

North Local Area Committee

Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 6.00 pm

**The Venue, 650 Manchester Road,
Stocksbridge, Sheffield, S36 1DY**

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**NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA
10 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Order of Business

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusions of Public and Press**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public
- 4. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 5 - 8)
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 9 - 18)
To approve the minutes of the Committee held on 5 March and 15 May, 2024
- 6. Local Area Committee public meeting discussion**
Update from the Head of Local Area Committees
- 7. North Star Award**
Food Matters, Stocksbridge
- 8. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public.
- 9. Stocksbridge Town Council update**
Update from Stocksbridge Town Council
- 10. North Local Area Committee Budget 2024-25** (Pages 19 - 26)
Report of the Local Area Committee Manager

NOTE: The next meeting of North Local Area Committee will be held on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 6.00 pm

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ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its Policy Committees, or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee, or joint sub-committee of the authority, and you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** (DPI) relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you must not:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.

You **must**:

- leave the room (in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct)
- make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any DPI at any meeting at which you are present at which an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.
- declare it to the meeting and notify the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days, if the DPI is not already registered.

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your **disclosable pecuniary interests** under the new national rules. You have a pecuniary interest if you, or your spouse or civil partner, have a pecuniary interest.

- Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner undertakes.
- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

*The relevant period is the 12 months ending on the day when you tell the Monitoring Officer about your disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority –
 - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
 - which has not been fully discharged.

- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –
 - the landlord is your council or authority; and
 - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
 - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
 - (b) either -
 - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

If you attend a meeting at which any item of business is to be considered and you are aware that you have a **personal interest** in the matter which does not amount to a DPI, you must make verbal declaration of the existence and nature of that interest at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. You should leave the room if your continued presence is incompatible with the 7 Principles of Public Life (selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership).

You have a personal interest where –

- a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing (including interests in land and easements over land) of you or a member of your family or a person or an organisation with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Authority's administrative area, or
- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPIs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously.

You should identify any potential interest you may have relating to business to be considered at the meeting. This will help you and anyone that you ask for advice to fully consider all the circumstances before deciding what action you should take.

In certain circumstances the Council may grant a **dispensation** to permit a Member to take part in the business of the Authority even if the member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to that business.

To obtain a dispensation, you must write to the Monitoring Officer at least 48 hours before the meeting in question, explaining why a dispensation is sought and desirable, and specifying the period of time for which it is sought. The Monitoring Officer may consult with the Independent Person or the Council's Standards Committee in relation to a request for dispensation.

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Agenda Item 5

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

North Local Area Committee

Meeting held 5 March 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hooper (Chair), Ann Whitaker (Deputy Chair), Lewis Chinchin, Mike Levery, Robert Reiss, William Sapwell and Alan Woodcock

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Penny Baker, Craig Gamble Pugh, Julie Grocutt, Janet Ridler and Richard Williams.

2. EXCLUSIONS OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 21 November and 6 December 2023 were approved as correct records.

4.2 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 21 November, 2023

Councillor Alan Hooper, Chair of the Committee, provided the following updates:

- Paragraph 6.1 (a) - Implementation of the Rivelin Valley Playground Masterplan would only be possible if future funding was secured.
- Paragraph 6.1 (d) - Outstanding equipment had been installed at Fox Glen.
- Paragraph 9.2 - Funding had been secured to support improvements to Ecclesfield Park, to include the tennis courts and paths, and feasibility would soon be explored for a Play Zone (multi-use games area) and a café and toilet facilities for the park.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 The Committee received the following questions from members of the public who attended the meeting to raise them:-

(a) Dave Crawley, resident of Oughtibridge

There are inadequate road signs on Station Lane and Oughtibridge Lane as the road crosses the railway bridge. This can be a very busy road, with blind bends and no footpath. There are no clear road signs to advise motorists that pedestrians may be on the road. This is a lethal section of road for pedestrians.

Councillor Lewis Chinchon noted his concerns about pedestrian safety in this area. He believed this would only be fully resolved with the construction of a footbridge adjacent to the current road bridge, but noted that lack of funding prevented this. He explained that the Sheffield Local Plan, which was currently at public consultation stage, included a site at Platts Lane which, if developed, had the potential to require provision of a footbridge. In terms of ensuring adequate safety measures in the short to medium-term, Councillor Chinchon explained that road signage had to comply with national standards so the options available were limited. He added that 'slow' markings had been added to the road and a warning sign was in place for drivers approaching the bridge. He confirmed that he would raise these concerns with Highways again to see what could be done in the short to medium-term.

Mr Crawley stated that there was one small triangular sign in place that he did not consider was helpful and was not recognised by many motorists. He believed that a further sign was needed alerting motorists to the potential for pedestrians to be on the road ahead.

Councillor Alan Hooper noted that there had been an increase in pedestrians and cyclists using nearby woods, and agreed to carry out a site visit.

(b) Liz Swann, resident of Hollow Meadows

On the A57 from Hollow Meadows through to Moscar the speed limit is 50 mph, but speeds seem to often be higher than this and accidents have occurred, also causing damage to walls and farming property. We would like to see some speed cameras so we can evidence that speeding is happening, and traffic calming is needed.

Councillor Will Sapwell thanked Ms Swann for the support she had given during incidents, and acknowledged her concerns about safety and impact on local farms. He advised that there would be a review of the vehicle activated speed sign locations to allow one to be installed in this area based on risk assessment.

A representative from South Yorkshire Police was in attendance at the meeting and advised that, as well as advising motorists on their driving speeds, vehicle activated speed signs also provided information on average and fastest speeds. In relation to the suggestion of a 'community speed watch', he noted his concern about the safety of participants on a 50 mph limit road, and advised that he would discuss speed enforcement options with his colleagues.

(c) Phil Harris, resident of Grenoside

When the new school was built in Grenoside, the old school was left to rack

and ruin. The building has been forgotten and has now fallen down due to lack of maintenance and repair. It seems that the Council has not taken an interest in this. What powers does the Council have to develop/enforce the site?

Councillor Hooper confirmed that the old school building had been empty since 2006 and that over the years various sale agreements had fallen through. He noted its current state of repair due to neglect, vermin and vandalism. He advised that a full response would be provided to Mr Harris.

6. NORTH LAC BUDGET REPORT 2023/24

- 6.1 The Committee considered a report of David Luck, Community Services Manager, on the funding assigned to the North Local Area Committee for 2023-24 and its allocation to projects in line with the North Local Area Committee Community Plan. This had included:
- (a) Funding for two rounds of the 'Big Idea Fund';
 - (b) Funding for the first round of the 'Greatest Need Fund'; and
 - (c) Funding of 'quick wins' to improve areas within the North Local Area Committee.
- 6.2 Mr Luck also outlined spending allocated through the Cost of Living budget and confirmed that half of this had supported the work of Citizens Advice within the city, and the other half had been shared among a variety of projects supporting local communities.
- 6.3 Adam Hurst, a public attendee at the meeting, asked how applications for funding opportunities were publicised.
- 6.4 Mr Luck confirmed that funding opportunities were publicised by a number of channels, including email/postal distribution lists, blogs, and social media. He added that details could be shared to anyone who wished to be added to the distribution lists.
- 6.5 Teresa Bond added that details regarding funding were available on the North Local Area Committee Facebook page, X (Twitter) page, a blog and via Sheffield City Council email alerts.
- 6.6 Mr Hurst asked what support was available to local groups that might want to contribute to local issues but were not yet constituted.
- 6.7 Mr Luck advised that interested groups should contact the North Local Area Committee team and contacts/advice would be given directly.
- 6.8 Mark Hible, Community Development Worker, explained that his role included recruiting volunteers for development work and invited any interested parties to get in contact with him directly.

6.9 Councillor Rob Reiss noted that the North Local Area Committee had good relationships with its Parish and Town Councils, and connected them with funding opportunities available for community groups.

6.10 The Committee noted its thanks to the North Local Area Committee Team for their work in facilitating funding allocations.

7. NORTH LAC PROJECTS UPDATE

7.1 David Luck, Community Services Manager, confirmed that three priorities had been set in the summer of 2023 that had steered the work of the North Local Area Committee:

- Improving local transport through practical highways improvements and promoting better public transport;
- Improving community safety; and
- Improving community life.

7.2 Mr Luck confirmed the following funding allocations for 2023-24:

- Project budget:£100,000
- Cost of Living budget:£37,000
- Ward Pot:£25,000 across all four wards
- Youth budget:£10,000
- Pedestrian enhancement: £54,000
- Fly tipping budget: £57,000

He outlined a number of specific projects, including:

- Greatest Need Fund – including St Paul’s Food Bank, toddler groups, community warming, Sheffield Council for Community Care;
- Big Idea Fund – Greaves House Care Fund, Kids Club at Stannington, community transport, heritage and history events, Stocksbridge war stories website;
- ‘Quick wins’ – holiday activities, Stocksbridge citizens advice, parks equipment;
- Ward Pot funding – new Christmas tree in Ecclesfield, carol sheets for Stannington Brass Band, a community event for High Green, health walks in North Sheffield, learning English as a second language and ward art activities;
- Pedestrian enhancement budget – funding signs to deter people from parking outside schools;
- Flytipping budget – installation of posts in some areas to prevent flytipping; and
- Cost of Living budget – friendship café in Stannington Library, Stannington Food Bank, hygiene products bank, Brightholmlee lunch club, Ecclesfield and Montenev coffee morning.

7.3 Mark Hible noted the work carried out with Welcome Places, that included signposting to advice and benefits eg Citizens Advice, Sheffield City Council Crisis Helpline, heating vouchers and foodbanks. He highlighted particular projects utilising the Youth Engagement Fund:

- Sheffield Wednesday Football Club Community Project had given opportunities to 14-17 year olds.
- A Mind Apart – confidence building through drama.

8. ECCLESFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

8.1 Andrew Towlerton, Clerk to Ecclesfield Parish Council, outlined the draft Ecclesfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan. This was being led by a working party comprising of parish councillors and members of the local community, supported by Sheffield City Council. The draft plan was now in advanced stages and had incorporated a number of policies, and focussed on a number of areas:

- protect countryside, open spaces and historic heritage;
- protect and provide a range of community facilities;
- ensure any new developments meet the needs of local people; and
- provide essential services and infrastructure.

Mr Towlerton explained that the neighbourhood plan had full statutory weight and once completed would require approval via a public referendum. He confirmed that the next step was to invite residents and businesses to give their views on the draft plan, after which a revised draft plan would be submitted to Sheffield City Council. Following further consultation, the draft plan would be submitted to an independent examiner and, if successful, would then be put forward for a referendum.

See link below for a copy of the draft plan:

[Ecclesfield-Parish-Neighbourhood-Plan-2022-2039-Working-Draft-February-2024.pdf \(ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk\)](https://www.ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk/Ecclesfield-Parish-Neighbourhood-Plan-2022-2039-Working-Draft-February-2024.pdf)

8.2 Councillor Alan Hooper praised the work carried out by Mr Towlerton and the other parish councillors in preparing the draft plan.

8.3 Adam Hurst queried whether public transport could be incorporated into the plan, and how it could address under-occupation of large houses, and the increased demand for extending smaller properties.

8.4 Mr Towlerton confirmed that public transport was not within the remit of the plan. He advised that an ageing population had led to high levels of under-occupation but with limited options available for moving to smaller properties. He added that there were good and bad examples of extensions to properties.

8.5 Councillor Rob Reiss thanked Mr Towlerton for the work involved, and asked what the process and timescales were for a referendum to validate the draft plan.

- 8.6 Mr Towlerton responded by saying that once the plan reached the next stage of consultation it became a valid planning document, and that the weight attached to it would take into account its place in the full process.
- 8.7 Phil Harris asked how the status of the old school site might have been affected if the neighbourhood plan had been a place a few years ago.
- 8.8 Mr Towlerton explained that when the school submitted a planning application it would have been in accordance with the appropriate design code.
- 8.9 Councillor Mike Levery explained that the school building was part of the fabric of the village which afforded it some level of protection.
- 8.10 Mr Towlerton confirmed that the local plan procedure provided access to additional Community Infrastructure Levy funding, which would be used for the benefit of the area.
- 8.11 Adam Fermie, Treasurer of Friends of Grenoside Park, was in attendance to update the Committee on the work of the group. He explained that the group was set up a few years ago by five local parents and their main aim had been to improve the childrens' play area. Some equip over 30 years old and was on grass, making it difficult to access and unusable for buggies in the winter. He summarised the work and plans of the group:
- Christmas tree trail – this had been a fun community activity and had raised over £900;
 - Proposed zip wire for the park - this had been approved and was waiting for Lottery funding;
 - Big Idea funding - £5,000 had been awarded by the Local Area Committee that would be used to fund a topographical survey on the playground, to be carried out by the Capital Delivery Service at Sheffield City Council; and
 - The group continued to be active and seek funding for improvements to the park.
- 8.12 Councillor Hooper thanked the Friends of Grenoside Park for their efforts and achievements.
- 8.13 Khalid Hizam, Youth Voice and Influence Worker, was in attendance to outline the role of the Community Youth Services team in making sure voices were heard from young people across the city. He explained that the team included four services:
- Information, Advice and Guidance Service – providing careers advice
 - Universal Youth Services – providing youth services across wards
 - Youth Voice and Influence Service – consultation with young people to hear their views
 - Prevention Service – support for those at risk of getting involved in crime

He added that the teams were able to offer advice and support and provide links

to other groups.

- 8.14 Councillor Hooper thanked those present for attending, and welcomed comments on the future format of North Local Area Committee public meetings.

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SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

North Local Area Committee

Meeting held 15 May 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Penny Baker, Craig Gamble Pugh, Julie Grocutt, Alan Hooper, Mike Levery, Robert Reiss, Janet Ridler, William Sapwell, Ann Whitaker, Mark Whittaker, Richard Williams and Alan Woodcock

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

2.1 On the motion of Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Mike Levery, and following a vote, conducted by a show of hands, it was:-

2.2 RESOLVED: That Councillor Alan Hooper be appointed Chair and Councillor Ann Whitaker be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2024-25.

3. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the meetings of the Committee be held at least four times per year, on dates and times to be determined by the Chair, in accordance with the schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2024-25, approved at the annual meeting of the Council.

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Agenda Item 10



Author/Lead Officer of Report: Dave Luck
North LAC Community Services Manager
Tel: 07795637875

Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: North Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: September 10th 2024
Subject: North LAC Budget 2024-25

Has appropriate consultation been undertaken? Yes No

Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken? Yes No

If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? 2736

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the report and/or appendices and complete below:-

*“The (**report/appendix**) is not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph (**insert relevant paragraph number**) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).”*

Purpose of Report:

Each Local Area Committee has a budget to address local priorities. This report describes the proposed approach to funding allocated to the LAC for 2024/25 and reports on delegated spending decisions.

Recommendations:

That the North Local Area Committee:

- Agrees the recommendations set out for use of the 2024/25 budget
- Notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North LAC as detailed in the report.
- Authorises the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair, to finalise the eligibility criteria and make decisions, following engagement with the relevant Ward Members, on the award of the grant funds proposed of up to £5,000.

Background Papers:

Lead Officer to complete:-	
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.
	Finance: Adrian Hart
	Legal: Andrea Simpson
	Equalities: Louise Nunn
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	Head of Service who approved submission: Jason Siddall
3	LAC Chair consulted: Cllr Alan Hooper
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the Head of Service indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.
	Lead Officer Name: Dave Luck
	Job Title: North LAC Community Services Manager
Date: 10 September 2024	

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Local Area Committees (LACs) were established by Full Council in May 2021. Their Terms of Reference are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution and include:

- To agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review; and
- To make decisions relating to funding as delegated from time to time by the Council to fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

An updated Community Plan was agreed at the September 2023 North LAC meeting.

1.1.2 To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues, in September 2021 the LAC granted delegated authority to the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure from any budgets allocated to the Local Area Committee provided that:

- The decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair
- Spending is in line with any specific purposes of the allocated budget
- The decision may not approve expenditure of more than £5,000 per item.
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

1.1.3 Funding delegated by the Council to LACs in 2024/25 amounts to £100,000 per LAC (£25,000 per ward). Following consultation with North LAC Members it is proposed that this budget should be treated a whole North LAC budget of £100,000 to address issues identified in the North Community Plan.

1.1.4 The following areas of expenditure are proposed from the £100,000 budget:

- a) A £50,000 Great North grant budget for applications of up to £5000.
Applicants will be invited to complete an application form setting out the benefits their proposed project would provide in meeting one of the North LAC Community Plan priorities of:
 - Improving local transport through practical Highways improvements and promoting better public transport

- Improving community safety
 - Improving community life
- b) A £25,000 NextGen North grant budget for applications of up to £5000 for projects working with children and young people in the North of Sheffield. This will involve £15,000 of the LAC budget and a further £10,000 provided by Youth Services

An application process for these funds will be developed by the LAC Manager in consultation with the LAC Chair. The intention is for applicants to complete an initial form and for eligible applicants to then present their project to a panel of Councillors. Where possible, young people's representatives for the North will be involved in the design and consideration of the NextGen fund.

Detailed eligibility will be developed for both funds with support from the Voluntary Sector Liaison Team but core criteria will include:

- Activity must take place in the North LAC area.
- The need for a clear evidence base for proposed activity
- Applicants with no track record of delivery in the North of the city will need to demonstrate a sound approach to how they develop a project in the North of the city.
- Applicants will need to demonstrate that existing funds are not already in place for the activity they are applying for.
- The fund will be open to not for profit organisations with a bank account in the organisation's name and at least two signatories who are not related.

It is proposed that the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair, is authorised to finalise the eligibility criteria and make decisions on expenditure relating to the grant applications received as set out above, taking into account the views of the Councillor panel in respect of applications for the NextGen fund. Bids will be assessed by the LAC team and agreed. Applications will be shared with the relevant Ward Members for comment in advance of decisions being taken. Expenditure being reported to the next meeting of the LAC.

Should the fund have unallocated funds at the end of the calendar year, remaining funds will be reallocated to other projects that address priorities within the North LAC Community Plan.

- c) A £10,000 fund to support food poverty initiatives in the North. The LAC manager will develop a pro forma for existing initiatives to set out needs for 2024/25 with funds of up to £3000 allocated by the LAC Manager in consultation with the LAC Chair

- d) A £5000 operations budget for ongoing, practical LAC expenditure.

Together the proposed sums would total spend of £80,000 of the LAC budget.

- 1.1.5 As was the case for the grant funds established under the 2023/24 LAC budget, it is proposed that authority be delegated to the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair, to finalise the eligibility criteria and make decisions, following engagement with the relevant Ward Members, on the award of the above grant funds proposed of up to £5,000 per application.

1.2 Spend to report

- 1.2.1 The items to note agreed under delegated powers since the last meeting are:

2023/24 LAC budget

Item	Cost	Date chair consulted
Food Bank support – payments of £500 to the following North providers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stannington Food Bank • Stocksbridge Food Bank • St Pauls Food Bank, Parson Cross • St Saviours Food Bank, High Green • High Green Campus Food Bank • Chapelgreen Community Fridge 	£3000	13/3
Advice provision at Stocksbridge Food Bank	£1250	13/3
Benches for Fox Glen Park	£1081	6/3
Ecclesfield Park bandstand handrail	£670	6/3
Install costs for Stocksbridge noticeboards	£184	6/3

1.2.4 Funds from the 2024/25 LAC budget spent under delegated powers in are:

- Stocksbridge Mocam move £500 (agreed 5/3 but delivered in 24/25)
- Additional Bradfield Parish Council CCTV costs £1202 (agreed 22/5)

These sums in addition to the £80,000 set out above would lead to a total allocated spend of £81,702 and a balance of £18,298.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

2.1 This decision directly contributes to the following outcomes in 'Together we Get Things Done, the Sheffield City Council Plan 2024 - 2028:

- Great neighbourhoods that people are happy to call home – LACs work with communities to improve the places and spaces that make neighbourhoods great places to live and be active
- People live in caring, engaged communities that value diversity and support their wellbeing – LACs work with communities to build engagement into the way we work so that we listen better and work together to find shared solutions

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

3.1 The Community Plan has been developed through community consultation that has comprised of an online survey through the Council's Citizenspace platform; a paper-based survey for those less digitally enabled; engagement activity with representative organisations and in-person meetings.

Partner organisations and Council departments that have been identified as offering potential solutions to some of the issues identified have also been consulted, to establish whether suggestions can be realistically implemented.

Further online and in person consultation took place in summer 2023 in order to give Members information to agree the new community plan that was agreed at the September 26th 2023 meeting.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

4.1.1 Decisions need to consider the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

This is the duty to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

4.1.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA 2736) has been developed to reflect the ongoing allocation of the LAC's budget, assessing the range of groups of people and interests likely to be impacted in equality terms. This has identified positive impacts associated with the protected characteristics of age, disability, pregnancy and maternity, religion or belief; and other areas of inequality associated with health, poverty and financial inclusion, and social cohesion.

The overall impact of this decision is likely to be positive and not disproportionate from an equality, diversity and inclusion perspective. In developing a Community Plan, local communities have been given the opportunity for a greater say in local decision making for services which impact their daily lives.

4.1.3 The devolution of responsibilities will improve inclusion for local people and the work of the Sheffield Equality Partnership will support and enhance the approach from a citywide and underserved communities' perspective.

However, in order to ensure this approach takes into account people who share protected characteristics under the Public Sector Duties the Local Area Committee Community Plan will be supported by appropriate equality monitoring of budget.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

4.2.1 This report concerns expenditure of the LAC's allocated budgets in 2024/25 of £100,000 (£25,000 per ward).

Procurement of supplies and/or services and the award of grant aid will be carried out in line with the Council's Contracts Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

4.3 Legal Implications

4.3.1 The LAC must operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference, approved as part of the Council's updated Constitution, (namely pursuant

to Part 3 para 3.3,) reflecting the committee system of governance, by Full Council at its Annual Meeting on 18th May 2022. In accordance with the provisions of section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Constitution provides that a Committee may delegate to a Council Officer.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The LAC could choose not to allocate budgets at this stage but this would delay local projects and facilities for local communities.

Decisions on grant awards could be reserved to the LAC but this would inevitably delay delivery of priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Community Plan.

All decisions on expenditure to support Community Plan priorities could be delegated to officers. However, this would restrict and undermine the LAC's ability to monitor its delegated budget and delivery of the Community Plan.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The North LAC is asked to note the use of funding under delegated authority and agree the further expenditure outlined in the report to address the identified local priorities within the North LAC Community Plan.