

Agenda Item 11

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Central Local Area Committee

Meeting held 14 March 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Holmshaw (Chair), Angela Argenzio, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Tom Hunt, Douglas Johnson, Toby Mallinson, Laura McClean, Henry Nottage and Martin Phipps

Approximately 17 members of the public were in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Maleiki Haybe, Bernard Little and Ruth Mersereau.

2. EXCLUSION 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.

3.2 At this stage of the meeting, Councillor Angela Argenzio raised concerns in regard to the time of the meeting with it being Ramadan and the impact this had on Members, Officers and members of the public attending meetings. The Chair (Councillor Brian Holmshaw) agreed that this should be looked at and avoided for future meetings.

4. CENTRAL LAC SPEND REPORT

4.1 The Committee considered a report of the Community Services Manager that advised each Local Area Committee had a £100,000 budget to address local priorities, identified within their respective Community Plans. The report set out details of the spend in respect of the £100,000 that had been authorised by the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair and in accordance with the delegation granted in September 2021.

4.2 The report showed funding allocated to the Central Local Area Committee for 2023/24, and set out proposals for its allocation and expenditure in line with the Central Local Area Committee Community Plan.

4.3 The report described the proposals for the use of the remaining funding allocated for cost of living work in the Central area. Councillor Martin Phipps added that the remaining £4,698 will be committed to support Cost of Living projects at St. Marys Church.

4.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Central Local Area Committee:

- (1) notes the expenditure against the 2023/24 £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the Central LAC Community Plan as detailed in the report.; and
- (2) notes the expenditure against the £31,852 Central LAC Cost of Living fundas detailed in the report.

4.5 **Reasons for Decision**

The use of the funding described in this report is in line with the LAC decisions of October and November 2023 regarding expenditure of its 2023/24 budgets and helps to address identified local priorities.

4.6 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

Decisions on any expenditure above the existing authority to the Community Services Manager 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.

4.7 Councillor Angela Argenzio thanked all the LAC Officers for their hard work throughout the year and presenting this information to the Committee.

5. SPORTS AND LEISURE PRESENTATION (10 MINUTES)

- 5.1 The Committee received a presentation from Kathryn Mudge and Stuart Turner relating to Sports and Leisure. The presentation would be uploaded to the Council's meeting webpages, but a summary of the presentation was as follows:
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- 5.2 Kathryn Mudge explained she was a Service Manager within the Physical-Activity, Sports and Leisure Service at Sheffield City Council. She explained that their ambition was to have facilities, activities and services which were modern, welcoming, inclusive and met the needs of everyone in Sheffield, encouraging more people to be more active, more often.
- 5.3 Kathryn Mudge explained there were two strategies that Sheffield had adopted, Sheffield City Council's Sports & Leisure Strategy 2023-2033 and a five-year physical strategy for Sheffield by Move More.
- 5.4 Kathryn Mudge stated that the Underpinning Principles were:

- Community Involvement & Engagement
- Carbon Net Zero
- Covid Recovery
- Tackling Inequalities
- Collaboration
- Inclusivity
- Building on what is strong

- 5.5 It was stated that the Council will invest its available resources in high quality indoor and outdoor sport and leisure facilities, prioritising access for those with the least resources and reflecting the desire to minimise any impact on the environment.
- 5.6 Kathryn Mudge mentioned that as part of the strategy, the Council will ensure that major sporting events attracted investment and delivered social and economic benefits to Sheffield and the Council will focus on enabling local, enjoyable and accessible opportunities for everyone to be active in their own neighbourhood.
- 5.7 It was mentioned that the Council will work in partnership to enable positive experiences of physical activity for children and young people. This will support their physical health, mental wellbeing, personal and educational development.
- 5.8 Stuart Turner informed attendees that he worked within the Parks and Countryside Service at Sheffield City Council. He highlighted the sites within the Central LAC area which had received recent investment, and some areas which would be invested in as part of the strategy.
- 5.9 Kathryn Mudge explained there were a Sheffield Physical Activity Referral programme under review which should be launched in September 2024. This was where GPs could refer people who were encouraged to exercise more.

6. PRESENTATION FROM SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY PROGRAMME (10 MINUTES)

- 6.1 The Committee received a presentation from Ben Winter relating to Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme. The presentation would be uploaded to the Council's meeting webpages, but a summary of the presentation was as follows:
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- 6.2 Ben Winter mentioned that he was the Deputy Head of Community at the Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme which was a registered charity. He said their goal was to work not only work in this area but to go city wide.
- 6.3 Ben Winter mentioned that following the pandemic, the Community Programme had re-thought their vision and were thinking of new ways to bring communities together. There five key values were as follows:

1. **Passionate** belief in the principles of our practice.

2. **Commitment** to provide quality provision and services.
3. Overcoming challenges with strength and **resilience**.
4. **Learning** is at the core of all of our delivery.
5. Champion equality and recognise the value of **Integration**.

6.4 As part of the Community Programme, they were four themes. These were:

1. Participation
2. Youth & Integration
3. Education & Employability
4. Health

Ben Winter outlined some of the activities that the Community Programme carried as part of each theme.

6.5 Ben Winter explained that the Community Programme was a team made up of approximately 80 people who were all passionate to work in the community.

6.6 The Chair (Councillor Brian Holmshaw) thanked Ben Winter for the presentation and was pleased to hear how many activities the programme covered.

7. BREAKOUT SESSION (45 MINUTES)

7.1 The Committee went into a breakout session, during which the members of the public in attendance were given the opportunity to share their ideas on the following themes:

- Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme / Disability Programme.
- Tennis Opportunities in Sheffield
- Sports / Leisure / Active Travel

8. FEEDBACK FROM EACH GROUP

8.1 Following the breakout session, one person from each group was asked to feedback their groups thoughts. A summary of the feedback presented was as follows:

8.2 Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme / Disability Programme

- Good to see how inclusive the programme was.
- Discussed how to make disability provisions more accessible.
- Talked about how physical activity can be for everyone.
- Discussed how bad behaviour such as racism could be deterring people from attending Football matches.
- Talked about how the Community Programme could better advertise some of the activities they carried out.
- How Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United Community Programmes could work together.

Tennis Opportunities in Sheffield

5. Engage with the Eagles Foundation.

6. Needed better provision for disabled people although good to hear about the other disability provisions taking place.

Sports / Leisure / Active Travel

- Discussed how some sports such as Badminton and Table Tennis had declined over the recent years and how to encourage young people to take part in these sports.
- The increase in costs for playing some sports at certain venues.
- The impact of the pandemic on people taking part in activities.
- Did believe Sheffield was an active City so needed to celebrate this more.

The Chair explained that all the notes captured as part of the breakout session would be sent to the Central LAC team.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

9.1 The Committee received the following question from a Member of the public in attendance at the meeting.

9.2 Eamonn Ward

There is a planning application for an Aldi led development opposite Sheffield Wednesday on Penistone Road and they don't want to accommodate the requirements of the Upper Don Trail Active Travel route.

Can the council do more to force developers to meet these requirements along the whole route from the city centre to Stocksbridge?

The Chair explained that a written response will be provided by the Planning & Highways Committee.

Councillor Toby Mallinson added that was a contentious issue and was still open, so if people wanted to make a representation, then he encouraged people to do so.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

10.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 November 2023, were approved as a correct record.

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