

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:
15th February 2019

Report of South Area Council Manager

South Area Council – Procurement and Financial Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To outline the current financial position for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020
- 1.2 To provide an update on South Area Council contracts currently running and commissioning intentions and future work for 2019
- 1.3 To provide details of a request for £2500 for tarmac repairs to a cycle path at Darfield Park following a fire.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members note the current financial position for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020
- 2.2 That Members note the update on South Area Council contracts, commissioning intentions and future work for 2019 including the intention to hold a South Area Council workshop to discuss allocating the remaining £79,356 commissioning budget
- 2.3 That Members note the request at 8.1 for £2500 for Darfield Park repairs to the cycle path from the Enforcement contract income and agree the allocation

3. Existing contracts

3.1 The following are current contracts and contract end dates:

Contract name	Contract start date	Contract end date	Contract Value
Tidy Team Forge Community Partnership	01/08/2016 1+1+1	01/04/2019	£195,720 per annum
Advice services Citizens Advice Barnsley	01/07/2017 1+1	30/06/2019	£75,000 per annum
Environmental services Kingdom Security Limited	01/04/2016 1+1+1	01/04/2019	£60, 320 per annum
Private Sector Housing Officer BMBC	01/04/2017 1+1	01/04/2019	£32,580 Per annum

4. South Area Council Finance Overview

4.1 Finance table:

Description	2017/18	2018/19	2019/2020
South Area Council Allocation	£400,000	£400,000	£400,000
Carry Forward + income	£93,615	£30,717 + Income confirmed to date £27,892	
Contracts / spend			
Advice Services	£74,375	£75,000 +£4572	£18,750 (April 19 – June 19) £79,572 (£59,679 = 9 months for financial year)
Environmental service (Kingdom)	£120,000	£60,320	£14,956
BMBC Safer Communities (environmental services)	£26,488	£14,000	£5000 TBC
Tidy Team	£195,720	£195,720	£195,720
Private Sector Housing	£32,580	£47,216 (£14,636 + £32,580)	£32,580
Summer Internship	£3998		
Community Magazine	£1737	£3675	
Young people's pop up sessions	£2000		
Young people's social media project – Initially £2500	£2000		
Wombwell TRO	£4000		
Off road biking signs		£1290	
Amendments to Hoyland Centre TRO		Up to £5000	
Park Land repairs – Sheffield Road Birdwell		£10,980	
Parks – Milton Pond banking		£1080	
Winter well-being event		£2000	
Additional winter grit		£1000	
Spend	£462,898	£421,853	£346,578
In year balance	£30,717	£36,756 (£10,832 income + £25,924 SAC)	£79,356 SAC + £10,832 income)

4.2 The 2018/2019 budget has an in year remaining balance of £25,924 for the South Area Council commissioning budget and £10,832 Kingdom contract income.

4.3 Following the recent commissioning of contracts the 2019/ 2020 budget has an in year remaining balance of £79,356 for the South Area Council. This is assuming the advice services commission is contracted at the value committed.

5. Background and information

5.1 At a South Area council workshop held on the 25th May 2018 members reviewed all the South Area Council contracts in order to come to a view on commissioning intentions for 2019 /2020.

5.2 For each of the contracts the South Area Council Members considered:

- The original purpose of the contract and whether the contract delivered on that purpose
- Contract performance to date
- What has worked well and not so well
- Is there evidence of continued need?
- Discussions to date regarding competing South Area Council Priorities
- Current and future financial position

5.3 At the South Area Council meeting on the 15th June 2018 the Members recommended the following:

5.4 Environmental Tidy Team service

- That there is a continued need for a Tidy Team / environmental service from the 1st April 2019

5.5 Private Sector Housing service

- That there is a continued need for a Private Sector Housing service from the 1st April 2019

5.6 Environmental Enforcement

- That there is a continued need for the parking services element of the environmental enforcement service contract and that the South Area Council Manager explore options to fund parking services
- That the focus for parking services should be solely around the main shopping centres of Wombwell and Hoyland and should include evening and weekends

5.7 Advice services

- That there is a continued need for an advice service across all wards from the 1st July 2019

6. Commissioning updates, proposed way forward and timescales

Environmental Tidy Team Service

6.1 The Environmental Tidy Team service was put out to tender with a closing date of the 23rd November 18. An evaluation and moderation panel met on the 3rd December 18 for tender scoring and interview. Anvil CIC were successful in securing the new contract which will start on the 1st April 2019. As the existing provider Anvil CIC are currently working with the South Area Council manager to ensure the contract can prepare to deliver against the new targets. This is a contract for one initial year plus a further one year subject to performance, available budget and continued evidence of need.

The contract will have a very strong educational focus, particularly around prevention of littering and dog fouling. New targets have been set to reflect this.

Private Sector Housing Officer

6.2 The Private Sector Housing Officer contract is an internal service level agreement with BMBC as a single provider of this service. At the South Area Council meeting on the 15th June 2018 it was agreed that this would be extended for a further year from 1st

April 19 – 31st March 2020. This is subject to agreement with the Safer Neighbourhoods Service.

The current Private Sector Housing Officer has secured a permanent post in another role and her last day will be on the 1st March 2019. The South Area Council manager and the Community safety team leader are working together to ensure that caseloads are managed in the short term whilst a recruitment to the post takes place.

Environmental Enforcement

6.3 The South Area Council carried out a review of the Environmental Enforcement contract which includes enforcement around littering, dog fouling and parking. The contract was set up originally with a view to changing people's behaviour through education and enforcement. It has been difficult to evaluate the impact of behavioural change as a direct result of enforcement.

6.4 The South Area Council agreed, at its meeting on the 15th June, 2018, to increase the emphasis on anti-littering and dog fouling campaign and educational work within any future Environmental Tidy Team commission rather than an enforcement commission and focus solely on parking in terms of enforcement.

6.5 The new contract will focus on Parking Enforcement at Hoyland centre and Wombwell town centre. It is envisaged that whilst carrying out parking enforcement duties if an officer witnesses dog fouling or littering then the officer will have the powers to issue a fixed penalty notice (FPN). This will not however be the focus of the contract.

6.6 The Parking Enforcement commission was put out to tender with a closing date of 19th November, 2018. A number of tender submissions were received and an evaluation and moderation panel met on the 26th November to score and interview. A new provider, District, has been appointed and will commence the new contract on the 1st April, 2019.

Advice services

6.7 Following a review of performance to date of the Advice service Members have agreed to commission new advices services from the 1st July 2019.

6.8 Members agreed the maximum contract value for a new Advice services contract value of £75,000 plus £4572 for additional services currently being delivered.

6.9 Members agreed that the contract will be for an initial one year plus a further one year subject to performance, continued evidence of need and subject to funding being available.

7.0 Below is the timescale:

Project Activity	Duration	Start Date	End Date
Draft service specification	3 weeks		31-Jan-19
Tender Period	30 days	27-Feb-19	03-Apr-19
Closing Date For Submissions	Date		03-Apr-19
Evaluation Panel meeting	Date	11-Apr-19	11-Apr-19
Award decision sign off	4 days	15-Apr-19	15-Apr-19
Issue intent to award / notify bidders	Date	18-Apr-19	18-Apr-19

Alcatel standstill period	Min 10 days	18-Apr-19	29-Apr-19
Formally Appoint Successful Contractor	Date	30-Apr-19	30-Apr-19
Contract Transition / Mobilisation	12 weeks	01-May-19	30-Jun-19
Contract Start	Date	01-Jul-19	

7.1 At the meeting on the 31st August, 2018 it was agreed that in order to ensure timescales are met, Members agreed delegated authority to the Executive Director for Communities to agree the final specification and tender information for all commissioning work outlined in this report including the Advice services, following consultation with Members of South Area Council.

8. 2019 / 2020 Budget discussions

8.1. A request has been made for £2500 for works to 4m² of tarmac repair to the cycle track at Darfield Park. Darfield Park Play ground was recently refurbished costing £50,000 however the tarmac cycle path was vandalised due to fire at the centre of the cycle track. The area has now been left uneven due to the high temperatures of the fire and molten plastic stuck to the surface. There is an estimated £2500 worth of surfacing damage.

The repairs are currently on planned maintenance for repair but it is uncertain when the budget will be available as it was never accounted for and Assets are currently looking at all tarmac issues across the Borough. No time scales have been indicated for this. Currently the cycle track is unuseable. The play area is being well used, along with the new games court, so it was disappointing for the parks team when the vandalism was discovered.

With Easter holidays coming up the request has been made in order to have the works completed by the school holidays. The works would include remove the burnt area and replace

8.2 Age UK Barnsley presented at a the South Area Council meeting on the 25th October 18 to discuss the Social Isolation pilot currently funded until April 2019. A bid was submitted to the Building Connections Fund to continue and fund a worker for two years, working 30 hours per week in the South area. Unfortunately the bid was unsuccessful.

8.3 It was agreed at the meeting on the 25th October 2018 that if the Building Connections Fund is unsuccessful the South Area Council would consider the learning from the pilot and look at options for supporting other social isolation work from the remaining South Area Council budget.

8.4 During January 2019 the South Area Council Manager and Community Development Officers attended Ward Briefing meetings to discuss the 2019/ 2020 budget and in year remaining balance of £79, 356. A number of areas of work were suggested and will be discussed at a South Area Council workshop in early March 19.

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