

# **BMBC Area Councils Covid19 Recovery Presentation June 2020**



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# Strategic Approach to the Recovery Phase

## Paul Castle

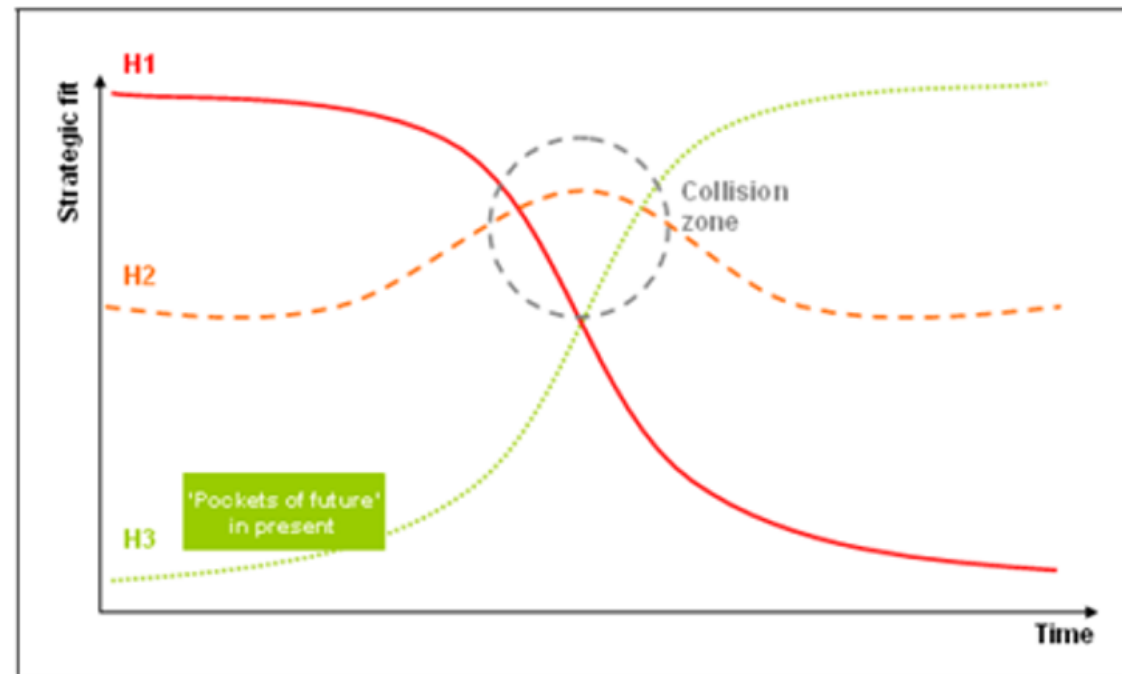
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– NEED TO BE UPDATED WITH LATEST  
POSITION**



# Recovery, Renewal, Restarting, Restoring, Rebuilding, Moving on.....

- Its complicated, multidimensional requiring an agile and adaptive approach
- It is also an opportunity to realign with peoples values - build back better and give a sense of Renewal to communities
- To create a 'new normal' that sets a path towards longer term strategic goals and aligns with strategic phases of the virus containment.
- This 'new normal' will require dedicated, collective and focussed leadership alongside our communities, our businesses and our public services for some time.
- An emerging, developing Government Recovery & Renewal Strategy which requires aligning with our local strategies to meet the needs of the people and businesses of the borough.
- An agile and iterative arrangement is required to accommodate: -
  - Fluctuating restrictions depending on future peaks and outbreaks
  - Services may be need to be 'switched on and off' within the recovery period
  - The recovery period may be at least 12-18 months or until widespread immunity via a vaccine
  - Different population segments will have different need for restrictions i.e. Shielded population may have greater restrictions for longer.

- **Horizon 1 (H1):** Immediate Recovery steps (April – June 2020)  
Horizon1 is the existing business as usual or the dominant way of doing things today.
- **Horizon 2 (H2):** Post Peak Recovery Foundations (July 2020 – December 2020)  
Horizon 2 is the part of greatest innovation and disruption where new innovative thinking and new ways of doing or being emerge. A good example is the digital transformation of the past decade i.e. smartphones.
- **Horizon 3 (H3):** Realising the Recovery Objectives (2021 onwards)  
Horizon 3 is the future we want; pockets of the future are already in existence and we want to see this grow and become the new future.



# Proposing a 5-point Recovery / Renewal Strategy

## **1. Humanitarian - Health & Wellbeing**

*To help heal and restore the health of wellbeing to reduce and suppress infection across the borough.*

## **2. Business Economy**

*To ensure that the boroughs' communities and businesses positively move on from COVID-19. To bring back public and investor confidence in our local economy.*

## **3. Building Resilience**

*To improve resilience across the borough in preparation for potential future waves of the COVID 19; to continue to shield and protect the vulnerable.*

## **4. Education & Attainment**

*To safely open and reinstate educational activity to catch up and minimise impact on children, young people's development and outcomes pre-birth to 25 years old through both traditional educational establishments and digital means.*

## **5. Infrastructure & the Environment**

*To safely reinstate infrastructure and transport networks as soon as practicable.*

### **Underpinning all these themes**

To achieve financial stability of key anchor institutions.

To develop and deliver a concise, balanced, achievable and affordable recovery plan.



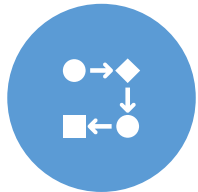
**Develop the  
Recovery Strategy**



**Conduct Impact  
Analysis**



**Identify what's  
stopping, starting,  
continuing...**



**Set out key recovery  
actions & plan**



**Implement 100-day  
Recovery Plan**



**Monitor & Learn  
Test & Adapt**

Moving on.....

# Role of Area Councils and Ward Alliances in Recovery

Phil Hollingsworth



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# A Valuable Framework to Build Upon

Through the Response phase we have seen:

- Commissioned service and community organisations flexed to adapt their service models and continue support for communities
- New support networks and groups become established
- The deployment of 'Community Responders' to support those in need
  
- As we move more towards Recovery, there is also a valuable role for our area governance arrangements to continue to provide.



# Council's Overall Funding Position

- Uncertainties caused by Covid19 mean we need to review assumptions that were made for all budgets in 20/21.
- Furthermore, a re-focussing of priorities needs to take place to ensure we are addressing the new challenges brought about by Covid19.
- In line with this, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April guidance was issued in the Members daily bulletin in respect of a cessation of all 'non-essential' expenditure.
- We need to explore what this means for Area Council's as we re-establish our schedule of meetings.



# Area Council's Budgetary Position

- The funding allocation into Area Councils for 20/21 has not changed.
- Therefore the amount available to your Area Council is unaffected (we will look at this in detail shortly).
- We do however need to consider whether the planned priorities and commissioning intentions remain the right ones in the context of Covid19 long-term impact.



# Anticipated Challenges for Communities

- Exacerbated impact on poverty & worklessness.
- Educational impact due to disruption to schooling.
- Economic impact on local high-street.
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing.
- Re-establishing the fabric of society – informal support networks through clubs/groups/organisations.
- Health & wellbeing impacts from lack of service access & people not seeking help.



# Opportunities to Build Upon?

- Our strategic direction of travel priorities that still remain relevant:
  - digital agenda
  - inclusive economy
  - Zero40
  - Barnsley 2030
- More agile working as a result of Covid19 so people working closer to home – opportunities for local district centres?
- Changing support networks with greater insight of those who we would consider are our most vulnerable.
- Examples of greater community spirit eg Thursday night support for NHS & care workers.



# Ward Alliance's Budgetary Position

- The base budget allocation into Ward Alliances has not changed.
- We had intended to delegate a further £210k into Ward Alliances in 20/21 but, in line with all additional investments, this remains on hold until we have a clearer picture on the overall financial position for the Authority.
- Therefore the base amount available to your Ward Alliance is the base budget of £10k/ward, plus any carry-forward.
- Area Council's may still choose to delegate additional funds to Ward Alliances if they feel that it where the Recovery effort is best served.



# Ward Alliances – Covid19 Recovery Guidance

- Ward Alliance projects should be relevant to directly assisting our communities with their Recovery efforts in relation to Covid-19.
- All other projects should be considered ‘non-essential’ in the current financial climate and crisis response phase.
- Any projects that come forward should demonstrate how they benefit our recovery efforts and have taken current Covid-19 guidance into account in their proposals.
- As an exception, where a local business has already committed resources, we will honour these agreements for projects which may otherwise be considered ‘non-essential’ spend. However, no new projects of this nature should be commenced.
- We know there is an ambition to get back to normal and have community events and celebrations. At the current time we do not know how long social distancing restrictions will apply but in all likelihood these will continue in some form for most of the year, if not longer. It would therefore not seem appropriate to be planning any events at this time that would bring people together in large numbers – including outdoor events.



# North East Area Team response

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Initial response: Community mobilisation and the North East Area Team's support

- Community mapping – reviewed, and promoted, all of the initiatives provided in the local area by various businesses, groups and services. The Area Team offered support and advice to community initiatives, such as the Great Houghton Parish Council and Youth Group Food Bank, and Outwood Academy Shafton.
- Ongoing communications and the promotion of support at local and Borough wide levels via social media.

**Emergency COVID-19 contact centre**

We've launched a new emergency contact centre to respond to COVID-19 (coronavirus) related emergencies for vulnerable people, and to respond to services who need support.


If you, or someone you know, needs emergency support visit [barnsley.gov.uk/covid-19-emergency-support](https://barnsley.gov.uk/covid-19-emergency-support).

If you're unable to fill the online form in, you can call us on (01226) 774444 or freephone 0808 196 3531.

For general information about coronavirus disruption and support, please visit [barnsley.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://barnsley.gov.uk/coronavirus).

The centre can only help those vulnerable people and families who need emergency support such as;

- essential supplies
- help with medication
- over-the-phone befriending.



Localised support to the BMBC emergency contact centre – 5,000 postcards delivered in partnership with Berneslai Homes, Age UK Barnsley and the NEET Team



Working with Outwood Academy Shafton the North East Area Council helped fund materials needed to make 1,349 face visors and 50 sets of scrubs.



# North East Area Team response



Additional support working across the four Wards delivering over 100 Wellbeing Boxes to elderly residents.



Over 100 Easter Eggs from Nestle were delivered to vulnerable children and adults.



28 families have been supported with slow cookers and weekly recipes healthy eating packs.



Currently over 400 activity packs for with bespoke designed booklets for Tots, Juniors and Teens are being made up.



# Community Responders

- Community Responders are Volunteers who are working with people who are either shielding, or have been assessed to be vulnerable.
- Training packages have been implemented for Community Responders in partnership with Barnsley CVS.
- The Area Team has ensured the Community Responders have been trained, and given PPE, and we are currently supporting 23 North East Community Responders, who are dealing with 71 requests for support:
  - 39 shopping requests
  - 32 befriending support
- Some Community Responders have been assigned to more than one case, some cases require ongoing support, and some cases were too complex for the Community Responders to deal, and have either been referred to Age UK Barnsley, or Social Services.

# Impact and Implications for North East Area Council. **North East Area Council**

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The contracts and grants have been flexed as follows:

- **The North East Environment Team** have supported Neighbourhood Services through keeping all areas litter free, emptying litter bins and cutting small grassed areas of public open space. Support to volunteers and Community Groups has been maintained. Neighbourhood Services have asked for their thanks to be passed on for their help.
- **District Enforcement Officers** are undertaking patrols with a view to being more the “eyes and ears” on the ground and a visible presence on the streets. Regularly reporting in any areas of fly tipping and community and neighbourhood intelligence. They are also linking with Parks Services ensuring that play equipment is not being used and reporting any damage. Enforcement Services have asked for their thanks to be passed on for their help.
- **Private Sector Housing Management Officer** – Chris Platts is now helping Enforcement Services with their reactive work in the North East communities, and is helping to progress cases, taking telephone calls, dealing with landlords etc. Enforcement Services have asked for their thanks to be passed on for his help with their caseloads.
- **Stop Smoking Service** – Sarah is still providing support and help to residents who are trying to stop smoking, or would like to give up smoking, but from her home.
- **Ad Astra** - have taken the decision to furlough their staff but are still working with us on a voluntary basis and every day they have Facebook Groups for our young people from Outwood Academies Shafton and Carlton, and are also running dance sessions on Zoom. They are still making sure that there is enough sanitary ware available in Schools for young ladies, and have run the Easter Challenge on our face book page.
- **Age UK Barnsley** continue to offer support to all current service users and new ones that have contacted them during the recent events. 14 new volunteers who have joined them over the past few weeks who are shopping and telephone befriending. They are also be continue to support older people through a telephone Advice and Guidance service.
- **DIAL and CAB** are continuing to offer an online and phone welfare benefits and financial advice.

# Current North East Area Council Priorities & Commissioning Intentions

North East Area Council priorities#	Contracts and commissions supporting priorities	Contract End Date
Thriving and Vibrant Economy	Apprentices and Employability	July 2020
Love Where You Live	Support to Ward Alliances District Enforcement SLA Enforcement Services Private Sector HMO	Ongoing April 2021 April 2021 July 2021
Healthy Lifestyles	Stop Smoking Age UK Barnsley	April 2021 + 1 July 2021
Young People	Youth Development Fund	Ongoing

# North East Area Council

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The budget for 2020 /2021 is a base allocation £400,000 plus a carry forward £112,269.

Total allocation = £512,269.

Area Council funded services	Value From 2020 / 2021 budget	End date
Apprentices and Employability	£215,000	
Support to Ward Alliances	£40,000 - £10,000 per Ward	
District Enforcement	£65,000	
SLA Enforcement Services	£14,840	
Private Sector HMO	£37,750	
Stop Smoking	£30,000	
Age UK Barnsley	£25,000	
Youth Development Fund	£55,000	
Recovery Contingency fund	£20,000	
Total spend	£502,590	
Allocation remaining	£9,679	
Suggested further £4,000 to Age UK Barnsley to continue the Information, Advice and Guidance service		

# Area Council Discussion

- Against the 5 recovery priorities:
  - Humanitarian – Health & Wellbeing
  - Business & Economy
  - Building Resilience
  - Education & Attainment
  - Infrastructure & Environment
- What are aspects of the Area Council plan that:
  - Aligns and can continue (may need adapting)
  - Doesn't align and needs to cease
  - What are the gaps that need addressing

