

**South LAC Public Meeting
Wednesday 6th July 2022
Public Questions & Responses**

Question 1 – Mr Nigel Slack, received by email on 5/7/2019; a slightly revised question was raised at the public meeting (following a phone conversation with Nathan Rodgers, Head of Facilities Management)

This is my first visit to an actual meeting of the LAC and I want to offer some budget suggestions. The Committee will be well aware of the multi-million-pound deficit in the mismanaged Property Services Departments maintenance budget. £32M in emergency repairs alone.

The Community Plan, to be voted on later in the meeting, prioritises three key areas and, in two of these there is an overlap with the assets and infrastructure at risk within Property Services. I would like to suggest that the Committee task the Committee Management to review these suggestions and, in concert with Property Services aim to clear some of these deficit repairs.

This will not only improve matters immediately but will, in a period of extreme stress on City budgets, prevent matters becoming worse and therefore more expensive to mitigate.

I am not suggesting the Committee use all its budget in this way but, where its priorities overlap, seriously consider the synergy of this approach. I list some potential locations below and hope the Committee management can look at the feasibility of this approach as development and spending choices moves forward.

Emergency Compliance Maintenance 2022

Greenhill Bradway Youth Club £ 1124 'activities for young people'

Greenhill Park £ 618 'activities for young people'

Batemoor and Jordanthorpe

Community Centre £ 2125 'community capacity building'

Beauchief Abbey £ 4104

Total £ 7971

Emergency Compliance Maintenance 2023?

Jordanthorpe Library £ 5143 'community capacity building'

Abbey lane Cemetery £ 5313

Total **£10456**

I have also had a phone conversation with Nathan Rogers of Facilities Management, who has advised that they are currently drawing up their Years 3 and 4 programme of repairs and maintenance four-year programme. We discussed my thoughts over how LACs might find some overlap and synergy in their priorities that could make working together to solve some of these essential repairs' issues viable. Nathan has suggested being in touch with LACs to provide an up-to-date schedule of their plans and commented on his willingness to discuss where LAC funds may be useful.

Response given at the meeting

In response, Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, Chair, thanked Mr. Slack for his questions and said that he had raised some important issues. He said that, as it was well documented, the Council was currently facing financial difficulties and the gap in the budget was growing. He said that although the locations mentioned by Mr. Slack were in the Beauchief and Greenhill area, it raised the issue of how to get the community infrastructure back up and running and this showed where under investment by the Council had been over the past few years.

Councillor Clement-Jones said that the LAC Councillors were aware of the issues raised by Mr. Slack but said that the Local Area Committee did not want to spend its money on improvements that should be undertaken by the Council. He said that there was a lot that the Local Area Committee (LAC) could try to influence, once it had got on board with the new Governance system but were still waiting to see how that system was working at the Town Hall.

He said he would contact the relevant Committee and report back to a future meeting of the LAC Chairs Group, in terms of the issue that has been raised. Councillor Clement-Jones also added that although there was £100,000 budget for each LAC guaranteed for this financial year, there were no guarantees that the same would be available for subsequent years.

Further response sent to Mr Slack on 20th July 2022 by email

Hi Nigel

Re. South Local Area Committee – Public Question

I'm just getting in touch with a brief update from the Chair in response to the question you raised at the South LAC public meeting on 6th July.

I understand the South LAC Team arranged for you to have a conversation with Nathan Rodgers, Head of Facilities Management directly on 6/7, I hope you found this useful.

At the public meeting I said I would follow up your question through the relevant committee and also with my fellow LAC Chairs.

On reflection I felt the best approach would be to start with LAC chairs and so I had the issue of community buildings and repairs added to the agenda for today's meeting (19/7).

There was some useful discussion and a general agreement that the Chairs would welcome an update from Nathan Rodgers, Head of Facilities Management, once his team have completed work on the capital works programme for years 3 and 4 (currently in year 2), which is based on the programme of condition surveys that have been undertaken across the city. Once completed the report will confirm the works that will be funded from existing resources and an estimated timescale for completion."

Due to summer holidays the next LAC Chairs meeting is likely to take place in early September which should hopefully coincide with the completion of the report. So I'll be able to come back to you with any further response following the meeting.

Many thanks
Cllr Simon Clement-Jones
South LAC Chair

Question 2, Carl Whittam, raised at the public meeting

Mr. Whittam stated that he was a resident of Sharrow and also a former resident of Beauchief and Greenhill, giving him an interest in both areas. He said that he had read the Community Plan and with regard to budgeting and had noted that funding was linked to deprivation levels. He said that he had looked at funding levels for individual Wards and noted that in the Beauchief and Greenhill Ward received £6.50 per person, whilst in the Nether Edge/Sharrow Ward, the level was £1.73. He said he didn't think that people in Beauchief and Greenhill were more deprived than those in the Sharrow Ward and asked for an explanation of this.

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Further response sent by email on 12th July 2022

Dear Carl

In terms of your question about how the Ward Pot and CIL budgets are determined.

In addition to the response that was provided by local councillors at the meeting, please see below some further information.

Ward Pots

South Local Area Committee Ward Pot Budgets for 2022-23 (extract from Community Plan)

- Beauchief & Greenhill - £10,017
- Gleadless Valley - £11,069
- Graves Park - £5,183
- Nether Edge & Sharrow - £7,614

This funding allocation is linked to deprivation levels. It can be used for specific projects in each Ward, based on local ward priorities.

Ward Pots and Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

The initial budget is allocated as part of the budget setting process for each financial year (a total of £230,000 is split across the 28 Wards across Sheffield in 22/23). A baseline budget for each ward is set at £2k (figure approved at Sheffield Council's Cabinet in 2013).

This means the total baseline budget for all 28 wards this year is £56,000 leaving the remaining £174,000 (out of the total £230,000) to have the IMD (Index of Multiple Deprivation) calculation used to allocate the rest for each ward.

The greater the score means the greater the deprivation in an area. The IMD for Sheffield is currently 736.00 – as an example the IMD score for Beauchief and Greenhill is 33.9. So to determine the percentage allocation to be added to the base line of £2,000, $33.9 / 736$ equals 4.6% of the IMD for Sheffield.

The IMD is historically updated every 4-5 years and is produced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government – and can be found via this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)

South Local Area Committee CIL Budgets for 2022-23 (extract from Community Plan)

- Beauchief & Greenhill - £117,985
- Gleadless Valley - £85,980
- Graves Park - £38,088
- Nether Edge & Sharrow - £33,869

This funding can be used to support local infrastructure projects. There are several live projects in progress in different areas. The funding available has in part been accrued since the end of 2015-16 – which has in effect contributed to the variance across the 4 wards.

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a contribution SCC can charge developers towards essential infrastructure to support new development. It was introduced through the 2008 Planning Act, and the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010. Note that not all local authorities have chosen to implement CIL. Sheffield City Council began charging CIL on new planning permissions on 15 July 2015.

Most new development which creates net additional floor space of 100 square metres (c. 1,076 Sq. Ft.) or more, or creates a new dwelling, is potentially liable for the levy. Some developments may be eligible for relief or exemption from the levy. This includes residential annexes and extensions, and houses and flats which are built by 'self-builders'.

The levy can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure, including transport, flood defences, schools, hospitals, and other health and social care facilities. This definition allows the levy to be used to fund a very broad range of facilities such as play areas, open spaces, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, healthcare facilities, academies and free schools, district heating schemes and police stations and other community safety facilities.

Local authorities must spend the levy on infrastructure needed to support the development of their area, and they will decide what infrastructure is needed. The levy can be used to

increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, if that is necessary to support development.

CIL Neighbourhood Portion

The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (CIL Regulations) provide for a proportion of CIL receipts collected to be used as a “Neighbourhood Portion”. The Neighbourhood Portion is 15% of CIL receipts or 25% if there is a neighbourhood plan in place. There are currently 2 neighbourhood plans in Sheffield - BBEST (covering Broomhill, Broomfield, Endcliffe, Summerfield and Tapton) and Dore.

We are required by CIL Regulation 59A to pass 15% of CIL receipts in the area of a local council to that council. In Sheffield, there are 3 local councils: Bradfield Parish Council; Ecclesfield Parish Council and Stocksbridge Town Council.

In areas without a local council (see above), the Neighbourhood Portion is managed through the Local Area Committees. You can find out more about CIL funding in general here [Community Infrastructure Levy \(sheffield.gov.uk\)](https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/cil).

CIL funding must be spent on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. CIL spend is also linked to the local ward priorities.

Many thanks

South LAC Team

Question 3: Caroline Irving, raised at the public meeting

Caroline Irving said that Government funding had been given to support improvements to cycle and travel within the Sharrow area and she firmly supported more cycle paths within the area. She said that there were plans to close the underpass at the bottom of Cemetery Road and put a crossing over the road.

She said that, at the moment the underpass was badly constructed, with sharp corners and uneven paths but was much used and considered a necessity by local residents. Ms. Irving asked how much influence the LAC would have in keeping the underpass open and would it be possible to consult with local residents and seek their views on this. She said as the money was coming from central Government so the Council has control over that funding.

Response given at the meeting

In response, Councillor Simon Clement-Jones stated that he would ask the question of the relevant Council Department involved in the project and get back to the residents in due course. Diane Owens LAC Manager said that there was to be consultations event held in the Sharrow area on 13th and 14th July and residents would have the opportunity to voice their opinions at such event on the scheme. Details of the events would be shared via the South LAC mailing list.

Further response sent on 21st July 2022

Dear Caroline

Re. South Local Area Committee – Public Question

Thank you for raising a question at the South LAC Public Meeting on 6th July. Please see below the response that we have received from colleagues in Transport and Connecting Sheffield

When we first started looking at this area the desire was to keep the underpass and improve it; widen it, create more headroom, and improve visibility. However, after completing a full options appraisal it became clear that there were significant structural issues that would impact on surrounding buildings, and the Porter Brook which runs very close. In addition to this, the subway would still present a barrier to vulnerable users, particularly at night.

The proposals to remove the underpass became part of the Connecting Sheffield: Nether Edge – City scheme. This was consulted on in the spring of 2021. We posted out 9635 postcards and received 705 responses through the website, over the phone and by email. As part of the consultation, we asked people if they supported the proposed removal of the underpass. 61% of the respondents were supportive of the proposals, 22% uncertain and 15% against (3% did not answer the question). The feedback we received was that people would find the surface crossing safer and easier to use.

The plans and full results of the consultation can be found on the Connecting Sheffield webpage:

<https://connectingsheffield.commonplace.is/proposals/nether-edge-city-centre>

We hope this information useful, if you would like to contact the Connecting Sheffield team you can use the details below:

You can find updates about the Nether Edge Active Neighbourhood Scheme here - [Have Your Say Today – Nether Edge Active Neighbourhood: Update April 2022 – Commonplace](#)

And if you would like to provide any feedback you can email:

connectingsheffield@sheffield.gov.uk or call the Connecting Sheffield team on 0808 196 5105.

Many Thanks
South LAC Team

Question 4: lone Henry, raised at public meeting

lone Henry referred to the Connecting Sheffield Plan and particularly with regard to the proposed closure of Archer Lane. She said that details of the Plan had not been very well communicated to residents in the area and with regard to the proposed one-way system within Nether Edge she felt would have a negative impact on residents' safety i.e. fire engine access in the area.

Response given at the meeting

In response, Councillor Simon Clement-Jones acknowledged that the City Council needed to do better in communicating and consulting on this scheme to members of the public. Part of the LAC Community Plan was to encourage Active Travel.

Councillor Nighat Basharat referred to the Active Travel scheme and acknowledged the concerns of residents. She said that from the early stages of the Plan, involvement of residents could have been better. Councillor Basharat said that since she had been elected to serve on the City Council in May, she had been involved with local issues and was listening and taking on board the concerns of residents and agreed that it was very important that the voice of the community was heard. She encouraged people to attend the community consultation events to air their views.

Response sent by email on 20th July 2022

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To make sure the consultation was accessible we sent postcards to 1855 households with the details of the webpage. For those who do not have access to the internet or would rather speak to someone, we provided a telephone number and freepost address.

The experimental changes on Archer Lane were made following the consultation and postcards were sent ahead of the changes to everyone in the area. We recognise there was a gap between the consultation and the implementation of the scheme and we will consider how we can make this process work better in the future.

In addition, we have increased the size of the distribution area on the Bannerdale Road side of the scheme. However, we do feel that we need to improve the number (and location) of the advanced notice signs for the closure of Archer Lane. These should be in place by the end of July 2022.

Anyone can feedback on the experimental scheme using the freephone, email or freepost address. We have also organised a series of drop ins so that people can leave their feedback face to face.

The communications channels that have been used and will continue to be used are through letter drop, social media platforms, website (including recent updates and FAQs) electronic newsletter and emails. We will also be looking at other ways we can engage with the community working with councillor distribution networks.

All of the latest updates will be first shared on the webpage as soon as they are confirmed. Where there is essential information that needs to reach everyone, we will send a letter or postcard via Royal Mail. We have some feedback on the distribution list and this will be considered the next time we send something out.

In regards to the emergency services, they have been consulted through the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) process, and they have received a follow up on this initial contact.

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