

# **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

### **Report of the Dearne Area Council Manager**

#### **Commissioning update**

##### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to receive an update with regards Dearne Area Council commissioned services.

##### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members receive the update on the Dearne Area Council commissions.

##### **3.0 Area Council commissions**

###### **3.1 Social inclusion service**

The social connectivity service specification was agreed at the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021. B:Friend will continue to deliver their one to one befriending and social groups in the Dearne area. This service will run from July 2022- end of June 2025. Mike Niles who established the project has now left the organisation and Colette Bunker is now in post and will oversee this contract.

###### **3.2 Housing & Cohesion Officer**

The Dearne Area Council approved the housing and cohesion officer post until the end of March 2025. The new Housing and cohesion officer started in post in July 2022 and has been working around some of the suggested areas as well as working with other groups and partners. Amendments have now been made to the service level agreement and signed off by the Area Chair, Area Manager and Group Leader for Housing Management, Regulation & Service Improvement.

###### **3.3 Assisting employment and skills**

Dearne Electronic Community Village were the successful provider of the employability contract. The contract runs from the end of March 2022 for three years. The Area Team have been assisting in the recruitment of new committee members.

### 3.4 **Neighbourhood and engagement officer role**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 members of the Dearne Area Council approved a further two years for the Neighbourhood and Engagement Officer role. This role is now in place until the end of March 2024. The officer as also secured a permanent part time community development officer post therefore costings allocated from the Area Council for the NEO role will be less than projected. The officer as been working with local businesses, groups and individuals. Over the summer months the team have been instrumental in bring people together at various events, such as pictures in the park and healthy holidays programme.

### 3.5 **Environmental service**

The current contract delivered by Twiggs is due to end in six months. At various workshops and approved at the Area council in July 2022 the service specification for a future service is now complete and has been shared with the procurement team. A procurement timeline will be brought to the next Area Council.

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