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| <b>MEETING:</b> | South Area Council             |
| <b>DATE:</b>    | Friday, 20 October 2017        |
| <b>TIME:</b>    | 10.00 am                       |
| <b>VENUE:</b>   | Meeting Room, Wombwell Library |

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Stowe (Chair), Coates, Franklin, Daniel Griffin, Lamb, Markham, Saunders, Shepherd and R. Wraith.

### 18 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

No Member wished to declare an interest in any item on the agenda.

### 19 **Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 1st September, and 19th September, 2017 (Sac.20.10.2017/2)**

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> September, and 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> September, and 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 20 **Notes from the Ward Alliances (Sac.20.10.2017/3)**

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017; Wombwell held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017.

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

### 21 **Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.20.10.2017/4)**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who gave a brief overview of the report.

It was noted that Darfield Ward Alliance had around £4,700 remaining from a starting balance of £16,259.46. Hoyland Milton & Rockingham had approximately £2,800 remaining from their opening balance of £20,193.10. Wombwell started the financial year with a budget of £10,193.04, and had £9,528.04 remaining. Members in the Wombwell Ward were encouraged to accelerate progress of suitable projects where possible.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### 22 **Performance Report (Sac.20.10.2017/5)**

As there had been delays in scheduling contract management meetings with many of the providers, it was noted that it had not been possible to produce a performance report in advance of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Area Council.

**23 Grantfinder Open 4 Community - Presentation by Idox (Sac.20.10.2017/6)**

Martin Clancy, Enterprise Account Manager for Idox, was welcomed to the meeting to speak about Grantfinder.

Members heard about the work of Idox, currently supporting 90 Local Authorities, with 30 years of experience. 40 researchers were employed to ensure information supplied through Grantfinder had all the relevant information possible, and that this was up to date.

Those present heard how Grantfinder was only one of the products offered by Idox, and others included such as Policyfinder and Open 4 Communities.

Members received a brief demonstration of the Grantfinder system, and a discussion was entered into around the uses and merits of the system. It was noted that access to Grantfinder was £7,000 per year, with an additional £3,000 of additional one off set up costs for Open 4 Communities. This included initial training for 10-20 officers, and access to the Idox helpdesk, as well as online resources. It was noted that costs for Grantfinder could be reduced slightly through longer term contracts.

It was noted that purchase of the Grantfinder package would be considered by the Area Council in due course, mindful of the current budgetary constraints.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given for the presentation.

**24 Reducing the strength (Sac.20.10.2017/7)**

The item was introduced by Diane Lee, Head of Public Health, who made Members aware of the work undertaken within Barnsley town centre under the banner 'Reducing the Strength'.

The issue was that high strength alcohol was being sold by off-licences, often in single cans at low prices. This was having a number of impacts in the short term, which included increased anti-social behaviour and littering. These were in addition to the longer term effects on people's health.

The campaign was designed to work with licensees in order to make them aware of the issue, and appeal to them to work with the public services in order to reduce the problem. Significant impacts had been seen within the town centre, and the campaign sought to go further, marking cans in order for any litter to be used to identify the vendor.

Members were invited to discuss the scheme, and the possibilities for rolling this out in the South area. A small team would be available to support, visiting off-licences and encouraging social responsibility. It was suggested that an overview of premises where there may be potential issues be developed and this be consulted with the Area Council and Ward Alliances as a starting point.

Those present noted the cost of crime and disorder, and longer term health costs, and supported further discussion at the next Area Council meeting on the item.

**RESOLVED** that the next Area Council meeting further discusses the possibility of implementing the 'Reducing the strength' initiative locally.

**25 Social Isolation (Sac.20.10.2017/8)**

Anna Tummon, Health and Wellbeing Officer, was invited to the meeting to present the report, which she had assisted to develop with the previous Area Council Manager.

Members were reminded of previous discussions around social isolation and the decision for officers to develop a number of options. Three options were presented and discussed by Members, and it was noted that costs were based on the Social Isolation project in Penistone.

Some concern was expressed around volunteers befriending, and assurances were given that appropriate DBS checks and training would be given.

Discussion noted more than just elderly could be isolated, with young parents being given as an example, and that certain geographies could be more isolated due to a lack of transport.

It was suggested that though the options presented seemed appropriate, further work ought to be undertaken to more adequately understand the needs in the area, and what support mechanisms were in existence. However, it was also acknowledged that by its very nature much isolation may be hidden.

**RESOLVED** that a workshop is held to discuss social isolation in more detail, mapping known issues in the area and existing provision.

**26 Procurement and finance update (Sac.20.10.2017/9)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, reminding Members of the decisions made at their previous meeting, held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

The attention of Members was drawn to 4.1 of the report, which highlighted that approximately £41,000 remained unallocated in the 2018/19 financial year.

Members noted a number of areas where the Area Council had previously expressed an interest in potentially investing, including the previous agenda items relating to social isolation and Grantfinder.

It was suggested that further more in depth discussion be scheduled at a future meeting of the Area Council.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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Chair