

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Penistone Area Council  
April 8th 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 end position for Penistone Area Council and provides a current budget update for the financial year 2021/22.

### 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 update to the proposed grant procurement process 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 note the financial position for the 2021/22 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 at previous meetings of PAC.
- 3.2 At the PAC meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 members were advised that current contracts to provide the existing service were 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 Members are advised that a grant fund outline to invite applications for future services to support vulnerable and isolated older people is currently still in development and should be available for comment and member feedback by mid April. The grant will be open for applications for a one month period following this and a grant panel decision will be required by end of May 2021, with view to starting newly awarded contracts by mid June 2021.
- 3.4 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 . Performance outcomes from this period will be presented to PAC at it's meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 since then two applications have been 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 £8118 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 A pending application from Penistone FM to support young people has been re-examined and further advice given to Penistone FM to encourage a re-submission, which has to date not yet been re-submitted.
- 4.5 The Working Together grant continues to be promoted by the Area Team to encourage further applications and support with the community recovery process post pandemic.

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	£8118
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</i>	£ 9208

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

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Members were provided with the grant brief for comment in February and following this the grant was launched and advertised widely on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The grant has generated a good level of interest to date from organisations and individuals within the Penistone area, and so far 7 funding applications have been sent on to interested parties.
- 5.3 Members have agreed representation to the grant panel; one from each of the Penistone wards and a community represented has been confirmed. It is envisaged that the panel will meet shortly after the grant closing date of April 8<sup>th</sup>, and successful projects will be confirmed to area council at its' meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

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

- 6.1 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 the year from within the 2020/21 area council budget allocation.
- 6.2 The current Clean Green and Tidy service contract started during the lock down period for Covid-19 and as a result it was agreed to flex this to meet immediate needs during the crisis period. The contract performs satisfactorily within the flexed terms with performance highlighted at PAC meetings during 2020.
- 6.3 Members at PAC February 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 agreed to the continuation of this service to year two of the contract from April 2021 at a cost of £100k from the 2021/22 PAC, with the recommendation that a full update is provided by this service to Members at the PAC meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

## 7.0 **Current Financial Summary Position**

- 7.1 Following PAC meeting on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 2021, no further spending decisions were taken leaving a final year end total of **£15,225** ( plus additional financial hardship monies of £10k) within

the 2020/21 budget. This amount has now been carried forward for spend in the 2021/2022 financial year.

7.2 A PAC budget allocation of £200k has now been made available for spend within the financial year 2021/22. This, together with carry forward from the 2020/21 budget of £15,225, gives a total working budget of £215,225 ( plus £10k financial hardship monies) . Following PAC agreement to the continuation of the Twiggs contract (at 6.3 within this report) at a cost of £100k from the 2021/22 budget this now leaves a current budget total of £115,225 available for spend.

### 7.3 2020/21 Budget allocations

Approved spend items in operation in 2020/2021	Current approved expenditure from 2020/2021 budget
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>

### 7.4 2021/22 Budget allocations

Approved spend items in operation in 2021/2022	Current approved expenditure from 2021/2022 budget
New Clean Green and Tidy contract Year two	£100,000
<b>Total allocated spend to date</b>	<b>£100,000</b>
<b>Budget 2021/22</b>	
<b>Base budget</b>	£200,000
<b>Additional income to base budget</b>	
Underspend from 2020/21 budget	£ 15,225
<b>Financial hardship monies ( earmarked)</b>	<b>£ 10,000</b>
<b>Total budget available for spend 2021/22</b>	<b>£225,225</b>

**Current remaining total available for spend**

**£115,225**

7.5 **PAC Financial summary**

Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2018/19		Commissioning Budget 2019/20		Commissioning Budget 2020/21		Commissioning Budget 2021/22	
	Budget	Spend	Budget	Spend	Budget	Spend	Budget	Spend
<b>Base Expenditure</b>	£200,000.00		£200,000.00		£200,000.00		£200,000.00	
<b>Base Expenditure plus underspend from previous year</b>	£292,417.00		£263,358.75		£315,224.75		£225,225.00	
Countryside Skills Training								
Countryside Skills Training Extension								
Clean & Green								
Clean & Green extension								
Working Together Fund	£18,448.00	£42,349.00	£50,000.00	£17,655.00				
Allocation to Ward Alliances/DWB 15-16								
Allocation to Ward Alliances 16-17								
Reducing Isolation in older people	£52,000.00	£52,000.00						
Public Health Funds			£3,820.00	£3,820.00				
Supporting Older People Fund	£70,000.00	£70,000.00						
Supporting Older People Fund ex			£17,500.00	£17,500.00	£52,000.00			
Supporting Older People Fund ex 2					£35,000.00			
Supporting Young People Fund					£40,000.00			
Community Magazine distribution costs	£3,873.00	£3,873.00						
Allocation to Ward Alliances 17-18								
Allocation to Ward Alliances 18-19	£20,000.00	£20,000.00						
Allocation to Ward Alliance 19-20			£10,000.00	£10,000.00				
Clean & Green 2017/18 (Y1)								
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension Nov 19 (Y2)	£40,836.25	£40,836.25	£57,171.00	£57,171.00				
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension April 2020 (Y2)			£40,836.00	£40,836.00				
Clean & Green April 2020 (Y1)					£100,000.00	100,000.00		
Clean & Green April 2021 (Y2)							£100,000.00	
Penistone Living Inserts			£2,664.00	£1,152.00	£3,000.00	£921.60		
Supporting Vulnerable & Older People Grant 2021					£70,000.00	£70,000.00		
<b>Income</b>								
Public Health Monies			-£3,820.00					
financial hardship monies					-£10,000.00			
<b>Expenditure Incurred in Year</b>	<b>205,157</b>	<b>229,058</b>	<b>178,171</b>	<b>148,134</b>	<b>290,000</b>	<b>170,922</b>		
<b>What funds are available</b>		<b>63,359</b>		<b>115,225</b>		<b>29,078</b>		
		<b>63,359</b>	<b>85,188</b>		<b>25,225</b>	<b>-170,922</b>		
<b>Earmarkings (to include C/F &amp; unspent allocation)</b>		<b>63,359</b>		<b>115,225</b>		<b>144,303</b>		
<b>Actual spend for year</b>		<b>229,058</b>		<b>148,134</b>		<b>170,922</b>		
<b>Balance Including Any Base Expenditure Not utilised in Pre</b>								

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