

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE LEADER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 17 August 2021 by the Leader of the Council.

Date notified to all members: Tuesday, 17 August 2021

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Monday, 23 August 2021

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Tuesday, 24 August 2021

1. **TITLE**

Local Area Budgets: Extra Money for Communities

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

Approval be given to the use of reserves for 2021/22 as set out in the report to:

(a) Double the Ward Pot allocation to each Ward from that provided for in the Council's Annual Budget;

(b) Provide a budget of £100, 000 to each Local Area Committee to be spent, in line with the community plan, on helping with the localised rebuilding post-Covid; and

(c) Allocate a further £200,000 to the city-wide fly tipping and graffiti project to enable problems to be tackled in each Local Area Committee area.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

Through the establishment of Local Area Committees, we want people and communities in every part of Sheffield to be in control and shape the decisions and issues which matter to them and their area. As a City Council, we recognise that we need to match the knowledge, passion and insight that Sheffielders have for their local areas with the ability to take decisions at the local level which can deliver real change. Local Area Committees need to have dedicated funding to achieve this. The proposed funding allocations to Local Area Committees, outlined in the report, will ensure that this ambition is achieved.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

To effectively empower communities, Local Area Committees need to have dedicated budgets and delegated powers, otherwise they will have little ability to drive change and implement solutions that address locally identified issues.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Communities

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee