

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 Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales.
- 1.2 The report outlines the financial position to date for 2021-22 and the projected financial position to 2023-24. Please note financial projections are based on the assumption that the base income budget remains the same and that existing services are maintained.

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 Members agree the changes to the Clean and Green priority as detailed in the report.
- 2.3 Members agree the indicative spend for the clean and green priority of £230,000 per year for 3 years. Plus, an additional £15,000 if required for enforcement.
- 2.4 Members agree the changes to the Private Sector Housing SLA to include all private properties including those in tenancies longer than 6 months. Members agree that subject to annual renewal this SLA will be granted for 3 years at a cost of £35,000 per year.
- 2.5 Members agree the Flytipping SLA to be continued and that the SLA will run for 3 years subject to annual review at a cost of £35,000 per year.
- 2.6 Members procure a Clean and Green Contract/s at a cost of £160,000 per year for 3 years subject to annual review. It is recommended that members opt for option 2 detailed in the report to allow for 2 potential providers. It is recommended that members agree delegated responsibility to the Executive Director Adults and Communities to agree all necessary documentation in order to procure these contracts, following consultation with Members of Central Area Council.

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- 2.7 That a sum of £15K per year, for 2-years, be approved for Creative Recovery to deliver Uplift Phase 2. The total sum of £30k will act as match funding as part of a larger Arts Council England bid, and be conditional on the securing of this finance.
- 2.8 That the service delivered by YMCA, Building emotional resilience and well-being in children and young people aged 8-14 years, is extended for further year until 31st March, 2023 at a cost of £140,330;
- 2.9 Members note the additional income of £113,272 drawn down from the Practical Support Grant.
- 2.10 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2021-22 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1 & 2 of this report.

3.1 Overview of Contracts and timescales

- a. The table below outlines all the Central Area Council contracts, Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and grants **currently** being delivered, together with values, timescales and recent actions **agreed**:

Priority	Service/Fund	Provider	Value	From	To	Type
Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund 'Uplift' for the Central Area	Creative Recovery	£15,000 <i>*Dates for delivery extended to Covid-19.</i>	1/07/19.	*30/06/20	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund Advice Drop-In	DIAL Barnsley	Year 1 £30,000 Year 2 £30,000 Year 3 £30,900	01/07/19 01/07/20 01/07/21	30/06/20 30/06/21 01/07/22	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Financial Resilience Funding Covid response support service	Age UK Barnsley	One year one-off funding £10,000 <i>Nb. Additional external funding was secured to maintain the service to 31/03/21</i>	01/07/20	31/03/21	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund My Community, My Life Project	Age UK Barnsley	Two years funding: £79,187	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Thriving Communities Project	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	Two years funding: £ 79,165.17	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement

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Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Reds Connect Project	Reds in the Community –	Two years funding: £30,252.96	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
Children & Young People	CAC Commission Building emotional resilience and well being in children and young people aged 8-14 years	Barnsley YMCA	Year 1 £135,000 Year 2 £136,468 <i>Commenced 2020 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i>	01/04/20 01/04/21	31/03/21 31/03/22	Contract
Children & Young People	Youth Fund Street Smart	The Youth Association (TYA)	Year 1 £48,000 Year 2 £48,000 FOC Year 3 £49,440	01/06/19 01/06/20 01/06/21 01/07/21	31/05/20 31/05/21 30/06/21 30/06/22	Grant Agreement
Children & Young People	Youth Fund Detached Youth work	YMCA	Year 1 £12,000 <i>(amended dates)</i> Year 2 £13,303 <i>(amended and subject to approval)</i>	01/09/20 01/07/21	31/06/21 30/06/22	Grant Agreement
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 £95,000 per annum <i>Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i>	01/04/19 01/04/20 01/04/21	31/03/20 31/03/21 31/03/22	Contract
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Providing an environmental enforcement service SLA with BMBC's Safer Communities Service to support/ complement the contract above	District Enforcement & BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 £45,000 p/y plus £13,000 to BMBC SLA <i>Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i>	01/04/19 01/04/20 01/04/21	31/03/20 31/03/21 31/03/22	Contract & SLA
Clean & Green	CAC Commission		Year 1 Year 2	01/11/19 01/11/20	31/10/20 31/10/21	SLA

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	Targetted Household Flytipping Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Cost: £32,000/annum. <i>Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i>			
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Private Rented Housing Support Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement	Year 1 Year 2 Cost: £32,500/annum <i>Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i>	01/11/19 01/11/20 SLA Extension agreed to November 2021	31/10/20 31/10/21	SLA
Vulnerable People	CAC Commission New Mothers Support Service	Family Lives	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 £50k per annum <i>Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i>	01/04/19 01/04/20 01/04/21	31/03/20 31/03/21 31/03/22	Contract
Vulnerable People	Central Well-being Fund Hope House Connects	Hope House Church	Year 1 £13,913 Year 2 £14,000 Year 3 £14,420	01/07/19 01/07/20 01/07/21	30/06/20 30/06/21 30/06/22	Grant Agreement <i>Nb. Dates edited from last report to reflect actual delivery dates</i>
Vulnerable People	Financial Resilience Funding Welfare Rights and Legal Advice Service	Citizens Advice Bureau Barnsley	Initial 6m pilot funding 6m £20,000 (£10k funded via Ward Alliances) 9m funding to extend to end of financial year	01/01/21	31/03/22	Grant Agreement

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GRANT/CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

3.2 Clean and Green

The current clean and green contracts are due to end March 2022. Therefore, a series of workshops were held with members to review this priority. The following was recommended as the new priority and objectives.

Priority - Creating a cleaner, greener and a more sustainable environment in partnership with local people

Objective 1 - Develop an education and campaigning programme to change attitudes and behaviours through community engagement and promotion of community responsibility.

1. Develop a focused community listening programme to continually inform local intelligence to target local education and enforcement.
2. Develop a programme of targeted education campaigns which publicity link to national and community priorities.
3. Increase and support communities in sustaining their own neighbourhoods and inspire people to love where they live.
4. Undertake physical environmental improvements to improve local environments.
5. Introduce specific actions to engage and support the most vulnerable and specific at-risk communities within our neighbourhoods.

Objective 2 – Strengthen and promote a fair and consistent enforcement approach through local intelligence in a way which builds community confidence.

1. Empower communities to report local issues which relate to dog fouling, littering, fly tipping and parking.
2. Promote reassurance and community confidence in enforcement by reacting to local concerns in a timely manner and communicate actions back to communities.
3. Improve the understanding of individual and community responsibilities.

Members also noted that a cabinet decision was made to move to a borough wide enforcement provision. The date for commencement of this new service is expected to be between April 2022 – July 2022. Members at the workshop recommended that if there is a gap in provision then the current Central Area council contracts shall be extended until the end of June 2022 at a cost of £15,000.

Members noted that to meet the objectives above there will be a continued need to have two Service Level Agreements with Neighbourhood Services. Based on information from Neighbourhood Services and Officers in post it was recommended that the Private Sector Housing Officer role be extended to include support to owner occupied properties and not to limit this to 6 months tenure as the current post does. It has been recognised that some of the most at risk communities are not limited by

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these categorisations and that a targeted area-based approach has had a bigger impact in neighbourhoods. It was thought important to continue to fund a Fly tipping Officer. It was recognised that to meet the above objectives there would be a continued need for the Fly tipping Officer to undertake investigations, education, and enforcement to ensure cleaner neighbourhoods. Both officers would be at a cost of £35,000 per officer per year. A total combined cost of £70,000.

To meet the above objective, it was recommended that a contract building on the work of the current clean and tidy contract be procured to focus on:

- Working with existing and setting up new environmental community groups
- Undertake environmental improvements alongside Ward Alliances and community groups.

It was recommended that a new contract is set up to focus on wider community education (not community groups). To focus on:

- An environmental education and campaigning programme to change attitudes and behaviours through schools, businesses, and wider community engagement.
- Empowering communities to report local issues and improve their understanding of individual responsibilities whilst building community confidence

It is also recommended that all contracts have a 'call off function' where costs of additional services are agreed and can be 'bought in' as and when required if for example Ward Alliances wished to procure an activity.

The financial envelope per year for the clean and green priority was £217,500. It is noted that salaries have increased for the Neighbourhood Services posts and that there is a saving due to no longer needing the enforcement contract long term. The Area Council have also levered in some additional funds.

It is therefore recommended that members allocate an indicative spend of £230,000 per year to the environmental priority with SLA's and contracts to be awarded for 3 years to allow for longer term planning and sustainability.

The breakdown of the £230,000 is recommended to be:

- £70,000 to fund the Neighbourhood Services posts.
- £160,000 is allocated to procure external Clean and Green contracts per year for 3 years.

Option 1 – Commission one contract allowing for community groups and wider community education under one provider.

Option 2 – Commission two contracts. One progressing the work of the current clean and green contract at a cost of £110,000. A second contract at a cost of £50,000 to work on wider innovative community education initiatives.

It is recommended that members agree option 2 on the basis that one provider could apply for both contracts. This will allow the Area Council to consider a wider range of offers and innovative solutions.

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3.3 Creative Recovery

At the area council meeting on 1st March 2021, Members agreed that the additional £15k funding that was earmarked for Creative Recovery Uplift Phase 2 was paused in support and acknowledgement of the organisation's capacity at that time.

Since this time, the Creative Recovery team has been in regular contact with the Area Manager where discussions have focused around delivering meaningful, longer term interventions and sustainability. As a result, Creative Recovery would like to request a decision for the match funding of Uplift Phase 2 which would be a 2-year programme of targeted 'Arts for Health' at a cost of £15k per year.

- This is in line with the original projects 'five ways to wellbeing' outcomes
- 'Supporting Vulnerable People' remains a priority for the Central Area.

Creative Recovery have submitted a full new application to the Area Manager (available for Members upon request) and delivery will be focused across the whole of the Central Area with some additional focused events in Central, Worsborough and Dodworth (phase 1 was focused in Kingstone and Stairfoot).

Creative recovery has the support of local residents who have helped to steer the development of this project and also a collective of partner agencies and organisations who are keen to collaborate. This project would support local people, artists, groups and businesses to grow, helping to build a local ecology and a community that is passionate about this work. With the focus on developing peer led legacy projects from the off, they will shift a dependency and empower people to create their own alternative ways to connect.

Initial (positive) conversations have taken place with Arts Council England (ACE) and Creative Recovery are confident that they meet all of the criteria for this fund and can submit a competitive bid. Central Area Council funding of £15,000 per year for 2-years would act as match funding for a larger £60k funding bid into ACE. This bid will be submitted at the end of January '22 with a decision expected in April '22. If successful, mobilisation would take place from May '22 with delivery to April '24.

If they were unsuccessful in the ACE bid then the Area Council funding would not be required and discussions will take place thereafter regarding next steps.

Option 1 (recommended): a decision to fund Creative Recovery £15k per year for 2-years to deliver Uplift Phase 2 – total of £30k - to act as match funding as part of a larger ACE bid.

Option 2 – do nothing

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3.4 YMCA Building Emotional Resilience in Children and Young People

YMCA are in their second year of delivering this service, comprehensive quarterly monitoring reports have been submitted and regular contract management meetings have taken place. Performance against the contract has been excellent considering the much altered environment that they are operating in due to Covid-19 restrictions, with all targets either flexed or adapted to reflect restrictions being met or exceeded.

Funding has already been committed in principle to this contract for the third year of delivery April 2022 to March 2023 funding period.

Improving the Emotional Resilience in Children and Young People was agreed as a priority for Central Area Council in July 2020.

Given the information outlined in this section; it is recommended that the contract with YMCA remains in place for a 12-month period from 1st April 2022 to March 2023 at a cost of £140,330.

3.5 Financial Position

3.5.1 Based on updated information relating to existing Central Area Council

contracts, SLA's and funding agreements, **Appendix 1** provides a revised position statement on Central Council funding.

It shows *actual* income and expenditure for 2021/22.

The 2021-22 and 2022-23 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

3.5.2 A finance overview with future projected expenditure for the period 2021/22 up to 2023/24, is also attached for information as **Appendix 2**. This has been updated as at year-end and reconciled with Appendix 1 for accuracy.

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**. Items for consideration at this meeting are highlighted in **yellow** for ease of reference.

Members will see notes on appendix 2 regarding consideration to be made at the Central Area Council on 2nd February 2022. A review of Area Council priorities will take place prior to this meeting. Considerations include:

- Devolving additional budget to Ward Alliances
- The future of the Youth Work Fund - detached youth work offer
- The future of the Health and Wellbeing Fund

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- A needs analysis of the training programme for youth workers and future funding requirements

3.5.3 Members should note that further all previous approvals made by the Central Area Council an amount of **£614,122.22** has been *committed* for 2021/22. The balance c/f from 2020/21 is **£216,769.27**. We have successfully drawn down three lots of additional funding in the year so far, amounting to £118,957. FPN income has been estimated based on previous (normal) years' income.

3.5.4 The 2021-24 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes. The assumption is that the baseline budget remains the same year-on-year and this may be subject to change.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report – Actual spend

Appendix 2: Budget Projections

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