

# **South Area Council – Procurement and Financial Update**

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Members note the budget position.**
- 2.2 That Members consider the recommendation to ring fence £26,480 for a further year of the Private sector housing officer post.**
- 2.3 That Members note the two further projects agreed for funding from the South Health and Wellbeing fund by the panel and to consider the recommendation at section 4.**
- 2.4 That a workshop be arranged to hold a more detailed discussion where potential options for the commissioning budget and environmental enforcement income can be looked at.**
- 2.5 That the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 10am – 12 noon be agreed for a workshop or alternative date is agreed.**

### **3. Budget position**

3.1 Underspends from two commissioned services tendered for less than allocated amount, four month staff vacancy for private sector housing officer, ongoing underspend as post offered on 30 hours contract, plus costs quoted by parks £3700 less and carry forwards has resulted in a balance of **£41,654** for 19/ 20 from what was a previously allocated budget.

3.2 The £41,654 is assuming that profiled spend is allocated, this include the £1738 communication budget, £10,000 Health and Wellbeing Fund and £10,000 Healthy Holidays fund.

### **Environmental enforcement income**

3.3 In addition to the above the Kingdom Enforcement contract paid into the budget this financial year for previous years tickets = **£32,523**.

### **2020/21 commissioning budget**

3.4 2020/21 outturn based on funding District Ltd, Age UK Barnsley, Tidy Team and Private sector housing up to the end of December 2020 is forecast at £355,542.

3.5 This leave **£44,457** to allocate however the Private sector housing officer is currently funded until end of September 2020 through a 13 month contract. There is currently £6100 previously ring-fenced for the post which has been a result of a four month vacancy and the contract being offered on 30 hours per week. In order to fund a second year of this post it is recommended that **£26,480** be ring fenced from the 2020/21 budget. Please note the ring fenced amount is for a 37 hour post as this will allow the post to be protected as a full time position on the structure. If the post was to continue as a 30 hour post this would see an in year underspend of £8100.

3.6 If the £26,480 was ring fenced the remaining 2020/2021 budget would be **£17,977**.

**Recommendation at 2.2: That Members consider the recommendation to ring fence £26,480 for a further year of the Private sector housing officer post.**

**Recommendation at 2.4: That a workshop be arranged to hold a more detailed discussion where potential options for the commissioning budget and environmental enforcement income can be looked at. Recommendation at 2.5 That the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 10am – 12 noon be agreed for a workshop or an alternative date is agreed.**

# 4. South Health and Wellbeing Fund Update

4.1 The funding = £24,870.49 from Healthier Communities Wellbeing service and £10,000 from South Area Council commissioning budget. Total funds available = £34,870.49.

4.2 Following two panels the following projects have been agreed:

- Therapies for Anxiety, Depression and Stress (TADS), TADS for Wellbeing, £4110
- Young Wellbeing Ambassadors, Targeted Youth Support, £4450
- DIAL, Community workshops, £2400
- Fareshare Yorkshire, Step forward programme, £4850

## **Updates since the last Area Council meeting:**

- **Reds in the Community, £4998.** This will fund a Healthy Kicks programme for 7 – 11 year olds enabling pupils to engage in physical activity while gaining valuable information on how to eat and live more healthily and a Fit Reds Men's and Fit Reds Women's programme to male-only and female-only groups in community-based settings. These 8-week programmes consist of weekly sessions involving 60 minutes of exercise and a 45 minute healthy lifestyle workshop.
- **Age UK Barnsley, Wombwell Men in Sheds - £5000.** Men in Sheds services offer an environment that is similar to a work environment where men can feel comfortable and socialise while taking part in a practical activity. Age UK Barnsley has successfully set up Men in Sheds Groups across three areas of Barnsley and have found they have a significant positive effect on loneliness and isolation of the men that use them. This funding will aim to establish a group in Wombwell and then look at a potential South area wide approach.

4.3 The total of grant is **£25,808** from a £34,870.49 budget. Public Health have agreed to their contribution being allocated in full with £937.51 of the Area Council funding making up the difference. **£9062.49** remains in this budget.

4.4 Of the six grants four are delivering South Area Council wide projects (Targeted Youth Support, Fareshare, DIAL and Reds in the community Total £16,698) which funding is not available for through Ward Alliances or Area Council commissioned services.

4.5 Two applications focus on Wombwell (Men in Sheds and TADS) and this totals £9110. This is **35%** of the total fund. The fund guidance approved by the South Area Council states that **the panel will aim to ensure a balance of projects and delivery across the 4 wards** and as such may promote and prioritise particular wards where applications have been low. Successful proposals will aim to provide a coverage and spread of provision across the 4 South Area Council wards.

4.6 The Public Health funding had a deadline for project delivery by the end of June 2020 and feedback from potential applicants was that this was too restrictive as it didn't allow a full year project delivery. The remaining fund would not be restricted by this deadline so a subsequent round of grant could be advertised as a full year project delivery.

**4.7 Of the options below the recommendation is option (4)**  
to run subsequent grant rounds with the same criteria targeted at Darfield, Hoyland, Milton and Rockingham.

Recommendation required on the use of the **£9062.49** South Health and Wellbeing remaining budget, options:

- 1) Reallocate back to the South Area Council commissioning budget to be considered for something else.
- 2) Run a further grant round with same criteria open across the whole area.
- 3) As above with different criteria.
- 4) Run another grant round with same criteria targeted at Hoyland, Milton, Rockingham and Darfield.**
- 5) As above with different criteria.
- 6) Top up the allocation to run any of the above options.