

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 11th July 2022

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Future commissions

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to explore the options with regards future Dearne Area Council commissioned services.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That members consider the options set out in this report for future Dearne Area Council commissions

2.3 That members approve the procurement and specification for the “tackling the Environment” commission for two years at a total cost of £90, 000 in the first year and a 3% uplift in the second year

2.4 That members approve housing and officer service level agreement for a further two years at a cost of £33,277 in the first year and £33,967 the second.

2.5 That members approve the allocation of £30,000 into the Dearne development fund budget

3.0 Area Council commissions

3.1 The Area Council have had several commissioning intentions meetings during 2022 in order to discuss future commissions. Members have been provided with local data and intelligence as well as recent performance reports. The last meeting was held in June 2022 and members discussed current commissions at length.

3.2 Tackling the environment

The current environmental contract provided by Twiggs is due to end at the end of March 2023. Members have discussed the commission at length and state that the environment remains a priority.

Options

Option	Risk	Benefit	Cost
A, Do not recommission the environmental service	Groups will not receive support The area will become unsightly	More money left in the Area Council budget to spend on other priorities	£0

B, Recommission the environmental service	None	Additional support for people/groups in the area A targeted approach in dealing with area hotspots	£90,000 per annum, with an up lift of 3% in the second year
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At a special meeting in June members discussed the current specification and amendments they would like to make moving forward. The new specification has been shared with members prior to the Area Council meetings. Some elements that were previously in the specification have been removed and some additions that were made during COVID have been enhanced. It is recommended that members approve the procurement and specification of this commission for a further two years at a cost of £90,000 with an uplift of 3% in the second year. A procurement timeline will be shared at a later date. If approved the Area manager will work through the paperwork and process with the procurement team and inviting members to be part of this process.

3.3 **Housing and Cohesion Officer**

At the Area Council meeting on the 15th of November 2021 members approved the housing and cohesion officer until the end of March 2023. A review of the posts currently provided by the Area Councils as recently taken place and the decision was taken that the posts should still be funded by the Area Councils if they wish to continue with proactive support. However, if at any point the Area Council do not want to commission the officer any redundancy costs would be covered by the safer neighbourhood service.

Options

Option	Risk	Benefit	Cost
A, do not fund the housing and cohesion role	No proactive support for people in private sector housing Only reactive work will be dealt with	More money left in the Area Council budget to spend on other priorities	£0
B, Fund the housing and cohesion role	None	Additional support for people in private sector housing Proactive environmental issues are dealt with in a timely manner	£33,277 the first year and £33,967 the second

It is recommended that the Area Council Fund this post until the end of March 2025 at a total cost of £67,244. The Area manager will then work with safer neighbourhood service on reviewing the current service level agreement.

3.4 **Dearne Development Fund**

At the Area Council on the 21st of May 2021 members approved £30,000 to go into the Dearne development fund. The funds supported four projects that met the Area Councils priorities, Citizens Advice, DIAL, TADS and a contribution towards Goldthorpe Development Groups bounce into summer event. Spending a total of £23, 405, with an underspend from the previous year leaving £11,976.41 in the funds.

It is recommended that members allocate a further £30,000 into the budget in order to meet area priorities.

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