

<b>MEETING:</b>	North East Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 7 February 2019
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Ennis OBE, S. Green, Hampson, Makinson, Richardson, Sheard and C. Wraith MBE

### 32 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr Joe Hayward declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute no. 36 as he is a BIADS Trustee and an Age UK Trustee.

### 33 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 29th November 2018**

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 34 **Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair**

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances held throughout October, November and December 2018. The following updates were noted:-

*Cudworth* – It was reported that the Ward Alliance now has two new members. The Health Fayre was very successful, as was the pop up pantomime delivered by Age UK. The clean up event in the park was well attended on Monday. Christmas events, including switching on of Christmas lights, were very successful, particularly those which were in memory of loved ones - all three primary schools were involved. Ward Alliance spend is up to date.

*Monk Bretton* – The Christmas lights switch on events at Carlton and Monk Bretton church were successful and well attended. The Dementia café is running well, with new members each week. The Award ceremony for local schools is planned for March. The budget is currently on target.

*North East* – The Age UK afternoon tea event in Shafton was very successful. Funding for various projects itemised within the notes was agreed. Shafton WMC has now raised £650 towards a defibrillator, in conjunction with Shafton Parish Council. Brierley Residents' Group is doing a fantastic job, actively promoting a number of projects. Consideration is being given to putting up hanging baskets in

Brierley over the spring and summer months. Milefield farm has started to provide cooking courses to help people to look after themselves.

*Royston* – The Christmas events were hugely successful and well attended, The Green spaces group has planted 30 trees in the park, donated by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. The Albert Shepherd gate should be installed by Easter in St. John's Churchyard. Work on the pavilion is progressing nicely, with a table tennis table, pool table and Subbuteo tables donated. Extra activities are to be organised at Easter to promote the space being used. Rooms in the pavilion are now open and available for hire. The bandstand will be repainted and the roof made vandal proof. The skate park has also been refurbished. The S106 bid for the skatepark is being developed. The Tour de Yorkshire will pass through Royston and contact is being made with local schools, businesses and communities to promote this. Spring planning will take place in preparation for Yorkshire in Bloom.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

**35 Private Sector Housing Management Initiative**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**36 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, drawing Members' attention to performance of a number of projects, including the Private Sector Housing Management Service and the Environmental Enforcement Contract. Members felt that there is a need to promote the dog fouling issue widely using social media, as it is very much a blight on the area. Performance in this area is the best in the country and is increasingly viewed as a model of good practice. Thankfully some behaviour change has been noted. A number of case studies were also highlighted, demonstrating the positive impact of various projects in the community.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) The report be noted, and
- (ii) awareness be raised of the issue of dog fouling using social media.

**37 North East Area Council Financial Position and Procurement Update**

16k to be committed

**38 Report on the use of Area Council Budgets and the Ward Alliance Funds**

The North East Area Council Manager introduced this item and updated Members regarding the North East Area Council budget, Ward Alliance allocations remaining and the progress in each ward in expending the Ward Alliance Fund, in line with priorities.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) The current position of the Area Council Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds be noted; and
- (ii) Each Ward continue to prioritise the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance funds in line with the guidance on spend.

### **39 North East Area Council Finance Report**

The North East Area Manager introduced this item, providing an updated finance report for the North East Area Council.

A discussion took place regarding the procurement of an Environmental Enforcement Service (to include littering, dog fouling and parking); parking tickets income; the Apprenticeships and Employability Commission; Private Sector Housing Management Officer SLA; Youth Development Fund and the Health and Wellbeing Grant. Members asked questions and appropriate responses were given.

It was highlighted that the Environmental Enforcement Service contract has been awarded to District Enforcement, with the contract formally commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

Regarding the Health and Wellbeing Grant, Public Health have indicated that they would like to work with the North East Area Council, which has been awarded a potential figure of £28,900 to be spent before the end of March 2020, making a total funding pot of £48,900.

A discussion took place around dementia prevalence in the area. The Dementia café in Monk Bretton is proving very effective and has shown the value of getting support for carers who care 24/7. The grant will fund a full time dedicated worker. A menu of options will be sent to Members and will include a pilot dementia shop scheme, Pop up pantos in all four areas, advice sessions and work in older people's homes. The steering group will report back to The North East Area Council.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) Members approved the Apprentices and Employability contract with Barnsley Community Build for a further year from April 2019 until the end of March 2020 at a cost of £212,598.
- (ii) Members approved the Private Sector Housing Management Officer Service Level Agreement with the Safer Communities Service for a further year from July 2019 until the end of June 2020 at a cost of £37,750.
- (iii) The Youth Development Fund should be developed as a Working Together Fund to encourage more local social enterprises, community interest companies and not for profit organisation with a maximum grant limit of £20,000
- (iv) A further £70,000 should be allocated to this budget heading for the financial year 2019-2020;
- (v) A Health and Wellbeing Working Together Grant should be facilitated with a total funding pot of £48,900 which will meet the Five Ways to Wellbeing criteria; and
- (vi) That the grant will partially fund a full time dedicated worker to work on a series of social isolation and dementia friendly activities across the North

East Area Council at a cost of £30,000 per annum, with the possibility of contributions from other statutory and non-statutory partners.

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Chair