

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on Tuesday 17 January, 2023 by the North East Local Area Committee.

Item No

5 NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT

- 5.1 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.

The report highlighted current spend and recommended a further priority. This was a new priority not previously identified in the approved Community Plan and was requested as an addition following a presentation on the cost of living crisis at the meeting held 25 October, 2022. At the meeting in July 2022, a contingency budget of £20,000 was reserved for the delivery of unforeseen priorities and activities. The LAC was asked to formally agree that responding to the cost of living crisis be identified as a priority for the LAC and that the £20,000 contingency budget be reallocated to this priority.

- 5.2 **RESOLVED:** That the North East Local Area Committee: -

- i) Notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North East LAC in 2022/3, as detailed in the report.
- ii) Agrees that a new Cost of Living priority be added to the Community Plan, as described in the report, and that the contingency budget of £20,000 previously identified be allocated to this priority and used to fund grants for Welcoming Places, as described in the report, or other activities which address this priority.

5.3 Reasons for Decision

- 5.3.1 The North East LAC was asked to note the use of funding as per previous decision on 23 September, 2021.
- 5.3.2 To agree the allocation of the contingency budget to fund cost of living grants that will deliver projects and activities by organisations and groups to address key priority areas identified in the North East Community Plan.

5.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

- 5.4.1 The £20,000 contingency fund remained unallocated to spend, other options such as using the funds to deliver lower priority actions in the eight priorities set

out in the Community Plan were considered but the deliverable actions were not considered achievable within the remaining three months of 2022/23.