BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 18th January 2021

Report of the Dearne Area Council Manager

Finance

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members regarding the Dearne Area Councils financial position.

2.0 **Recommendations**

2.1 That members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets.

3.0 Area Council Financial update

3.1 **<u>2020/2021</u>**

During the 2020/21 financial year the Area Council had a starting budget of £204,730.67. They have agreed to fund the education, environment and volunteer service, housing and migration officer, employability contract and social connectivity service. At the Dearne Area Council on the 27th of July members also agreed to earmark £28,000 to the Dearne Development Fund. This brings the total amount already allocated out of the Dearne Area Council budget for 2020/21 to £204,557, leaving £173.67 unallocated. In addition income from NESTA has been received, leaving a total of £9,663.67.

3.2 2020/21 Dearne Development Fund

During 2019/20 eleven projects were successful through the development fund process and the amount spent was £84,940.20 leaving £3,650.68 to carry forward to spend on Dearne area priorities in the 2020/21 financial year. At the Dearne Area Council on the 27th of July 2020 the Dearne Area Council agreed to earmark £28,000 to the dearne development fund, making the Area Council contribution £31,650.68.

3.3 In additional the Area Council/team have recently received £10,000 from the financial hardship fund which was allocated to address the needs of the local area and for those experiencing hardship brought about by the current pandemic. After discussions it was agreed that this would be added to the Dearne Development Fund in order to continue with services that addressed financial hardship and the needs of Dearne residents. Therefore the total earmarked for applicants to the dearne development fund is £41,650.68.

3.4 Four projects have been approved from this years Development Fund. CAB, Thurnscoe Community Plaza, DIAL and Highgate outdoor improvement. The total commited spend for these services is £30,223 leaving £11,427.68 earmarked to spend on Dearne prioroties.

See Appendix 1 for financial breakdown

Appendices

4.0 Appendix 1: Financial update

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