

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
17th September 2018

Agenda Item: 10

Report of the
North Area Council Manager

Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2017/18 period.

2. Recommendation

That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2017/18, in line with the guidance on spend.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition the Area Council has devolved £10,000 for the financial year 2017/18.

- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Finding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocate to projects where there is match funding.

- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:

- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
- it is in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
- it represents value for money.

4.0 2017/18 Financial Position

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2016/17 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2017/18 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

- 4.2 All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

4.3 Budget allocations for 2018/19

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2016/17	Devolved from Area Council	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£2,785	£10,000	£22,785
Darton West	£10,000	£4,060	£10,000	£24,060
Old Town	£10,000	£7,000	£10,000	£27,000
St Helen's	£10,000	£1,904.37	£10,000	£21,904.37

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

- 5.1 Due to a project from 2017/18 being progressed Old Town Ward has received additional devolved funding in line with the other wards. This is reflected in the table above.
- 5.2 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2018/19 (during the first quarter is recommended). This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities.
- 5.3 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.
- 5.4 Proactive promotion of the Ward Alliance Fund to local not for profit groups and organisations is highly recommended to ensure efficient expenditure over the financial year.

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Appendix 1:

2018/19 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2018/19 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

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 carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2017/18 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2018/19 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£2,785	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£22,785	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £11,392	Allocation Remaining £22,785
DEWA - Working budget	£600.00	£0	£10,792	£22,185.00
DEWA - x 31 Hanging Baskets	£2,000.00	£0	£8,792	£20,185.00
M&SGRG - bedding plants for Mapplewell War Memorial	£220.00	£220	£8,792	£19,965.00
St Johns PCC - St John's Community Drop In	£545.00	£545	£8,792	£19,420.00
DE Qtr1 secretary expenses	£125.00	£125	£8,792	£19,295.00
DEWA - New bin for Wakefield Road	£2,500.00	-	£6,292	£16,795.00
Barnsley Metropolitan Band	£300.00	-	£5,992	£16,495.00
Mapplewell Singers - Choral singing	£1,500.00	£1,500	£5,992	£14,995.00
DEWA - Spring bulbs	£700.00	£700.00	£5,992	£14,295.00
DEWA - Christmas in Darton East	£1,500.00	-	£4,492	£12,795.00

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£4,060	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£24,060	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £12,030	Allocation Remaining £24,060
DWA - TDY Working budget	£2,000.00	£0	£10,030.00	£22,060.00
DWA - Hanging baskets	£3,500.00	£0	£6,530.00	£18,560.00
Darton Voice - Darton Park Graffiti project	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	£6,530.00	£16,810.00
St Thomas Church - improvements to Community Centre	£940.00	£940.00	£6,530.00	£15,870.00
DWWA - AED Heartsafe Defib monitoring	£50.00		£6,480.00	£15,820.00
Darton Voice Community Garden G - Kexbrough Community & Memorial Garden	£172.00	£172.00	£6,480.00	£15,648.00
Kexbrough Local History Gp - Heritage trail board design for 6 boards	£550.00	£550.00	£6,480.00	£15,098.00
Kexbrough Local History Gp - Interpretation Board	£438.80		£6,041.20	£14,659.20

Darton Voice - Kexbrough Community & Memorial Garden	£200.00	£200.00	£6,041.20	£14,459.20
DWWA - Spring bulbs	£600.00	£600.00	£6,041.20	£13,859.20

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£7,000	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£27,000	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £13,500	Allocation Remaining £27,000
Emmanuel Methodist Church - Community volunteer coordination	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£13,500.00	£26,000.00

ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2018/19 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£1,904.37	carried forward from 2017/18
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£21,904.37	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £10,000	Allocation Remaining £20,000
SHWA - Feeding vulnerable families in St Helens	£550.00	£550	£10,000	£19,450.00
SHWA - St Helens Ward Gala	£1,245.00	£1,245.00	£10,000	£18,205.00
Crafty Crafters - teaching & learning craft skills for the local community	£404.27	£404.27	£10,000	£17,800.73
StHWA - Distribution of What's On St Helens	£225.00	-	£9,775.00	£17,575.73
StHWA - Spring bulbs 2018	£1,560.00	-	£8,215.00	£16,015.73
StHWA - Clean & Climb	£725.00	-	£7,490.00	£15,290.73