



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

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Strategic Approach to the Recovery Phase

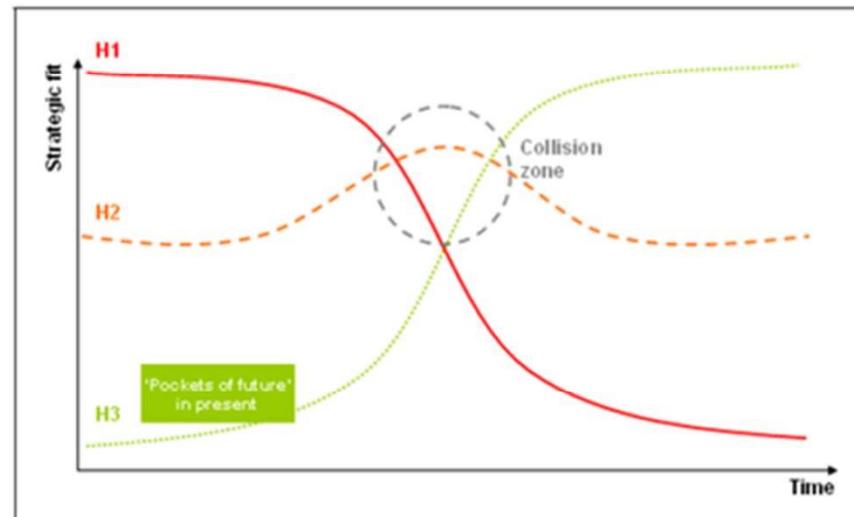
David Robinson

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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.

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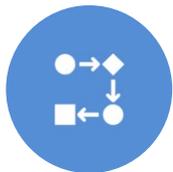
Develop the Recovery Strategy



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.....

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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 8th 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 e.g. Thursday night support for NHS & care workers.

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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.

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Ward Alliance - Update to Volunteer Match Funding

- The volunteer match is written into the Ward Alliance Fund requirements which means that at least 50% of the funding available to Ward Alliances requires a match in volunteering time, resources or income. This was included to ensure that the funding is used to facilitate greater volunteering and social action, and not to just buy goods or services without community involvement.
- Due to some volunteers socially isolating it has been acknowledged that the volunteer match element will be harder to meet this year.
- Moving forward it has been agreed that we will relax the volunteering element for 20/21 and we will amend the guidance to indicate that this is still strongly encouraged where safe and practical to do so, but that the 50% match would not be enforced.
- A review for 21/22 will take place to see whether it is sensible to reintroduce it at this time.

Grass Cutting Recovery Steps

- Covid-19 has presented a number of service delivery challenges across Neighbourhood Services
- Service delivery protocols have been amended in line with government guidance
- Staff from service have been redeployed to support domestic waste collection priorities
- Safe systems of work developed including maximum Driver plus 1 Operative in vehicles
- Grass cutting on partial delivery due to available staff resource

7 April 2020

Priority areas continued to be maintained – in line with available resource

28 April 2020

Mobilised skeletal team to cut residential high-risk areas i.e. sheltered housing

8 June 2020

Staff returned from waste to substantive grass cutting duties

8 – 12 June 2020

Re-induction and safe system of work briefing - staff returning to work

16 June 2020

Re-commence grass cutting core offer – backlog addressed in phased approach

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Green Waste Collection Recovery Steps

- Covid-19 has presented a number of service delivery challenges across waste and recycling
- Service delivery protocols have been amended in line with government guidance
- Staff have been redeployed from across the council and partners to support high priority services
- Safe systems of work developed including maximum Driver plus 1 Operative in vehicles

1-5 June 2020

Recruitment and induction of additional staff

1-5 June 2020

Re-induction and safe system of work briefing – staff returning to work

1-5 June 2020

Source additional support vehicles to support reinstatement of green collections

6-15 June 2020

Comms campaign – variety of media streams to support green collection re-start

9 June 2020

Re-commence green collections

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Implications for the Area Council Planned Approach

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Private Sector Housing Officer

- Tackling poor quality private rented housing stock
- Internal Service Level agreement with BMBC
- £32,580 per year up to Sept 2021
- Property inspections and support for landlords and tenants
- Powers to issue formal notices
- No need for a referral
- Speak to Lucy Raynor on 07769246239



Boiler Broken?

Overflowing Bins?

Can't get hold of your landlord?

Does your Private rented house need repairs?

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Initial Response: Community Mobilisation and South Area Team Support

- Community Response – Mapping support and community & voluntary capacity

COMMUNITIES TOGETHER #coronavirus



Jumping into Action

A group of residents from Jump are #SteppingUp to ensure the most vulnerable receive essential supplies, prescriptions and reassurance



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Billingley Village

Residents supporting each other to make sure that everyone is well looked after. Volunteers in Billingley Village have posted leaflets through letterboxes to let people know that help is there.

#SupportLockDownStaySafe



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Mates of Milton

The Mates of Milton resident group have created a #KeyWorker tree and are inviting people to add their messages of support.



- Communications and promotion of support via social media

#BeatTheBoredom

Online activities for all

#BarnsleySpirit

You don't always know what is happening behind closed doors.

#SPEAKUP

Call IDAS on 03000 110 110



Emergency contact centre

You should only get in touch if you, or someone you know, is vulnerable and needs emergency support, such as essential supplies, help with medication or if you would benefit from over the phone befriending.

CVS barnsley.gov.uk/covid-19-emergency-support

For non-internet users, call 01226 774444



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT #coronavirus



A service for anyone who has lost a loved one and needs support, advice and guidance.

- Early help – flexing Area Council contracts to meet evolving community needs at a local level; Age UK Barnsley, Tidy Team, District Enforcement, CAB, Private Sector Housing

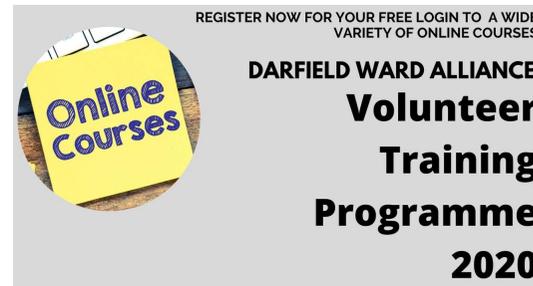
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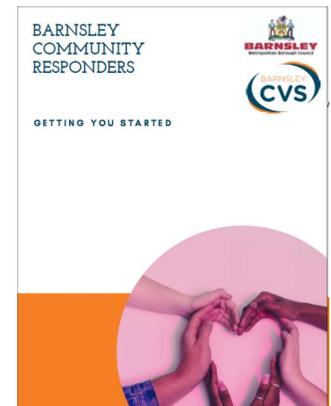


Additional Support

- Additional support via wellbeing boxes, educational packs, advice and support packs, healthy holidays packs and physical activity support



- Localised support and coordination to BMBC emergency contact centre –postcards delivered, guidance developed, training of staff and community responders, IT management system in place, Community Responders deployed to South team for befriending and shopping support and matching in place.



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Community Volunteer Responder Scheme Summary of Requests by Area Council



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Community Responder numbers per area

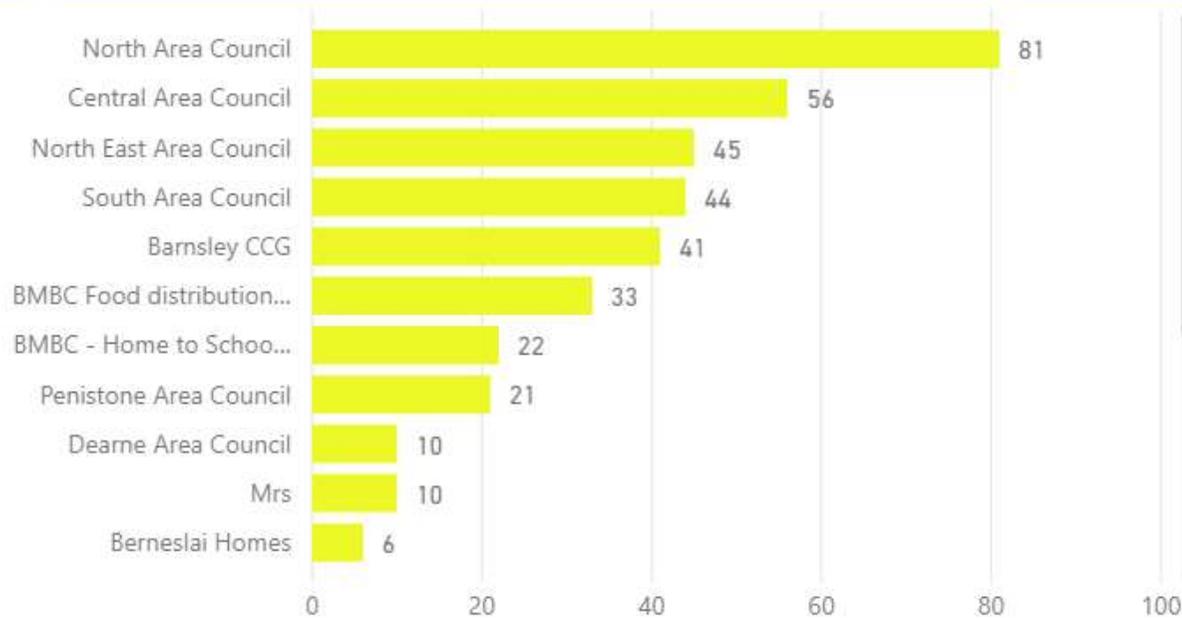
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24/03/2020

27/05/2020

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Assignments



Community responders in the South Area = 44

South Befriending requests = 44

South shopping requests = 30

Active request = 35

Completed = 29

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South Area Council Budget

- Total spend for 20/21 is £382,453
- Unallocated South Area Council commissioning budget = £54,318 which includes carry forward from 19/20.
- Remaining Kingdom enforcement income = £1179.87
- £9,062.49 remains in the South Area council budget for grants.



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South Area Council Priorities & Commissioning Intentions

Contract	Start date	End date	Total Contract Value
South Tidy Team	01/04/19	31/03/2021	£189,955 + £181,721
Advice service	01/07/2019	30/06/2021	£79,572 + £79,572
Environmental enforcement	01/04/2019	31/03/2021	£14,956 + £18,220
BMBC Environmental enforcement	01/04/2019	31/03/2021	£2735 + £5000
Private Sector Housing officer	02/09/2019	30/09/2021	£26,480 + £26,480
Tackling Social Isolation	01/09/19 Contract review TBC	31/08/21	£59,960 + £59,960
Healthy Holidays – WA top up	01/02/19	Ongoing	£10,000 (£2500 per ward)
Functional fitness MOT Training	TBC	TBC	£1200
South Health and Wellbeing Fund:			£24,870 public health, £938 SAC
- TADS for Wellbeing	01/07/19	30/06/2020	£4,110
- Young Wellbeing Ambassadors	01/07/19	30/06/2020	£4,450
- DIAL Community workshops	01/07/19	30/06/200	£2,400
- Fairshare Yorkshire, Step forward programme	01/12/19 01/11/19	30/06/2020 30/06/2020	£4,850 £4998
- Reds in the community	01/11/19	30/06/2020	£5000
- Wombwell men in sheds			

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South Area Council Priorities & Commissioning Intentions

In addition to commissioned services the South Area Council have been supporting, exploring and developing the following areas of work:

- Smoke free Hoyland
- Strength and Balance training – options for investment and potential for contribution from partners including summer roadshows
- Road Safety and Air Quality around schools
- Food Access
- Healthy and wellbeing roadshows

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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

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