

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting

Report of Dearne Area Council Manager

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward priorities.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance

- 4.1 The Dearne South Ward Alliance took place virtually on the 1st February 2021, one application for the Dearne Allotment Group for £700.00 was submitted and all agreed to allocate funds. Highlights from the meeting included COVID19 updates from the Dearne neighbourhood engagement officer who spoke about rapid testing and other statistics from the Barnsley area. Updates were also given from both community development officers with regards to past projects, for example the Christmas vegetable packs and February half term fruit & vegetable boxes, which included pancakes mix and recipe cards. The team also received support from Barnsley Food Network to distribute activity packs to each child under 11 years with oral health packs being donated to families of children under 3 years. The feedback from the families and local business was excellent and really appreciated. Updates were also provided on the resilience container and feedback from the recent floods was also a topic of discussion. The ward alliance discussed that this could be worked on with regards to developing a future action flood plan with help from the area team for new wardens in an emergency.

The second meeting during this period was held on the 2nd March 2021. The alliance discussed feedback from previous February half term healthy holiday project and the 5 ways to wellbeing project which was delivered through social media. Also discussed was COVID recovery for groups, businesses and the community.

- 4.2** The Dearne North Ward Alliance took place virtually on the 1st February 2021. No applications were submitted. Highlights from the meeting included COVID19 updates from the Dearne neighbourhood engagement officer who spoke about rapid testing and the statistics from Barnsley. Updates were also given from both community development officers with regards past projects, which included Christmas vegetable packs and February half term fruit & vegetable boxes with pancakes mix and recipe cards included. The team also worked alongside Barnsley Food Network to distribute activity packs to each child under 11 years with oral health packs being donated to families of children under 3 years. The feedback from the families and local business was excellent and really appreciated. Also discussed the forthcoming area priorities and action plan from April 2021 in which has been deferred until lockdown is lifted and the WA members can meet up for a workshop.

The second meeting on the 2nd March 2021 discussed feedback from previous February half term healthy holiday project and the 5 ways to wellbeing which was delivered through social media. Also discussed was business support on the high streets ensuring our local economy is supported throughout the summer will be on the agenda once restrictions have lifted. Hanging baskets were discussed regarding improvement to the shopping area to increase footfall when businesses re-open. Further project plans will be looked at in Mays meeting.

- 4.3** The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliance, is in line with the approved Council protocols. Notes are for information only.

Appendix One: Dearne South ward Alliance meeting notes
Appendix Two: Dearne North ward Alliance meeting notes

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