

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting:

1st July 2019

**Report of Central Area
Council Manager**

Central Area Council Ward Alliance Fund Report

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform Members about the agreed spend to date for the 5 Central area Ward Alliance Funds for 2019/20.

2. Recommendation

That the Central Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes the 2019/20 spend to date, for the Wards of Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to the Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

Following the Council's decision to withdraw Devolved Ward Budget funding from 1st April 2016, the use of Ward Alliance Funding and the associated allocation of monies to Ward Alliances across the borough has also been reviewed and amended.

- 3.2 In considering projects for the use of Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4. Commitments to Date

- 4.1 A breakdown of the approved spend for the 2019/20 financial year is attached at Appendix 1.

Members should note that these figures do not include any recent WAF decisions.

- 4.2 Ward Alliances have reviewed their priorities and updated their Action Plans to ensure the timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance Funds for 2019/20.

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APPENDIX 1

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

2019/20 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2019/20 each Ward Alliance has an allocation of £10,000 from the Council's core budget to the Ward Alliance Fund.

In addition to this, Central Area Council agreed to allocate a further £10,000 per Ward from their 2019/20 budget to to each of the 5 Ward Alliance Funds.

50% of the total amount of Ward Alliance 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.

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

The carry-forward of remaining balances from each of the 2018/19 Ward Alliance Funds has been combined and added to the 2019/20 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

As previously agreed by Central Area Council, any monies that have not been charged by 31st July 2020 will be returned to Central Area Council.

2019/20 WAF Allocations and agreed spend to date by Ward Alliance:

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2019/20 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£ 395	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£20,395	total available funding

The **Central Ward** has allocated £500 of its £20,000 2019/20 Ward Alliance allocation, with £500 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
1st Barnsley Scouts Group - Teamwork Challenge	£500	£500	£19,895.00

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2019/20 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£ 135	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£20,135	total available funding

The **Dodworth Ward** has allocated £243 of its £20,135 2019/20 Ward Alliance allocation, with £243 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Barnsley Youth Choir	£243	£243	£19,892

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2019/20 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£ 546	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£20,546	total available funding

The **Kingstone Ward** has allocated £286.20 of its £20,546 2018/19 Ward Alliance allocation, with £4,669 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Barnsley Youth Choir - 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend	£286.20	£286.20	£20,259.80

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2019/20 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£ 1022	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£21,022	total available funding

The **Stairfoot Ward** has allocated £2974.82 of its £21,022 2019/20 Ward Alliance allocation, with £2974.82 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Note: An amount of £2,500 was previously agreed for the SWAT project which is not currently reflected in the table below.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
DIAL Barnsley - Drop In Advice	£1611	£1611	£19,411
St Andrews Church Venue Hire SWA Meetings	£549	£549	£18,862
Barnsley Youth Choir - 10th Anniversary Stairfoot	£314.82	£314.82	£18,547.18
Barnsley Pals Colours	£500	£500	£18,047.18

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2019/20 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£ 2,131	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£22,131	total available funding

To date, £1,436.75 has been committed against the Worsbrough 2019/20 budget.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Barnsley Youth Choir - 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend	£357,75	£357.75	£21,773.25
DIAL Barnsley - Drop In Advice Worsbrough	£879.00	£879.00	£20,894.25
Barnsley NHW - Assisting with start up of new schemes	£200	£200	£20,694.25