

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Penistone Area Council
June 9th 2022

Summary report of the
Penistone Area Council Manager

Agenda Item:

Penistone Area Council Procurement and Financial updates

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides members with a summary update on the following commissioning and procurement activity:

- Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people service
- Working Together Grant Fund
- Supporting Young People Grant Fund
- Clean & Tidy Service

1.2 The report outlines the current budget position of the Penistone Ward Alliance

1.3 The report outlines the financial position for Penistone Area Council and provides a current budget update for the financial year 2022/23.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 **That members note the update of contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund and note the outcomes of the procurement process for a new contracted service.**

2.2 **That members receive the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund and note the potential for any future need**

2.3 **That members receive the update on the Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Grant Fund**

2.4 **That members note the updates on the Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020 and agree to the recommendation to review the needs for a future service.**

2.5 **That members note the update on the Ward Alliance budget.**

2.6 **That members agree to defer any further investigation into the need for private sector housing support until after Area Council priorities have been reviewed.**

- 2.7 **That members agree the recommendation to review PAC priorities in light of any emerging issues resulting from impacts of the pandemic over the last two years.**
- 2.8 **That Members note the current financial budget position for 2022/23 and record of allocated spend.**
- 3.0 **Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Service**
- 3.1 The current grant contracts held by Age UK have continued to perform satisfactorily, operating against flexed outcomes during the Covid-19 period which has been reflected in the performance reporting presented at previous meetings of PAC.
- 3.2 At the PAC meeting 1st October 2020 members were advised that current contracts to provide the existing service were due to end in January 2021, and it was agreed that £70K is made available from the 2020/21 Area Council budget to set up a further 'Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Fund' (SVIOP) with devolved responsibility for the formal approval of the grants to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the grant fund Panel Members.
- 3.3 In light of the ongoing impacts of the Covid -19 pandemic, and the need to provide continuity of service to vulnerable members of the Penistone Community, members agreed at PAC December 3rd 2020 to the allocation of £35k from the 2020/21 PAC budget to allow a six month extension for current contracts held by Age UK to June 2021 and to defer procurement activity for a new service until June 2021
- 3.4 Members were advised at PAC June 3rd 2021 that due to further impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, it had become necessary to make a further deferment of the procurement of a new service beyond the original intended date of June 2021. As a result members agreed the allocation of £35k from within the 2021/22 PAC budget to support a further 6 month extension to the current Age UK Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people grants contracts.
- 3.5 Following a Member workshop in August 2021 to review current provision by Age UK, a forward plan was agreed for the new grant specifications. In order to meet current procurement requirements to ensure wider market engagement, it was agreed by members at PAC on December 2nd 2021 that a further extension of the current contract with Age UK be granted to the end of May 2022 at a cost of £29,166.
- 3.6 Following a recent robust grant procurement process a new service has now been secured to support vulnerable and isolated older people which will be delivered by Age UK. The new contract will start from June 1st at a cost of £70k per year for two years. Members will be informed of progress to date with this at its meeting on July 21st 2022.
- 3.7 A final update on performance of current contracts delivered by Age UK is provided to PAC within this meeting.

4.0 **Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund**

- 4.1 At the Area Council meeting of October 1st 2020 members agreed that the Working Together Grant should be promoted to accept applications to fund activities which will support covid recovery intentions with a deadline of 27th November 2020.
- 4.2 At PAC June 3rd 2021 Members were advised that two applications had been approved by the Grant Panel to fund a continuation of the debt advice service to be delivered by Citizens Advice Bureau at a cost of £8118 and an information and advice service to be delivered by DIAL at a cost of £10,136. Both contracts have been supplemented by pandemic financial hardship funds, made available to support area council budgets, this has enabled extended provision to support higher demand in the last 12 months.
- 4.3 A further application from Penistone FM to support young people was approved as part of the grant last year at a cost of £8583, and £594 has also been taken from this grant to supplement the Supporting Young people ringfenced pot.
- 4.4 An application for **£8191** from Citizens Advice Bureau was approved by the grant panel in April 2022 that enables continuation of the delivery of the Debt Advice service to March 2023. Members are also advised that the current DIAL contract will expire at the end of December 2022. Options for a more consistent commissioning and contracting model to manage future welfare advice services, whilst maintaining local provision and oversight of delivery, are still being explored by officers, and members will be provided with a further update at a subsequent area council meeting.
- 4.5 A current total of **£25,408** remains within this grant pot. Members are advised that the area team is currently investigating future potential need for this grant fund and an update will be provided to PAC at its meeting on July 21st 2022
- 4.6 Total allocations to date (since the grant started in 2014)

Penistone FM	£ 15,627.00
Penistone Round Table	£ 11,660.00
Penisone Scout Group	£ 8,050.00
Sporting Penistone	£ 16,230.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2017)	£ 4,275.00
Barnsley Market – BMBC Market Barn additions lighting and Wi-fi	£ 6,740.00
Penistone Youth Project (TYS)	£ 8,730.00
The People Focussed Group (Bumping spaces)	£ 19,836.00
Cycle Penistone CIC	£ 5,990.00
Penistone FM Community Radio Older people	£ 19,840.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC	£ 5,000.00

2017 pilot	
Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers Penistone Station project	£ 6,630.00
Allocation to Ward Alliances	£ 10,000.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2018)	£ 4,395.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 Pilot extension	£ 6,538.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery 2018/19	£ 20,000.00
TPT conservation volunteers Penistone Station project extension	£ 2,890.00
Penistone FM Young Voices	£ 7,644.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2019 with option to extend to 2020)	£ 9,700.00
CAB Barnsley (Information and Advice Debt support 6 month Pilot to Sept 2019)	£ 2,115.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery contribution 2019/20	£ 14,000
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2020	£ 3566
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2021	£8118
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2021 with option to extend to 2022)	£10,136
Penistone FM Young Minds project	£8583
Additional amount allocated to cover YP grant overspend	£594
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to April 2023	£8191
Total Allocations to date	£245,078
<i>Current Amount remaining for allocation</i>	£25,408

5.0 Working Together Grant fund – Supporting Young People

At PAC meeting October 1st 2020 members agreed to an additional £40k allocated from within the current 2020/21 PAC commissioning budget to be ringfenced within the Working Together Fund and promoted solely for the use of activities which will support the physical and mental wellbeing of young people.

5.1 Following grant panel assessment of applications in late April /early May 2021 five project proposals were approved for funding at a total cost of £40,594. The additional £594 outside of the ringfenced grant allocation is recouped from the main Working Together Fund grant pot as show in 4.6 within this report.

5.2 Breakdown of allocations for Supporting Young people grant

Ad Astra – supporting young people pre16 in Penistone Grammar school	£8640
Penistone Leisure Centre	£6454
Angel Voices	£10,000
Penistone Girl Guiding	£5,500
Penistone Grammar – supporting Young people post 16	£10,000
Total allocations	£40,594

5.3 All projects have been well received within the community and have demonstrated the benefit of provision which supports young people with their physical and mental wellbeing.

5.4 At its meeting of April 7th 2022 PAC members approved for a second round of Supporting Young People Grant at a cost of £40k from within the current budget to encourage further provision. The grant is currently being widely promoted within the Penistone networks. Members will be kept informed and advised when grant panel representation is needed.

6.0 **Clean, Green and Tidy Service**

6.1 Following a robust procurement process, in which members participated, Twiggs Ground Maintenance Ltd were successful in being appointed as the preferred provider for the Penistone Clean, Green and Tidy service and started their contract on the 1st April 2020 at a cost of £100,000 for the year from within the 2020/21 area council budget allocation.

6.2 The current Clean Green and Tidy service contract started during the lock down period for Covid-19 and as a result it was agreed to flex this to meet immediate needs during the crisis period. The contract performed satisfactorily within the flexed terms with performance highlighted at PAC meetings during 2020.

6.3 Members at PAC February 11th 2021 agreed to the continuation of this service to year two of the contract from April 2021 at a cost of £100k from the 2021/22 PAC budget. A full update of this service, and performance during the pandemic period was received by members at PAC June 3rd 2021.

6.4 Year two of the Clean Green and Tidy service contract has continued to be reviewed and flexed in order to accommodate the ongoing impact of the pandemic in 2021. A full summary of Year 2 performance was presented to members at PAC on February 10th 2022. In light of the findings of this, members agreed to continue to fund the final year of this contract from April 2022 at a cost of £100k from the 2022/23 PAC budget.

- 6.5 A performance summary report for the final quarter of year two of this contract is provided to PAC within this meeting.
- 6.6 Members are advised that as this contract is now in its' final year of delivery it is recommended that a review of the clean green and tidy service is undertaken to help identify any need for a potential future service. Should members agreed to this review, a workshop date will be arranged outside of the PAC meeting dates.

7.0 **Penistone Ward Alliance**

- 7.1 A budget allocation of £20k (£10k for each ward within the Penistone area) has been made available to the Ward Alliance outside of Area Council funds for the financial year 2022/23. This, together with underspend of **£4,697** from the previous financial year 2021/22 and a carry forward allocation of **£4,040** from the ring fenced School's Out allocations provides the Ward Alliance with a working budget of **£28,737.23** for the 2022/23 financial year.
- 7.2 Following Ward Alliance meetings on April 14th 2022, and May 12th an overall total of **£20,655.23** remains from the 2022/2023 allocation. Members may wish to review this in light of demand later in the year and whether there is need to provide any additional allocation from the 2022/2023 PAC budget.

8.0 **Private Sector Housing support to the Penistone area**

- 8.1 At the PAC meeting on 2nd December 2021 members considered a range of options in relation to private sector housing support for the Penistone area. It was agreed that an option to investigate the need further be explored before any future decision is taken to fund this from within the PAC budget.
- 8.2 It is recommended that any further work on this is currently paused until members have had the opportunity to review PAC priorities.

9.0 **Penistone Area Council Priorities**

- 9.1 The current area governance arrangements recommend that Area Council priorities are reviewed on a regular basis in order to ensure that these reflect the current and emerging needs of the area and funding can be allocated appropriately.
- 9.2 During the pandemic in June 2020, it was recommended that Area Councils review existing priorities to ensure that they might impact on both local need, and contribute to the wider recovery priorities for the borough. To assist in this process, further information was presented at PAC 23rd July and at a workshop on 2nd September 2020.
- 9.3 Following the workshop on 2nd September 2020 members concluded that current PAC priorities were valid in terms of providing support for any emerging needs for the Penistone area in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic.

9.4 In light of the recent relaxation of restrictions following the pandemic period, it is now timely for PAC to reconsider its position in terms of priorities and forward plan for spend. It is therefore recommended that a member workshop is set up to enable members to reconsider PAC priorities.

10.0 Current Financial Summary Position

10.1 A PAC budget allocation of **£200k** has been made available for spend within the financial year 2022/23. Approved spend at the end of the financial year 2021/22 left a surplus of **£41,904** which has been carried forward giving a total working budget of **£228,059**.

10.2 A ring fenced self Isolation fund made available to support the most clinically vulnerable during the pandemic, was successfully drawn down to support people in the Penistone area in 2021/22 at a value of **£13,845**. This has yet to be allocated and is therefore carried forward within the overall budget giving a total budget of **£241,904**

10.3 Approved spend at the end of the quarter one 2022/23 totals **£140k**, leaving a total of **£101,904** available for allocation (**£88,059** without ring fenced monies)

10.4 **2022/23 Budget Allocations**

Approved Spend items in operation 2022/23	Current approved expenditure from 2022/23 budget
Twiggs year 3 contract	£100,000
Young people's Grant Round 2	£40,000
Total approved spend to end of quarter one	£140,000
Budget 2022/23	
Base budget	£200,000
Additional income to base budget Underspend from 2020/21 budget Self Isolation Funds carried forward	£28,059 £13,845 (ring fenced)
Total budget available for spend 2022/23	£241,904
Current remaining total available for spend	£101,904 £88,059 (minus ring fenced monies)

10.5 PAC Financial summary

PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET 2022/23

Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2020/21	Commissioning Budget 2021/22		Commissioning Budget 2022/23	
	Budget	Budget	Spend	Budget	Spend
Base Expenditure	£200,000.00	£200,000.00		£200,000.00	
Underspend from previous year	£115,224.75	£15,225.00		£30,586.80	
Countryside Skills Training					
Countryside Skills Training Extension					
Clean & Green					
Clean & Green extension					
Working Together Fund					£2,047.75
Allocation to Ward Alliances/DWB 15-16					
Allocation to Ward Alliances 16-17					
Reducing Isolation in older people					
Public Health Funds					
Supporting Older People Fund					
Supporting Older People Fund ex	£52,500.00				
Supporting Older People Fund ex 2	£35,000.00				
Supporting Older People Fund ex 3		£35,000.00	£35,000.00		
Supporting Older People Fund ex 4		£29,166.00	£29,166.00		
Supporting Young People Fund	£40,000.00		£39,542.00		
Supporting Young People Fund 2022/23	£40,000.00			£40,000.00	
Community Magazine distribution costs					
Allocation to Ward Alliances 17-18					
Allocation to Ward Alliances 18-19					
Allocation to Ward Alliance 19-20					
Allocation to Ward Alliance Dec 21		£10,000.00	£10,000.00		
Clean & Green 2017/18 (Y1)					
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension Nov 19 (Y2)					
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension April 2020 (Y2)					
Clean & Green April 2020 (Y1)	£100,000.00				
Clean & Green April 2021 (Y2)		£100,000.00	£100,000.00		
Clean & Green April 2022 (Y3)				£100,000.00	£16,666.66
Penistone Living Inserts	£3,000.00		£1,843.20		
Supporting Vulnerable & Older People Grant 2021	£70,000.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00		
Allocation to WA for ringfenced summer holiday activities					
Income					
Public Health Monies					
financial hardship monies		£10,000.00			
Practical Support Grant		£18,880.00	£5,035.60		
Expenditure Incurred in Year			£230,586.80		£18,714.41
What funds are available		£234,105.00		£230,586.80	

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