

**Central Area Council Meeting:
7th September 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 Updates are also provided within the report about the previously agreed areas of work relating to services for Social Isolation and Loneliness:
- 1.3 Finally, the report outlines the financial position to date for 20/21 and the Projected financial position to 2023/24.

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 That £300,000 (£200,000 for round one and £100,000 to round two) be approved to establish a 'Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund';
- 2.3 That Members consider and approve the draft framework, guidance notes and application form for the 'Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund', and delegate authority to the Executive Director Communities to make any necessary changes to these following consultation with Members of the Central Area;
- 2.4 That the Executive Director Communities be authorised to approve Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund grants following consultation with a panel of Central Area Council members;
- 2.5 Members consider and approve the recommendations made to progress the Social Isolation and Loneliness priority:
- 2.6 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2021 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023/24 as outlined in Appendix 1 & 2 of this report.
- 2.7 Members make a decision on the allocation from the Central Area of an additional £10,000 to Ward Alliances

3. Progression of Social Isolation and Loneliness Priority

- 3.1 In terms of commissioning; the workshop considered the options which have been explored by the Area Manager and the Head of Service in detail, alongside procurement, legal and audit colleagues. The following recommendations are made further to extensive consideration at the workshop held on 19th August 2020, with elected members from the Central Area who were presented with a detailed positioning paper.
- 3.2 *Recommendations* – set up a Challenge Fund (competitive grants programme) enabling an integrated approach to what we know is an ‘all age’ problem
- 3.3 *Recommendations* – Round One of the challenge fund would open with a financial envelope of £200k to fund projects of up to two years. Information related to the grant process proposed can be seen in appendix 4.
- 3.4 *Recommendations* – after 12 months, Round Two of the challenge fund will open with a financial envelope of £100k, funding extensions of successful projects into year 3 and also any new projects which address any emerging gaps in provision (subject to budgetary approval based on the assumption that the £500k Central Area Council budget will be maintained)
- 3.5 *Recommendations* - The next step further to Area Council approval will be to arrange a market engagement event and review a draft framework with partners and prospective applicants

4. Overview of Contracts and timescales

- 4.1 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:

	Service	Provider	Contract Value/length	Contract dates
Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund 'Uplift' for the Central Area	Creative Recovery	£15,000, initially to pilot the approach. 1 year from 1/07/19 to 30/06/20. Dates for delivery extended to Covid-19.	Contract commenced on 1/07/19.
Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund Advice Drop-In	DIAL Barnsley	£24, 404, 1 year from 1/06/19 to 31/05/20. Contract commenced on 1 st July 2019. Year 2 commenced 1/06/20 to 31/05/21	Contract commenced on 1/06/19.
Children & Young People	Building emotional resilience and well being in children and young people aged 8-14 years	Barnsley YMCA	1 year with an option to extend for a further 1 year, subject to annual review £130,000 per annum Total Cost: £390,000	All extensions agreed to: 31 st March 2021

Children & Young People	Central Well-being Fund Street Smart	The Youth Association (TYA)	£10,062, 1 year from 1/07/19 to 30/06/20. Year 2 from 30/06/20 to 30/06/21	Contract commenced on 1/07/19.
Clean & Green	Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance	1 year with an option to extend for 1 year + 1 year, subject to Annual Review. £85,000/annum	1 st April 2019- 31 st March 2021
Clean & Green	Providing an environmental enforcement service SLA with BMBC's Safer Communities Service to support/ complement the contract above	District Enforcement	1 year with an option to extend for 1 year + 1 year £45,000 / yr plus £13,000 to BMBC to support	Contract start: 1 st April 2019
Clean & Green	Targetted Household Flytipping Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	1 year complete and agreement to fund for a further year subject to annual renew. Cost: £32,000/annum.	Contract commenced: November 2019
Clean & Green	Private Rented Housing Support Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	1 year complete and agreement to fund for a further year subject to annual renew. Cost: £32,500/annum	Contract commenced: November 2019
Supporting Families	New Mothers Support Service	Family Lives	1 year complete with agreement to fund until 31/03/20 with an option to extend for 1 further year Total cost: £150,000	Contract commenced: 1 st April 2019
Supporting Families	Central Well-being Fund Hope House Connects	Hope House Church	£13,913, 1 year from 1/06/19 to 31/05/20 and year 2 1/07/20 to 31/05/21	Contract commenced on 1/06/19.

5.0 Financial Position

5.1 Based on updated information relating to existing Central Area Council contracts, SLA's and funding agreements, Appendix 1 (attached) provides a revised position statement on Central Council funding.

5.2 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.

5.3 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.

5.4 A finance overview with future projected expenditure for the period 2020/21 to 2023/24, is also attached for information at Appendix 2 (attached).

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**.

5.5 Members should note that considering all approvals provided by Central Area Council an amount of **£535,250** has been *committed* for 2020/21. Additional income for Health Holidays (£17,250), Financial Resilience (£10,000) and FPN's for the period October to February (£9,925) received in addition to the base budget and carry forward taking total income to **£735,237**.

The £100,000 annual expenditure previously committed for the RVS service has been reprofiled into expenditure for consideration from 2021-2024 as the anticipated start date of any commissioned service/s is April 2021.

6. Devolved Ward Alliance Funding

6.1 At the Central Area Council meeting on 3rd August, it was agreed that a decision on the allocation from the Central Area of an additional £10,000 to Ward Alliances would be placed on the agenda for the this meeting.

6.2 Detailed Ward Alliance Budgetary information can be seen in Appendix 3; a summary of remaining budgets are as follows:

- i. Central £18,572

- ii. Dodworth £19,576
- iii. Kingstone £14,069
- iv. Stairfoot £20,927
- v. Worsborough £17,795

- 6.3 The Central Area Council has received external funding for Healthy Holidays provision from Central Government for the sum of £17,250 which has annulled the need to use Ward Alliance funding.
- 6.4 Any local VCSE groups and organisations who are struggling financially as a consequence of Covid-19 have been invited and encouraged to apply into the core Covid-19 VCSE Resilience Funding. This has reduced the pressure on Ward Alliances and CDO's are directing any such applications via this route whenever the framework is open.
- 6.5 Any Ward Alliance funding requests previously approved that fall within the remit of the Covid-19 Resilience fund will be refunded (for values over £500). Again, this has annulled the need to use Ward Alliance funding for these projects and impacts positively of the remaining budgetary positions for the respective Wards.
- 6.6 The Central Area Council has received external funding from Central Government for the sum of £10,000. This can be used to fund legal/welfare advice and support and the Area Manager is working with local providers on proposed solutions which will reduce the potential strain on Ward Alliance funding.
- 6.7 As detailed in appendix 2; maintaining existing services similar to the *current* level and allowing a small amount of scope for the development of any emerging priorities or future consideration to devolve budget to Ward Alliances (projected to 2023/24), relies on carry forward year-on-year and is based on the assumption that the base budget of £500k will be maintained.

Members should note that these are only projections at this point but it outlines the budgetary requirements needed to maintain these or similar services.

- 6.8 *Recommendations* – due to the additional funding that the Central Area Council has been able to access further to new funding opportunities as a result of Covid-19 resilience and recovery; members should consider if there is still the demand on Ward Alliance funds to devolve further funding from the Central Area Council budget and make a decision at this meeting.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Appendix 2: Finance Overview – Projections

Appendix 3: Ward Alliance Finance Report

Appendix 4: Social Isolation and Loneliness Challenge Fund associated paperwork.

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