

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 4th April 2016

Report of the Dearne Area Council Manager

Dearne Area Council Update on the Dearne Development Fund

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update regarding the Dearne Development Fund

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note the continued progress of the Dearne Development Fund applicants.

3.0 Dearne Development Fund

- 3.1 At the Dearne Area Council on the 14th of September 2015, £80,000 was allocated to the Dearne Development Fund in order to meet the Dearne Area priorities. The allocation panel met in November 2015 and in January 2016 to discuss all 21 applications and approved 9 applications totalling £77,646.
- 3.2 The Dearne Valley Bulldogs application was approved dependent on matched funding from Sports England and a decision from Sports England will be reached by the end of March. Therefore until a decision is made regarding that application the total amount awarded in this financial year will be £62,646. Therefore if the Sports England bid is successful the award will be ear marked and show out of 16/17 finances.
- 3.3 The monitoring submitted below is based on the first round of applications. Providers are expected to have monitoring meetings and submit information based on their original application, usually on a monthly or quarterly basis dependant on the application.

4.0 Successful applicants

Provider/group	Priority	Impact	Cost
Dearne Allotment Group	Improving health/Improving the environment	To provide a coordinator in order to continue with the development of the community allotment	£7500

Goldthorpe Development Group- Community Alliance Project	Improving Health (older people) Young people	To provide events and health awareness days in order to reduce loneliness and isolation of older people. Events also to engage with younger people.	£9080
DIAL- drop in advice project	Information and support	Independent advice service supporting disadvantaged people that are faced with financial exclusion	£6050
Salvation Army- Seasons hope project	Improving health/quality of life/ information and support	Supporting families in crisis across the Dearne area by providing support by way of information packs. The project will also provide cook and eat sessions.	£3154
Dearne Electronic Community Village- silver surfers	Information and support/ skills and learning for work	Engaging with local resident 55+ in order to promote social inclusion by delivering ICT sessions	£6122
Dearne Electronic Community Village- workability	Information and support/ skills and learning for work	The tutor will organise, plan and deliver workshop sessions in ICT and Employability skills, working in partnership alongside the DWP and a CRT outreach worker based at DECV and also DVC for functional skills	£14 924
Dearne Valley bulldogs	Improving health/ young people	To provide Integrated changing rooms and showers facilities. The hope is that new facilities will relieve the pressure on the club in regards to safeguarding policies and logistical challenges.	£15000
DIAL-hOurbank	Information and support	The hOurbank will facilitate the exchange of skills and time and is run on an 'hour for an hour' principle. This scheme will build on the pilot that was previously run in the Dearne.	Asked for £15,000 panel contribute £7000
Therapies for depression anxiety and stress	Improving health/ young people	The project will be based at the Dearne	Asked for £12,250 panel

		ALC. TADS will work with 30 young people 11 – 18 to engage in 6 full therapy sessions, 30 minute therapy session and further 20 minutes to complete wellbeing exercises and learn coping techniques	gave £8813
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4.1 **The Salvation Army**

Since the start of the “seasons hope project” the Salvation Army have distributed 31 winter warm packs. They are also providing healthy lunches on both Mondays and Fridays at the Salvation Army. 12 volunteers are working on the seasons hope project each working 3 hours per week. The return on investment with regards volunteer hours is as follows: £11.09 x 3hrs= £33.27 per volunteer. £33.27x 12 volunteers = £399.24. The next stage for this project is to work with the Be well Barnsley advisors on the delivery of a healthy eating programme.

4.2 **Goldthorpe Development Group**

Since the grant was awarded the group have held two health and wellbeing events with a further six scheduled in before August 2016. One of the aims of the bid was to reduce isolation and loneliness of the elderly in the Dearne Area. At the gatherings health providers have been invited to attend and offer advice to the people in attendance.

To date 21 volunteers have worked on both events for 5 hours each. In terms of calculating a return on investment based on volunteer hours. £11.09 x 5hrs = £55.45 per volunteer. £55.45 x 21 volunteers = £ 1,164.45. 176 residents have attended both events. Advice has been given about central heating grants, fire safety, long term conditions and staying warm.

4.3 **Dial- drop in advice**

Publicity for the drop in service was undertaken and the service commenced in January 2016. The demand for this service continues to increase and over the last four weeks 8 local people could not be seen on the day they attended the drop in. 46 of the 48 of enquiries were benefit related with 1 pension advice and 1 fuel/energy advice. The service has offered 12 sessions in this time frame with three volunteers working on the project.

4.4 **Dearne Electronic Community Village- Silver Surfers**

This project has enabled DECV's over 55's ICT provision to expand and the curriculum has been extended due to peoples particular needs on this project, bridging the digital divide. All learners are currently working towards the OCR ICT award and many extra activities ranging from Online shopping to using a

computer for job search and employability for those on JSA. All learners' confidence and motivation increased and workshops fostered a pro-active way for learners to get to grips with ICT literacy in a life changing way. Many felt they had missed out on these vital skills, because they retired before learning for work, slipped out of the education 'loop' or simply felt too daunted to go back into learning. Within the original application we intended to target 20 people as part of the project. However by the first week in March 22 people have already accessed the project.

Case studies - Appendix One

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