

## Business, Employment and Skills –NOTES

**What do you think are the top 3 key priorities that the Central LAC needs to address based on our discussions for this theme?**

**Getting the full picture.** Local business owners weren't contacted in the survey, just asked residents and shoppers for their opinions. To get the full picture, we should look at engaging with business owners.

**Skills for businesses.**

- Provide opportunity for smaller businesses to develop their social media skills, including sole traders.
- Develop a priority list of skill gaps, from surveys etc, so we know what the greatest needs are and provide targeted solutions, potentially working with training providers. Examples include finance skills, communication skills, digital skills, as well as technical skills.
- Developing jobs for the future, such as roles in the green sector, is important. It's right that we're trying to develop skills locally, and then attempt to retain those skills in the local areas. There may be an opportunity to liaise with guilds and trade groups within these sectors to identify the best way to do this.

**Awareness & Promotion.** People aren't always aware of what's going on, job fairs for e.g. We need to ensure activities, events and opportunities are promoted as much as possible. Most things are advertised online but need to look at whether this reaches everyone and if there's a better way of promoting.

### 1. Any other comments / views

Doesn't seem to be a theme for the three main shopping areas within the LAC. Not promoted as retail, leisure focussed etc. This could help raise awareness and develop businesses across the area.

There's a feeling that there isn't really a business community, business owners don't really come together. Reaching out to businesses to listen to their needs and concerns could help develop this.

Speaking to people within the LAC area, they want their highstreets back. Hillsborough, Walkley, Middlewood Road are strong areas. We need to understand how we can support local businesses, as well as larger retailers.

How can we develop a higher level of skill in local areas? Opportunity to work with the Universities to support upskilling. Not just develop skills in the usual zones (near to motorway for eg).

People have moved more to shopping online, so not likely that large retailers such as John Lewis will return. People value small local retails more.

Job fair events, with DWP, held across city. For Central LAC, local is St Marys in February.

Currently looking at how we can upskill people for jobs in the future. Climate change related jobs, retrofitting buildings for eg. What would people like to see?

Employability is important. 'Business Sheffield', 'Opportunity Sheffield' are useful tools/services to promote this.

SCC website does have lots of info sharing what's going on, but not everyone knows about it.

'Opportunity Sheffield' has a role in employer engagement. Speaking to business to see how they can support developing their staff. Includes digital skills.

We have a good retention of graduates living within the Central LAC, but they often ultimately move away as limited by career progression.

We need to look at how we can provide a stronger career support. This also includes developing and promoting local communities to provide more links to stay in an area. Support for people to start businesses, incentives to takeover empty shops.

## Communities and Neighbourhoods –NOTES

### 1. What actions would you like to see to address these issues?

Cost of homes for first time buyers is changing social make up of area.

Can we improve relationships with landlords who are buying a lot of properties? There was a scheme to do this previously.

This LAC covers some very different areas. Kelham Island – lots of renters, students, population changes a lot. Need to look for common ground amongst the different communities. Litter, graffiti and fly tipping is something all suffer and it's achievable to make positive change.

Litter picks – could LAC support this. Council does support litter picking groups and this should happen through the LACs. Ward pots can be drawn upon for High Viz jackets, litter pickers and other equipment. Local councillors will be able to tell you how to apply for this.

Netherthorpe litter is a real problem. Requested a bin instead a sign has been put up instead with little affect. Street cleaners are not very common, why are the streets not cleaned? It encourages rats. The council does commission an amount of street cleaning but due to cuts the abilities of councils to deliver core services has really been affected. There is a process to get bins installed.

This will be looked at. Please let your councillor know if there are particular areas that need bins. They also need emptying some are there and not emptied regularly enough. Some bins can have monitors to alert when they need emptying. Schedules for emptying need to be right.

Manchester road has a problem with leaves which are dangerously slippery. This used to be properly cleared. There is a leaf picking programme. It is not always possible to get everywhere done but we could consider spending some of our LAC money on this and bins.

Bringing out your rubbish days – to get rid of bulky items. These can cause issues with the amount of rubbish that is left out but could be considered.

Students – how could we be working better with students? There are lots of students but it is not a problem. Reach out to them and seeing if they want to be involved in events in local community. We have included them in litter picks and deliver community newsletter to student houses to make sure they have opportunities to be involved in the local community.

Endcliffe Community Group - about a quarter of houses are students. Have an active campaign to welcome students at start of the year and include them in community events.

University has a role that they are not fulfilling leaving it to the local neighbourhoods. Noise nuisance, parking, litter challenge the neighbourhoods and eventually drive people away. Need to get uni to see these issues and bridge the gap.

In Sharrow or Broomhall GOG (Group of Groups) meets – all groups of any sort meet to share ideas.

Could waste disposal go back in house by the council? There is a long contract for this.

2. How would you like to be involved in the solutions?

Set up a system so that the community knows what groups are on and how people can get involved. There is a Central LAC website space.

When local groups hear about relevant things they can pass info onto other groups. So can make some people head spokespeople for these things. Link up the different groups. LAC could help with this practically. If you feel there is a need within local neighbourhood you could set up a GOG. Could learn from those already set up. LACs could support this.

St. Andrew's Church with large space for orchestras, choirs, large kitchen. Interested in working with groups in local area and would charge according to ability to pay. Would like it to be a positive space in local area that doesn't get sold for flats. Community space can be limited so councillors will be in touch.

3. What do you think are the **top 3** key priorities that the Central LAC needs to address based on our discussions for this theme?

- Litter/bins – difficulties in getting bins, ensuring they are collected, support to litter pickers, need a coordinated effort to get shops and businesses to clear up rubbish that they generate – council could encourage this
- Students – can we engage with uni's to ensure that they are encouraging students to be responsible members of the community
- Community spaces and groups and how we can support them to support their local communities and communicate

4. Any other comments / views

Having the chat on in this public meeting would improve communication.



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## Community Safety and Crime – NOTES

**What do you think are the top 3 key priorities that the Central LAC needs to address based on our discussions for this theme?**

- Homeless people and late-night drug user were pushed out of City into the surrounding areas. The impact of this strategy must be reviewed – think of other areas when making changes on one area.
- Lighting in Ponderosa/green spaces/bushes in an issue. We need clear sight and vision for safety day and night.
- Create a community safety hub to engage with community/remove barriers – police presence not necessarily a solution
- BAME not represented enough in the research/consultation
  - Further consultation in needed with less represented groups.
  - The purpose and benefits of the consultation should be communicated and explained more to those people. This may encourage more engagement
  - The people undertaking the consultation should be relatable and undertake the consultation in a location that is local to those groups of people.
  - Ask them questions about things that are affecting their local area instead of their whole ward. They may engage more then.

1. Any other comments / views

- Where does LACs stand in terms of ward issues?

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## Environment –NOTES

### What actions would you like to see to address these issues?

Broomhill – last summer several of us spoke to officers and councillors regarding pollution, car speed, traffic, crossings along Fulwood and Manchester Road – made worse by private school drop offs and collections. Lots of comms but no action from the LA. Question is when are we going to see some action on this?

Broomhill cleaning - we used to have a council worker who cleaned the Broomhill area – he was regular and part of the community and had pride in his work. That presence was good from a community perspective and good for cleanliness. This has now stopped and is missed – understand this is due to council cuts.

Hillsborough – how will the LACs address the climate and nature emergencies? When we talk about cleaning can we consider clean air? Hillsborough Corner and Malin Bridge have poor air quality. Attendee would be happy to volunteer to help with initiatives. Local food and without pesticides is important. Having a clean healthy environment for people is very important. Social prescriptions are a good idea.

(Parks Representative spoke at this point to talk about initiatives for ecology in Hillsborough Park. Have stopped using glycosphate in parks in grassland and shrubs. There will be a change in how we manage parks – aiming to do things differently.)

Botanical Gardens - supports earlier speakers' thoughts about the environmental issue – need some teeth and action behind the climate and nature emergencies. There is an urgency here. Where are the solar panels on council buildings?

Botanical Gardens - noise pollution – noise from student parties is a real issue. There is a forum with unis and community groups which has been set up but this is very slow – 3 months to get one meeting. Maybe need to look at density of HMOs in some areas.

(Community Services Officer spoke at this point to talk wider about the forum.)

Botanical Gardens – when delivering leaflets there are always rats in the student households in Nether Edge, around the Stalker Leas Road, Cemetery Avenue, Rosedale. Attendee hasn't had any response to query put into council.

Walkley - love parks and green spaces but is concerned about the small pockets of green which are not under council control. Friends of Matlock Green (under Housing) feel that the Green is open to be developed. So many little green pockets which could be at risk. Would like to see a wider use of the local green spaces – maybe include this in the community plan. Would like Matlock Green to be protected without having to go through the lengthy process of applying for village green status. Please assess all these small pockets of green land – find out who owns them and put together policy about preserving these as local green space.

(Cllr Paszek speaks about a successful village green status application and recommends this as probably the best route.)

(Environmental Services Manager explains who he is and asks for more info about the rats in Nether Edge.)

Central – rats in the Solley Street flat areas. Council cleans the area really well but since the pandemic this has not been done as much.

Central - students making ASB at nighttime.

Central - fly tipping – cars and vans into entrance of Edward Street flats. Need CCTV.

Central – traffic is a problem. Some of the roads have been closed – Alma St. Streets closed which means that cars can't get where they want to so traffic jams happen which causes more air pollution and traffic is forced onto other roads.

Sharrowvale - as a member of Sheffield Litter pickers, feel that popular shopping areas such as Sharrowvale should have more council street cleaners.

Sharrowvale – would like the mechanism re planting more trees to be better promoted.

Would like Sheffield recycling to be increased – other LAs allow more types of rubbish to be recycled.

Traffic – would support active travel networks such as the one planned for Crookes. Would like this to be expanded to include South Road in Walkley. School streets also a good idea and would remove traffic.

Parks and trees – would like that the planning process to go above and beyond national guidelines in terms of environmental issues – electric charge points, bike storage, electric bike storage etc. Often new builds are in places which are currently green spaces and pocket parks and if they have to go for new housing then at least the environmental design needs to be good.

Litter picker – would like recycling bins alongside litter bins.

(An attendee asked if we have more innovative ways of engaging other than breakout rooms. Also concerned about the lack of diversity of the attendees.)

## Transport and Highways– NOTES

### **1. What actions would you like to see to address these issues?**

- We need to tackle public transport before we can address anything else
- Need to ensure public safety/ safeguarding within public transport. Concern about safety late at night – Upper Walkley/ South Rd – not well lit. Ensure public transport have safeguarding training. Demarcated safe places if people need help. Would help if interchanges are open later – they provide a safety net for vulnerable people. *Officers have raised this with SYPTE.*

*All buses are fitted with CCTV. Agree that increased use builds natural surveillance*

- Possible use of cameras to protect at risk locations
- Issue with reliability of taxi's – so many platforms that drivers can use. Work on licensing, e.g., people follow through with fares they have accepted. Concerns about accessibility of taxi's – previous experience of wheelchairs not being able to be secured.

*We need to look at innovation, make attractive to young people – different delivery models are being explored*

- Need to look at how to make future better re transport. Need to look at routes. Poor/ elderly/ unwell don't have option to use taxi's – lost access to buses into town without walking up a steep hill. Vision for 10 years' time. Don't believe taxis should be able to use bus lanes.

*This would need a traffic regulation order – it is a Sheffield policy position to include (should be different if not carrying a fare).*

*We ask taxi's from out of town to show licences.*

- 20 mph zones – who enforces it? Traffic doesn't appear to comply. *Enforcement is with the Police.*

*Aim to change driver behaviour over time.*

- Quality of roads – drains not cleared. Seems to be a lack of routine maintenance.

*Please let us know when you see this*

- Moving traffic offences – trying to get powers for banned offences – give people warning before tickets.
- Local Police teams do speed watches with schools – team will pick up with Marcliffe school.

- Do taxi drivers do safeguarding training?
- Recent consultation on bus lane (Ecclesall/ Abbeydale/ Sharrow Vale).

*Just finished consultation re 12-hour bus lanes. We've had 3000 responses. The issue would be where the parking would go & how shops would do loading. Sharrow Vale needs access.*

- Consider traffic free zone pedestrianisation of Sharrow Vale Rd to improve access/ road safety/ reduce air pollution etc (Lucia Lorente-Arnau)