

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council:  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Agenda Item: 8**

**Report of the  
North Area Council Manager**

## **Summer Sports Van Funding**

### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

To make Members aware that there is an opportunity to fund a sports van in the North Area over the Summer 2022.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

**North Area Council Members consider,**

**2.1 The opportunity to fund a sports van in the North Area over the Summer 2022.**

**2.2 Discuss the risks associated with funding short term provision.**

**2.3 Confirm the decision to fund the sports van.**

**2.4 Members confirm a capped budget for lunch bags.**

### **3.0 Background**

3.1 Last summer, the Sport and Active Recreation Team commissioned a sports van delivered by Reds in the Community, using one-off funding, to provide activities for young people. This year that funding does not exist.

3.2 However Sports and Recreation colleagues will co-ordinate a programme of pop-up provision if any areas wanted to fund sessions in their area. This will only be possible if there is enough interest in order to fill up a week of provision across the borough and throughout the summer holidays.

3.3 The cost provided for a day of sports van activities in an area is £350 or £2100 for the 6 weeks. There can be some flexibility on days, venues and times but this will need to splice with provision for other areas of Barnsley.

### **4.0 Risks**

4.1 The sports van is a limited time opportunity. Area Council funding is intended to fund opportunity that will have a lasting impact and leave a legacy withing the community.

4.2 However it can be argued that for families who find the summer holidays financially challenging, the sports van offer an inclusive recreational opportunity for children and young people during the summer 2022. These are children who may have minimal other opportunities to participate in organised, positive engagement activities during the 6 week holidays.

## **5.0 Decision**

5.1 Area Council Members were consulted at the workshop held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July and the feedback confirmed the desire to fund the Sports Van in the North Area during summer 2022 at a cost of £2,100 for a day a week. Members were in favour of funding the sport van.

5.2 The Area Council are requested to formally confirm this decision.

5.3 At the workshop on the 6<sup>th</sup> July Members also requested that the Area Manager explore the feasibility of providing lunch bags for the participants. Members are asked to agree a capped budget of £1,500 aimed at providing 50 lunch bags for each day of the provision.

5.4 The sports van and the lunch bags would total £3,600.

## **6.0 Next Steps**

6.1 At the Area Councils request the Area Manager will make the necessary arrangements and book the provision. Ensuring that provision compliments the core Holiday Activities and Food programme Healthy Holidays.

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