

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 15th March 2021

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Commission update

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to receive an update regarding current commissions

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That member's note the latest position with regards Dearne Area Council commissioned services.

3.0 Commission update

- 3.1 The Housing and Migration officer is now 14 months into his two-year contract. He continues to work proactively across the Dearne, obviously bearing in mind COVID restrictions. Waste on premises, fly tipping and contaminated bins continue to be the main issues which the officer is dealing with.
- 3.2 The B: Friend service are eight months into their first year of the two-year contract. They have been extremely busy during COVID taking their activities and support online as well as offering one to one support over the phone. The service has seen an increase in referrals from professionals and although volunteers are applying to assist the service, they are generally low from the Dearne area.
- 3.3 The Dearne Electronic Community Village employability service second year will come to an end in March 2021. The service was given the contract on a 1+1+1 basis. The support worker has been working remotely since lockdown was announced and has seen a slight reduction in engagement. That's said the support worker has been ringing around all past participants to do a wellbeing check with all on his data base.
- 3.4 The environmental service delivered by Twiggs was commissioned on a 2+1+1 basis. At the end of March 2021 the service will have been operating for two years and in November the Dearne Area Council approved their first year's extension. As recommended at the Dearne Area Council a schedule has been compiled and discussed with the provider. This schedule can be added to and amended as the service moves forward. Twiggs will also be

proactively targeting other areas that are not already on the schedule. They have also seen an increase in individuals wanting support with equipment and advice around environmental issues.

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