

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:

15th December 2017

Report of South Area Council Manager.

South Area Council Procurement and Finance update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To outline the current financial position for 2017 /2018 and 2018 / 2019
- 1.2 For Members to consider the work areas identified in section 4 and consider the additional information and options at 4.7 and 4.8.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That Members note the current financial position for 2017/2018 and 2018 /2019.**
- 2.2 **That Members consider the information and options at 4.7 and 4.8 with a view to providing a steer on future development of work areas.**

3. Background & progress to date

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 19th September, 2017 the South Area Council made the following recommendations following a review of its three largest contacts:
 - That the **Tidy Team** contract was offering performance and impact well in excess of that originally anticipated by the South Area Council and is retained in full
 - That the **Environmental Enforcement** contract be reduced by 50% from four officers down to two, and that the contract value is reduced from £142,512 per year to £71,076 per year.
 - That the **Private Sector Housing contract**, which previously ran as a pilot scheme until 31st October be extended to 31st March 2018 at a cost of £13,575
- 3.2 In addition a number of smaller projects already agreed and totalling **£14,550** are being funded in 2017/18 as below:
 - End of Summer Internship follow up (April – November) £3,050
 - Distribution of Community Magazines for Summer 17 and Winter 17 (2 editions) £3,500
 - Young People's Pop up Sessions in Parks £2,000
 - Young People's Social Media Project £2,000

- Wombwell Traffic Regulation Order (carried forward from 16/17) £4,000

4. South Area Council Finance Overview

4.1 Following the contract recommendations at 3.1 the table below outlines the current financial position:

Description	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
South Area Council annual allocation	£ 400,000.00	£ 400,000.00	£ 400,000.00
Carry forward from previous year (including income from Environmental Enforcement contract)	£ 93,615.00		
Total available spend	£ 493,615.00	£ 400,000.00	£ 400,000.00
Contracts/other agreed spend			
Advice services	£ 74,375.00	£ 75,000.00	£ 18,750.00
Environmental services	£ 120,000.00	£ 60,320.00	
BMBC Safer Communities Environmental Services	£ 26,488.00	£ 13,244.00	
Tidy Team	£ 195,720.00	£ 195,720.00	
Private sector housing officer	£ 14,636.00	£ 13,575.00	
Summer Internship Programme	£ 3,050.00		
Community Magazine	£ 3,500.00		
Young People's Pop Up Sessions	£ 2,000.00		
Young People's Social Media Project	£ 2,500.00		
Wombwell TRO	£ 4,000.00		
Anticipated contract spend	£ 446,269.00	£ 357,859.00	£ 18,750.00
In Year balance remaining	£ 47,346.00	£ 42,141.00	£ 381,250.00

4.2 The reduction by 50% of the Environmental Enforcement contract total from the 1st April 2018 and extension of the Private Sector Housing contract results in a balance of £42,141 remaining for the 2018/19 budget.

4.3 Income from Environmental Enforcement has been reported as £7032 for this quarter. This has not been included in the table above. The reduction of the contract by 50% may well have an impact on the income reported however the contract has been very clear that it has never been about generating income but a focus on changing behaviour.

4.4 As a result of the current budget position there are a number of other work areas which the South Area Council has expressed an interest in funding:

- Extend the Private Sector Housing contract at a cost of £32,580 a year, (6 months = £16,290), (9 months = £24,435) from the 1st April 2018
- Social Isolation Project. It has been agreed to run a workshop to pull together better intelligence to inform a specification. Notional figures have been discussed costing at £14,250 (3 days per week worker) or

£23,750 (full time worker). These figures could differ depending on the outcome of the workshop and how the work is commissioned.

- Funding Grantfinder Open 4 Community software to help community groups to source funds at a minimum cost of £10,000. **This will be considered by Area Chairs as a Barnsley wide resource and is not currently being considered for fully funding by the South Area Council.**

4.5 In addition to the list above the South Area Council are asked to consider a recommendation for a further two editions of the #Love Barnsley community magazine. Funding has previously been allocated towards community magazines with the December 17 edition being the final one.

4.6 Two editions of #Love Barnsley community magazine would cost £3,675 (this includes a 5% increase to allow for any changes as a result of procurement exercise)

4.7 Given the list of work areas outlined at 4.4 potentially totalling £60,005 against a remaining unallocated budget for 2018/19 of £42,141 the South Area Council are asked to provide a steer on priorities for development and way forward with the following points in mind:

- A recommendation would be required at this meeting regarding community magazines in order to have a Spring edition
- The Private Sector Housing contract has been extended until 31st March, 2018. A recommendation regarding the future of this service will be required at the South Area Council meeting on the 23rd February, 2018 in order to allow sufficient time for contract extension letters to be issued or end of contract meetings to take place.
- A Social inclusion workshop is being planned to pull together local intelligence to inform this. If a decision is taken to fund the Private sector housing contract for a further 12 months (£32,580) this would potentially reduce the amount of funding available for a social isolation project and other work areas.
- Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council. The South Area Council decided NOT to devolve additional monies to its Ward Alliances for 2017/18 because its budgets were already fully committed.

4.8 This report seeks to gain a steer and view from Members on identified priorities, below are a number of suggested options:

- Recommendation made at this meeting regarding continuation of #Love Barnsley community magazine allowing for a spring and summer edition.
- Recommendation made at a future meeting regarding continuation of #Love Barnsley community magazine allowing for a winter edition only
- Hold a members briefing session in early February 18 to consider performance of the Private Sector Housing contract with a recommendation to be taken to the South Area Council meeting on the 23rd February 18.
- Look at future recommendations for the Social Inclusion work alongside the Private Sector Housing contract at a Members briefing in February.

- Members to make a recommendation on whether to devolve additional monies to Ward Alliances from the 2018 /2019 budget. This can be a recommendation taken further into the 2018/19 year subject to a review of funding available and Ward Alliance spend to date.
- Agree work areas in priority order and allocate funding in this order until the budget is fully allocated allowing prioritised work to be funded first.

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