

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 16 September 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, Spence and Tattersall

19 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

20 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 22nd July 2019

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd July 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held 22nd July 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

21 RVS Grant Project Overview - RVS Manager - tentatively accepted

This item was deferred to be discussed at the next meeting of the North Area Council in November.

22 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, providing Members with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed, highlighting all significant financial commitment. Projects discussed included: the Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project; the Clean and Green Service; the post of Housing Migration Officer (now Housing and Cohesion Officer); opportunities for Young People; Health and Wellbeing and the Stronger Communities Grant.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Members noted the existing budget position, forecast for the funding commitments and current financial position;
- (ii) Members note that due to difficulties recruiting to the Housing Migration Officer post, the role profile has been amended and will be advertised shortly along with the vacant post for the Dearne Area Council;
- (iii) Members noted the recommendation regarding the Youth Participation Officers and the intention to hold a commissioning programme budget profile workshop.

23 The Fleets

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, updating Members regarding the Fleets Nature Park project, highlighting the importance of this area from a wildlife perspective and also what the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust aims to achieve at The Fleets. Members felt that all the North Area Council wards would benefit from this exciting project and were enthusiastic and supportive.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Members noted the background to the Fleets Nature Park project and agreed to make a significant financial contribution to the project following a workshop, and,
- (ii) The North Area Council Manager will speak to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and make enquiries about RSPB involvement post 2020;

24 Performance Management Report - Commissioned Projects & Grant Summary - Q1

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, providing Members with a comprehensive North Area Council Performance report for the period April – June 2019, highlighting various case studies where appropriate and how the various projects contributed to the Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives. There are currently three live contracts: Twiggs, CAB & DIAL and DIAL (social Isolation) together with three contracted posts funded by the North Area Council: Housing Migration Officer and Youth Participation Officer (x2).

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That Members noted the contents of the Performance Management report;
- (ii) The Area Council Manager will arrange budget workshop meetings for the first two weeks of October.

25 Young People's Health and Wellbeing Project Development - to be tabled following the workshop on 12th September

The Area Council Manager introduced this item, apprising Members of the discussions that took place at a recent stakeholder co-design workshop which explored the opportunity for a North Area Council funded young people's project.

It was explained that four distinct areas of work were identified: emotional resilience, transition age (8-13), empowerment (mentoring and peer support) and risky behaviour. The vision was that 'every young person, regardless of background, education or family circumstances, would have relevant access to service and opportunities that would inspire, motivate and enhance their current health, wellbeing

and aspirations to improve their future self'. This vision will be used within the specification.

Many ideas were generated at the workshop, with a 'Community Café' voted as the preferred service. Key considerations from the workshop: work with young people must start in schools, community based provision should take a whole family approach; school holidays provide a developmental opportunity. It was acknowledged that defining outcomes and production of a service specification will be a complicated and time consuming process.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) Members noted the update, particularly the aims, objectives and outcomes which were identified at the workshop together with the possible activities and interventions which would address them; and
- (ii) The Area Council Manager be tasked with using this information to draft a specification for the Young People's Priority project which will address the identified gaps and opportunities.

26 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

The Area Council Manager updated the North Area Council on the financial position of the Ward Alliance budget for each ward. The difficulty of matched funding for some projects with volunteer hours was discussed along with the need for a lateral approach.

RESOLVED:- that

- (i) The report be noted, and
- (ii) 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.

27 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the following meetings: Darton East Ward Alliance held on 9th July 2019; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 8th July 2019; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 9th July 2019; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 4th July 2019. The following updates were also provided:

Darton East Ward – The ward alliance are now raising funds for Christmas projects. Plans are in place for Christmas trees in four ward areas, with a lights switch-on for Maplewell planned for the very first time. Events over the summer were very successful. Unfortunately there has been a spate of equipment being stolen. A number of applications have been received – for example, for Barnsley Youth Choir – but it is unclear how the local area will benefit from supporting them.

Darton West Ward – Dan Jarvis presented awards for the summer reading challenge on Saturday, with the library full of children who had read 6 books during the holidays. Thanks were expressed both to library staff and to Dan Jarvis. The 'Stars

of Darton' event is being planned for next March. Sponsorship is being sought for Christmas lights, with a Christmas event planned for Wilthorpe. All bulbs for planting have been ordered. The Northern Theatre project held a concert which proved to be worth the investment as it tied in with the young people's project, with children visibly growing in confidence over the 6 week period.

Old Town – Christmas tree orders have been signed off. Only two of the live trees from last year have survived. Some projects are currently awaiting approval. The Fleets project is the major project in the area. The website is proving successful and this year's carnival was very well attended. A gala for the canal is in planning but this needs more work. A defibrillator is to be installed inside Quarry View which will be available 24 hours.

St Helens – Christmas planning is underway but costs have increased from £1000 to £2500 even with hosting events in community buildings. Three young people have successfully completed an IKIC qualification at the community shop and will be presented with a trophy this Thursday. A 'sloppy slippers' event will be held in the community shop in late September/early October. Funding has been agreed with Barnsley TIAG to work with 16 to 19 year olds with mental health problems. Two of the Christmas trees planted last year have died, although the one at the Methodist Chapel and the one at the Community Shop are still living. A defibrillator is planned for the Roundhouse Medical Centre, these have been fitted at the Darby and Joan club, Darton LIFT building and Thompson's garage. There is a new minister at the local church and a new bench has been installed, with a plaque from the Ward Alliance

The Chair reported that South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (SYFRS) are campaigning for water safety as this is an area of under-performance. SYFRS will install a large notice board with a water throw line and unique identification number which will get straight through to the brigade control centre, fully funded by SYFRS. Members were asked to identify areas within their Wards which would benefit from this initiative.

The Chair also spoke about the Barnsley Armed Forces Walkway initiative, whereby commemorative stones can be purchased at a cost of £250 per stone for armed forces serving, fallen or retired who have a strong Barnsley connection. More details can be provided for those interested.

RESOLVED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances and additional updates be noted.

Chair