

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
18th November 2019

Agenda Item: 10

Report of the
North Area Council Manager

Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2019/20 period.

2. Recommendation

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.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition the Area Council has devolved £10,000 for the financial year 2018/19.

- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Funding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocated to projects where there is match funding. *(N.B. The additional funding allocated in October 2019 is the exception – this funding can be allocated to non-match funded projects.)*

- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:
- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
 - it is in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
 - it represents value for money.

4.0 2019/20 Financial Position

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2018/19 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2019/20 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

- 4.2 *In September 2019 SMT approved an additional £10,000 of devolved ward budget per Ward Alliance.*

4.3 Budget allocations for 2019/20

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2018/19	Devolved from Area Council	Additional DWB (10/19)	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£2,399	£10,000	£10,000	£32,399
Darton West	£10,000	£2,525	£10,000	£10,000	£32,525
Old Town	£10,000	£12,048	£10,000	£10,000	£42,048
St Helen's	£10,000	£3,850	£10,000	£10,000	£33,850

4.4 Please note there is a time lag when writing the finance report. By the end of March Old Town Ward Alliance had signed off additional grant funding, reducing their allocation to below £10,000. However this was not processed immediately due to financial year end commitments. Therefore they have been eligible for devolved funding from the North Area Council, despite the table above.

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

4.6 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2019/20 (during the first quarter is recommended). This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities.

5.2 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.

5.3 Proactive promotion of the Ward Alliance Fund to local not for profit groups and organisations is highly recommended to ensure efficient expenditure over the financial year.

5.4 All Ward Alliance Funding forms for the year 2019/20 must be signed off by the Ward Alliance by the 13th March 2020 to allow for timely process.

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**Appendix 1:
2019/20 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

For 2019/20 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the 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.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2018/19 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2019/20 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

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

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£2,399	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£22,399	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining £22,399
			£11,200	
DEWA - Young People's Activities	£350	£0	£10,850	£22,049
DEWA - Working Budget	£670	£0	£10,180	£21,379
DEWA - Hanging Baskets	£1705	£0	£9,475	£19,674
Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Rec Group - Bedding Plants	£285	£702	£9,475	£19,389

Mapplewell & Staincross Greenspace & Rec Group - TDY Land Art Project	£751	£990	£9,475	£18,638
PCC St Mary with St Paul - Barnsley Pals Colours Project	£500	£10,132	£9,475	£18,138
Barnsley Youth Choir - International Weekend	£257.58	£3,243	£9,475	£17,880.42
Staincross Mapplewell & Darton Community Venture St Johns Parish Hall	£1200	£405	£9,475	£16,680.42
First Stage Summer School	£451	£2,999	£9,475	£16,229.42
Secretary Payment - Helen Altyn	£125	£0	£9,350	£16,104.42
cash payment - working budget from event	£39	£0	£9,350	£16,143.42
Family Fun Sessions	£700	£0	£8,650	£15,443.42
Young Peoples Disco	£400	£405.30	£8,650	£15,043.42
Christmas in Darton East 2019	£2800	£0	£5,850	£12,243.42
Christmas Lights in Mapplewell	£5400	£2702	£5,850	£6,843.42
Spring Blubs	£600	£1000	£5,850	£6,243.42
Senior Citizens & Special Needs Winter Warmer Event	£1020	£354	£5,850	£5,223.42
Secretary Payment – Helen Altin Q2	£125	£0	£5,725	£5,098.42
Winter Bedding Plants – Mapplewell War Memorial	£270	£14,000	£5,725	£4,828.42

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£2,525	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£22,525	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £11,262.50	Allocation Remaining £22,525
DWWA - Dog Fouling Sign	£197.59	£0	£11,064.91	£22,327.41
DWWA - Hanging Baskets	£2200	£0	£8,864.91	£20,127.41
Kexborough Local History Group - Heritage Board	£406	£1760	£8,864.91	£19,721.41
DWWA - Planters	£1570	£0	£7,294.91	£18,151.41
DWWA - AED Locator (Defibrillator) Annual Monitoring	£49	£0	£7,245.91	£18,102.41
Barnsley Youth Choir - International Weekend	£286.20	£10,132	£7,245.91	£17,816.21
Richard Haigh Ward Alliance Payment	£125	£0	£7120.91	£17,691.21
Kexborough Noticeboard	£824	£0	£6,296.91	£16,867.21
Nova Theatre Group	£451	£2999.22	£6,296.91	£16,416.21
Darton West Working Budget	£600	£0	£6,296.91	£15,816.21
Remembrance Day Celebrations	£1575.07	£553	£6,296.91	£14,241.14
Christmas in Darton West	£1380	£0	£4,917	£12,861.14
Spring Blubs	£400	£1000	£4,917	£12,461.14

Stars of Darton West Awards – Working Budget	£1000	£0	£3,917	£11,461.14
Darton Noticeboard	£169	£0	£3,748	£11,292.14
Secretary Payment – Richard Haigh Q2	£125	£0	£3623	£11,167.14

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£12,048	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£32,048	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £16,024	Allocation Remaining £32,048
Old Town News - OTWA Newsletter	£1,186.95	£0	£14,937.05	£30,861.05
Renewing MAMA equipment and costumes	£1213	£23,858	£14,937.05	£29,648.05
Pogmoor Residents Ass. Outline Whitley Bomber with plants	£758.45	£1000	£14,937.05	£28,889.60
OTWA - Brierfield Close Bollards	£400	£0	£14,537.05	£28,489.60
Barnsley Youth Choir - 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend	£486.54	£2702	£14,537.05	£28,003.06
Pogmoor Area Residents Association - Afternoon Social Club	£326.43	£4,539	£14,537.05	£27,676.63
Barnsley Retirement Fellowship Group	£524	£3,186	£14,537.05	£27,152.63

Fleets Information Lecterns	£2516	£270.20	£14,537.05	£24,636.63
The Big Cooking Challenge	£1090	£108	£14,537.05	£23,546.63
Christmas Trees 2019	£2519	£0	£12,018.05	£21,027.63
TRO – Warner Road	£6,000	£0	£6,018.05	£15,027.63
Emmanuel Baby & Toddler Group	£1205	£16,333.59	£6,018.05	£13,822.63
Federation of TARA monies given to Old Town	-£500			£14,322.63

ST HELENS WARD ALLIANCE

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

£10,000	base allocation
£3,850	carried forward from 2018/19
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
£23,850	total available funding

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining £11,925	Allocation Remaining £23,850
Barnsley International Youth Choir	£300	£1,621	£11,925	£23,550
PALS Colours	£500	£10,132	£11,925	£23,050
ST Helens Gala	£1500	£600	£11,925	£21,550
Romero Support	£329	£290	£11,925	£21,221
Secretary Payment - Rebecca Leech Q1	£125	£0	£11,800	£21,096
Spring Blubs 2019	£1500	£0	£10,300	£19,596
Christmas Events	£2500	£1132	£10,300	£17,096

Selecta DNA	£1000	£270	£10,300	£16,096
Renovation of Church Garden area	£1114	£1188	£10,300	£14,982
Next Steps	£1000	£0	£9,300	£13,982
Secretary Payment – Rebecca Leach Q2	£125	£0	£9,175	£13,857
Hanging Baskets	£1705	£0	£7,470	£12,152
Health Event Working Budget	£750	£0	£6,720	£11,402
Wingfield Road Roundabout	£2,000	£0	£4,720	£9,402
Athersley Annual Community Bonfire	£1200	£2431	£4,720	£8,202