

MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday, 24 March 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Ennis OBE, Green and Richardson

39 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

40 Notes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 27th January 2022

The meeting considered the notes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on the 27th January, 2022.

RSOLVED:

- (i) That the notes of the meeting of the North East Area Council held on the 27th January, 2022 be received;
- (ii) That the minutes of the meeting of the North East Area Council held on the 25th November, 2022 be approved as a correct record;
- (iii) That the notes and updates from the Cudworth Ward Alliance held on the 20th September, 2021, the Monk Bretton Ward Alliance held on the 19th November and 31st December, 2021, the North East Ward Alliance held on the 2nd December, 2021 and the Royston Ward Alliance held on the 6th December, 2021 be received;
- (iv) That Chris Platts, the Private Sector Housing Management Officer be thanked for his attendance at the meeting held on the 27th January, 2022 and for the valuable work he is doing across the North East Area Council Communities and that his update be noted;
- (v) That in relation to the delivery of commissioned projects, a Working Group comprising the Mayor, Councillor Makinson, (Mayoral Duties permitting) and Councillors Richardson, Cherryholme and Wraith be set up to look at the Age UK Contract;
- (vi) That a letter of thanks be sent to Carol Foster (Age UK) thanking her for her services and for her forthcoming retirement;
- (vii) That the North East Area Council Financial Position and Procurement Update as at 27th January 2022 be noted; and
- (viii) That the report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds as at 27th January, 2022 be noted.

41 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances:

Cudworth – 24th January, 2022

Monk Bretton – 11th February, 2022

North East – 13th January, 2022

Royston – 17th January, 2022

The following updates were noted:-

Cudworth: It was reported that sponsorship was being sought for the provision of hanging baskets and work was progressing in relation to projects to mark the celebration of the Queens Jubilee. A small grants scheme had been established (with appropriate application criteria) to sponsor events for the Jubilee

Monk Bretton: It was reported that the Ward Alliance was in the process of seeing sponsorship for hanging baskets. College students had attended an event at the memorial earlier in the week and preparations were in hand for the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition. In addition, a Jubilee Project Fund had been established. Thanks were also extended to Christie McFarlane for all her hard work in the area.

North East: the first meeting of the Section 106 Sub Group had been held last week and had been well attended. A presentation had been made by officers and it was hoped that there would be a positive outcome with recommendations made to the Ward Alliance. Reference was made to increasing Anti Social Behaviour in the area and to the action taken in response thereto. It was noted that this was not a problem that was unique to the North East Ward.

Arising out of the above discussion, an update was provided in relation to the next phase of the Principal Towns initiative which was welcomed by all Members.

Royston: It was reported that work was ongoing with regard to the sponsorship of hanging baskets and with regard to preparation for Yorkshire in Bloom. Work was also progressing in relation to green spaces, tree planting and other works in various locations. The Achievement Awards were planned for the 16th May 2022 and health holidays initiatives were planned for the half term holidays. A meeting of the Section 106 Sub Group and preparations were in hand to plan for Jubilee events.

It was noted that this was the last meeting of the Area Council that Councillor Cheetham would attend prior to his stepping down as a Councillor. Members asked to place on record their thanks and appreciation for his services to the Council, to this Area Council and to the Ward and its residents that he represented. He would be sadly missed and was given best wishes for the future.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received; and
- (ii) That the best wishes of the Area Council be extended to all Councillors retiring at the Election to be held on the 5th May, 2022.

42 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects.

Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer) introduced this item and gave an update on the delivery of commissioned projects.

Reference was made to the following:

- The success of the Sloppy Slipper events in Cudworth, Royston and Shafton and to the positive feedback received
- The ongoing work being undertaken with Age UK
- The Social Inclusion and Dementia Project – noting that 170 Winter Warm Wellbeing packs had been handed out, 135 Christmas Gifts and Hampers Distributed and that 40 people had attended the Chatty Café Christmas Breakfast
- The postponed Christmas Event at Shafton Club had been reorganised and had been a success
- It was noted that a total of 131 service users had been supported

RESOVED that the Project Performance Update report be noted

43 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update.

Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer) introduced this item reporting that as at 24th March, 2022, the North East Area Council was on target for spend.

RESOLVED that the Financial Position and Procurement Update be noted.

44 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds

Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer) introduced this item which outlined the funding that remained for each of the Ward Alliances and which should be spent during this financial year.

It was noted that Christie McFarlan & Lawrence Dodd (Community Development Officer) had undertaken a lot of work on this and if Members had any questions they should contact them direct.

RESOLVED that the report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds be noted.

45 North East Area Council Social Isolation and Dementia initiative.

Christie McFarlane introduced this item which sought approval to go out to tender and invite applications from organisation to deliver a Social Isolation and Dementia project to support isolated and vulnerable older people within the North East Area

Council area. The proposal involved the funding of a full time Support Worker for one year which, with on costs, would be a maximum of £40,000 per annum.

The report outlined in detail the aims and objectives of the initiative and how the project would be delivered and managed.

RESOLVED that the Social Isolation and Dementia Initiative be supported and that approval be granted to go out to tender for the project involving the appointment of a Support Worker for one year at a maximum cost, inclusive of on costs, of £40,000.

Chair