed penalty notices, the total amount left unallocated for the 2016/17 financial year approximately will be £16,478. If approved by cabinet this will be carried forward into the 2017/18 financial year.

4.0 Financial update 2017/18

- 4.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 21st November 2016 Members also agreed the procurement of the volunteer, education and environmental service at a cost

of £75,000. Further members agreed to allocate £36,081 to Fund the private sector housing role for the Dearne from their 2017/18 allocation for a further year. At the Dearne Area Council on the 20th of March members also approved 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

- 4.2 In the 2020 Barnsley financial statement the Area Council was allocated £200,000 for the 17/18 financial year. Taking the underspend and income from fixed penalty notices into consideration this brings the total spend already committed from the 2017/18 financial year to £143,979 leaving £72,499 unallocated that can be earmarked for projects. This amount does not include any previously earmarked or committed funds from the 2016/17 financial year.

4.3 **Progress of projects**

At the Dearne Area Council meeting on the 19th of September members agreed to allocate £10,000 towards the Railway embankment project. This project has since received £40,000 from section 106 monies and the group have submitted other bids for equipment and bulbs. The drawings are now back from the landscape architect and the next phase is to have structural surveys undertaken. Skips and sleepers have been ordered and will be on site shortly. The Area Manager attended a network rail conference in May to talk about the embankment progress.

Appendix one- financial update

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