

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**South Area Council Meeting:
12th April 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 including the commissioning of a Social Isolation contract
- 1.3 To outline the proposed process, guidance and evaluation criteria for the establishment of a South Health and Wellbeing Fund for 2019/20.
- 1.4 To outline the proposed process and fund guidance for topping up the Wombwell, Darfield, Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliances budget to deliver South Healthy Holidays activities with food
- 1.5 To outline a recommendation for a Social Isolation commission
- 1.6 To provide details of a request for funding from the enforcement income for a Traffic Regulation Order

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That Members note the current financial position for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020**

South Health and Wellbeing fund:

- 2.2 **That Members approve the documentation in the appendices and proposed process, guidance and evaluation criteria outlined in section 6 for the South Health and Wellbeing Fund and agree membership of the panel in section 6.7 and value of the grant at 6.3 and timescale at 6.6**
- 2.3 **That Members delegate responsibility to the Executive Director, Communities, for the formal approval of the South Health and Wellbeing fund to be awarded in line with proposed guidance and ensuring coverage across the area**

South Healthy Holidays Ward Alliance top up:

- 2.4 **That Members approve the ‘fund guidance’ documentation including the proposed process for South Healthy Holidays at Appendix 5 and agree the recommendation for £10,000 funding to top up the Wombwell, Darfield, Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance budgets at 7.2**

- 2.5 That Members delegate the responsibility to the Executive Director, Communities, for the formal approval of the South Healthy Holidays Ward Alliance top up funding to be awarded in line with the current Ward Alliance approval and governance processes**

Social Isolation commissioning:

- 2.6 That £60,000 per annum be approved for a commission to reduce Social Isolation for an initial period of one year plus a further one year subject to performance, continued evidence of need and subject to funding being available Members delegate the responsibility to the Executive Director, Communities, for the formal approval of this funding**
- 2.7 In order to progress the Social Isolation commission, and so that timescales aren't delayed further into the financial year, Members delegate the responsibility to the Executive Director, Communities for the approval of the full specification and relevant tender documentation following appropriate consultation with Members of South Area Council.**

Enforcement Income request:

- 2.8 That Members note the request at 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 to make funding available from the remaining enforcement income to commission investigation work for revisions to the existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) at Blythe street. The total amount requested for the Blythe street scheme investigation and revision is up to £6500 (£3800 - £5000 design and legal fees + £1500 for works carried out).**

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 (April19 – 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	
Ammendments 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, 346 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 A request has been made for funding from the remaining enforcement income in order to commission investigation work for revisions to an existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The work is in relation to the Blythe street scheme in Wombwell which was introduced as part of a planning condition. Wombwell Members have been concerned that the scheme has had a detrimental effect upon residents ability to park near their properties. Basic costs for a revision to the TRO would be £3000 for design fees and £800 for legal fees. However, if a number of objections are raised this will add to the design and legal fees. It is unclear what those costs would be until the number and type of objections are known so a cost of up to £5000 is recommended.

4.4 In addition to the design and legal fees there would be a fee for additional works if recommended. The costs would depend on the works required but an amount of £1500 has been quoted.

4.5 The total amount requested for the Blythe street scheme investigation and revision is up to £6500 (£3800 - £5000 design and legal fees + £1500 for works carried out).

4.6 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. South Area Council Workshop

5.1 At a South Area council workshop held on the 28th February 2019 members discussed their commissioning intentions for 2019 /2020. The following was recommended :

- South Health and Wellbeing Fund - £10,000
- Healthy Holidays Ward Alliances top up funding - £10,000
- Social Isolation commission - £60,000

5.2 It was agreed at the workshop that the South Area Council manager would develop the paperwork for the funds for approval at this Area Council meeting.

5.3 The Member were informed at the workshop that there is additional funding available to address Health and Wellbeing courtesy of the Wellbeing Service Grant funds from the Healthier Communities Team. It was proposed and recommended that the additional funding is incorporated as a joint South Health and Wellbeing Fund.

6. Commissioning updates, proposed way forward and timescales

South Health and Wellbeing Fund

6.1 The proposed South Health and Wellbeing fund would be a one off fund to encourage approaches to address identified South Area Council priorities, compliment existing services and support the 5 ways to wellbeing framework.

6.2 The fund would be aimed at any voluntary or community group which is locally led and run, registered charities, social enterprises and not for profit organisations, local businesses, public service organisation and Ward Alliances within the South Area Council.

6.3 Based on levels of deprivation across the Borough, the money allocated to the South Area Council from the Healthier Communities Wellbeing service is £25,000. This report seeks to allocate £10,000 from the South Area Council commissioning budget to bring the total funds available for a South Health and Wellbeing fund to £35,000

6.4 Any projects / campaigns / services that receive funding must have the South Area Council priorities and Health and Wellbeing at their core. Applications will be scored against the South Area Council and Health and Wellbeing priorities set out in the Appendices.

6.5 Awards are proposed to range from £2,000 - £5000. This is a one off funding opportunity, enabling projects to be for a maximum 12 months and all delivery to be completed by the 30th June 2020.

6.6 The proposed timescale:

- Fund to be advertised during May 2019
- All application forms to be completed and submitted by 12 noon on Friday 31st May 2019
- Panel meetings to take place the week commencing 03/06/19 and 10/06/19
- Projects notified of the decision within 4 weeks of the closing date
- Projects to be delivered for a maximum of 12 months and all delivery completed by the 30th June 2020

6.7 Members are asked to confirm Membership of the South Health and Wellbeing panel. It is proposed that the panel will consist of the South Area Council link officer, two public health officers, South Area Council manager and either:

- One Councillor representing the South Area Council or
- One Councillor from each ward

6.8 Members are asked to consider and approve the documentation attached at Appendix 1 Background and Terms of reference, Appendix 2 General Guidance, Appendix 3 Application form and Appendix 4 Scoring matrix

South Healthy Holidays Ward Alliance top up funding

6.9 At a workshop held on the 28th February the South Area Council recommended an allocation of £10,000 from its 2019/2020 commissioning budget in order to support Healthy Holiday activities.

6.10 In 2018 the Barnsley Food Access Network was successful in securing funding to support school holiday activities with food in some of the borough's most deprived areas. A Barnsley Healthy Holidays task group coordinated the work. The activities targeted areas where families were impacted by the lack of free school meals in the holidays. The areas selected for activities with food provision were in the localities with highest deprivation; Dearne, Central and North. The South Area wasn't selected as a locality however, the Ward Alliances in the South area delivered similar activities but on a much smaller scale and funded through the Ward Alliances.

6.11 The Barnsley Healthy holidays programme won't be running in any of the areas this year. In light of this and the success of Ward Alliance projects last year, the South Area Council recommends allocating £10,000 of the South Area Council commissioning budget toward funding activities, projects and services across the 4 wards, Wombwell, Darfield, Hoyland Milton and Rockingham.

6.12 This report recommends that the £10,000 be allocated to top up the Ward Alliance funding for the Wombwell (£2500), Darfield (£2500) and Hoyland Milton (£2500) and Rockingham (£2500) Ward Alliances. The funding would top up the Ward Alliances budget in order to support the delivery of healthy school activities with food. The Ward Alliance would be able to develop their own activities based on the knowledge and understanding of the area so that activities better reflect the need of their ward and provide a greater reach into the community.

6.13 Members are asked to consider and approve the fund guidance at Appendix 5 and the recommendation to top up the Wombwell, Darfield and Hoyland, Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance budget by £2500 per ward, £10,000 in total.

Social Isolation commission

6.14 As part of ongoing discussions into future commissioning intentions the South Area Council have been discussing Social Isolation and Loneliness across the area. Last year Public Health presented information to the Area Council outlining the following:

- National data shows that the quality and quantity of social relationships affect health behaviours, physical and mental health, and risk of mortality, with recent studies finding that social isolation and loneliness are associated with 50% excess risk of coronary heart diseases (Public Health England, 2015, 9)

- The scale of the effects of social isolation on survival was comparable to the effect of giving up smoking and greater than the effect of obesity and physical inactivity (PHE, 2015, 23). Although the true cost of social isolation is difficult to determine, studies have found that financial support can provide a substantial return on investment to the value of £5.96 for every £1 invested (PHE, 2015, 9)
- Local predictions reveal that by 2020, 40% (17,647) of Barnsley's 65+ yr olds will be living alone. Based on the 40%, by the year 2020 the number of 65+ year olds living alone will be approximately 3640 (9100 is the total number of 65+ years living in the South Area). Source: *Mid-Year 2016 Population Estimates*, ONS

6.15 The South Area Council Manager has also presented further information outlining anecdotal information and local research evidencing a demand for support and interventions to tackle social isolation and loneliness across the South Area.

6.16 The following have been identified as potential public health outcomes that could be addressed as part of a commission:

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities.	
1.16	Utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons
1.17	Fuel poverty
1.18	Social isolation – adult social care users
1.19	Older people perception of community safety
Health Improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.13	Proportion of physically active and inactive adults
2.23	Self-reported well being
2.22	Percentage of the eligible population aged 40-74 offered or received an NHS Health Check
2.23	Self-reported well being
2.24	Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 or over
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
4.13	Health related quality of life for older people
4.15	Excess winter deaths

6.17 At the South Area Workshop on the 28th February Members recommended £60,000 to fund a social isolation and loneliness commission. This report recommends that the South Area Council Manager develops a full tender pack for this commission and that Members approve the funding.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 South Health and Wellbeing Fund - Background and Terms of reference,

Appendix 2 South Health and Wellbeing Fund - General Guidance

Appendix 3 South Health and Wellbeing Fund - Application form

Appendix 4 South Health and Wellbeing Fund -Scoring matrix

Appendix 5 South Healthy Holidays – Process