

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:

27th April 2018

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 recommendations at 4.4 and discussions on Social Isolation and Advice Services elsewhere on the agenda.

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 recommendations at 4.4 alongside tabled discussions at this meeting on a) Social Isolation and b) Advice services**

3. Background & progress to date

- 3.1 At previous South Area Council meetings the following recommendations have been agreed:
 - 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. At the February 2018 meeting the Members agreed to further extend the contract for 12 months at a cost of £32,580
- 3.2 In addition a number of smaller projects already agreed and totalling **£19,515** were 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
- Two editions of #Love Barnsley community magazines at a cost of £3675
- Off road biking signs - £1290

4. South Area Council Finance Overview

4.1 Following previous and small project recommendations at 3.1 and 3.2 the table below outlines the current financial position:

Description	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
South Area Council Allocation	£400,000	£400,000	£400,000
Carry Forward + income	£93,615	Income TBC	
Contracts / spend			
Advice Services	£74,375	£75,000	£18,750
Environmental service (Kingdom)	£120,000	£60,320	
BMBC Safer Communities (environmental services)	£26,488	£14,000	
Tidy Team	£195,720	£195,720	
Private sector Housing	£14,636	£47,216 £14,636 + £32,580	
Summer Internship	£3050		
Community Magazine	£3500	£3675	
Young people's pop up sessions	£2000		
Young people's social media project	£2500		
Wombwell TRO	£4000		
Off road biking signs		£1290	
Spend	£446,269	£397,221	£18,750
In year balance	£47,346	£2779	£381,250

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 £50,125 remaining for the 2018/19 budget.

4.3 Income from Environmental Enforcement has not been reported this quarter and will be reported in the next financial report.

4.4 A number of additional projects have been recommended by Elected members for inclusion and consideration in this report:

- Amendments to a Hoyland Town Centre Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Alterations to new restrictions requested due to complaints from Local business owners. There is a minimum cost of £3000 for this work however; based on recent TROs subject to objections the costs could potentially be nearer £5000. (Background information attached)
- Milton Ponds: Parks were contacted by Cllr Andrews to request the banking cutting back. Parks sourced a quote for the work at a cost of £1080. The work could not be carried out with volunteers as it is a large scale project. Parks have advised that this is not work that would be funded if requested by the public and would not be funded by Parks.
- Sheffield Road, Birdwell: A request has been made due to complaints about flooding in this area on parks and leisure land. There are 2 options:
 - Quick fix, fill the hole with planings, would need doing again in 12 months, cost £1380
 - Long term, excavate and tarmac the area and addressing drainage with gully installation, cost £10,980

4.5 This report seeks a view on the above suggestions alongside any recommendations following the Social Isolation and Advice service discussion tabled at this South Area Council meeting.

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Background paper: Hoyland Town Centre Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)
Report provided by Environment and Transport

A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Hoyland Town Centre was started in June 2016 in response to the town centre redevelopment works which were led by Resiliente. Plans were quickly drawn up and on 28th July 2016, a formal consultation with the Hoyland and Rockingham members took place. The plans were approved without alteration and were incorporated into a report. A later request to extend restrictions on Duke Street was rejected as it would only protect private driveways, and so was not justified on road safety grounds.

The proposals then went out to advertisement, with the objection period ending in November 2016. No objections were received to any of the proposals, and the intention was to proceed to seal the order.

The design work for the new signs and lines was not carried out by Resilienti. A TRO cannot be enforced without the necessary lines and signs installed on site. As such, the order was put on hold. A secondary TRO was ordered, which also allowed Highways to answer Elected member requests for increased restrictions on High Croft at Hoyland.

This second Traffic Regulation Order was drawn up and advertised, with the objection period ending in August 2017. Again, no objections to the proposals were received. Whilst this scheme was in the process of being advertised, Resilienti submitted their designs. After much negotiation and alteration, their designs were approved, and the new TRO was sealed on the 25th September 2017, coming into effect once the new signs and lines were installed.

It is only recently that Highways have been contacted by Hoyland Furniture and Carpets as regards the newly installed restrictions.

The restrictions in question were introduced as part of a request from South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTTE) to ensure the free flow of traffic through Hoyland Town Centre. A highways officer attended the site in 2016 and observed first-hand the issues caused by irresponsible parking. The restrictions were drawn up as a response to these issues. The officer observed that the road does narrow at this location, and vehicle turning manoeuvres have to be accommodated at the junction with Mallin Croft in the interests of road safety. As such, any loading bay will be small by necessity.

In order to alter the new restrictions, funds will need to be made available. The costs depend largely on whether objections are received; generally, a straight forward TRO costs in the region of £3000. However, recent TROs subject to objections have been nearer the £5000 mark.

If commissioned proposals would be drawn up, members consulted and the emergency services and then go out to advertisement and formal consultation. If we receive objections, highways would need to produce a cabinet report to overrule them, or alter the restrictions in line with the requests of the objectors, necessitating another consultation period. After this, works can be ordered and the TRO sealed. This process will take an absolute minimum of 6 months.