

MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 31 August 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, Wombwell Library

MINUTES

Present Councillors Stowe (Chair), Andrews BEM, Franklin, Frost, Daniel Griffin, Lamb, Saunders, Shepherd, Sumner and R. Wraith.

8 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Franklin, Shepherd and Lamb each declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute numbers 9 and 14 due to their positions as directors of Forge Community Partnership, in so far as discussion related to the tidy team.

9 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.31.08.2018/8)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item and the attention of Members was drawn to the timeline proposed for the procurement of an Environmental Tidy Team. The tender was expected to be issued in early October, 2018 with the contract award issued in early December. The new service was expected to commence 1st April, 2019. Members supported the proposal, at an annual cost of £195,720, and Councillors Stowe and Andrews agreed to take part in the procurement exercise.

Members then discussed the extension of the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Service Level Agreement. It was noted that this had been previously been agreed to extend this for a further year to conclude on 31st March, 2019.

In relation to Environmental Enforcement Members had previously indicated that they wished to concentrate on parking enforcement around the town centres of Hoyland and Wombwell. It was suggested that this service be procured with an indicative value of £20,000 per annum, with up to £10,000 allocated for an SLA with BMBC Safer Communities in order to provide the support required for this service as previously. The timeline for procurement was noted, and it was agreed that Councillors Stowe and Lamb be part of the tender evaluation panel for this service.

Members then discussed the provision of Advice Services. It was suggested that this be tendered around February, with evaluation taking place in March, 2019, and the contract commencing 1st July, 2019. A value of £79,572 per annum, the same as currently, was suggested. It was agreed that Councillors Stowe and Shepherd take part in the tender evaluation panel for this service.

The financial position for the Area Council was then noted, with around £39,000 remaining for allocation within the current financial year, £10,832 of which was for environmental projects.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the current financial position for 2018/19 and 2019/2020 be noted;
- (ii) That approval be given for the procurement of an Environmental Tidy Team at a cost of £195,720 per annum for one year with the ability to extend the

- contract for a further year subject to adequate performance, evidence of need and funding being available, and that the Executive Director Communities, following consultation with Members, be authorised to approve any necessary tender documentation to ensure timely procurement;
- (iii) That approval be given for the procurement of Parking Enforcement at a total cost of £30,000 per annum for one year with the ability to extend the contract for a further year subject to adequate performance, evidence of need and funding being available, and that the Executive Director Communities, following consultation with Members, be authorised to approve any necessary tender documentation to ensure timely procurement;
 - (iv) That approval be given for the procurement of Advice Services at a cost of £79,572 per annum for one year with the ability to extend the contract for a further year subject to adequate performance, evidence of need and funding being available, and that the Executive Director Communities, following consultation with Members, be authorised to approve any necessary tender documentation to ensure timely procurement;
 - (v) That the timescales for procurement of an Environmental Tidy Team, Parking Enforcement and Advice Service be noted;
 - (vi) That Councillors Stowe and Andrews take part in the tender evaluation panel for the Environmental Tidy Team procurement;
 - (vii) That Councillors Stowe and Lamb take part in the tender evaluation panel for the Parking Enforcement procurement;
 - (viii) That Councillors Stowe and Shepherd take part in the tender evaluation panel for the Advice Services procurement.

**10 Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 15th June, 2018
(Sac.31.08.2018/2)**

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 15th June, 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 15th June, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

11 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.31.08.2018/3)

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 4th July, 2018; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 19th July, 2018.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

12 Smoke Free Schools (Sac.31.08.2018/4)

Kaye Mann, Senior Health Improvement Officer, was welcomed to the meeting to discuss Smoke Free Schools, which was part of the work to make smoking invisible in Barnsley. Members heard that this that also includes Smoke Free Parks, and Smoke Free places within the Town Centre such as the Pals Memorial Square.

The approach within schools was voluntary and encompassed the whole school, with staff, parents and children all being involved. The aim was to make smoking invisible and in doing so it was hoped that the next generation would not take up smoking and be smoke free.

Members noted the health problems associated with smoking and its contribution to preventable death, and heard of the resources available to schools, including signage and a toolkit. Members heard of the recent launch of Smoke Free Schools at Laithes Primary, which featured in the national, regional and local press.

Members supported the work in schools, and requested that the toolkit be circulated to raise awareness and promote the support available to schools in the area.

Discussion turned to the roll out of Smoke Free areas and the potential of adopting smoke free areas within the locality. The balance between supporting the desires of a significant proportion of residents, with the need to ensure that any negative impact on local businesses is avoided was acknowledged. It was suggested that further research is undertaken prior to a further discussion at the next meeting of the Area Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That thanks be given for the presentation;
- (ii) That the roll out of Smoke Free Schools initiative be supported in the South Area;
- (iii) That the Smoke Free Schools toolkit be circulated to all Elected Members;
- (iv) That research be done prior to a further discussion on the potential of making certain areas in the South Area smoke free at the next meeting of the Area Council.

At this point in the proceedings Councillor Saunders left and therefore the meeting became inquorate.

13 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.31.08.2018/6)

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager, who made Members aware of the current financial situation with regards to the Ward Alliance Funds in the Area as published in the report.

From a starting balance of £10,975 Darfield Ward Alliance had £8,650 remaining for allocation. Wombwell Ward Alliance had £10,448.04 remaining to allocate from £11,308.04 available at the start of the financial year. Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance had £18,326.25 remaining from an opening balance of £20,086.25. However, since the publishing of the report additional finance had been approved from the Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance Fund which left around £13,000 to be allocated.

RECOMMENDATION:- that the report be noted.

14 Performance Report Q1 (Sac.31.08.2018/7)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item, referring to the changes in staff delivering the Advice Services contract. Recruitment for the generalist advisor had taken place and the incoming member of staff had experience working within Mexborough CAB. The outgoing member of staff, Zoe Ellis-Georgiou, had secured a more permanent position within CAB Barnsley. Members gave thanks for her commitment to the service, and it was agreed that this be put in writing.

Sessions in Wombwell and Hoyland continued to be oversubscribed, though there remained space in Darfield. It was noted that further consideration would be given to the venue and time of the session held in Darfield. Members heard of the increase in clients presenting with mental health and physical disabilities, and discussed possible reasons for this. Also noted were the high numbers of those attending who were in work.

Members considered the performance against the Tidy Team contract, noting that additional resources were still being deployed in order to engage businesses. Members heard how the steering group had been poorly attended, and that the next meeting of the steering group would consider winter planning and scheduling. It was agreed that details of this be circulated to all Members.

Those present discussed the issue of litter associated with food outlets located near Junction 36. Despite efforts by Kingdom Enforcement and the Tidy Team, the area continued to be problematic. It was suggested that a more strategic approach be considered, and that a group be convened to consider the issue in more detail.

Members noted the changes in staff in relation to the contract with Kingdom Security, and those present heard how the service had recently been very responsive to requests from the Area Team.

RECOMMENDATION:-

- (i) That the report be noted;
- (ii) That a letter of thanks be given to Zoe Ellis-Georgiou in recognition of her commitment whilst employed as part of the Advice Service in the South Area;
- (iii) That details of the next Tidy Team steering group be circulated to all Members;
- (iv) That a group be convened to consider the issue of litter from food outlets near Junction 36 in more detail.

15 Fostering Recruitment (Sac.31.08.2018/5)

Angela Riley, Senior Social Worker, together with fostering champions Duncan Bagshaw and Gwen Barnes, were welcomed to the meeting.

An overview of the work successful work piloted in the North East Area was given, and it was noted that each area was now assigned a lead social worker and two foster carers acting as champions.

Members heard that there were 145 fostering households in Barnsley, with around 310 children currently in foster care. In 2017/18 in addition 37 households were recruited, which was greater than previously and this was attributed to the approach taken in the North East Area. The target for 2018/19 was a net gain of 30 households, recognising that as many are recruited some also retire from caring.

In recruiting additional foster carers, this would help to ensure those in care could stay in Barnsley and would reduce the disruption caused by placements out of the borough. Members heard how the fostering team aims to place children within a 20 mile area.

A discussion took place regarding the different types of fostering, from short term respite to long term, and the process interested individuals would engage with to become foster carers.

Given the limited resources the team had targeted community events which had the greatest footfall, and where families would attend in order to start conversations with those who may be interested. Members were asked to forward details of events to the team and feedback which were likely to be the most successful in terms of engaging those potentially interested.

Aside from making links with the South Area Team, it was suggested that representatives could advocate on behalf of the recruitment process at Ward Alliances, through the South Area's Facebook page and through the Community Magazine.

RECOMMENDED that thanks be given for the presentation and Members pledge to support the drive to recruit foster carers in the South Area wherever possible.

Chair