

## BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Agenda Item: 8

Report of North Area Council  
Manager

### **North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant Supporting Covid-19 Recovery**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 To approve the Stronger Communities Grant Panel's recommendation to make the grant funding available for 2022/21.

1.2 To agree dates for advertising and of the grant funding opportunity.

#### **2. Recommendations**

**2.1. Members approve the recommendation to run the grants programme in 2022/23.**

**2.2. Members agree to the terms of reference, Appendix 1.**

**2.3. Members agree the value of the grant funding pot for 2022/23 of £20,000.**

**2.4. Members consider is they wish to combine the additional £20,000 covid social isolation fund with the base funding.**

**2.5. Members to confirm which councillors will represent each ward on the grants panel 2022/23.**

#### **3. Documentation and Process**

Attached to this document please find the Grant Panel's Terms of Reference. Appendix 1.

#### **4. 2022/23 Allocation**

**4.1.** The panel have recommended the grant funding allocation for 2022 is £20,000. This is a reduction in the grant funding that was available for 2021/22. The grants available are from £5,000 to £10,000.

**4.2.** £20,000 has been recycled into the North Area Council budget from Covid Social Isolation prevention funding. The Area Council are asked to consider if they

wish to combine the funding, increasing the fund for 2022/23 to £40,000. **N.B. this would require an amendment to the Terms of Reference.**

## **5. Grants Panel**

The 2021/22 Grants Panel ward representation was as follows:

Darton East	Cllr Hunt
Darton West	Cllr Howard
Old Town	Cllr Lofts
St Helen's	Cllr Tattersall

Will this remain the same for 2022/23?

## **6. Proposed dates**

If the Area Council agrees to run the grant funding programme in 2022/23, the indicative dates are as follows:

Advertise grant opportunity	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021
Closing date for grant applications	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2022
Packs to panel members	w/c 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2022
Panel Evaluation Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Notification of successful applicants	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Projects commence from	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022

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**Date:**  
**18/01/2021**

## Appendix 1:

# **NORTH AREA COUNCIL COMMISSIONING** **STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANT PANEL 2022/23** **COVID-19 RECOVERY - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

## Background

The North Area Council has made £20,000 of the area allocation available to help address local priorities. Awards will range from £5,000 - £10,000. This is a one off grant funding opportunity, enabling projects to be delivered in the financial year 2022/23.

## Membership

- The Stronger Communities Grant Panel will consist of four Elected Members, one from each Ward of the North Area Council.
- The Elected Members will be duly nominated by the ward they represent, and their position on the group be agreed through the North Area Council for an initial term of 12 months.
- The Area Council Manager will support the Stronger Communities Grant Panel in an advisory capacity and adopt the role of Chairperson.
- The Senior Link Officer will attend in an advisory capacity.
- The Stronger Communities Grant Panel will be facilitated and supported by the North Area Team.

## Purpose of The Panel

The purpose of the Stronger Communities Grant Panel will be:

- To act as a funding decision sub-group to the North Area Council; making funding recommendations for the Stronger Communities Grant. These recommendations will enable the funding to be approved by the delegated officer.

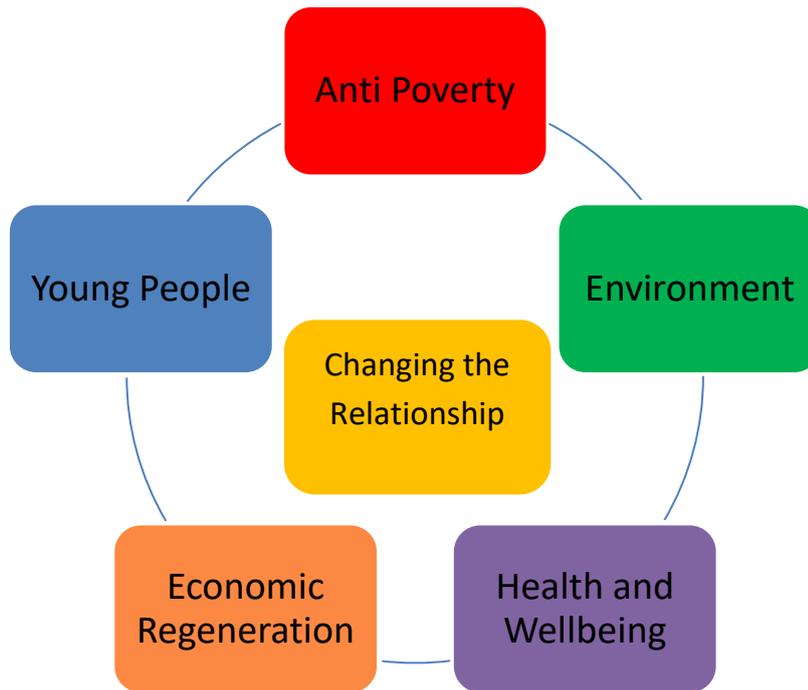
## Aims and outcomes

Approved grants will be for the benefit of the North Area Council, and will meet both the corporate and Area Council priorities. The aims and associated outcomes of the Stronger Communities Grant can be seen below. N.B. However in 2021, the grant has been adapted to support the Covid-19 recovery process.

The aims:

To ensure that the £20,000 Stronger Communities Grant, made available by the North Area Council, is fully committed and allocated as appropriate.

The Area Council priorities are:



<b>Opportunities for Young People</b>	Raise the aspirations of young people and increased their life chances Help to ensure that young people in the North Area reach a positive post 16 destination
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	Prioritise the reduction in health inequalities between different parts of the Borough Encourage people to implement the five ways to wellbeing into their lives: Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Help Others and Take Notice. Support the many benefits of volunteering and foster our many and diverse opportunities for residents to gain new skills and experiences through volunteering
<b>Anti-Poverty</b>	Target young people, families and communities who may need advice and extra help in gaining the skills and experience they need to succeed
<b>Environment</b>	Maintain our parks and greenspaces for future generations through increased community stewardship
<b>Economic Regeneration</b>	Increase the skills of our current and future workforce Work with local businesses to plan for the future
<b>Changing the relationship - Enabling Barnsley is our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high-performing.</b>	Facilitate greater self-help Engage local communities in helping them shape decisions and services in their neighbourhood Ensure people of all ages have a much greater involvement in designing services and actively participating in improving their lives and Barnsley

## Process and Best Practise

- Decision will be reached at a Panel Meeting via a collaborative discussion whereby majority decision can be reached.
- In cases where the panel is split and cannot reach an amicable decision, the project will either be deferred awaiting further information or it will be rejected.
- The Area Council cannot overturn the panel's recommendations.
- The Area Manager will report decisions of the Panel to the North Area Council for information.
- Safeguard public funds by being transparent, namely reporting decisions.

## Roles and Responsibilities

### **Panel Members will be expected to:**

- Make themselves available for panel meetings
- Read applications in advance of the panel meeting, independently score each application and make summary notes to ensure a concise and constructive conversation can take place at the panel meeting. (N.B. Unscored applications will not be considered in the moderation process)
- Enter into debate regarding the merit of each applications
- Make decisions on applications for the benefit of the whole North Area

### **The Chair will be expected to:**

- Keep the panel to time
- Lead a constructive debate in relation to each application
- Will Have no vote in the decision-making process

## Conduct and Values

- All members must act in the interest of the whole North Area.
- All members must be transparent about how decisions to award grants are made and be willing to share this information publicly.
- The panel should work in a non-discriminatory way, making decisions that represent and affect all sections of the community.

## Decisions

Decisions made by the Stronger Communities Grant Panel will be final. There is no right of appeal by the applicant.

## Sign off

**We (members of the Stronger Communities Grant Panel) agree to these terms of reference.**

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

**Other names of members of the panel:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)



# North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant



*Working together to build stronger communities across Barnsley North Area*

## PANEL GUIDANCE 2022-23

Dear Panel Member,

Thank you for volunteering to represent your ward in this valuable exercise, designed to allocate funding to community-based projects that will help to address both BMBCs Corporate Priorities and those of the North Area Council. This funding will be particularly important to help the North Area to begin its recovery from Covid-19. I hope this guidance will make this process as straightforward as possible.

### Applications Received

The application deadline was: 12noon on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

applications were received, totalling **£xx,xxx.xx**.

You should have received your panel packs by the w/c 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

### Individual Scoring

You will find all **6** applications in your panel pack. Each with a scoring matrix attached.

Please complete a scoring matrix for each application (both a numerical score and comments on the reverse.) Bring this and the rest of your panel pack contents with you to the moderation meeting. For most of the packs there is supporting information which is not essential to the scoring process but has been provided by the applicants. Printing this seemed like a waste, but I will email it to you so that you have an opportunity to look at this should you wish.

Completing this process in advance should save time at the moderation whilst still allowing for informed discussion to take place that will help you decide which projects have been successful in the process.

### Stronger Communities Grants Panel Moderation meeting

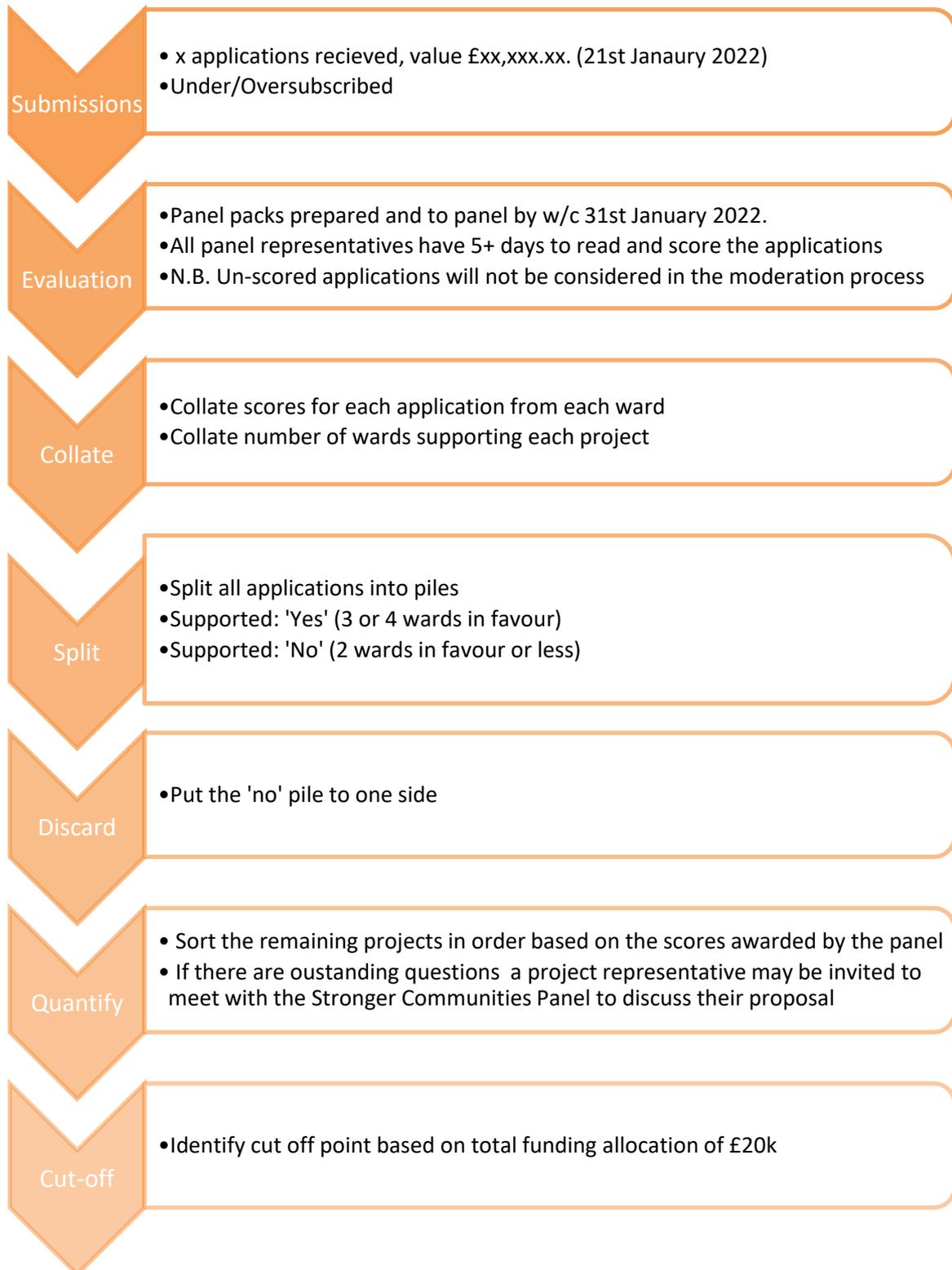
I look forward to seeing you at the moderation meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Day: Thursday  
Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Time: 14.30 – 17.00  
Location: Barnsley Town Hall

Kindest regards,  
Rosie

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**North Area Council  
Stronger Communities Grant 2022/23 - Approval Process**



## North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant application - Scoring matrix



<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing Ward:</b>
<b>Project Number:</b> <b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Name of Organisation:</b>

For all questions, please score out of five points unless stated otherwise.

**Scoring Levels**

- 1 = Little or no evidence to support the criteria
- 2 = Some evidence to support the criteria
- 3 = Sufficient evidence support the criteria
- 4 = Considerable evidence to support the criteria
- 5 = Strong evidence to support the criteria

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Score</b>
The project clearly supports the North Area Council Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunities for Young People</li> <li>Health and Wellbeing</li> <li>Anti-Poverty</li> <li>Environment</li> <li>Economic Regeneration</li> <li>Changing the relationship – stronger communities</li> </ul>	Please indicate which of the priorities the project supports by indicating against the priority opposite <u>and</u> score below.  Projects supports at least one priority - /1 Project supports an additional priority(ies) (extra point) - /1
The project clearly shows how it will North Area communities to recover from the impact of Covid-19	<b>/5</b>
The project encourages people to incorporate the five ways to wellbeing into their lives: Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Help Others and Take Notice.	<b>/5</b>
The need for the project is clearly shown i.e. an evidence base for this project and local demand is demonstrated.	<b>/5</b>
The aim/purpose of the project is clearly defined.	<b>/5</b>
Project outcomes (what will change as a result of the project) are clearly stated and are deliverable.	<b>/5</b>
A wide range of beneficiaries will benefit i.e. The project is inclusive and open to the wider community.	<b>/5</b>
The project milestones are well considered and the implementation plan of the project is thorough.	<b>/5</b>
The proposal shows a good understanding of how to monitor the performance of the project, and how to record, measure and demonstrate that outcomes have been achieved.	<b>/5</b>
The evidence the applicant will produce as part of the monitoring process will enable the grants panel to understand what has been delivered.	<b>/5</b>
The project represents good value for money.	<b>/5</b>
Project expenditure is realistic and achievable.	<b>/5</b>
The project contributes to stronger communities, capacity building and sustainability by providing volunteering opportunities.	<b>/5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>/62</b>

*N.B. Please note your comments/observations on the reverse.*

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing Ward:</b>
<b>Project:</b>	<b>Name of Organisation:</b>

Other comments/general observations:

<b>Panel Representative Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Overall project score:</b>	<b>Project supported :</b>
	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>