

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:

18th December 2015

Agenda Item: 7

**Report of South Area Council
Manager.**

South Area Council update on future commissions for 2015/16 and 2016/17

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present detailed costs for approval by the South Area Council for a range of projects agreed in principle on 23rd October 2015

2. Recommendations

2.1 That members approve the implementation of projects under development as outlined in Section 4.2 of this report

2.2 That members approve the detailed costings of these projects as outlined in Section 4.2 of this report

3. Background

3.1 Following the approval of four priorities in September 2013 (and their renewed approval in September 2015) the South Area Council commissioned a number of projects which left an amount of **£152,672** unallocated from its original funding of **£400,000** at the end of 2014/15.

3.2 This amount was added to the £400,000 allocation of funding received by the South Area Council for 2015/16, giving a total of **£552,672** available to spend in 2015/16.

3.3 Of this **£552,672** available, a total of **£434,762** has already been committed to the continuation of existing projects as below:

- One Stop Shop £73,950 per year
- Tidy Team £165,000 per year
- Tidy Team Apprenticeship costs £24,720 per year
- Summer Internship Programme £36,000 per year
- Environmental Enforcement contract £135,092 per year

3.4 This leaves an amount of **£71,318** of the 2015/16 allocated still to be spent. However, because many of the above contracts do not run from April to March but start mid-year, the actual spend during the 2015/16 financial year will be less and will come in at **£146,883**.

3.8 Following discussions at the meeting of the South Area Council held on 4th September 2015, it was agreed that the South Area Council Manager would research outline costs for the potential projects detailed in Section 4.2 of this report, to enable

members to make a decision about which of the projects they would like to develop further and prepare to commission in 2016/17.

3.9 Further costings for these proposed projects were brought back to the South Area Council on 23rd October and received in-principle agreement for further development.

3.10 This report now seeks full approval for the detailed project costings outlined in Section 4.2 of this report and for the implementation of these projects by the South Area Council Manager.

3.11 Recent advice has been received from BMBC Finance that these outstanding finance allocations can be carried forward for use in 2016/17 but currently not beyond 31st March 2017. This means that any of the new projects outlined below will have to either begin before 1st April 2016 or may have to run for less than 12 months, unless a further extension of allocated funds is agreed at a later date.

4. Project ideas already agreed in principle by South Area Council

4.1 At the meeting of the South Area Council held on 4th September 2015, the South Area Council Manager presented a paper with a number of options for possible future projects.

4.2 From these discussions, a further paper was presented on 23rd October 2015, which outlined the projects previously discussed in more detail, along with outline costings. A number of amendments were suggested, which have been incorporated into the outline below.

Project	Confirmed costs and progress to date
Provision of 100 x A3 signs 'This area is maintained by volunteers' for clean-up sites	£375 from Taylor Made signs. These can be made up within 14 days once definite approval is given & can be distributed to community groups and through the Tidy Team
Youth Asset Mapping Events to be delivered by the Forge Community Partnership's existing Youth Partnership & Digital Media Club	£5,000 to provide 4 Asset Mapping events (1 in each ward) to be led by local young people supported by Forge workers Full digital survey of young people not attending the four events to be conducted by Digital Media Club with support from staff Analysis of results to be presented as report to South Area Council in April 2016. Following in principle agreement, South Area Council Manager has gained waiver agreement to allow Forge to complete work as existing local supplier and has agreed outline for project delivery to begin February 2016

Project	Confirmed costs and progress to date
<p>Delivery of Health Asset Mapping Conference to be organised by South Area Team in conjunction with Be Well Barnsley Team from Public Health</p>	<p>£1,000 to include full buffet lunch & venue costs. South Area Council Manager in process of meeting with Be Well Barnsley team (recently appointed) to finalise date, venue, guest list etc.as per event outline previously agreed</p>
<p>Provision of Fire Cadet scheme for young people by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service</p>	<p>£12,157.81 per year for 16 Cadets meeting 39 times per year South Area Council Manager is meeting with SYFR in mid December to progress</p>
<p>Provision of 1 week Achieving Respect & Confidence (ARC) course for 14 x young people at risk of offending delivered by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service</p>	<p>£5,000 per 1 week course South Area Council Manager is meeting with SYFR in mid December to progress.</p>
<p>Possible funding of veteran support pack & launch conference if not funded by Armed Forces Community Covenant Fund</p>	<p>This is not likely to be needed at this stage. Further investigation by South Area Council Manager has found that a number of other organisations have already produced good quality information, and that help is mainly needed with better promotion and distribution, to which there is unlikely to be a significant cost There is also a newly developed Veteran Awareness Training one day course run by University of York, which has similar content to the planned conference outline. This may be able to be accessed free of charge for practitioners through South & West Yorkshire Foundation Trust – South Area Council Manager is currently meeting with SWYFT to progress this</p>
<p>Total costs if all projects funded</p>	<p>£23,532.81 This assumes delivery of: 1 x ARC course 1 x Fire Cadet course for one year This does not include the costs of ongoing delivery of any youth work commissioned as a result of the Youth Asset Mapping work</p>

4.3 This leaves **£123,350.19** of spend unallocated which must currently be spent before March 31st 2017, unless a future agreement to allow slippage into the 2017/18 financial year is made.

4.4 At the request of the South Area Council, Jump WMC was approached to explore the possibility of using their minibus to transport young people to both the ARC course and the Fire Cadet programme. This was to ensure that all young people could access and take advantage of the course regardless of where they live. However, the Manager of Jump WMC has advised me that it will not be possible to commit the bus to a regular slot every week, as many groups are now booking to take it away for a week at a time, meaning that it would not always be available.

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