

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 14 May 2018
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), Cave, Charlesworth, Cherryholme, Lofts, Miller, Spence and Tattersall

47 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

48 **Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 19th March 2018**

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th March 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 19th March 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

49 **Youth Participation Worker - recruitment update**

The Area Council Manager introduced this report and provided the Area Council with an update on the youth participation support worker post.

It was explained that two part time (18 hours) workers at Grade 4 would be preferable to 1 x Grade 6 post, as this would enable more flexible working. The postholders would be based in Wombwell but would spend as much time as possible in the North Area, enhancing existing links with schools, the voluntary and community sector and ward alliances and also incorporating work with Area Councils and encouraging participation in social action activities.

The two posts will be advertised on Friday with a two week turnaround. Members were informed that the current Borough wide offer was very limited due to recent budget cuts and that the North Area would be in an enviable position as they would have dedicated officers on the ground. Members were asked to identify possible opportunities in their area. Once the vacancies are filled, Members will be given contact details to help them to work constructively with young people. They will be invited to meetings to make links but will not be attending every meeting as it is important that they spend as much time as possible working on the ground.

RESOLVED that Members note the update regarding the proposed recruitment to the post(s) of Young People's Participation Worker.

50 **Commissioning, Project Development and Finance update**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item and provided the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.

The report gave a snapshot of each of the current project, which are varied and diverse and include CAB & DIAL, Clean and Green and Environmental Enforcement (which has now come to an end). A discussion took place regarding the valuable work of the Housing Migration Officer, who has already resolved a number of longstanding problems.

A Member queried liaison arrangements and what would happen if someone moved from one area to another. It was explained that information is shared and checks made across both the Police and council tax systems to trace individuals.

Members discussed the difficulty in getting volunteers to work with Clean and Green during the week and in sparsely populated areas. Some Members felt that there is a mismatch between volunteer availability and Twiggs' work schedules. It was highlighted that Twiggs need to be involved when more specialised support is needed – it was never intended that they carried out ongoing maintenance work.

RESOLVED that

- i. The North Area note the existing budget position and forecast for the funding commitments.
- ii. The North Area Council note that contrary to previous information the North Area received a budget of £400,000 for the period 2017/18.
- iii. Members note the update regarding the proposed recruitment of a Young Peoples Participation Worker.
- iv. Members note the update on the Social Inclusion and Fuel Poverty Reduction project proposal.
- v. Members note the current financial position.
- vi. Members note that forecasted annual budget commitments based on the decisions that were made at the September and November 2017 meetings.

51 Social Isolation and Cold Homes Prevention - Specification for approval

The Area Council Manager provided the Area Council with confirmation that Barnsley Council have submitted a bid for the Warm Homes Fund Round Two and made Members aware that this will provide the North Area with an opportunity to develop a reducing social isolation project with a housing and energy focus piloted in the North Area. The Darton East Ward has a large population of older people and a higher than average excess winter death index (the second highest in the Borough). The project will be advertised on Yortender shortly.

RESOLVED that

Members agreed to increase the budget for the project to £85,000 if 'soft' market testing indicates that this is appropriate and necessary.

52 Performance Management Report - Commissioned Projects and Grant Summary

The Area Council Manager provided Members with a comprehensive North Area Council Performance report for the period January to March 2018 (2017/18 Quarter 4), giving an aggregate picture of how all the North Area Council contracted services contribute to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives.

Members were also provided with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services, together with RAG ratings and updated information from all North Area Council Providers. Full performance reports for each project are available on request.

Members were informed that the Kingdom security contract has now come to an end. It was reported that equipment had now been returned to the Community Safety Service and all vehicles returned to the leasing company. The CAB/Dial project has helped to manage £116,776 of debts for clients in this quarter and has generated an estimated £650,291 in benefit gains.

RESOLVED that Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report.

53 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

Members were provided with an update report regarding the North Area Council's financial position and the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2018/19 financial year, including carried forward amounts from the 2017/18 allocation and any devolved budgets from the Area Council where available. Many of the current projects are seasonal-related, such as hanging baskets and bedding plants.

RESOLVED that each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds in line with the guidance on spend.

54 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 13th March and 10th April 2018; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 5th March and 9th April; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 7th March and 11th April; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 18th January and 15th March 2018.

Darton East – as printed.

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Old Town – as printed

St Helen's – as printed. Simon Dobby, Head of Health and Safety and Emergency Planning attended the meeting in January to discuss flooding.

RESOLVED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

Chair