

<b>MEETING:</b>	Dearne Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday, 16 March 2020
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room, Goldthorpe Library

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Noble (Chair), Danforth, Gardiner, Gollick, C. Johnson and Phillips

### 35 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

### 36 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 20th January, 2020 (Dac.16.03.2020/2)

Members received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 37 Emma Hudson - Healthy Lifestyles Advisor - Yorkshire Smokefree Barnsley (Dac.16.03.2020/3)

Emma Hudson, Healthy Lifestyles Advisor, was welcomed to the meeting. Through a contract with Public Health, Yorkshire Smokefree Barnsley delivers support for smoking cessation. This is undertaken through a variety of means such as one-to-one support with individuals, telephone assistance and through groups.

Members heard how those admitted to hospital are given support, with each patient asked about their smoking status, and offered nicotine replacement with a referral to the support service should they so wish. The fully funded scheme offers nicotine replacement and Champix, together with behavioural support through the team for a period of 12 weeks.

Behavioural support is designed to help individuals change habits and routines. This is provided on an appointment basis with group sessions held in a number of places throughout the area, including in Goldthorpe Library.

Members asked how the service was advertised, and heard that promotion was undertaken through posters, the internet, Twitter, on local forums and through word of mouth. A suggestion was made to provide Members with resources such as posters to distribute and display through their networks.

Those present heard that the resources contained contact information, and following contact with the service, an initial assessment would be undertaken and individuals asked to attend groups for support.

Members heard that smoking cessation services had been available 20 years in Barnsley and statistics for the borough showed that prevalence had reduced to

around 16%, which was close to the national average. However, it was noted that rates were higher in the Dearne than the Barnsley average.

**RESOLVED** that thanks be given for the presentation.

**38 Mark Miller - SY Violence Reduction Unit (Dac.16.03.2020/4)**

Mark Miller was welcomed to the meeting. Members heard how Mark had been seconded from his role as Community Safety Team Leader to Barnsley Partnership Manager in the SY Violence Reduction Unit.

SY Violence Reduction Unit had been established in as a result of a successful bid for £1.6m of government finance.

Work has taken place to produce an area profile, detailing the issues faced, highlighting differences between areas and detailing any gaps in service. Members noted that this covered all types of violence, from domestic abuse to slavery and gun/knife crime.

The Area Profile had been completed and was expected to be approved by the Executive Board. It would then be submitted to the Home Office with the Violence Reduction Strategy by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020. Members noted that delivery plans had been developed which were bespoke to different areas, providing local solutions to local issues.

Members heard that a grant fund had been established with £60,000 being allocated to Barnsley from this. The fund was significantly oversubscribed, but Barnsley had some success with four projects being allocated finance. One of the successful projects was to fund trading standards operations around the illegal sales of tobacco.

Questions were raised around whether there was any priority given to tackling issues associated with underprivileged young people and with county lines. It was noted that projects such as Exodus were funded to provide services to engage young people, and raised awareness of issues such as county lines.

In addition Members noted the work to adopt a Public Health approach to policing. This would respond to research that showed the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on people's lives.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That thanks be given for the presentation and response to questions; and
- (ii) That the report on Public Health Approaches to Policing be circulated to Elected Members.

**39 Dearne Area Council Finance and Commissioning Update (Dac.16.03.2020/5)**

The Area Council Manager introduced the item referring to the financial situation of the Area Council. From an opening balance in 2019/20 of £216,886.17, Members had allocated £212,597.76, leaving £4,288.41. When carried forward to 2020/21, this provided a starting balance of £204,288.41. Allocations had been made to the value of £176,557, leaving £27,731.41.

The Dearne Development Fund had started the financial year with £88,590.88 and remaining was £3,650.68.

Members noted that the newsletter had been designed with support from Communications. Feedback had been very positive, and a significant number of enquiries had been received. It was suggested that a future meeting should consider investment in further editions of the publication.

Those present heard that the Housing and Migration Officer had been very proactive and feedback about the service was positive. Members commented that issues were prevalent on the same streets and often with the same houses. Members asked to be provided with numbers of CPNs issued and prosecutions taken forward. Members discussed the impact on behaviour and the need for positive action undertaken to be featured in the press as a deterrent.

Members noted the current health situation and the potential for this to impact on users of the service provided by B:Friend. It was noted that this was being taken into account and there may be some adjustments in the delivery of the service.

Members were reminded that the employability service, delivered by Dearne Electronic Community Village, had been commissioned for a year, with the opportunity to continue for two further periods of a year. Members heard how the service was performing well and agreed that this should be continued.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the current financial position and the impact on future budgets be noted;
- (ii) that the latest position with regards to commissioned services be noted;
- (iii) That further information be provided on CPNs and prosecutions in relation to work undertaken by the Housing and Migration Officer;
- (iv) That the employability service be continued for a further year from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 at a cost of £33,000.

**40 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 16th January, 2020 (Dac.16.03.2020/6)**

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne Ward Alliance held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. The meeting had agreed to hold a workshop to consider projects that would deliver to the agreed priorities.

Members commented on the success of the 'Don't destroy the Dearne' project, and the positive feedback that had been received.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

**41 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.16.03.2020/7)**

The item was introduced by the Area Council Manager. Members noted that, at the time of the report being produced, Dearne North Ward Alliance Fund had £3,277.12 remaining from a total budget of £21,784.29 for the year. 23 projects had received funding.

Dearne South had made awards from the Ward Alliance Fund to 17 projects, leaving £9,794.04 from a total fund of £23,232.98.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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Chair