

Item 32



MEETING:	South Area Council
DATE:	Friday, 15 June 2018
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Meeting Room, The Hoyland Centre

MINUTES

Present Councillors Stowe (Chair), Franklin, Daniel Griffin, Markham, Shepherd, Sumner and R. Wraith.

1 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillors Franklin and Shepherd each declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 6 and 7 in relation to their positions as directors of Forge Community Partnership.

2 **Minutes of the Meeting of South Area Council held on 27th April, 2018 (Sac.15.06.2018/2)**

The meeting considered the minutes of South Area Council held on 27th April, 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the South Area Council held on 27th April, 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 **Notes of the Ward Alliances (Sac.15.06.2018/3)**

The meeting received the notes from the following Ward Alliances:- Hoyland Milton and Rockingham held on 9th May, 2018; and Darfield Ward Alliance held on 17th May, 2018.

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

4 **Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Sac.15.06.2018/4)**

The report was introduced by the Community Development Officer. It was noted that Darfield had an opening balance of £11,225.47 and from this £11,100.47 remained. However it was acknowledged that there were a small number of additional applications currently in the process of being approved.

Hoyland Milton and Rockingham had not made any allocations and therefore the opening budget of £20,086.25 remained.

Wombwell had utilised £400 of its £11,308.04 budget to leave £10,908.04 for allocation.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

5 **Performance Update (Sac.15.06.2018/5)**

The Community Development Officer made Members aware that quarterly monitoring information would be received in July and therefore a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Area Council.

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Area Council receives a report detailing performance in quarter 1.

6 Young People's Social Media Project (Sac.15.06.2018/6)

Neil Spencer and John Lang from Forge Community Partnership were welcomed to the meeting. Members were referred to the Youth Aware Focus Group report 2017/18, and reminded how this work followed on from the Youth Mapping Exercise in 2016.

The report and presentation detailed the findings of research into ways of reaching and communicating information to young people in the local area.

Members were made aware of the methodology used, which included the Youth Partnership establishing a focus group to identify the best approach for the study.

The project used a 10 question survey, which was agreed to be circulated through the school in January, 2018.

804 responses were received, which was a remarkable return. Many answered that they communicate using social media, with SnapChat being the most popular form of sharing information, but with YouTube being very popular. Facebook was used, but less so than other mediums

Members discussed the merits of social media and the possibility of establishing a presence led by young people in the area. It was suggested that, due to potential issues such as bullying or harassment via social media, this would need to be overseen by an adult third party.

It was suggested that further work needed to be undertaken in order to develop this as a project further, and that this be discussed at a future meeting of the Area Council.

RESOLVED

- (i) that thanks be given to representatives of Forge Community Partnership;
- (ii) That the detail of a potential Social Media Project be developed for consideration at a future meeting of the Area Council.

7 Procurement and Financial Update (Sac.15.06.2018/7)

The Community Development Worker reminded Members of the workshop recently held to consider the contracts currently held by the Area Council, with a view to discussing the commissioning intentions for 2019/20 and later.

It was noted that the contracts for the Tidy Team, Environmental Enforcement and Private Sector Housing SLA would finish at the end of the financial year, with the Advice Service contract finishing at the end of June, 2019.

Members were given an overview of the current financial situation, noting that £46,434 remained for allocation within the current year, and £381.250 in 2019/20.

Those present noted the outcome of the workshop held on 25th May, 2018. With reference to the Tidy Team, a refocusing on upskilling groups and residents with an increased educational remit was suggested, as was a priority around local employment and apprenticeships.

Members discussed the current service level agreement for the Private Sector Housing service, and it was suggested that this be extended for a further 12 months.

In relation to Environmental Enforcement it was suggested that the service refocuses on parking only, centred around the shopping centres of Wombwell and Hoyland, including in the evening and at weekends.

Members supported recommissioning the advice service, however it was suggested that the new service reflects the need to support the most in need with others encouraged to access telephone and online support.

Members discussed current levels of demand seen by the advice service and were reminded of discussion at the previous meeting. The preferred option to address demand was for a welfare rights worker to deliver an extra service per month in both Hoyland and Wombwell in the evenings in order to assist clients with pre-booked appointments at a cost of £4,572

Members noted the suggested project ideas to be developed which included the following:- youth life skills; youth voice and influence activity, including social media; early help support projects; and the winter wellbeing event. These were in addition to the proposed focus on social isolation discussed previously by the Area Council.

With regards to the organisation of the winter wellbeing event, a proposal was received for the Area Council to allocate up to £2,000 in order to fund winter packs, room hire, promotional materials, food, and transport. Members were made aware of an organisation who had assisted with a sloppy slippers event in Darfield who had been funded for such work, and it was suggested that they be engaged if possible to reduce duplication and costs, to maximise impact.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the current financial position of the Area Council for 2018/19 and 2019/20 be noted;
- (ii) That the Private Sector Housing Service SLA be extended for a further year at a cost of £32,580;
- (iii) That £4,572 be allocated to fund a Welfare Rights Worker to address demand for the Advice Service in order to deliver an extra service per month in both Hoyland and Wombwell in the evenings to assist clients with pre-booked appointments;
- (iv) That tender documentation be developed for a refocused Tidy Team and Environmental Enforcement Service be developed for consideration by the Area Council at a future meeting;
- (v) That up to £2,000 be approved to support organisational costs for the Winter Wellbeing Event.
- (vi) That the areas proposed for future project development be supported.

Chair

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