

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Area Council Meeting:
9th March 2020**

Report of Central Area Council Manager

Central Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up to date overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Well-being Fund projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 It also provides feedback about the development of the agreed priority areas from 1st April 2020, including an update about progressing the social isolation priority.
- 1.3 The report also provides an overview of Central Well-being Fund delivery to date, with options presented for future potential Central Area Council support, including proposals for the extension of the following 2 Well-being Fund projects:
 - DIAL
 - Hope House Connects
- 1.4 Updates are also provided within the report about the previously agreed areas of work relating to services for children and young people:
 - The Youth Work Fund for young people aged 13+
 - Training and Development Support for Voluntary Neighbourhood Youth Work in the Central Council area.
- 1.5 Finally, the report outlines the financial position to date for 2019/20 and the Projected financial position to 2022/23.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 **Members note the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Well-being Fund projects, with associated timescales.**
- 2.2 **Members note the feedback about the development of the agreed priority areas from 1st April 2020, including the piece of research to be**

undertaken in relation to social isolation across the adult lifecourse, as outlined in Section 5 of this report.

2.3 Members note the overview of the Central Well-being projects and consider and approve the extension of the following 2 Well-being projects:

- **DIAL at a cost of £30,000 for the period 1st June 2020-31st May 2021**
- **Hope House Connects at a cost of £14,000 for the period 1st June 2020-31st July 2021.**

2.4 Members note the updates about the previously agreed areas of work relating to services for children and young people:

- **The Youth Work Fund for young people aged 13+**
- **Training and Development Support for Voluntary Neighbourhood Youth Work in the Central Council area.**

2.5 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2019/20 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2022/23, as outlined in Appendix 3 and 4 of this report.

3. Priorities 2018/20 and Post 2020

3.1 Table 1 below outlines the 4 Central Area Council priorities for 2018/20, confirmed at the meeting of Central Area Council on 14th May 2018. It also shows the agreed principles of ensuring that community cohesion, social value and healthy and active lifestyles are promoted and embedded in all the work of Central Area Council.

3.2 The table also shows the links to the Council's Corporate Priorities and the associated Corporate Outcomes that the work of Central Area Council will contribute most significantly to.

Table 1: Priorities, Principles and Corporate Outcomes 2017-2020



Ensuring the following principles are promoted and embedded in all that we do:



Contributing to the Council's Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

THRIVING & VIBRANT ECONOMY	PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL	STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES
Outcomes: 1: Create more and better jobs 2: Increase skills to get more people working 5: Create more and better housing	Outcomes: 7: Reducing demand through improving access to early help 8: Children and adults are safe from harm 9: People are healthier, happier independent and active	Outcomes: 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities 11: Protecting the borough for future generations

4. Priorities- Post 31st March 2020

4.1 In order for Central Area Council to plan ahead post 31st March 2020, and allocate it's funding effectively and for maximum impact, the following priority areas were agreed at the meeting of Central Area Council on 11th March 2019:

- Employability and Skills
- Addressing Loneliness and Isolation/Supporting Vulnerable People
- Creating a Cleaner and Greener Environment
- Early Help & Support for Families
- Building resilience in Children and Young People

4.2 Table 2 below outlines the work that has been undertaken to date, and/or is planned to take place, in relation to the development of each of the agreed Priority Areas.

Table 2:

Priority Area	Progress to date	Next Steps
Employability and Skills	<p>Meetings have taken place with BMBC's Head of Employment & Skills Service on 28/05/19 and 30/07/19.</p> <p>A Central Area Employability and Skills workshop was scheduled to take place on 20th August 2019 however due to staff illness this was cancelled.</p>	A revised date for this workshop is to be arranged.

Addressing Loneliness and Social Isolation in Adults & Older People	Discussed with members of the Central Integrated Wellbeing Group at the meeting on 17/09/19 & at a Central Council workshop held on 10 th October 2019. Agreed that further work was required.	Social Isolation research is currently underway. See Section 5 of this report for an update.
Creating a Cleaner and Greener Environment	No further work has yet been undertaken as a number of new contracts to address this priority have recently commenced.	
Early Help & Support for Families	No further work has yet been undertaken as the new Peri-natal emotional well-being contract has just commenced.	
Building resilience in Children and Young People	Workshops to consider this priority took place on Tuesday 18 th June 2019 & 8 th August 2019. A further workshop to consider provision for the 13+ age range took place on 17 th December 2019.	New service for 8-14's to commence on 1 st April 2020 Updates about the Youth Work Fund and the Voluntary Youth Work Training and support service can be found in Sections 8 & 9 of this report.

5. Loneliness and Social Isolation in Adults & Older People

- 5.1 At the Central Area Council meeting on 4th November 2019 it was agreed that a more in-depth piece of research about the issue of social isolation across the adult lifecourse in the Central Council area, would be required.
- 5.2 Members were made aware at the last meeting of Central Area Council on 9th January 2020 that resources (other than those of the Central Area Council), had been identified to undertake this piece of research.
- 5.3 It was agreed that the findings from the research would be used to inform future commissioning intentions relating to the social isolation priority.
- 5.4 Following the appointment of JuST Works in mid-January 2020 to carry out the social isolation research for the Central Council area, the following progress has been made to date:

- 28 community conversations have taken place either face to face or by telephone
- 6 collective group conversations have been undertaken
- 15 responses have been received from the online survey (only recently sent out)
- Literature review is under way
- Mapping is under way

5.5 Once the research has been completed, the Central Area Council Social Isolation Working Group will reconvene to consider the key findings from the research and the recommendations made.

This meeting is currently scheduled to take place on Tuesday 31st March 2020, 10.00am-12 noon, in Barnsley Town Hall, and all Central Area Council members have been invited to attend.

5.6 It is anticipated that the outcome of this meeting will provide a clear steer to the Central Area Council Manager on how members would like to proceed.

5.7 A report outlining recommendations from the Working Group, together with a proposed way forward to addressing the social isolation issues raised through the research, will be presented to the Central Area Council at its meeting on 27th April, 2020, for consideration and approval.

6. Overview of Contracts and timescales

6.1 Table 3 below outlines all the Central Area Council contracts and Service Level Agreements (SLA's) **currently** being delivered, together with contract values, timescales and any actions agreed:

Table 3:

Priority	Service and Current Provider	Contract duration & cost	
Young People	YMCA-Building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people aged 8-14 years	<p>1 year with an option to extend for a further 1 year and again for a further 1 year, subject to annual review.</p> <p>Cost: £130,000/annum Total cost: £390,000 Contract start date: 1st April 2017 Contract end date: 31st March 2020</p>	<p>All contract extensions have been implemented.</p> <p>This service will end on 31st March 2020. Barnsley YMCA will deliver the new service which commences on 01/04/2020</p>

Clean and Green 3	<p>Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd: Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people.</p>	<p>1 year with an option to extend for 1 year + 1 further year, subject to annual review.</p> <p>Cost: £95,000/annum Total cost: £285,000 Contract start date: 1st April 2019</p>	<p>First contract extension agreed by Central Area Council on 09/01/20.</p>
Clean and Green	<p>District Enforcement Ltd- Providing an environmental enforcement service</p> <p>SLA with BMBC's Safer Communities Service to support/complement the contract above</p>	<p>1 year with an option to extend for 1 year, and again for a further 1 year.</p> <p>Cost: £45,000/annum Total cost: £135,000</p> <p>Cost: £13,000/annum Total cost: £39,000 Contract/SLA start date: 1st April 2019</p>	<p>First contract extension agreed by Central Area Council on 09/01/20.</p>
Family Support	<p>Family Lives-Peri-natal Home Visiting & Community Emotional Wellbeing Support Service</p>	<p>1 year + 1 year + 1 year at a cost of £50,000/annum.</p> <p>Total cost: £150,000</p> <p>The contract start date was formally changed to: 1st April 2019.</p>	<p>First contract extension agreed by Central Area Council on 09/01/20.</p>
Clean and Green	<p>Household Fly-tipping Enforcement & Education SLA</p>	<p>1 year + 1 year at a cost of £32,000/annum. Total cost: £64,000.</p> <p>Contract start date: 18th November 2018.</p>	<p>SLA extension approved at meeting on 30/09/19.</p>

Clean and Green/ Support to vulnerable adults and older people	New Tenant Support SLA	1 year + 1 year at a cost of £32,500/annum. Total cost: £ 65,000 Contract start date: 1^{8th} November 2019.	SLA 1 year extension approved at meeting on 30/09/19.
All	Central Area Well-being Projects Start date for the following Projects was 1 st June 2019: DIAL ELSH Exodus Hope House TADS Start date for the following Projects was 1 st July 2019: TYA Creative Recovery	£30,000 £10,000 £10,000 £13,913 £ 20,000 £10,062 £15,000 + £15,000	Overview of Central Well-being Fund projects to be considered at today's meeting See Section 7 of this report.

7.0 **Central Well-being Fund**

- 7.1 Following the agreed Central Well-being Fund application and evaluation process, £124,000 (made up of £90,000 from Central Area Council funds and £34,000 from Healthier Communities Public Health funds), was allocated to 7 organisations in Spring 2019.

A list of the 7 successful organisations and the amount allocated, can be found in Table 4 below.

- 7.2 The 7 listed organisations have delivered their projects over the last 9 months and each has submitted a quarterly monitoring report outlining progress and achievements against the milestones and targets set.
- 7.3 As Table 4 below indicates, 5 of the 7 Well-being projects have performed consistently well against their original proposals and the targets set.

For a range of reasons outlined in the Performance reports, Creative Recovery and TADS have not achieved the targets set and have not delivered some of the agreed milestones within the timescales.

7.4 Apart from Creative Recovery, all Central Well-being projects come to an end between 31st May 2020 and 30th June 2020.

7.5 Central Area Council members have indicated that, based on performance and ongoing need, they would like a number of the projects to continue for an extended period.

Consideration has therefore been given to future funding options as part of Central Area Council's ongoing work. Please see final column of Table 4 below for the recommended way forward.

Table 4:

Name of Organisation& Project	Amount awarded	Performance Average RAG rating	Other funding sources/proposed way forward
Creative Recovery -“Uplift” for the Central Area	£15,000 to pilot the approach in 2 wards with a further £15,000 to be made available if pilot successful/effective.	Amber	Not yet ready to consider any extension as original proposal not yet fully delivered.
DIAL -Advice Drop-In	£30,000	Green	Plans are in development to deliver this service for a further 12 month period, ensuring that at least 1 session is delivered in each Ward every week. Central Area Council agreed in principle at the last meeting that this service should be continued. It is therefore recommended that this project is extended at a cost of £30,000 for a further 12 month period.
Education Learning Support Hub (ELSH) -Improving Education & Health Inequalities	£10,000	Green	Opportunities for the continuation of the ELSH service may arise as a result of the Social isolation research currently being undertaken.
Exodus -The Exodus Project	£10,000	Green	The Central Area Council Youth Work Fund has recently been launched. Exodus will be invited to apply alongside other organisations.

Hope House -Hope House Connects	£13,913	Green	Plans are in development to continue and expand this service, which complements the Central Area Council's Family Lives New Mothers service. It is recommended that this project is extended at a cost of £14,000 for a further 12 month period.
Therapies for Anxiety, Depression & Stress (TADS) -Central Well-being	£20,000	Amber	The Central Area Council Youth Work Fund has recently been launched. TADS will be invited to apply alongside other organisations.
The Youth Association -Kendray Street Smart	£10,062	Green	The Central Area Council Youth Work Fund has recently been launched. TYA will be invited to apply alongside other organisations.

7.7 Should members approve the extensions for the DIAL Advice Drop-ins and Hope House Connects projects as outlined in Table 4 above, milestones and targets will then be agreed for the extended period.

7.8 Quarterly monitoring reports will continue to be submitted for each of the extended projects, and these will again be incorporated into the Central Area Council Performance reports that are considered on a quarterly basis.

8.0 Youth Work Fund for young people aged 13+ Update

8.1 An outline proposal for an "Out of Hours Youth Work Fund" for young people aged 13+ to be developed and implemented, was agreed at the last meeting of Central Area Council on 9th January 2020.

8.2 An allocation of £60,000 for the Youth Work Fund was approved at the same meeting, and responsibility for implementing the proposal was formally delegated to the Executive Director, Communities, in liaison with the Central Area Council Youth Work Fund Panel and the Central Area Council Manager.

8.3 The following progress has been made to date:

- The Youth Work Fund application pack, including guidance and an application form, has been developed and is attached at Appendix 1 and 1.1 for information.

- The Youth Work Fund was launched on Friday 28th February 2020, with information sent directly to a wide range of groups and organisations.

Barnsley CVS and other local networks have also been notified.

A copy of the leaflet/poster is attached at Appendix 2 for information.

8.4 The closing date for applications is Friday 27th March 2020.

The Youth Work Fund Panel will evaluate applications that meet all the criteria, ahead of the Youth Work Fund Panel meeting which is scheduled to take place on Thursday 23rd April 2020.

Organisations who meet all the criteria will attend the Panel meeting to present their Youth Work Fund proposal.

Applicants will be notified about the decision of the Panel in late April 2020.

8.5 Information about the successful applicants, their proposals, and the amount awarded to each, will be brought to a future meeting of Central Area Council.

9.0 Training and Development Support for Voluntary Neighbourhood Youth Work in the Central Area- Update

9.1 An outline proposal to support the establishment of Voluntary Neighbourhood Youth Work in the Central Council area, was considered at the last meeting of Central Area Council on 9th January 2020.

It was agreed that any service to address this area of work would be made up of the following 2 elements:

1. Level 2- Youth Work or Playwork Training course to be provided for Central Council area participants who want to undertake voluntary youth/play work in their community/neighbourhood.
2. Bespoke development support, advice and guidance package for those individuals interested in establishing voluntary youth work provision in their community/neighbourhood.

9.2 At the same Central Area Council meeting, it was agreed that £28,000 be allocated in principle for the development of a Training and Development Support Service for Voluntary Neighbourhood Youth Work in the Central Area, with a report providing further details to be considered at a future meeting.

9.3 The following progress has been made to date:

- Discussions have taken place with Providers in the area
- A draft proposal for the Voluntary Youth Work Training and Development Support Service is in development.

- Information Sessions for potential beneficiaries of the service is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 11th March and Thursday 12th March 2020.

- 9.4 Once these information sessions have taken place the draft proposal will be reviewed and further developed to reflect and respond to the findings from the Information event.
- 9.5 The finalised proposal will be brought to the Central Area Council meeting on Monday 26th April 2020 for formal approval.

10.0 Financial Position

- 10.1 Based on updated information relating to existing Central Area Council contracts, SLA's and funding agreements, Appendix 3 attached provides a revised position statement on Central Council funding.

- 10.2 It shows actual expenditure for 2018/19, and projected expenditure for 2019/20-2021/22.

The 2019/20 figure includes a carry forward amount from 2018/19 of £193,240, and all previously agreed funding/allocations are included.

- 10.3 The 2019/20 - 2020/21 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

- 10.4 A finance overview with future projected expenditure for the period 2019/20 to 2023/24, is also attached for information at Appendix 4.

This includes all costs associated with the formally approved contracts and procurement updates contained within this report, which are shown in **black**.

Interventions being considered at today's meeting and other "informally agreed" services are shown in **amber**, with future potential proposals shown in **red**.

- 10.5 Members should note that taking into account all approvals provided by Central Area Council and FPN income received to date (£5,150), an amount of **£517,0533** has been committed for 2019/20.

Reflecting the removal of the £100,000 for the RVS service previously reported, there is currently an unallocated balance of **£ 181,337** in 2019/20.

This amount has been earmarked and will be carried forward into 2020/21.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 and 1.1: Application Pack-Youth Work Fund for Young People aged 13+

Appendix 2: Poster/leaflet-Youth Work Fund

Appendix 3: Central Area Council Financial Position Statement

Appendix 4: Finance Overview – Projections 2018/19 – 2023/24

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