

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North East Area Council Meeting:
14th April 2016**

Agenda Item: 8

**Report of North East Area
Council Manager**

North East Area Council Workshop, held on 24th February, 2016

1. Background

A Workshop to discuss the future direction of the North East Area Council was held on February 24th, 2016, and was attended by Councillor representatives from the four Wards of Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston.

The current priorities were reviewed, together with a review and update of the projects which have been commissioned by the North East Area Council to date. Committed expenditure and future funding was discussed in detail, and the draft 2015 – 2016 Area Review was considered.

2. Review of Priorities

The four identified Priorities of The Environment, Economy and Regeneration, Health and Wellbeing and Youth Provision were considered and discussed. The Councillors felt the themes should be retained but that the priorities should be re badged in, a more Plain English, common sense language as Outcomes Statements. For example, the Environment should be called “Love where You Live” and Health and Wellbeing should be called “Healthy Lifestyles”. It was felt that this would provide a more meaningful approach for the local community.

3. Review and Update of Projects

A review, and update, of the projects which have been commissioned by the North East Area Council to date was considered in detail. It was noted that the Parks Apprenticeships scheme, the Neat and Tidy Apprenticeships proposal, was subject to review as it had not been possible to take this forward via a Service Level Agreement with Parks Services.

A Councillor remarked that he thought the North East Area Council had done exceptionally well to get all the Commissions up and running in such a short period of time.

4. Committed and Future Expenditure

The Councillors considered the committed expenditure to date, and considered proposals for future expenditure. It was decided to recommend that a further £30,000 be transferred to the Youth Development Fund given the excellent Outcomes and Outputs that were being achieved by this initiative.

The Councillors considered proposals to devolve a further discretionary sum of £10,000 to each of the Ward Alliances. It was decided that given the positive spend profile of each of the Ward Alliances that this would be beneficial and should be recommended. The Councillors noted the requirements for match funding with regard to Volunteering for proposed Ward Alliance funding.

5. 2015 – 2016 Area Review

The draft 2015 – 2016 Area Review was considered, and recommended to go to print.

6 Recommendations

6.1 That the four themes of The Environment, Economy and Regeneration, Health and Wellbeing and Youth Provision should be retained as priorities for the North East Area Council.

- **That these themes should be rebadged as:**

- ❖ **Love Where You Live**
- ❖ **Healthy Lifestyles**
- ❖ **Young People**
- ❖ **Economy and Regeneration (Members are requested to suggest alternatives phrases as appropriate)**

6.2 That the Review of Projects funded through the North East Area Council, and their positive Outputs and Outcomes be noted.

6.3 That a further £30,000 is transferred to the Youth Development Fund

6.4 That £10,000 is devolved to each of the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances respectively.

6.5 That the 2015 – 2016 Area Review is printed, and distributed as appropriate.

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