

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Penistone Area Council  
February 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

Summary report of the  
Penistone Area Council Manager

## Penistone Area Council Procurement and Financial updates

### 1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides members with a summary update on the following commissioning and procurement activity:

- Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people service
- Working Together Fund
- Supporting Young People Fund
- Clean & Tidy Service

1.2 The report outlines the 2020/2021 financial year position for Penistone Area Council and current budget update, including the projected financial year end position.

### 2.0 Recommendations

2.1 **That members receive the update on the procurement activity.**

2.2 **That members note the update of contracts funded by the existing Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund from within this report.**

2.3 **That members note the proposed grant procurement timetable to establish future provision to support vulnerable and isolated older people in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.**

2.4 **That members receive the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund.**

2.5 **That members receive the update on ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Fund to establish specific activities that will support young people in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic**

2.6 **That members note the updates on the new Clean and Tidy contract started in April 2020 from within this report.**

2.7 **That members agree to the continuation of the Clean and Tidy commissioned service to year two of the contract from April 2021 with a full update of the service to date presented to PAC at it's meeting in June 2021.**

2.8 **That Members note the financial year end position for the 2020/21 budget**

### **3.0 Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Service**

- 3.1 The current grant contracts held by Age UK have continued to perform satisfactorily, however these contracts have been flexed during the Covid-19 period which is reflected in the performance reporting presented within this meeting.
- 3.2 At the PAC meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 members were advised that current contracts to provide the existing service are due to end in January 2021, and it was agreed that £70K is made available from the 2020/21 Area Council budget to set up a further 'Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Fund' (SVIOP) with devolved responsibility for the formal approval of the grants to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the grant fund Panel Members.
- 3.3 In light of the ongoing impacts of the of Covid-19 pandemic, and the need to provide continuity of service to vulnerable members of the Penistone Community, members agreed at PAC December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 to the allocation of £35k from the 2020/21 PAC budget to allow a six month extension to current contracts held by Age Uk .
- 3.4 Members are advised that a grant fund outline to invite applications for future services to support vulnerable and isolated older people will be available for comment by early March. The grant will be open for applications for a one month period following this and a grant panel decision will be required by early May 2021, with view to starting newly awarded contracts by mid June 2021.

### **4.0 Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund**

- 4.1 At the Area Council meeting of October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 members agreed that the Working Together Grant should be promoted to accept applications to fund activities which will support covid recovery intentions with a deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- 4.2 Members are advised that to date two applications have been received and subsequently approved by the Grant Panel to fund a continuation of the debt advice service to be delivered by Citizens Advice Bureau at a cost of £8,118 and an information and advice service to be delivered by DIAL at a cost of £10,136.
- 4.3 Members are advised that financial hardship funds have been made available to the Area Council outside of the 2020/21 PAC budget and will be used to supplement funding applications for information and advice services to enable extended provision to support higher demand.
- 4.4 The Working Together grant will continue to be promoted by the Area Team to encourage further applications.

#### 4.5 Total allocations to date

Penistone FM	£ 15,627.00
Penistone Round Table	£ 11,660.00
Penisone Scout Group	£ 8,050.00
Sporting Penistone	£ 16,230.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2017)	£ 4,275.00
Barnsley Market – BMBC Market Barn additions lighting and Wi-fi	£ 6,740.00
Penistone Youth Project (TYS)	£ 8,730.00
The People Focussed Group ( Bumping spaces)	£ 19,836.00
Cycle Penistone CIC	£ 5,990.00
Penistone FM Community Radio Older people	£ 19,840.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 pilot	£ 5,000.00
Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers Penistone Station project	£ 6,630.00
Allocation to Ward Alliances	£ 10,000.00
DIAL ( Information and Advice service 2018)	£ 4,395.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 Pilot extension	£ 6,538.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery 2018/19	£ 20,000.00
TPT conservation volunteers Penistone Station project extension	£ 2,890.00
Penistone FM Young Voices	£ 7,644.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2019 with option to extend to 2020)	£ 9,700.00
CAB Barnsley (Information and Advice Debt support 6 month Pilot to Sept 2019)	£ 2,115.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery contribution 2019/20	£ 14,000
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2020	£ 3566
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2021	£8,118
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2021 with option to extend to 2022)	£10,136
<b>Total Allocations to date</b>	<b>£227,710</b>

<i>Current Amount remaining for allocation</i>	<b>£42,776</b>
<i>Applications to Working Together grant currently pending</i>  <i>Penistone FM 'Talk.Just Talk' young people project ( still on hold pending further information)</i>	£ 9,208

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### **Working Together Grant fund – Supporting Young People**

At PAC meeting October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 members agreed to an additional £40k allocated from within the current 2020/21 PAC commissioning budget to be ringfenced within the Working Together Fund and promoted solely for the use of activities which will support the physical and mental wellbeing of young people.

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Members are advised that the Area team is continuing to research and scope the needs of Young People in the Penistone area in light of new evidence resulting from the impact of the pandemic and work is ongoing to develop a brief for this new Working Together Young People's Support Fund which will be shared with members before being widely advertised.

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Members will be invited to provide grant panel representation when the grant is established.

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### **Clean, Green and Tidy Service**

Following a robust procurement process, in which members participated, Twiggs Ground Maintenance Ltd were successful in being appointed as the preferred provider for the Penistone Clean, Green and Tidy service and started their contract on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 at a cost of £100,000 for this year from within the current area council budget allocation.

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The current Clean Green and Tidy service contract started during the lock down period for Covid-19 and as a result it has been agreed to flex this to meet immediate needs during the crisis period. The contract performs satisfactorily within the flexed terms and performance highlights are presented within this meeting.

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Members are asked to agree to the continuation of this service to year two of the contract from April 2021, and it is recommended that a full update is provided by this service to Members at the PAC meeting in June 2021.

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### **Current Financial Summary Position**

Following member approval of recommended funding allocations at PAC December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 for the Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Grant extension of £35k , a total working budget remains of £15,225. As no further urgent spend is required at this point,

7.2 this leaves a final year end total of **£15,225** which will be carried forward for spend in the 2021/2022 financial year.

#### 2020/21 Budget allocations

<b>Approved spend items in operation in 2020/2021</b>	<b>Current approved expenditure from 2020/2021 budget</b>
New Clean Green and Tidy contract	£100,000
Supporting Older people Fund extension to Jan 2021	£ 52,000
New Supporting Older people grant ( defer to 2021/22 procurement)	£ 70,000
Working Together Grant fund Supporting Young People	£ 40,000
Penistone Living Magazine content space	£ 3,000
Existing SVIOP Fund contract extension to June 2021	£35,000
<b>Total allocated spend to date</b>	<b>£300,000</b>
<b>Budget 2020/21</b>	
<b>Base budget</b>	£200,000
<b>Additional income to base budget</b>	
Underspend from 2019/20 budget	£21,829
Underspend from cumulative lack of draw down from allocated spend	£93,396
<b>Total budget available for spend 2020/21</b>	<b>£315,225</b>
<b>Total remaining to carry forward to 2021/22 Budget</b>	<b>£15,225</b>

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