

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:
6th September 2019

Report of South Area Council Manager

South Area Council – Procurement and Financial Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the South Health and Wellbeing Fund and South Area Council funding and commissioning updates.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members note all updates.

3. South Health and Wellbeing Fund Update

- 3.1 The South Health and Wellbeing fund was opened at the start of May 2019 with a closing date of the 4th June 2019. The fund is 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.

- 3.2 The funding consists of £25,000 from the Healthier Communities Wellbeing service and £10,000 from the South Area Council commissioning budget to bring the total funds available to £35,000.

- 3.3 A panel met on the 13th June 2019 to consider applications to the fund.

- 3.4 The following projects were recommended by the panel having met the South Area Council priorities and having Health and Wellbeing at their core. Applications were scored against these priorities:

- **Therapies for Anxiety, Depression and Stress (TADS), TADS for Wellbeing, £4,110**
- **Young Wellbeing Ambassadors, Targeted Youth Support, £4,450**
- **DIAL, Community workshops, £2,400**
- **Fairshare Yorkshire, Step forward programme, £4,850**

- 3.5 A further project has been provisionally approved but is subject to further information being agreed. This will be reported on at the next meeting. **£4,998** has been ring-fenced from the total budget.

3.6 Therapies for Anxiety, Depression and Stress (TADS), £4110

The TADS for Wellbeing will aim to reach children in Primary Schools and teach coping strategies which they can use throughout their lives in times of stress. This should enable better transition to Secondary School. TADS will work in the three Wombwell Primary Schools each for 2 hours per week, term time only, working with 4 children each time in half hour sessions per school for a period of 4 sessions.

TADS have chosen Wombwell due to the high level of demand they receive for services from young people in this area. TADS currently attend Primary Schools in Hoyland on a 'buy in' basis but have not been invited by Wombwell Primaries.

3.7 Young Wellbeing Ambassadors, Targeted Youth Support, £4,450

This is a peer mentor project which aims to address a variety of health and wellbeing inequalities focusing particularly on that of mental health and wellbeing. Targeted Youth Support is frequently asked for by Netherwood and Kirk Balk to deliver extra support on self-esteem, reducing stress and anger management. This project would be in addition to the core service offer.

This project will aim to focus on support at a very early intervention stage before CAMHS, Mindspace or TADS are brought in. The project will train up groups of young people to deliver sessions to their peers and will be developed through consultation with young people.

3.8 DIAL, Community workshops, £2,400

DIAL Community Workshops aim to upskill and enable local residents to complete their own welfare benefit claim forms thus putting them more in control and promoting independence. The model has been developed with local beneficiaries on alternative methods of advice provision and, whilst DIAL recognise face to face is by far the preferred model, the next best preference was group work delivered by someone who had personal experience of making a claim.

DIAL have already run a series of workshops in various areas of Barnsley which have been well received. The workshops will complement the current provision offered by CAB through the advice drop in service at various community venues in the South Area. They will contribute to addressing the current oversubscription and increasing demand for this advice and support.

3.9 Fairshare Yorkshire, Step forward programme, £4,850

The Step Forward Initiative will give 10 unemployed people living in the South Area who lack skills, relevant experience and confidence to take a step forward and become active in their community and to gain qualifications and work experience. They would undertake practical and theory training to gain an accredited forklift truck permit.

Each person would complete 200 hours of training and volunteering within an 8 week period. The focus of this provision is the intensive support of 10 individuals. To date Fairshare Yorkshire have supported almost 100 people in this way since July 2017. Approximately 1 in 4 has moved into work through the combination of accredited, on the job and mentoring support.

3.10 Of the £35,000 funding this leaves an amount of £14,192 (this includes an amount of £4998 ring-fenced).

3.11 Following the recommendation at the South Area Council meeting on the 14th June 19 the South Health and Wellbeing fund was relaunched. The closing date for applications is Friday 30th August. The panel will meet on the 13th September 2019 to consider submissions.

4. Tackling Social Isolation commission

- 4.1 At the South Area Council meeting on the 12th April 2019 Members recommended £60,000 per year for 2 years to fund a tackling social isolation and loneliness commission for older people.
- 4.2 Evaluations and tender presentations took place on the 16th July 2019 with a tender panel made up of Councillor Caroline Saunders, Diane Lee, Head of Public Health, Lisa Lyon, South Area Council Manager and supported by members of the procurement team.
- 4.3 Two providers were considered with Age UK Barnsley being the preferred supplier with a contract start date of the 1st September 2019.

5. Private Sector Housing Service update

- 5.1 The new Private sector housing officer started on the 2nd September 2019 for an initial 13 months contract. The contract period reflects the 12 months funding agreed by the South Area Council and the one month underspend from the previous officer post. The contract ends on 2nd October 2020.
- 5.2. The current Service Level Agreement is for a full time, 37 hours per week officer, however the new officer will be working 30 hours per week. The post will remain on the organisation structure as a 37 hours post for any future recruitment.
- 5.3 At the South Area Council meeting on the 14th June 2019 it was recommended to ring-fence the underspend for the post resulting from the reduction in hours to allow the possibility to further extend the post by two months at the end of the current 13 month contract. This would be subject to agreement by Safer Communities and continued evidence of satisfactory performance, continued need and availability of funding.

6. Healthy Holidays Ward Alliance top up funding - £10,000

- 6.1 A programme of Healthy Holiday activities has been running throughout the school summer holidays across the 4 wards that make up the South Area Council. The Community Development Officers and Area Council manager will be collating information for a report to be circulated to the Ward Alliances and South Area Council.

Officer Contact: Lisa Lyon, South Area Council Manager
Tel: 01226 355866