

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Penistone Area Council
October 7th 2021

Summary report of the
Penistone Area Council Manager

Penistone Area Council Procurement and Financial updates

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides members with a summary update on the following commissioning and procurement activity:

- Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people service
- Working Together Fund
- Supporting Young People Fund
- Clean & Tidy Service

1.2 The report outlines the 2021/2022 financial position for Penistone Area Council and provides a current budget update for the financial year 2021/22.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 **That members note the update of contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund and procurement plan for future provision in support of this priority**

2.2 **That members receive the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund.**

2.3 **That members receive the update on ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Fund to establish specific activities that will support young people in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic**

2.4 **That members note the updates on the new Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020 from within this report.**

2.5 **That members note the update on the Ward Alliance budgets**

2.6 **That Members note the additional £18,880 that has been requested via the Self-Isolation fund and reimbursed into the budget.**

2.7 **That Members note the current financial position for the 2021/22 budget in light of any potential need for review of area council priorities.**

3.0 Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Service

- 3.1 The current grant contracts held by Age UK have continued to perform satisfactorily, operating against flexed outcomes during the Covid-19 period which has been reflected in the performance reporting presented at previous meetings of PAC.
- 3.2 At the PAC meeting 1st October 2020 members were advised that current contracts to provide the existing service were due to end in January 2021, and it was agreed that £70K is made available from the 2020/21 Area Council budget to set up a further 'Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Fund' (SVIOP) with devolved responsibility for the formal approval of the grants to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the grant fund Panel Members.
- 3.3 In light of the ongoing impacts of the Covid -19 pandemic, and the need to provide continuity of service to vulnerable members of the Penistone Community, members agreed at PAC December 3rd 2020 to the allocation of £35k from the 2020/21 PAC budget to allow a six month extension for current contracts held by Age Uk to June 2021 and to defer procurement activity for a new service until June 2021
- 3.4 Members were advised at PAC June 3rd 2021 that due to further impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, it had become necessary to make a further deferment of the procurement of a new service beyond the original intended date of June 2021. As a result members agreed the allocation of £35k from within the 2021/22 PAC budget to support a further 6 month extension to the current Age Uk Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people grants contracts.
- 3.5 Following a Member workshop in August 2020 to review current provision by Age UK a forward plan was agreed for the new grant specifications. The current grant specification is in development and will be presented to members for approval prior to advertising for potential bidders in October. Grant panel assessments of applications will take place during November/ December, ensuring that any new services can be delivered from January 2022.
- 3.6 All grant contracts with Age Uk continue to perform satisfactorily, with a quarter one report presented at this meeting

4.0 Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund

- 4.1 At the Area Council meeting of October 1st 2020 members agreed that the Working Together Grant should be promoted to accept applications to fund activities which will support covid recovery intentions with a deadline of 27th November 2020.
- 4.2 At PAC June 3rd 2021 Members were advised that two applications have been approved by the Grant Panel to fund a continuation of the debt advice service to be delivered by Citizens Advice Bureau at a cost of £8118 and an information and advice service to be delivered by DIAL at a cost of £10,136. Both contracts have been supplemented by pandemic financial hardship funds, made available to support area council budgets, this has enabled extended provision to support higher demand in the last 12 months.

- 4.3 A further application from Penistone FM to support young people has also been approved as part of this grant this year at a cost of £8583, and £494 has also been taken from this grant to supplement the Supporting Young people ringfenced pot.
- 4.4 The Working Together grant continues to be promoted by the Area Team to encourage further applications and support with the community recovery process post pandemic. Members are reminded of the current total of £33,699 remaining in this pot and may wish to review this at a future meeting in light any findings from the recent community listening exercise and discussion of future priorities.
- 4.5 Total allocations to date (since the grant started in 2014)

Penistone FM	£ 15,627.00
Penistone Round Table	£ 11,660.00
Penisone Scout Group	£ 8,050.00
Sporting Penistone	£ 16,230.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2017)	£ 4,275.00
Barnsley Market – BMBC Market Barn additions lighting and Wi-fi	£ 6,740.00
Penistone Youth Project (TYS)	£ 8,730.00
The People Focussed Group (Bumping spaces)	£ 19,836.00
Cycle Penistone CIC	£ 5,990.00
Penistone FM Community Radio Older people	£ 19,840.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 pilot	£ 5,000.00
Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers Penistone Station project	£ 6,630.00
Allocation to Ward Alliances	£ 10,000.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2018)	£ 4,395.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 Pilot extension	£ 6,538.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery 2018/19	£ 20,000.00
TPT conservation volunteers Penistone Station project extension	£ 2,890.00
Penistone FM Young Voices	£ 7,644.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2019 with option to extend to 2020)	£ 9,700.00
CAB Barnsley (Information and Advice Debt support 6 month Pilot to Sept 2019)	£ 2,115.00

South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery contribution 2019/20	£ 14,000
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2020	£ 3566
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2021	£8118
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2021 with option to extend to 2022)	£10,136
Penistone FM Young Minds project	£8583
Total Allocations to date	£236,293
Additional amount allocated to cover YP grant overspend	£494
<i>Current Amount remaining for allocation</i>	£33,699

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5.1 **Working Together Grant fund – Supporting Young People**

At PAC meeting October 1st 2020 members agreed to an additional £40k allocated from within the current 2020/21 PAC commissioning budget to be ringfenced within the Working Together Fund and promoted solely for the use of activities which will support the physical and mental wellbeing of young people.

5.2

Following grant panel assessment of applications in late April /early May 2021 five project proposals were approved for funding at a total cost of £40,494. The additional £494 outside of the ringfenced grant allocation is recouped from the main Working Together Fund grant pot as show in 4.5 within this report.

5.3

Members are advised that contracts have only recently been established with all project providers, and a brief update on progress is provided within this meeting. Further more detailed performance reporting will be available to members once projects have completed their first delivery quarter.

5.4

Breakdown of allocations for Supporting Young people grant

Ad Astra – supporting young people pre16 in Penistone Grammar school	£8640
Penistone Leisure Centre	£6454
Angel Voices	£10,000
Penistone Girl Guiding	£5,500
Penistone Grammar – supporting Young people post 16	£10,000
Total allocations	£40,494

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6.1 **Clean, Green and Tidy Service**

6.2 Following a robust procurement process, in which members participated, Twigg's Ground Maintenance Ltd were successful in being appointed as the preferred provider for the Penistone Clean, Green and Tidy service and started their contract on the 1st April 2020 at a cost of £100,000 for the year from within the 2020/21 area council budget allocation.

6.3 The current Clean Green and Tidy service contract started during the lock down period for Covid-19 and as a result it was agreed to flex this to meet immediate needs during the crisis period. The contract performed satisfactorily within the flexed terms with performance highlighted at PAC meetings during 2020.

Members at PAC February 11th 2021 agreed to the continuation of this service to year two of the contract from April 2021 at a cost of £100k from the 2021/22 PAC budget. A full update of this service, and performance during the pandemic period was received by members at PAC June 3rd 2021. Performance continues to be satisfactory, and a full quarter one summary is provided to PAC within the performance report presented to this meeting.

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7.1 **Penistone Ward Alliance**

6.2 A budget allocation of £20k (£10k for each ward within the Penistone area) has been made available to the Ward Alliance outside of Area Council funds for the financial year 2021/22. This, together with underspend of £6,925 from the previous financial year 2020/21 provided the Ward Alliance with a working budget of £26,925 for the 2021/22 financial year.

7.3 Applications to the Ward Alliance for funding have continued to increase as community groups start to become active following the Covid-19 pandemic. Projects totalling **£3756.70** were approved at the last meeting on 23rd September 2021.

7.4 At PAC June 3rd Members approved £10k from within the PAC budget 2021/22 to be allocated to the Ward Alliance budget to provide a small ring fenced funding pot to encourage applications from groups to provide activities during the school summer holiday period 2021. Projects totalling £1590 were approved leaving a total of **£8410** still within this pot. Members are reminded that any unspent monies may be returned to the PAC budget within the financial year.

A final running total budget for the Ward alliance (including ring fenced monies) now sits at **£18,620.13**

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8.1 Current Financial Summary Position

A PAC budget allocation of £200k was made available for spend within the financial year 2021/22. This, together with carry forward from the 2020/21 budget of £15,225, gave a total working budget of £215,225 (plus £10k financial hardship monies) .

Following PAC agreement to the continuation of the Twiggs contract (at 6.3 within this report) at a cost of £100k, a further 6 month extension to the Age UK grants (at 3.4 within this report) at a cost of £35k and an allocation of £10k to the Ward Alliance budget (at 7.3 within this report) from the 2021/22 budget this left a budget total of **£70,225** available for spend.

A self Isolation fund made available to support the most clinically vulnerable during the pandemic, has recently been successfully drawn down to support people in the Penistone area at a value of **£18,880**. This will be added to the total current balance as shown at 8.2 , making a total of **£89,105** available for spend.

Members are asked to note the current balance figure available for spend in light of any outcomes from the community listening exercise and potential impact on PAC priorities.

2021/22 Budget allocations

Approved spend items in operation in 2021/2022	Current approved expenditure from 2021/2022 budget
New Clean Green and Tidy contract Year two	£100,000
Age UK grant contract extensions to December 2021	£35,000
Allocation to WA for ringfenced summer holiday activities	£10,000
Total allocated spend to date	£145,000
Budget 2021/22	
Base budget	£200,000
Additional income to base budget	
Underspend from 2020/21 budget	£ 15,225
Financial hardship monies (earmarked)	£ 10,000
Self Isolation Funds	£18,880
Total budget available for spend 2021/22	£244,105
Current remaining total available for spend	£89,105

PAC Financial summary

PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET 2021/22

Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2019/20	Commissioning Budget 2020/21	Commissioning Budget 2021/22	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Spend
Base Expenditure	£200,000.00	£200,000.00	£200,000.00	
Underspend from previous year	£63,358.75	£115,224.75	£15,225.00	
Countryside Skills Training				
Countryside Skills Training Extension				
Clean & Green				
Clean & Green extension				
Working Together Fund	£50,000.00			
Allocation to Ward Alliances/DWB 15-16				
Allocation to Ward Alliances 16-17				
Reducing Isolation in older people				
Public Health Funds	£3,820.00			
Supporting Older People Fund				
Supporting Older People Fund ex	£17,500.00	£52,500.00		
Supporting Older People Fund ex 2		£35,000.00		
Supporting Older People Fund ex 3			£35,000.00	
Supporting Young People Fund		£40,000.00		
Community Magazine distribution costs				
Allocation to Ward Alliances 17-18				
Allocation to Ward Alliances 18-19				
Allocation to Ward Alliance 19-20	£10,000.00			
Clean & Green 2017/18 (Y1)				
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension Nov 19 (Y2)	£57,171.00			
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension April 2020 (Y2)	£40,836.00			
Clean & Green April 2020 (Y1)		£100,000.00		
Clean & Green April 2021 (Y2)			£100,000.00	£60,000
Penistone Living Inserts	£2,664.00	£3,000.00		
Supporting Vulnerable & Older People Grant 2021		£70,000.00	£10,000.00	
Allocation to WA for ringfenced summer holiday activities				
Income				
Public Health Monies				
financial hardship monies			10,000	
Expenditure Incurred in Year				30,000
What funds are available			£200,000	

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