

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 22 July 2019
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Charlesworth, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Pickering, Platts and Tattersall

11 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

12 Minutes of the North Area Council meetings held on 13th May and 27th June 2019.

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th May and 27th June 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 13th May and 27th June 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

13 Outcome of Health and Wellbeing Workshop and Recommendations - Cath Bedford and Rosie Adams

Cath Bedford introduced this item and updated Members with regard to the discussions which took place at a recent workshop to explore the opportunity for a North Area Council funded young people's project. Issues discussed included the barriers that prevent young people from thriving; risky behaviour and how to prevent it; mental health/anxiety; low levels of self-esteem; transitions (e.g. from primary to secondary school) and building emotional resilience. A number of knowledge gaps were also identified in terms of what various services currently provide. Consideration was given to what the North Area Council could focus on to improve the life chances of young people in the North Area whilst being mindful of making the best use of limited resources and avoidance of duplication.

The issue of service design came through clearly, for example there is an excess of referrals to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) whilst at the same time there are opportunities within the community to help young people facing these types of issues. What is clear is that there is a need for a further workshop to explore the themes which emerged together with an identification of the outcomes the North Area Council wants to achieve in order to protect and empower young people and provide them with opportunities to thrive. The exact format of the workshop is yet to be determined, however it will involve a co-design element.

The next step is the production of a short conversational film during the

summer holidays. It was reported that Script Media is the preferred provider and filming starts this week over the next 3 weeks, with the finished article completed by the 2nd week of September in readiness for the September North Area Council meeting. CAMHS, YMCA and Ad Astra have confirmed involvement. Filming will take place in community venues during school holidays. It is hoped that difficult to engage young people will be involved. Schools have been included and were invited to the workshop sessions.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The update be noted, and
- (ii) Members agreed a further developmental workshop with stakeholders and Members of the Priority Working Group for Young People.

14 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance Update

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. Members were provided with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed. It was explained that all larger projects are commissioned on a one year (plus one year) contract.

The Housing Migration Officer post is now vacant. The delegated report has been written and is awaiting sign off before a request to recruit can be made. The Area Council Manager will be involved in recruitment in conjunction with Dearne Area Council and it is anticipated that a candidate will be identified for the North Area in August.

It was felt that it would not be appropriate to recruit to the vacant Youth Participation Officer posts until the future of the Health and Wellbeing of Young People project is determined.

Members will need to decide by the end of the year whether to continue to produce a Community Magazine

RESOLVED that Members note:-

- (i) The budget position, current financial position and the forecast for future funding commitments and
- (ii) The current position regarding the Housing Migration Officer together with the recommendation regarding the Youth Participation Officers

15 Celebration Event

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, outlining the three different options for recognising and showcasing community action within the North Area, asking Members to reach a consensus regarding their preferred option. Traditionally this type of event has been held in Town Hall. A discussion took place around the 'celebration event' delivery options available, including whether to hold a smaller, bespoke event in each ward or a large scale event held centrally and involving all wards.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that each Ward will have its own event held locally and also
- (ii) that a workshop be organised, with representatives from each Ward to plan an 'overall' celebration event, to be held centrally.

16 Priority Working Group representation

The Area Council Manager reminded Members of the purpose and function of the Priority Working Groups. It is essential that each ward is represented on each of the working groups to ensure that each ward is involved in planning, development and delivery of projects that benefit the North Area as a whole. Priorities and projects include: Opportunities for Young People; Health and Wellbeing; Environment; Anti-Poverty; Economic Regeneration; Community Magazine Editorial Group (both Autumn/Winter and Spring/Summer editions) and Stronger Communities Grants 2020/21. Members were asked to consider the membership of the various groups as outlined within the report.

RESOLVED that Membership of the priority working groups as listed within the report are agreed.

17 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council with regard to the Ward Alliance budget, including a comprehensive breakdown for each ward.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the report be noted; and
- (ii) that each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2019/20, in line with the guidance on spend

18 Notes from the following Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 14th May and 11th June 2019; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 8th April and 9th May 2019; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 9th April and 4th June 2019; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 18th April and 6th June 2019.

Darton East: Funding has been agreed for a number of projects across the ward. The Beer Festival raised money towards the Christmas celebrations for this year. The first children's disco is planned for 30th August.

Darton West: The Tour de Yorkshire was an excellent event with the whole community involved. A quotation is to be obtained for low level fencing on Dearne

Hall Road and enquiries are to be made regarding signage following the change of speed limit on Birthwaite Hill.

Old Town: Funding has been agreed for a number of small projects including The Fleets project and environmental projects with schools. The Gala on 7th July was very successful. Thanks were expressed to Old Town Ward Alliance for the donation of hanging basket brackets to the St Helens Ward.

St Helens: The gala is to take place tomorrow (23rd July). Hanging baskets have been installed and planning for Christmas events is underway. Events will take place across the wards during the summer holiday, including 'cook and eat' sessions. Positioning of the defibrillator is to be discussed.

RESOLVED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

Chair