

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:
14th February 2020

Report of South Area Council Manager

South Area Council – Procurement and Financial Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide a budget position regarding the remaining commissioning allocation and South Health and Wellbeing monies in order for Members to take a view on spend alongside the discussions at the meeting regarding the Strength training presentation and Access to food presentation from Public Health.
- 1.2 To provide costings and information for recommendation on the Kingdom contract income monies on parks play repairs and or replacement of equipment.
- 1.3 To provide information on a number of contracts which will be completing their first year of a one plus one-year contract and for Members to confirm the second year of contract.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That Members note the budget position and the separate presentation from Public Health with a view to allocating funding to potential projects, commissioned services and / or the £9,062.49 South Health and Wellbeing Fund outlined at 3.3 and that Members delegate the responsibility to the Executive Director, Communities, for the formal approval of this funding.**
- 2.2 **That Members provide a steer for allocating the Kingdom contract income monies and that Members make a recommendation based on the information provided in section 4 of this report on play equipment repairs and replacement. That Members delegate the responsibility to the Executive Director, Communities, for the formal approval of the £32,523 Kingdom contract income.**
- 2.3 **That Members note the performance information in Appendices 1 and 2 and contract review information for contracts completing their first year. That Members recommend the continuation of the South Area Tidy Team, Environmental and Educational Services, £181,721, One Stop Shop Advice services, Citizens Advice Barnsley, £79,572 and Environmental enforcement Services, District Ltd, £14,955.96 for the second year.**
- 2.4 **Further to the recommendation to continue the Environmental Enforcement Service Members are asked to consider for recommendation the proposal at 3.12 to increase the existing contract by 4 hours from 18.5 hour to 22. 5 hours at a cost of £3,224 to provide flexibility within the contract to tackle dog fouling and littering. That Members delegate the responsibility to the Executive Director, Communities, for the approval of the £3,224.**

3. Budget position

2019/20 and 2020/ 2012 commissioning budget

- 3.1 South Area Council commissioning budget = **£68,797 (£40,454 + £28,344)**. This is taking into account the £1,200 approved at the South Area Council meeting on the 17th January 20 for the Functional Fitness MOT training to be provided in order to train 24 individuals.

Environmental enforcement income

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

South Health and Wellbeing Fund

- 3.3 The total value of grants approved is £25,808. Public Health have agreed to their contribution being allocated in full with £937.51 of the Area Council funding making up the difference. **£9,062.49** remains in the South Area council budget.
- 3.4 At the South Area Council meeting on the 17th January 20, a suggestion was made to look at the remaining grant funding in order to deliver a grant scheme that supports the delivery of projects addressing strength and balance training as discussed and presented to the meeting. It was agreed that a further Public Health strength and training report be brought to this meeting and that a decision would be taken alongside the additional information to be presented.

4. Parks Play equipment repairs and replacement costings

- 4.1 Following the Area Council meeting on the 17th January 20 the following information and costings have been provided by Parks for consideration for funding from the **£32,523** Kingdom enforcement budget:

- Birdwell Rec - to replace the vandalised slide - £2822. In addition to this - to carry out a full TLC refurb on the existing play equipment = £9,915.13
To replace the street lighting columns - 6No = £9,000 (BMBC Street Lighting)
 - Milton Forge - refurbish DDA basket swing and install with safety surfacing = £4,744
 - Cloughfields - to refurbish double bay of swings, repaint, and provide new safety surfacing = £4,862
- Total cost = £31,343.13**

- 4.2 Members are asked to consider the costings and locations above and provide a steer on allocating £31,343.13 of the £32,523 for the repairs and replacements above.

5. Contract review

- 5.1 The South Area Council commission the following contracts at 5.2 which are subject to a one-year review of performance, continued need and funding. The contracts are all commissioned on a one year plus a further one-year basis with the second year being approved if the contract is meeting its targets, outcomes and milestones, if there is evidence of continued need and if the funding is still available.
- 5.2 Based on the satisfactory performance of the contracts identified below the South Area Council are being asked to agree the continuation of the Tidy Team, One Stop Shop Advice Services and Environmental enforcement service contract for a further year.

Contract name	Contract start date	Contract end date
Tidy Team Forge Community Partnership	01/04/2019 1 year +1 year	31/03/2021
One Stop Shop Advice services Citizens Advice Barnsley	01/07/2019 1 year + 1 year	30/06/2021
Environmental enforcement services District Ltd	01/04/2019 1year + 1 year	01/04/2021

South Area Tidy Team – Environmental and educational services

5.3 Background information:

- An education, volunteering and environmental service delivered in partnership with local residents, groups and businesses
- £181,721 per annum – 2 year contract
- Provision of local skills development, work experience and apprenticeship opportunities to strengthen the South Areas community skills base
- Encourage sustainable schemes whilst growing volunteering opportunities, new groups and new volunteers
- Support the development of community responsibility through 'Love your street', 'Adopt a verge/ open space / planter, flower bed' type schemes
- Reduce the amount of littering and dog fouling in through an educational and behavioural approach



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5.4 Appendix 1 shows the Milestones, targets and outcomes met by this contract for Quarters 1, 2 and 3. Performance to date:

- Variation to contract approved to reduce the number of young apprentices as the provider had not been able to recruit to contracted number of apprentices. The total number of apprentices has been reduced alongside the introduction of an adult apprentice post. These posts are now filled for this year.
- The number of work experience placements is currently not being met. The first year target is 20 and to date no placements have taken place.
- The provider had been unable to recruit to the position of education officer. Changes to the post have been agreed as part of the contract variation. An increase of hours and full-time working pattern to full time rather than term time. The hours to date have been picked up by staff internal to Forge Community Partnership. The post is expected to be filled from the 1st March 2020.
- The contract is meeting or exceeding all other targets.

5.5 The recommendation is that the Tidy Team contract continuation for a second year is agreed.

One Stop Shop Advice services - Citizens Advice Barnsley

5.6 Contract information:

- Welfare rights and generalist advisor.
- Provision for booked appointments for complex case work. The appointments are only bookable by the advisors when required.

5.7 Appendices 2 and 3 shows the milestones, targets and outcomes met by this contract for Quarters 2 and 3. Performance to date:

- 638 new clients seen since 1st July 2019.
- 418 clients have been informally assessed as being vulnerable.
- 275 clients have been assisted and enabled to self help or partially self help in order to reduce repeat demand
- Overall benefit gain = £1,562,639
- 29 cases of homelessness averted
- CAB sessions continue to be oversubscribed with more people at sessions than time available. The Hoyland centre and Wombwell library sessions continue to be the busiest.
- No publicity or targeting has been carried out to promote this contract as this may create capacity issues. There is a recognition that this may mean the service isn't reaching everyone in the community that could benefit from this support but a balance in terms of number of clients able to be seen must be managed.
- The contract continues to receive an excellent performance rating at contract meetings and no concerns have been raised regarding this service.

Need Advice?

If you live or work in the South Area you can access free, impartial and confidential advice.

Monday - The Hoyland Centre
3pm till 7pm (Welfare Rights and Generalist Adviser)

Tuesday - The Hoyland Centre
9am till 12.30pm (Generalist Adviser)
1pm till 4.30pm (Welfare Rights Adviser)

Wednesday - Darfield Family Centre, School Street
9am till 12.30pm (Generalist Adviser)
1pm till 4.30pm (Welfare Rights Adviser)

Thursday - Wombwell Library
9.30am till 12.30pm (Generalist Adviser)
1pm till 4.30pm (Welfare Rights Adviser)

Just drop-in! There's no need to make an appointment.

citizens advice

The Generalist Adviser can help you with consumer, debt, employment, housing and relationship issues.

The Welfare Rights Adviser can help with all aspects of claiming benefits and any issues you may have with council tax, housing benefit, state pensions, tax credit and Universal Credit.

5.8 The recommendation is that the One Stop Shop Advice Service contract continuation for a second year is agreed.

Environmental enforcement services – District Ltd

5.9 Contract information:

- Parking enforcement focused on Wombwell and Hoyland Town centre with some flexibility for Darfield.
- Powers to issue tickets for dog fouling and littering when witnessed as part of parking patrols.
- 0.5 officer.
- No targets set for ticket issuing. Aim of contract is to encourage behavioural changes and keep traffic flowing safely.
- Proactive provider with officers that have taken a proactive and educational approach. For example, working with Members to deliver the school parking patrols.
- 87% of contracted hours have been delivered which is against a contracted target of 85%.
- 24 Fixed Penalty notices for littering have been handed out and 354 Parking notices since April 2019.

South Area Council
Darfield, Hoyland Milton, Rockingham, Wombwell

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE PATROLLING THIS AREA AND WILL BE ISSUING TICKETS FOR CARS PARKED ILLEGALLY OR DANGEROUSLY!

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DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT
THE CAR PARKING SPECIALISTS

- 5.10 Following the Area Council meeting on the 17th January 20 the South Area Council Manager was requested to contact District Ltd with a view to looking at options for a variation to contract.
- 5.11 District Ltd have confirmed that they are unable to increase parking officer hours within their current staffing as they do not have capacity. An additional 0.5 officer would need to be recruited to. The current cost of the officer is £14,955.96.
- 5.12 Whilst parking hours cannot be increased District Ltd are able to increase the hours specifically to tackle dog fouling and littering. An increase of 4 hours from an 18.5 hour contract to 22.5 hours would incur a cost of £3,224. This would free up the small amount of time currently spent on dog fouling and issuing to then focus on parking, potentially in areas outside Wombwell High street and Hoyland Town Centre.
- 5.13 The Central and North East Area Councils are recording an increased number of tickets being issued with District Ltd as the new provider and are reporting a very proactive approach by District Ltd staff using an intelligence led approach to target this problem. There has always been a recognition that targeting this issue is difficult, but the performance numbers reported below have increased significantly as part of the new contract. Since the start of the contract on the 1st April 2019 the following tickets have been issued:
- 81 in North East Area Council: 23 Cudworth, 7 Monk Bretton, 36 North East and 15 Royston (2 officers)
 - 79 in the Central Area Council: 23 Central, 9 Dodworth, 7 Kingston, 13 Stairfoot, 27 Worsbrough (1.5 officers)
 - 2 in the South Area Council: 1 Hoyland, 1 Wombwell (0.5 officer)
- 5.14 The recommendation is that the Environmental enforcement contract continuation for a second year is agreed. It is also recommended that Members consider agreeing the additional £3,224 quoted to increase the contract by 4 hours in order to focus on dog fouling and littering.

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