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# South West LAC Community Plan 23/24 Proposed Plan & Spend Summary September 2023

Crookes & Crosspool   Dore & Totley   Ecclesall   Fulwood

# Community Plan 23/24

Our engagement includes conversations with individuals, voluntary, community and faith sector groups and organisations and businesses. The survey was primarily completed online. However, paper versions were also circulated in post offices, local shops and libraries.

The survey was distributed through a range of channels to increase accessibility:

- QR coded posters in locations around the wards
- direct contact with established lists of individuals and community organisations and businesses
- face-to-face consulting residents in the community
- the findings of engagement sessions at public meetings also feed in.

We will continue to try and reach wider engagement, particularly from those who are underrepresented. We will continually review the community plan priorities and actions to ensure these reflect what people tell us are important to them and would benefit them as resident of the South West Area.

The draft refreshed Community Plan proposal was developed with the understanding of some of the challenges faced in establishing a new way of working. The learning from the past year has informed how we set goals for this financial year, so they are realistic and deliverable within timescales and resource requirements and financial parameters, up to the end of the financial year 23/24.

We realise that further actions/projects will likely be included from engagement sessions held, such as the Youth Voice and this will be brought to the November '23 public meeting for reporting.

# Finance Profile £100K Budget- Proposal for 23/24

<b>Transport and Highways</b>		
Community Speed Watch	£250	Speed Gun Calibration
Schools Good Parking / Bad Parking initiative	£400	£100 book vouchers for each school taking part
<b>Local Environment</b>		
Improve Recycling opportunities	£2,000	Community hosted recycling boxes
Allocation of funding to support Environment Groups activities in the area	£10,000	Including Friends of Groups, Community Environmental Groups such as Litter Pickers
Promoting Biodiversity	£7,000	Support SYWT ecology and biodiversity activity in the area £5,000 Seeds for community led wild flowering £2,000
Improve Play Equipment	£25,000	Enable improvements across a number of sites
<b>Community and Neighbourhoods</b>		
SW Area Volunteering Event	£1,000	Volunteering Event at Tapton Hall
Tackling Isolation and loneliness	£12,000	Funding across the area to support activities delivered by groups and organisations
Youth Conference Day	£2,000	Hosting a Youth Conference Day in Council Chambers
Support Community Events and Festivals	£4,000	Allocation of funding to support existing or new events and festivals in the area
Unpaid Carers Inaugural Lunch Club	£2,000	Allocation of funding for an unpaid carers inaugural lunch club in every ward
<b>Ward Funds</b>		
Allocation of funding for each Ward to deliver local projects in line with the Community Plan Priorities	£34,350	Funding for each Ward to allocate to local projects (£8,587 per ward)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£100,000</b>

## Finance Profile of CoL £26,697 Budget- Proposal for 23/24

Cost of Living Budget		
CAB funding	£13,348	To increase call capacity on freephone advice line.
Funding to support cost of living	£13,348	Funding to support cost of living activities delivered by groups and organisations.
		<b>TOTAL £26,697</b>



# Transport & Highways

## What you said:

- Make cycling safer through improved cycle lanes and facilities for cyclists.
- Improve public transport and make better links to the hospitals and city centre.
- Share information on the evaluation of the Active Travel Neighbourhood Schemes.
- Encourage walking by making roads safer and improving pedestrian crossings.
- Install on-street Electric Vehicle Charge Points.
- Reduce speeding and calm the traffic in the area.





# Our Priorities

## Priority 1: Improve road safety

- Cont. to monitor Vehicle Activated Speed Signs in each ward.
- Cont. to work with Parking Services to tackle any hot spot areas of concern.
- Cont. to support SW Community Speed Watch Group to establish.
- Work with schools and SYP to deliver classroom based good parking/bad parking activities.
- Invest in inspection of 60 existing legacy Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in the area. To assess current condition and determine repairs required.

## Priority 2: Improve active travel

- Delivery of identified schemes to enhance pedestrian crossings.
- Cont. with the installation of remaining cycle stands from 22/23.
- Cont. to explore ways to support School Streets where possible.



# Transport & Highways - Plan Proposal for 23/24

## Priority 1: Improve road safety

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
<b>Improve Road Safety: Speeding &amp; Parking</b>	<p>Delivery of local projects and initiatives to help address concerns with road safety, speeding and parking</p>	<p>Unsafe roads due to speeding and inappropriate parking is a concern for residents. In the latest South West Community Plan survey, many people said that speeding and parking are the main things they would change if they could in the area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicle Activated Speed Signs in hotspot areas of each ward.</li> <li>• Establish a volunteer Community Speed Watch Group for the area                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>£250 budget</u> (speed gun calibration)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Roll out classroom-based school initiatives on Good Parking / Bad Parking. 1 session per ward.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>£400 budget</u> (book vouchers)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TRO for one set of double yellow lines in each ward.</li> </ul>

## Priority 2: Improve active travel

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
<b>Improve Active Travel</b>	<p>Delivery of practical Highways improvements and initiatives to enhance active travel in the area</p>	<p>Continuing to support Active Travel in the area by improving the facilities for cycling and pedestrian access. Schools traffic and parking issues has been fed back to us as a concern in the latest SW LAC survey, and we want to ensure that activity around school streets work is supported where possible by the LAC.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of schemes to enhance identified pedestrian crossings, work is already underway to identify projects.</li> <li>• Installation of remaining cycle stands.</li> <li>• Support School Streets where possible.</li> </ul>



# Local Environment

## What you said:

- Promote responsible dog ownership to reduce dog fouling.
- Increase recycling education and opportunities to dispose of hard to recycle items in the community.
- Support and raise awareness of local environmental focussed groups and organisations working in the area.
- Help improve the street scene by tackling graffiti, fly tipping, litter, clearing leaves in winter and general road/street scene maintenance.
- Increase biodiversity and protect green spaces and wildlife habitats.
- Install more bins where they are needed and help with bulky waste items.
- Improve air quality through education on air pollution levels in the area.
- Improve the play facilities and equipment in parks and green and open spaces.
- Plant more Street Trees.







# Our Priorities

## Priority 1: Clean and attractive local environment

- Cont. work to deliver on projects and spot clean ups that improve fly tipping and graffiti hot spots in the area.
- Cont. to promote responsible dog ownership by displaying targeted communication campaigns against dog fouling.
- Provide information on how to report street maintenance and issues.

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New

## Priority 2: Increase & promote recycling

New

- Provide more information on recycling points in the area and city.

New

- Increase opportunities for hard to recycle items to be disposed of through community hosted collection point boxes.

New

- Work to increase the number of bring sites in the area through providing a mechanism for residents to suggest new locations.

New

- Explore the feasibility of a 'bulky items' waste day and food waste initiative.



# Our Priorities

## Priority 3: Support environment groups

New

- Provide grant funding to support new and existing groups that work in the area to improve the local environment, contributing to create a cleaner, greener area.

## Priority 4: Improve equipment in parks & spaces

New

- Invest to improve play equipment for all ages across sites in the area and scope how to increase investment via partner budgets.

## Priority 5: Increase biodiversity & protect wildlife

New

- Support South Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in the ecology and biodiversity activity they deliver in the area.

New

- Support community wild flowering activity in the area.

# Local Environment – Plan Proposal for 23/24

## Priority 1: Clean and attractive environment

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
Reduce Dog Fouling	Continue to display Keep Britain Tidy communication campaign in identified hotspot areas that dog waste left. This is a public health hazard.	Dog Fouling is a health hazard and has been raised as a concern across the LAC area by residents. Last year we worked with Keep Britain Tidy on a communication campaign based on behavioural change principles. This has been received well by members of the community in the sites we have displayed the signs and banners in and the feedback we have had is that it has made an impact. We will continue to provide this campaign display in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to respond by displaying banners and signs in areas where there are dog fouling issues.</li> </ul>
Improve Fly Tipping & Graffiti hotspot areas	Delivery of specific projects to address fly tipping and graffiti concerns in the area	Fly Tipping and Graffiti Fund to be used to deliver projects that target hotspot fly tipping areas through preventative measures such as fencing. To reduce also the level of graffiti in the area and create a cleaner more attractive environment. Residents have reported concerns about specific local graffiti spots.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fencing of hot spot areas affected by fly tipping at Sheephill Rd and Clough Lane, to curtail dumping in the waterways and woodland.</li> <li>Improved 'Bring Site' with increased facilities, improved signage and less waste fly tipped at Old Fulwood Rd.</li> <li>Identify local hotspot graffiti areas and take action to improve by clearing and other preventative measures.</li> <li>Scope the development of a street art project.</li> </ul>

# Local Environment – Plan Proposal for 23/24

## Priority 2: Promote and increase recycling

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
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Improve Recycling opportunities

Provide more information on recycling in the city and increase opportunities for hard to recycle items to be disposed of

Recycling and sustainability are key priorities of the LAC, and Council as a whole. ‘Local Environment’ ranked third on the LAC Community Survey with residents calling for an increase to ‘what can be recycled’ and for the LAC to consider providing ‘community recycling opportunities’

- Provide community hosted collection point boxes for hard to recycle items –
  - £2,000 budget
- Provide better information on what can be recycled and where in the area.
- Provide a mechanism for residents to suggest locations for additional Bring Sites in the area.

## Priority 3: Support environment groups

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
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Support Community Environment Groups

Provide grant funding to support new and existing volunteering groups that are working to improve the local environment and contributing towards creating a cleaner and greener area.

When we asked in the survey about the people and groups that are doing good things in the area, Litter Pickers and environmental groups such as FOGs were mentioned often. There is a call to support and help raise the profile of the fantastic groups that work voluntarily to help improve the local area.

- Launch grants to support new and existing environmental groups in the area including FOGs, environmental groups, community-based recycling groups and litter pickers.
  - £10,000 budget.



# Local Environment – Plan Proposal for 23/24

## Priority 4: Improve equipment in parks and open spaces

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
Improve Play Equipment	Improvements to play equipment across a number of sites in the SW. Explore and scope whether we can increase via partner budgets.	Invest to improve equipment in Parks and Open spaces for all ages has been called for in the SW LAC survey and through talking to residents and groups. Improved play facilities for families and young people contribute to the health and well-being of communities and neighbourhoods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play equipment budget to enable improvements across a number of sites in the area.</li> <li>➤ <u>£25,000 budget.</u></li> </ul>

## Priority 5: Increase biodiversity & protect wildlife

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
Increase Biodiversity and Wildlife	Support the increase in biodiversity within the area through initiatives such as wildflowering.	Local environment was ranked a high priority in the LAC Community Survey. There is a call for planting for more biodiversity and providing seeding for free. This supports LAC and Council ambitions to increase biodiversity and address the nature emergency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the biodiversity activity that Sheffield Wildlife Trust deliver in the area.</li> <li>➤ <u>£5,000 budget.</u></li> <li>• Scope the purchase of seeds for community-led wildflower planting initiatives in each Ward.</li> <li>➤ <u>£2000 budget</u></li> </ul>



# Community & Neighbourhoods

## What you said:



- More activities are required for young people and children, including better play equipment.
- More activities and events to reduce isolation and loneliness.
- Increase activities for the elderly to take part in.
- Support people that are struggling due to the cost-of-living crisis.
- Support unpaid carers in the area.
- Increase in community action and volunteering.
- More visible policing, information and awareness of community safety activity and crime prevention in the area.



# Our Priorities

## Priority 1: Support local businesses

- New** • Scope what opportunities there are for the SW LAC to support local businesses.

## Priority 2: Help and support residents in need

- New** • Provide grant funding for organisations to bid for, to deliver cost-of-living or warm space activities across the ward.
- New** • Provide grant funding for organisations to bid for, to deliver activities in local neighbourhoods that tackle isolation and loneliness.

## Priority 3: Encourage community involvement

- New** • Deliver SW Area Volunteer Day event in October '23.
- New** • Organise an unpaid-carers inaugural lunch club in every ward.
- New** • Support existing and new community events in the area.



# Our Priorities

## Priority 4: Increase youth provision in the area

- Cont. to work with the Youth Service to increase youth provision sessions and youth outreach work in the area.

## Priority 5: Encourage wider participation and reach of the LAC

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New

- Increase youth participation by holding a Public Meeting Youth Voice engagement session and a Youth Conference Day in Council Chambers.

New

- Work alongside partners to increase the reach of people involved and engaged with the LAC.

New

- Improve the communication and branding of LAC activity and information.

## Priority 6: Community safety

- Cont. to work together with SYP and safer neighbourhood partnerships to ensure crime and ASB is kept at a low level.
- Cont. to tackle anti-social behaviour together with prompt intervention and preventative solutions.

New

- Support neighbourhood watch groups in the area.

New

- Reduce crime against students.



# Community & Neighbourhoods – Plan Proposal for 23/24

## Priority 1: Support local businesses

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
Support Local Businesses	Scope specific support the LAC can provide to local businesses in the area.	Local business and supporting local independents was called for in the recent South West LAC survey. Continuing to support local businesses, business forums and networks across the area, working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define what opportunities there are for the SW LAC to support local businesses and deliver on those.</li> </ul>

## Priority 2: Help and support residents in need

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	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
Support people through the cost-of-living crisis	Provide grant funding for organisations to bid for, to deliver cost-of-living or warm space activities across the ward.	This is to support those residents in need due to the cost-of-living crisis. A number of residents have said that there is a need for support and to ensure that those that struggle with the cost of livings can access local amenities. We can continue to support some of the Cost-of-Living activities funded last year through the LAC grants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost of Living Grants                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>£13,348 budget (COL budget)</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>CAB funding to widen support they offer in the city                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>£13,348 budget (COL budget)</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Support people facing Isolation & Loneliness	Provide grant funds for organisations and groups to deliver activities in local neighbourhoods that tackle Isolation and Loneliness.	Isolation and loneliness is an issue that many residents face. The feedback we received in the recent SW LAC survey shows that more events and activities particularly for the older generations would be welcomed. Continuing our work to support the People Keeping Well Network and Age UK.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolation Loneliness Grants                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>£12,000</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>Promote and share information of existing events and activities taking place in the area.</li> </ul>

# Community & Neighbourhoods – Plan Proposal for 23/24

## Priority 3: Encourage community involvement

		What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
Page 18	Increase Awareness of local Volunteering Opportunities	Improve information to promote and increase awareness of volunteering opportunities in the area.	Feedback received in SW LAC public meetings and also from responses in the recent LAC survey, show that residents would like to know more about volunteering opportunities in the area and how to get involved. Similarly, through conversations with partners and voluntary organisations in our PKW Network we know that there is a struggle to find volunteers currently. We are looking for ways to fulfil both sides of the ask and serves to increase community involvement and builds upon the notion that we are a helpful neighbourly area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jointly plan and deliver a SW volunteer event with VAS and Age UK. 8th October at Tapton Hall. This is an integrational event, being supported by a local school.</li> </ul> <p>➤ <u>£1,000 Budget</u></p>
	Support Community Events	Support Events and Festivals and Information events for each ward.	The LAC Community Survey feedback suggests a number of community events and activities that could be supported though the LAC, from local history group events to inclusive outdoor neighbourhood events. To bring people of all ages to mix and encourage community involvement. This is also an opportunity to hold community information events in each ward.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with community organisations, groups and residents to support existing community events in the area and help support to set up new events.</li> </ul> <p>➤ <u>£4,000 budget</u></p>
	Support Unpaid Carers	Organise an inaugural lunch club for unpaid carers in each ward.	The LAC Community Survey response suggested organising a lunch club for carers. In consultation with carers and key groups, organise an inaugural lunch club for unpaid carers. To be hosted in each ward, to recognise unpaid carers and look to establish a more regular network of support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carers Inaugural Lunch Club in every Ward</li> </ul> <p>➤ <u>£2,000</u></p>

# Community & Neighbourhoods – Plan Proposal for 23/24

## Priority 4: Increase youth provision in the area

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
<b>Increase Youth Provision</b>	Work together with the Youth Service to increase the Youth provision across the area.	Working together with the Youth Service, increasing the youth work and youth outreach support to fill a much-needed gap in the area.	Ensure the Youth offer is established for every ward that is free and open access, and that sessions reflect the needs and aspirations of young residents in the wards.

## Priority 5: Encourage wider participation and reach of the LAC

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
<b>Increase Youth Participation in the LAC</b>	Organise a Youth Conference Day in Chambers. Bring local school students into the Town Hall Chamber and deliver a workshop style debate based on the priority themes for the SW LAC to encourage youth political participation.	In support of youth participation and actively involving young people in decision making processes of the LAC, listening to their thoughts and suggestions and continue to value them as leaders within their communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Conference Day in Chambers (est. January '24)</li> <li>➤ <u>£2,000</u></li> </ul>
<b>Encourage Wider Engagement</b>	Develop ways to encourage a wider reach of people involved with the LAC. Work alongside partners to increase our reach together.	LAC's are all about hearing the voices of our diverse communities and we want to make sure that we develop the community plan with all our residents' input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold LAC drop in engagement / information days jointly with services such as SYP on crime prevention, Cost of living with Cost-of-Living support hub team etc.</li> <li>Keep the survey open and keep capturing the voice of residents, to consider proposals/ actions/projects for the Community Plan as required.</li> <li>Working in partnership with organisations in cross cutting consultation.</li> <li>Improve communication and promotion of LAC activity.</li> </ul>

# Community & Neighbourhoods – Plan Proposal for 23/24

## Priority 6: Community safety

	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do
Increase Youth Provision	Work together with SYP and safer neighbourhood partnerships to ensure crime and ASB is kept at a low level.	Community safety is important to residents, we received feedback in our survey that shows that crime is a concern and tackling ASB should be a priority. A request for crime advice information and presence from the police to help increase that visibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work together with SYP and Safer Neighbourhood teams, to ensure crime and ASB is kept at a low level.</li> <li>• Tackle anti-social behaviour together with prompt intervention and preventative solutions.</li> <li>• Support neighbourhood watch groups in the area.</li> <li>• Reduce crime against students.</li> </ul>



# Items in the pipeline for future consideration

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	What we plan to achieve	Why is this important	What we plan to do	
Page 21	Air Quality	Scope how we can improve information on air quality in the area and any educational activities for the community to raise awareness.	It was raised in the community survey plan that a way of monitoring pollution in the area and how making the community aware may deter idling engines and car usage in specific zones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand from the Air Quality team what information is available on pollution in areas of the city and scope any opportunity to make the information available for residents.</li> </ul>
	Trees for Streets	Explore how we can support local residents wishing to sponsor new street trees on roads or pavements under the Trees for Streets partnership.	Local environment was ranked a high priority in the LAC Community Survey. Supporting Sheffield Street Tree Partnership to plant more trees in local streets, parks and green spaces. This helps reduce air pollution, absorb carbon, improve mental and physical wellbeing for residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand how we can support the Trees for Streets initiative for residents that are interested in sponsoring trees.</li> </ul>
	Inspect the legacy SIDS in the area	There are 60 SIDS installed in the area, not currently under maintenance. Ordering an inspection on the repairs required would enable decisions on funding or removal of specific units to take place,	Unsafe roads due to speeding and inappropriate parking is a concern for residents. In the latest South West Community Plan survey, many people said that speeding and parking are the main things they would change if they could in the area.	Funding to carry out the inspection of 60 legacy SIDS in the area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>The cost would be £9,000 for full inspection on all units</u></li> </ul>

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