

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council:
12th February 2021

Report of South Area Council Manager

South Area Council – Procurement and Financial Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide a procurement update and recommendation for consideration to inform and provide a steer on future commissioning intentions for the social isolation commission.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That members consider the recommendation within the report to hold a virtual workshop to consider the commissioning intentions of a Social Isolation contract and provide a steer for a report to be presented at the 23rd April South Area Council meeting.

3. Social Isolation contract

- 3.1 The South Area Council currently commission Age UK Barnsley to deliver a social isolation and loneliness contract called the 'Better Together' service across the South Area.
- 3.2 The service was commissioned to tackle loneliness and isolation and increasing independence and health and wellbeing. The service actively supports people who may be vulnerable through loss of income, mobility and employment or partner bereavement. The service has adapted its delivery to target people in need throughout the Pandemic and changing Government guidance.
- 3.3 The service is a two-year contract delivering from 1st October 2019. The contract value is £59,560 per year, total = £119,120. The contract will be completed on the 30th September 2021. There are no extensions on this contract.
- 3.4 This report recommends that the South Area Council hold a virtual workshop in order to consider the performance of the contract to date, ongoing demand and needs for a service, case studies and South Area Council priorities and budget.
- 3.5 At the virtual workshop it is recommended that all options for a service are considered and that Members provide a steer on the future commissioning intentions. Following the workshop, a report would be produced for consideration at the South Area Council meeting on the 23rd April 2021.

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