

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 18th September 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 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 2017/18.
- 2.2 Dearne Area Council members note the progress of previously agreed projects that have been committed out of Area Council finances

3.0 Financial update 2017/18

- 3.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 21st November 2016 Members agreed the procurement of the volunteer, education and environmental service at a cost of £75,000 per annum. Further members also agreed to allocate £36,081 out of 2017/18 finances to fund the private sector housing role for the Dearne. 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 also includes the BMBC community safety contribution. Finally on the 15th May 2017 the Dearne Area Council members allocated £70,000 to the Dearne development fund.
- 3.2 Including the £16,057 carried over from the last financial year the Dearne Area Council had a starting budget of £216,057. Taking the above spend into considered the total amount earmarked in order to meet Dearne priorities in 2017/18 is £214,479. This leaving £1,578 unallocated out of the original budget. Further in the first quarter the Area Council have received £975.00 from the Kingdom FPN leaving a total of £2,553 unallocated. This amount does not include any previously earmarked or committed funds from the 2016/17 financial year.

4.0 **Progress of projects**

4.1 **Railway Embankment**

The drawings are now back from the landscape architect, topological and the second habitat surveys are complete. The group have been successful in gaining £1,000 from the Tesco bags scheme and a further £1,500 from Barnsley bonds. These funding streams will pay for flowers and bedding boxes that the local schools will maintain. Further meetings have been held with Dearne Valley Landscape and they have agreed to contribute £500 towards flowers and pay for the signage for the scheme.

4.2 **The Dearne Development Fund**

The Area Council had a carry forward from 2016/17 of £11,827 and subsequently allocated £70,000 out of their 2017/18 finances in order to meet Dearne Area Council priorities. The first allocation of the Dearne Development Fund closed on the 14th of August 2017; panel members met and considered the projects on the 4th of September. The submissions received were from Dearne and District, Goldthorpe Development Group, CAB, Dial, Reds In The Community, Fused Imagination, Dearne Electronic Community Village, TADS and Big Local Thurnscoe.

In total there were nine applications that were applying for a total of £87,638. The actual project costs were £134,381 however matched funding has been sourced by the providers to make up the difference. Although decisions have been made regarding some of the allocations there are still a few details to be confirmed. Therefore confirmation will be stated at the next Area Council meeting in November.

5.0 Appendix one- financial update

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