

North Local Area Committee

Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 6.00 pm

High Green Miners Welfare, 47
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Councillor Penny Baker
Councillor Victoria Bowden
Councillor Lewis Chinchin
Councillor Julie Grocutt
Councillor Francyne Johnson
Councillor Mike Levery
Councillor Moya O'Rourke
Councillor Ann Whitaker
Councillor Richard Williams
Councillor Alan Woodcock

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

Local Area Committees engage, enable, and empower communities across the city with increasing control over decision making, marking a major shift in power to communities. The Committees provide a geographical framework that, over time, will be used to prioritise and direct the local delivery of an increasing number of Council services and oversee the production of a co-produced annual Area Committee Plan which will reflect resident priorities.

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**NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA
9 MARCH 2022**

Order of Business

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusions of Public and Press**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.
- 4. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 5 - 8)
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting.
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 9 - 16)
To approve the minutes of the Committee held on 30 September 2021.
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public.
- 7. Approval of the North LAC Community Plan 2022-23** (Pages 17 - 58)
 - a. Presentation by David Luck, North Local Area Committee Manager
 - b. Discussion and approval of the Plan
 - c. Breakout groups on implementation of the approved Plan
 - d. Summary feedback from the breakout rooms
- 8. Transition to Committees**
Report of the Assistant Director of Governance.
- 9. Decisions taken by the Community Services Manager for noting** (Pages 59 - 64)
Report of the North Local Area Committee Manager.
- 10. Any other business**

NOTE: The next meeting of North Local Area Committee will be held on date to be agreed.

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If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its executive or any committee of the executive, or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee, or joint sub-committee of the authority, and you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)** relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you must not:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.

You **must**:

- leave the room (in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct)
- make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any DPI at any meeting at which you are present at which an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.
- declare it to the meeting and notify the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days, if the DPI is not already registered.

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your **disclosable pecuniary interests** under the new national rules. You have a pecuniary interest if you, or your spouse or civil partner, have a pecuniary interest.

- Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner undertakes.
- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

*The relevant period is the 12 months ending on the day when you tell the Monitoring Officer about your disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority –
 - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
 - which has not been fully discharged.

- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –
 - the landlord is your council or authority; and
 - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
 - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
 - (b) either -
 - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

If you attend a meeting at which any item of business is to be considered and you are aware that you have a **personal interest** in the matter which does not amount to a DPI, you must make verbal declaration of the existence and nature of that interest at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. You should leave the room if your continued presence is incompatible with the 7 Principles of Public Life (selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership).

You have a personal interest where –

- a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing (including interests in land and easements over land) of you or a member of your family or a person or an organisation with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Authority's administrative area, or
- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPIs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously.

You should identify any potential interest you may have relating to business to be considered at the meeting. This will help you and anyone that you ask for advice to fully consider all the circumstances before deciding what action you should take.

In certain circumstances the Council may grant a **dispensation** to permit a Member to take part in the business of the Authority even if the member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to that business.

To obtain a dispensation, you must write to the Monitoring Officer at least 48 hours before the meeting in question, explaining why a dispensation is sought and desirable, and specifying the period of time for which it is sought. The Monitoring Officer may consult with the Independent Person or the Council's Audit and Standards Committee in relation to a request for dispensation.

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North Local Area Committee

Meeting held 30 September 2021

The Venue, Stocksbridge

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hooper (Chair), Vickie Priestley (Deputy Chair), Penny Baker, Vic Bowden, Mike Levery, Ann Whitaker, Richard Williams, Alan Woodcock and Lewis Chinchen

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Julie Grocutt, Francyne Johnson and Moya O'Rourke.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

4.1 The Committee received the following questions from members of the public who were in attendance to raise them: -

(a) Peter Morgan, Chair of Friends of Hollins Busk:

Following the successful appeal by developers at Hollins Busk, local people feel let down and disappointed. This now opens up Stocksbridge and Deepcar for further development. The lack of a local plan and the failure to demonstrate a five year housing supply contributed to this decision.

1. Could planning officers attend a future North Local Area Committee meeting to update residents?

In response, the Chair noted the urgent need to approve a Local Plan and he had pushed for this. He agreed to investigate attendance of a planning officer at a future North Local Area Committee meeting.

Councillor Lewis Chinchen agreed that the decision to uphold the appeal was disappointing and stressed the importance of completing the Local Plan by the deadline of 2023 in order to protect other sites. He also noted that representations on the

Hollins Busk development could still be made on reserved matters via the planning process.

2. Could a Neighbourhood Plan be developed for this local area, as has happened in other parts of Sheffield?

The Chair noted that these comments would be passed on to Stocksbridge Town Council to assist in putting a plan together.

(b) Public Questioner 2:

Does Sheffield City Council have any way of putting pressure on builders of new houses to install renewable heat pumps instead of gas-fired boilers?

In response, the Chair agreed that alternatives to gas should be considered in line with climate change measures and stated that this issue would be referred to Planning Services for a full response.

(c) Public Questioner 3:

The questioner highlighted concerns about road safety on Jeffcock Road in High Green. The road is narrow and winding and parking difficulties often leads to children and parents with prams having to walk on the road. There is also an entrance to the park with no barrier and people often walk straight into the road. Other roads in the area with similar issues had been closed off. Could this option be considered for Jeffcock Road?

The Chair advised that he was aware of this and similar issues throughout the local area. He confirmed that Ecclesfield Parish Council would shortly be contacting residents of Jeffcock Road to seek views and suggestions.

A Councillor from Ecclesfield Parish Council added that a letter would be sent out to residents of Jeffcock Road within the next few weeks. It was also planned to contact the Parks and Countryside Team at Sheffield City Council to consider the potential for a barrier at the entrance to Mortomley Park.

The Chair noted that liaison would be needed with Highways for traffic/volume concerns, and with Parks and Countryside for barrier options and costings.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5.1 The minutes of meetings of the Committee held on 19th May and 7th July 2021 were approved as correct records.

6. AUTHORISATION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER TO TAKE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE.

6.1 The Community Services Manager submitted a report setting out the mechanism for the Local Area Committee to enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues by authorising the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure between Committee meetings, subject to certain conditions.

6.2 **RESOLVED:** That the North Local Area Committee authorises the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure from any budgets allocated to the Local Area Committee provided that:

- The decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair
- Spending is in line with any specific purposes of the allocated budget
- The decision may not approve expenditure of more than £5,000
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

6.3 Reasons for Decision

The proposal to authorise decisions on any budgets allocated to the Committee can be discharged, in part, by the Community Services Manager will ensure the Committees can respond quickly to emerging local issues.

6.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

All decisions relating to budgets allocated to the Local Area Committee could be decided at Formal Committee Meetings only. Whilst this approach would ensure the involvement of all members of the committee, it would mean that decisions to allocate spending for emerging and urgent local issues may not be made in a timely fashion.

6.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

6.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

6.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Executive Director People Services

6.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

7. LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES - EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

7.1 The Committee received a presentation from the Community Services Manager on Local Area Committees (LACs), as part of the Empowering Communities Programme.

7.2 David Luck reported on the operation and role of LAC, the initial funding allocation for the Committees, engagement activity, how the public could get involved, details of the Members of the Committee and the North Local Area Committee Team and contact details relating to the LAC.

7.3 The Committee noted the information now reported as part of the presentation.

7.4 Following the presentation, a number of questions and observations from members of the public were noted.

(a) Question from Dorothy Whittaker, Deepcar:

The North Local Area Committee is the largest of the seven Local Area Committees, so why doesn't it receive a larger share of the designated funding?

In response, the Chair noted that Local Area Committees had been divided by population and wards.

Dave Luck added that each Local Area Committee had four wards and a similar population. The split was based on population rather than deprivation level.

The Chair advised that boundary reviews took place periodically. The North Local Area Committee wards covered a population of between 70,000 and 80,000 people. He expected rural issues to arise whereas other Local Area Committees might experience more 'inner city' issues. He also acknowledged that highways/gritting concerns would arise due to the large geographical area covered by the North Local Area Committee.

(b) Question from a member of the public:

A member of the public noted some of the difficulties facing Stocksbridge, including some areas of Stocksbridge that experience deprivation, and some elements of digital exclusion to the distance from the city centre. Is this recognised?

In response, the Chair noted that Stocksbridge was in a unique situation due to its distance from the city centre and he also recognised that there were other areas of deprivation within the North Local Area Committee boundary.

(c) Nigel Clark, Bradfield Parish Council:

Nigel Clark was concerned about the lack of inclusion of affordable housing in recent planning applications, making it difficult for local young people to stay in the area. He noted that many people in the area are working from home but with poor broadband. He also believed that people would have no option but to commute to employment in Leeds as this might be the only way they could afford to buy local houses.

The Chair recognised the concerns raised by Mr Clark.

(d) Doris Denton, Friends of Chapeltown Park:

Doris Denton queried whether projects funded by the North Local Area Committee would have to be completed by the end of the year or could the money be carried over?

The Chair noted that decisions on funding allocations could not be made until the Local Area Committee Community Plan had been formally agreed. However, he hoped that funding would be able to be carried over to ensure longer term commitment to projects where appropriate.

The Chair advised the Ms Denton that discussions around potential Local Area Committee funding would take place between Friends of Chapeltown Park and Parks and Countryside in due course.

(e) Question from a member of the public:

How is the Local Area Committee Community Plan going to be put together and presented and will there be an opportunity for public debate it before it is finalised?

In response, the Chair explained that as Local Area Committees are a new way of working for Sheffield City Council, the Chairs of all the Local Area Committees had been meeting regularly to discuss how to progress their Community Plans and bring these discussions to communities. He advised

that this was the start of the journey and that priorities will be reviewed before putting the Plan into action.

Jason Siddall added that options for the January meeting of North Local Area Committee were currently being considered. He confirmed that no decision had been made yet on the venue or format of the meeting and offered reassurance that details would be published in advance. He explained that officers within the team would collate and analyse all feedback from members of the public to help set priorities for inclusion in the Local Area Committee Community Plan. He noted that a balance needed to be struck between consulting and putting actions into place.

The Chair believed that the work and engagement carried out so far was a firm starting point that would be refined and reviewed as the process continued.

Jason Siddall noted that a newsletter would be sent to all households in the city with details of the Local Area Committee Survey to ensure inclusivity for those who weren't digitally enabled. He advised that Local Area Committee teams would raise as much awareness as possible at local events once they started to open up.

The Chair introduced Amanda Holmes, Sheffield City Council's Lead Officer for Stocksbridge Town Investment Plan.(Towns Fund) to attendees of the meeting and invited her to speak about the Stocksbridge Town Investment Plan.

Amanda explained that work on the Stocksbridge Town Investment Plan had been delayed over the last 12 months due to Covid restrictions preventing the team getting out into the community. The Stocksbridge Town Investment Plan would now be going out to consultation to encourage further engagement with stakeholders and the local community. Amanda advised that she was happy to talk to individuals at the informal discussions taking place at the close of the formal meeting.

Councillor Lewis Chinchin agreed with Amanda's comments and advised that he wished to get more feedback on the proposals with a view to submitting a final business case for Government funding in spring 2022.

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting date had yet to be confirmed but was likely to take place in late January and would be held at a different location within the North Local Area Committee area.

(Note: At the conclusion of the formal business, there was an

interactive session where members of the public were invited to meet and discuss local issues with Councillors and the North Local Area Committee Team).

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Author/Lead Officer of Report:
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Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: North Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 9 March 2022
Subject: Approval of the North LAC Community Plan 2022-23

Is this a Key Decision? If Yes, reason Key Decision:-	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
- Expenditure and/or savings over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Affects 2 or more Wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Which Executive Member Portfolio does this relate to? Community Engagement and Governance		
Which Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee does this relate to? Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken in respect of this decision?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? (Insert reference number)		
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the report and/or appendices and complete below:-		
<i>"The (report/appendix) is not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph (insert relevant paragraph number) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)."</i>		

Purpose of Report:

The Terms of Reference for Local Area Committees (LACs) provide that each LAC must agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review, and that the decisions it makes in relation to funding must fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

Through public consultation, the North LAC has developed a draft Community Plan that seeks to identify the key issues within the area and develop a series of priorities that will inform the direction of the LAC, and direct the spending of delegated budgets, where the LAC has authority to do so.

This Report recommends the approval of the draft North Community Plan, attached as an Appendix to this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the North Local Area Committee:

Approves the North Community Plan as a statement of the priorities of the area, subject to any amendments being agreed by Members at the meeting on 9th March 2022.

Authorises the Community Services Manager to produce a final version of the Community Plan document, incorporating any amendments approved by the LAC at its meeting of 9th March 2022, and to publish it on the webpages of the North Local Area Committee; and

Notes that future LAC decisions relating to funding must fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

Background Papers:

(Insert details of any background papers used in the compilation of the report.)

Appendix – North Community Plan

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Finance: Kayleigh Inman
		Legal: Andrea Simpson
		Equalities: Adele Robinson
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>		
2	Head of Service who approved submission:	Jason Siddall
3	LAC Chair consulted:	Cllr Alan Hooper
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the Head of Service indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
	Lead Officer Name: Dave Luck	Job Title: North LAC Community Services Manager
	Date: March 9 th 2022	

1. PROPOSAL

- 1.1 The Terms of Reference for Local Area Committees (LACs) provide that each LAC must agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review, and that the decisions it makes in relation to funding must fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

Through public consultation, the North LAC has developed a draft Community Plan that seeks to identify the key issues within the area and develop a series of priorities that will inform the direction of the LAC, and direct the spending of delegated budgets, where the LAC has authority to do so.

Individual members of the LAC have played an active role in developing the content of the plan but the LAC must make a decision to approve the plan as a whole as a statement of the priorities of the North area.

This Report recommends the approval of the draft North Community Plan, attached as an Appendix to this report.

The Community Plan seeks to identify specific priorities and develop a series of actions, whereby the LAC can work with residents; businesses; community organisations; Council departments and other statutory organisations to effect change.

The Community Plan is intended to be realistic in terms of what can be achieved within the timescales, having regard to financial, legal and logistical implications.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

Local Area Committees directly support the Communities and Neighbourhoods and Our Council commitments in the 'Our Sheffield: One Year Plan' but to be effective they need to have the capability to respond quickly to emerging local issues.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

- 3.1 The Community Plan has been developed through community consultation that has comprised of an online survey through the Council's Citizenspace platform; a paper-based survey for those less digitally-enabled; engagement activity with representative organisations and in-person meetings.

Partner organisations and Council departments that have been identified as offering potential solutions to some of the issues identified have also been consulted, to establish whether suggestions can be realistically implemented.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

Decisions need to consider the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

This is the duty to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The Equality Act 2010 identifies the following groups as a protected characteristic: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation.

- 4.1.1 The overall impact of this decision is likely to be positive and not disproportionate from an equality, diversity and inclusion perspective. In developing a Community Plan, local communities have been given the opportunity for a greater say in local decision making for services which impact their daily lives.

The devolution of responsibilities will improve inclusion for local people and the work of the Sheffield Equality Partnership will support and enhance the approach from a citywide and underserved communities' perspective.

However, in order to ensure this approach takes into account people who share protected characteristics under the Public Sector Duties the Local Area Committee Community Plan will be supported by appropriate equality monitoring of budget.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA 916) was previously carried out in respect of the establishment of Local Area Committees.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

- 4.2.1 There are no additional financial implications. This report relates to the decision to approve the Community Plan. The decision to allocate specific budgets to the Local Area Committees has already been made.

Procurement of supplies and/or services will be carried out in line with Standing Orders.

4.3 Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 The LAC must operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference, approved as a change to Council's Constitution by Full Council at its meeting on 18th March 2021. The Terms of Reference provide that each LAC must agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review, and that the decisions it makes in relation to funding must fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

4.4 Other Implications

- 4.4.1 None

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None. A key element in establishing LACs is the principle that each LAC will develop a Community Plan.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The proposal to approve the North LAC Community Plan is recommended on the basis that the Plan provides a clear framework in how the LAC will direct its resources to address key issues identified through community consultation.



North Area Community Plan

- East Ecclesfield
- Stannington
- Stocksbridge and Upper Don
- West Ecclesfield

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What are Local Area Committees? (LACs)

Local Area Committees (LACs) are a way for people to get involved in making a difference to their local communities. Some budgets have already been devolved to the LACs for them to be used on issues and priorities that residents and communities have told us are important to them.

LACs are a chance for people to influence decision making, share their opinion and contribute to positive changes in their community. They are an opportunity for people to say what they would like to see improved in their area.

Whilst LACs have some initial devolved powers, the devolution of further powers will continue to evolve.

Further details about LACs can be found here – www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/local-area-committees



Who are the committee?

The Local Area Committee is made up of the twelve elected members of the four wards in the North LAC. This includes a Chair who is elected by members of the LAC and a Vice Chair.

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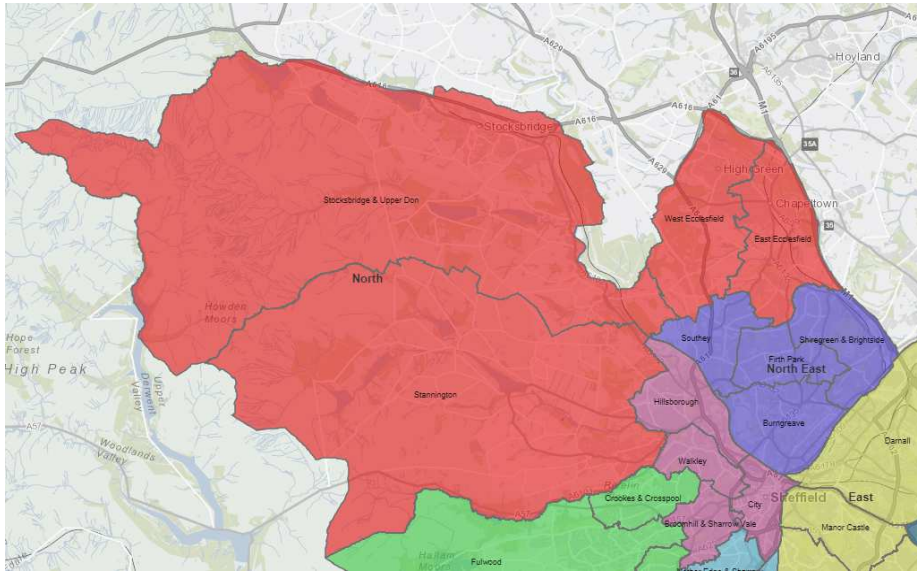
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About the North Area




The North is one of seven local areas. The area consists of four wards;

- East Ecclesfield
- Stannington
- Stocksbridge and Upper Don
- West Ecclesfield

What we know (Source: <https://sheffield.communityinsight.org>)


North has a population of **72,545**

Age



- 0-15: 17%
- Working Age: 60%
- Age 65+: 24%

Ethnicity




- White British: 95.9%
- Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority: 2.9%
- White (Non - British): 1.2%
- Multi - Ethnic Households: 3.7%

Page 32 **1,424** People are living in deprivation




25% of people have no qualifications (compared with 22% across England)



21% have a limiting long-term illness. (compared with 18% across England)

Gender



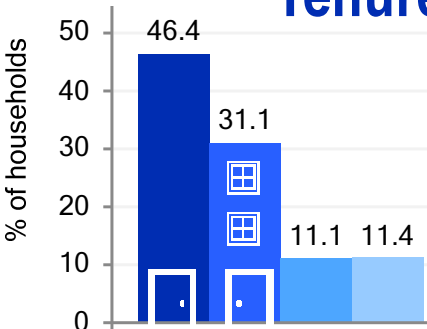
- Male: 48.9%
- Female: 51.1%

Main Industry Sectors

- Health & social care
- Retail
- Manufacturing

The average household income is **£41,844**

Tenure



Tenure Type	% of households
Homeowners	46.4%
Rent from the council	14.8%
Rent from Housing Associations	1.5%
Private Renting	6.5%
Other 1	11.1%
Other 2	11.4%

- 75.5%** are Homeowners
- 14.8%** Rent from the council
- 1.5%** Rent from Housing Associations
- 6.5%** are Private Renting

Features of the North

- The North of Sheffield is a hidden gem with beautiful countryside and a strong sense of community
- Whilst the community has many strengths it also has many needs and contains pockets of deprivation
- The outlying and rural nature of the area brings challenges in terms of access to services and concerns about overdevelopment and local infrastructure



Features of the North

- Higher than average elderly population (24% aged 65+ [England 18%])
- Below average unemployment (North 4.7%, England 6.6%) but higher than average youth unemployment (North 10.8%, England 9.2%)
- Lower than average deprivation: 16% live in an area within 20% most deprived (England 20%)
- Lower than average crime (North 77 crimes per 1000, England 100)

Source: <https://sheffield.communityinsight.org>

Features of the North

- Of Sheffield's 28 wards, the North wards are ranked 17th (East Ecclesfield), 18th (West Ecclesfield), 20th (Stocksbridge and Upper Don) & 21st (Stannington) least deprived

Source: www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/wardprofiles

- High Green has 2 super output areas * in most deprived 10% in England
- Stocksbridge, Chapeltown and Parsons Cross have super output areas in most deprived 20% in England
- *An area of approx. 1500 homes*

Features of the North

- Largest category is 'suburbanites' * (North 46%, England 21%)
- 24.5% 'hard pressed' ** (England 17%)
- Above average community needs score (North 106, England 68)
- Need of civic assets above average (North 35, England 23)
- Need for connectedness above average (North 55, England 21)
- North has double the England average for below average broadband universal service obligation
- Below average grant funding (grant awards per head, North £16, England £34)

*Located on the outskirts, in areas with high owner occupation, high numbers of detached houses, low unemployment, high qualifications and high car ownership.

**Mostly on the fringe of the UK's urban areas, particularly in Wales and the North of England. High levels of people *in terraced accommodation, high unemployment, low ethnic diversity, high levels of people employed in manufacturing*

Source: <https://sheffield.communityinsight.org>

What you said about your community

Our engagement

- We engaged 903 people in the North during October and November.
- 646 filled out an on-line survey
- 257 filled out a paper survey either by talking to the staff team or Councillor at a community venue or by talking to one of our voluntary sector partners who carried out consultation for us. These were Stocksbridge Leisure Centre and Rivelin Co



Tell us what matters to you

Sheffield Council has set up seven Local Area Committees, to help us better listen and connect with local communities.

We will be talking to local communities over the coming months about how we can work together to respond to local issues. Local Area Committees are led by local councillors. They offer a wide range of opportunities for involvement, ensuring that people want to get involved at different levels and in different ways. This includes holding regular public meetings in the community. Right now, we really want to hear from everyone about what matters to you, so please share your views.

Please tell us a little bit about you...

My neighbourhood is: _____

Please tick where applicable

I consider myself to be a disabled person: Yes No

I belong to a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic Group: Yes No

My age group: I am under 20 years old I am between 21-35
 I am between 36-50 I am over 50

My gender: I am male I am female I am non-binary / other

I am a member of an LGBT+ community: Yes No

Do you look after a family member / friend as an unpaid carer? Yes No




About the respondents for North

- The survey had 903 responses for the North LAC area
 - 646 online surveys
 - 257 from paper surveys
 - 46% from Stocksbridge ward residents
 - 20% from Stannington ward residents
 - 18% from West Ecclesfield residents
 - 16% from East Ecclesfield residents

Equalities information

Sexual Orientation

3% respondents identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual

Gender Identity

1% identified as transgender

Religion/belief

45% no religion/belief

51% Christian

4% Other

Less than 1% were Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim

Age

16-18
0%

Working Age (19-64)
64%

Age 65+
36%



Ethnicity



White 95%

Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority 5%



21% have a disability or long term condition

Sex



36%

Male

64%

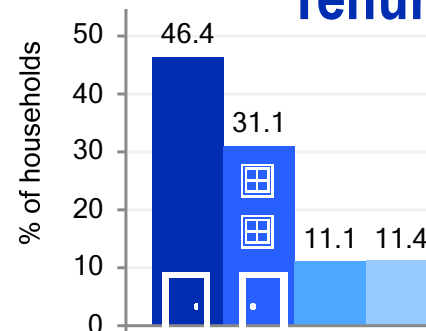
Female

0% Non Binary

Caring status

21% said they were unpaid carers

Tenure



87% are Homeowners
6% Rent from the council
Less than 1% Rent from other social landlord
5% are Private Renting
1% living with family

What respondents said

Likes

'Rural and country location'

'Local shops and Fox Valley'

'Village feel and community spirit'

'Feels safe'

'Tram and bus connections'



Areas to improve

'Improve the high street and choice of local shops'

'Transport links'

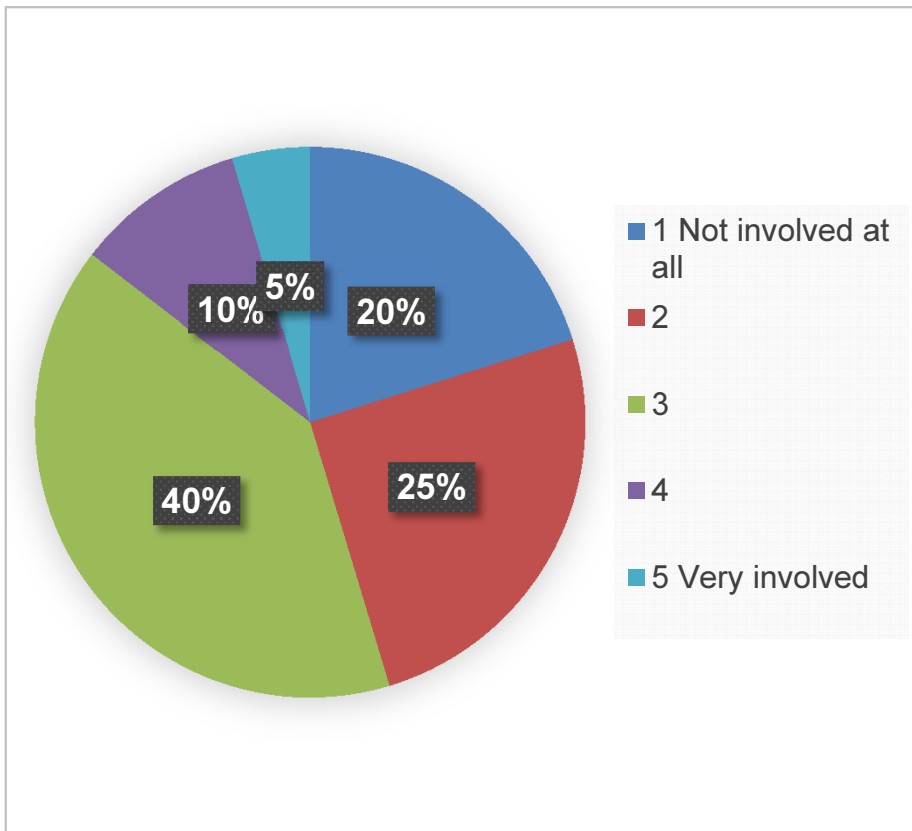
'Increased crime and ASB'

'No more building on green space'

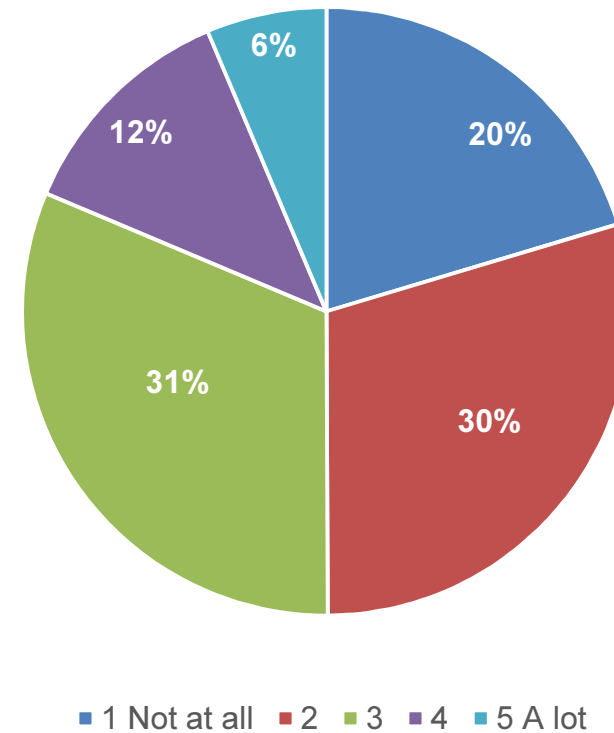
'More local community events'

What respondents said

How involved do you feel in your local area?

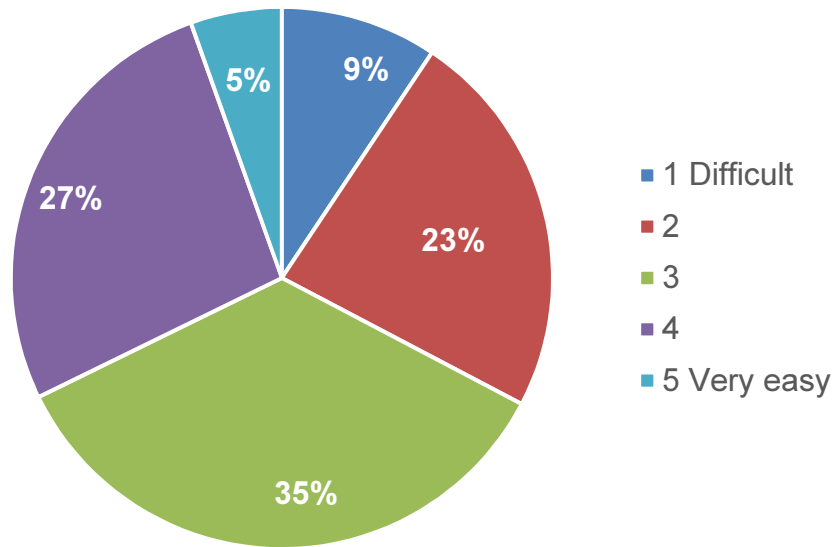


Do you feel local people can influence decision making in their local area?

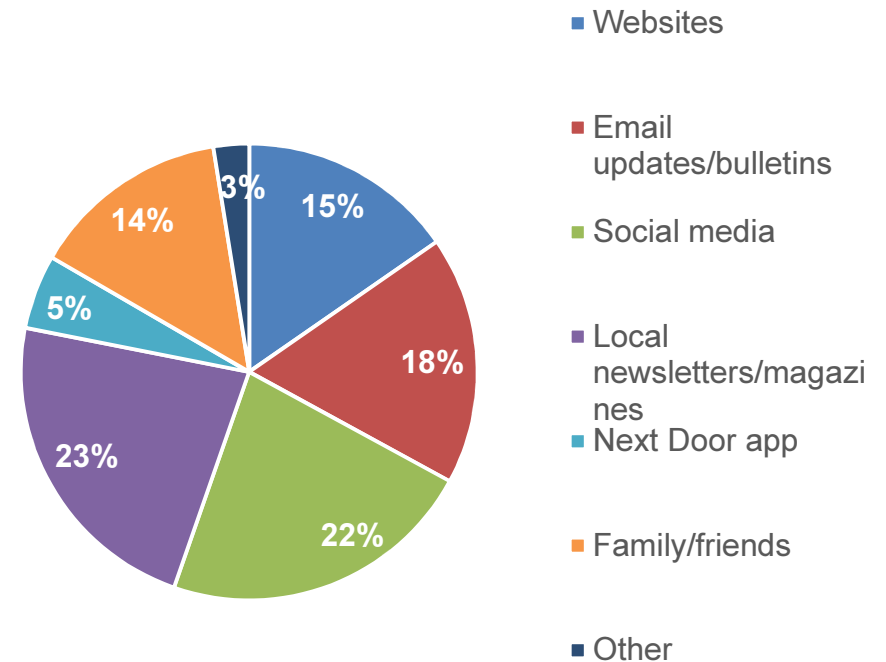


What respondents said continued

How easy is it to find out about news in your local area?



How do you like to find out about news in your local area?

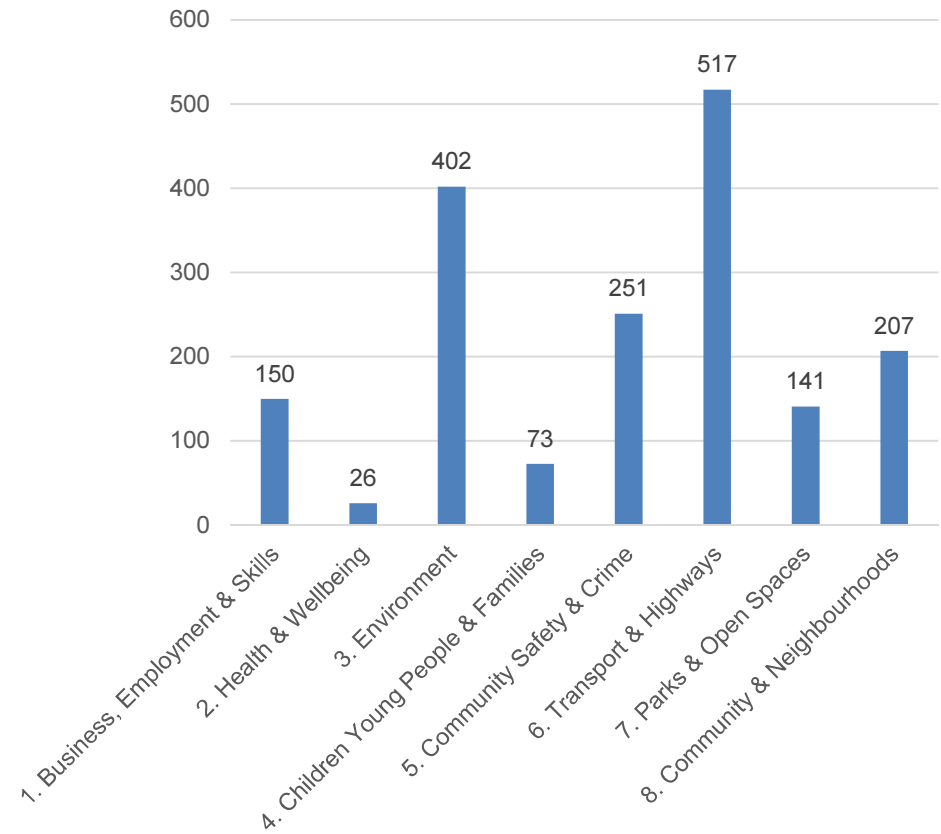
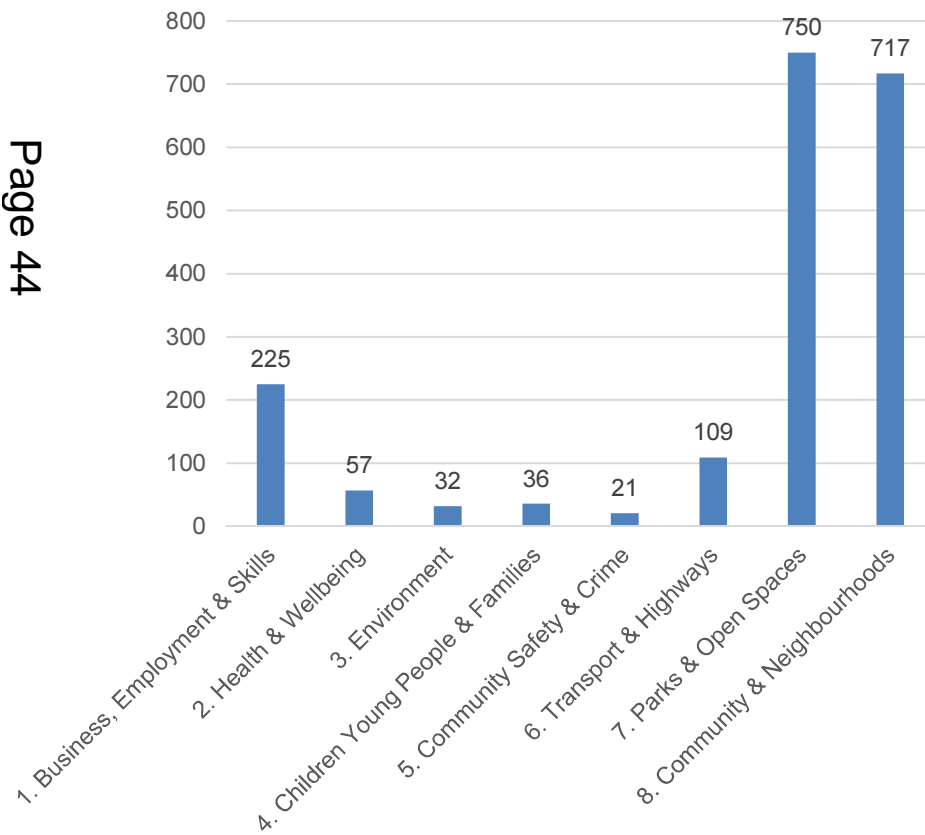


Key themes

Likes

Improvements

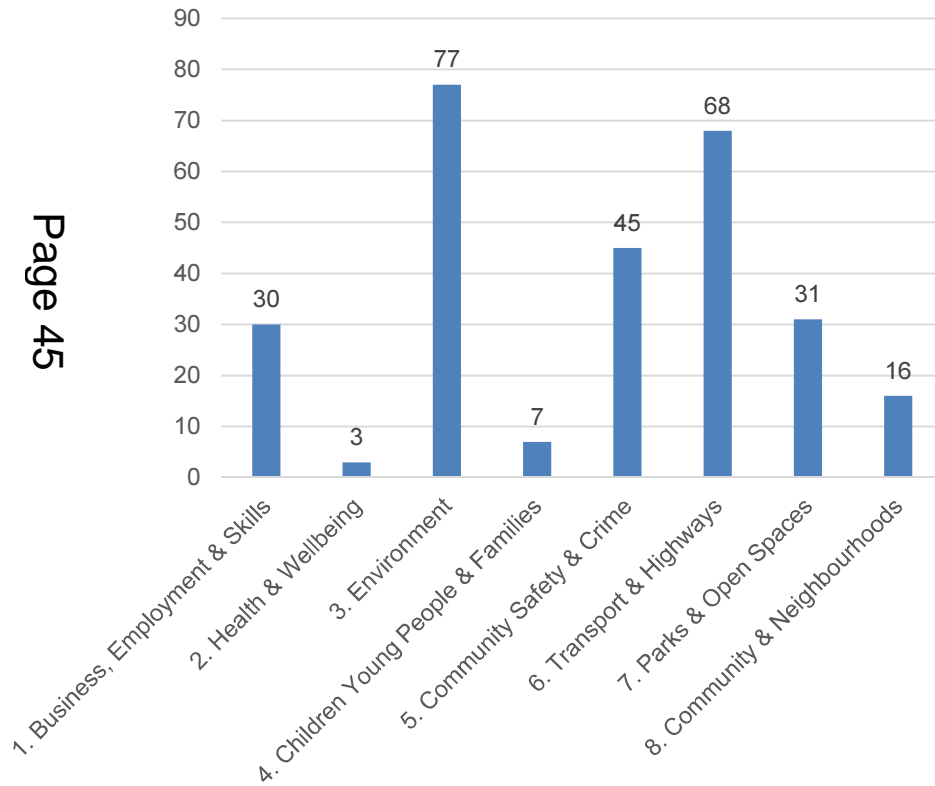
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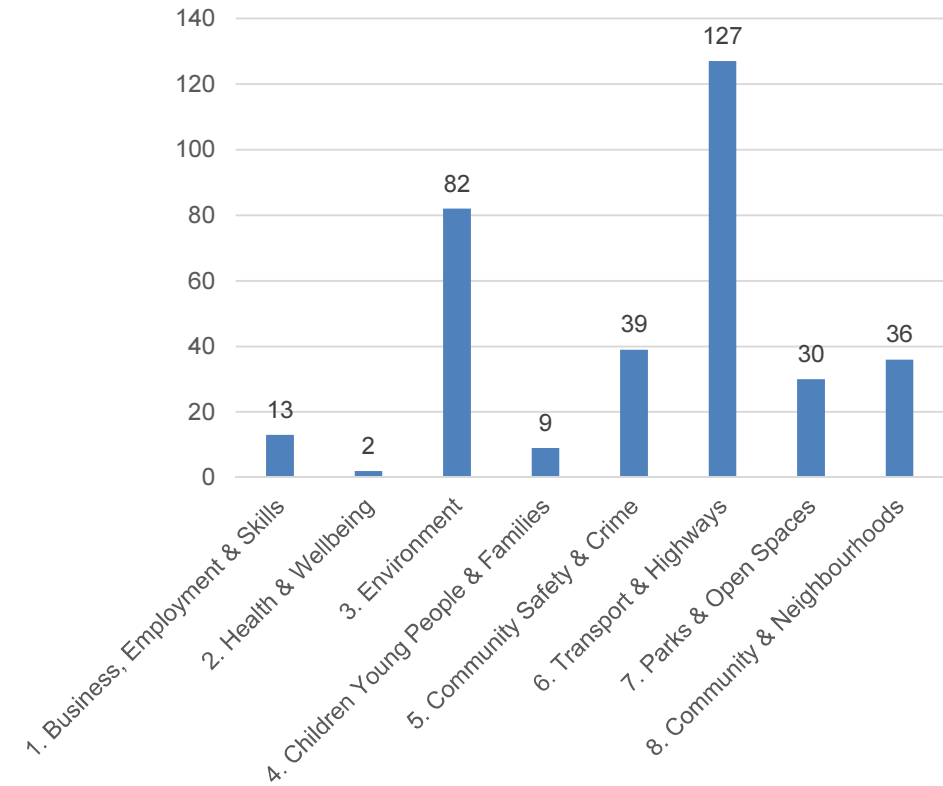
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East Ecclesfield

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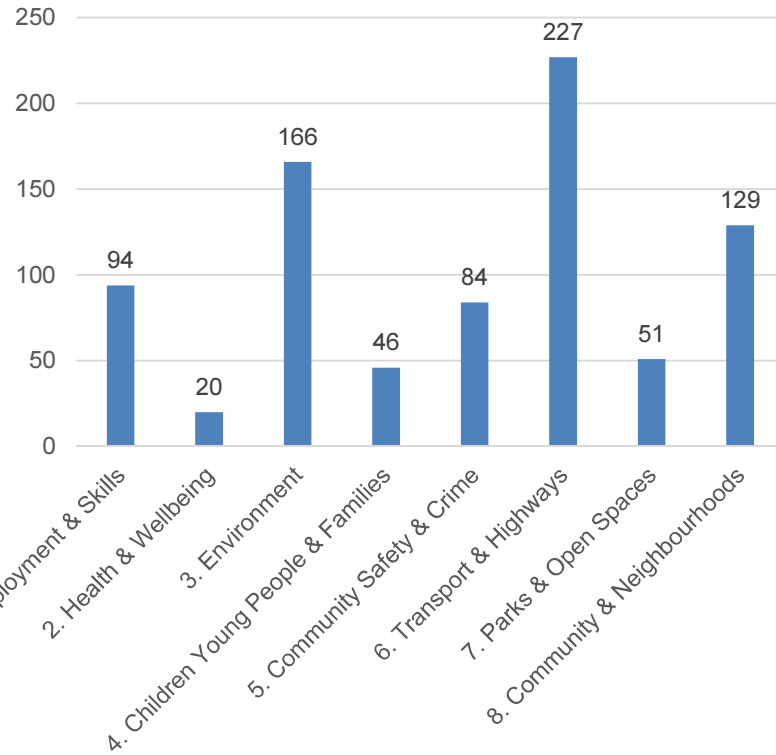


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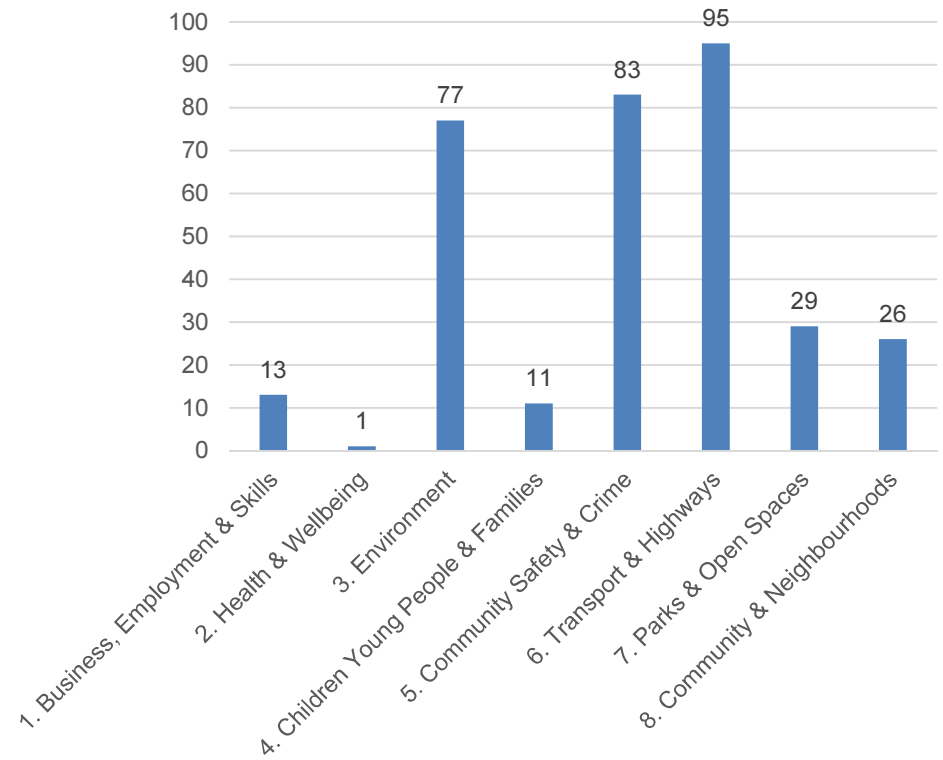


Improvements

Stocksbridge & Upper Don



West Ecclesfield



Themes – further detail

1. Transport & Highways

- Improve public transport (buses)
- Improve road surfaces
- High traffic volumes (link with new developments)
- Concerns about traffic around schools
- Need for better walking & cycling routes

Themes – further detail

2. Environment

- Concerns about cleanliness (dog fouling, litter)
- Need to improve appearance of high streets
- Concerns about overdevelopment
- Parks issues – improve facilities, cleanliness

Themes – further detail

3. Community

a) Crime

- Need for increased Police presence
- Concerns about speeding
- Concerns about anti-social behaviour (including off road bikes)
- Concerns about theft/ burglary (cars)
- Concerns raised relating to social housing

Themes – further detail

3. Community

- b) General
- Need for improved amenities (particularly for young residents) / activities/ information
- Need for better broadband
- Concerns about development
- Concerns about High street offer including balance of shops

The community priorities

Priorities

- Safe roads and effective transport links
- Clean and attractive environment
- Vibrant community life

Ways of working

1. Founded upon partnership – we will continue to work with local Parish & Town councils, service providers and community groups to have the maximum impact through our shared efforts
2. A creative approach – we will bring people together to look practically and positively at how we can address local concerns
3. Goals for the North – we will set goals around key areas that will need a long term approach
4. Development of specific projects & actions – we will explore areas to identify tangible measures we can take.

Goals for the area

1. The North is a connected place where people can access what they need to play an active part in their community

We will explore:

- Activities for young residents by developing a group to look at current provision & engaging young residents to hear their needs
- Digital infrastructure & digital exclusion
- Routes to share community/ service information
- Routes to develop and promote volunteering
- Work focussed on supporting those in greatest need

Goals for the area

2. The North is a safe place to live in and travel around

We will explore:

- People's experience of local transport routes and other options such as community transport
- Options for road safety around schools including 20mph zones
- Installation of a vehicle activated signs in each ward to flag excess speed
- How to promote the integration of young residents who have been housed in Council accommodation

Goals for the area

3. The North is an attractive place with good facilities

We will explore:

- How we can support local high streets
- How we can support and develop local community groups and buildings
- Improving play facilities, parks and open spaces
- Work to tackle graffiti, litter & fly tipping hotspots

Next steps

- Sign off of LAC plan – LAC meet March 9th
- Development of options for projects and use of LAC budget – March – June
- Development of an action plan to implement

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Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: North Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 9 March 2022
Subject: Report of North LAC budget spend 2021-22

Is this a Key Decision? If Yes, reason Key Decision:-	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- Expenditure and/or savings over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Affects 2 or more Wards	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Which Executive Member Portfolio does this relate to? Community Engagement and Governance		
Which Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee does this relate to? Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken in respect of this decision?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? (Insert reference number)		
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the report and/or appendices and complete below:-		
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Purpose of Report:

Each Local Area Committee has a £100,000 budget to address local priorities. This report sets out details of the spend in respect of this £100,000 that has been authorised by the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair and in accordance with the delegation granted in September 2021.

Recommendations:

That the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North LAC in 2021/22, as detailed in the report, be noted.

Background Papers:

(Insert details of any background papers used in the compilation of the report.)

Lead Officer to complete:-	
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.
	Finance: Kayleigh Inman
	Legal: Andrea Simpson
	Equalities: Adele Robinson
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	Head of Service who approved submission: Jason Siddall
3	LAC Chair consulted: Cllr Alan Hooper
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for

submission to the Decision Maker by the Head of Service indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
Lead Officer Name: Dave Luck	Job Title: North LAC Community Services Manager
Date: March 9 th 2022	

1. PROPOSAL

- 1.1 “The Leader made a decision on 17th August 2021 to allocate a budget of £100,000 to each Local Area Committee and the Leader’s Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions has been amended to give Local Area Committees the power to approve expenditure from the budgets allocated to them.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues, at the meeting of the North LAC on September 30th 2021, a decision was made to authorises the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure from any budgets allocated to the Local Area Committee provided that:

- The decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair
- Spending is in line with any specific purposes of the allocated budget
- The decision may not approve expenditure of more than £5,000
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

Under this delegation the following spending decision(s) have been taken:

Date Chair consulted	Description	Expenditure	Supporting Information
13/01/21	Erection of a ‘Give way’ sign on Stephen Lane, Grenoside	£650	Measure proposed by Strategic Transport, Sustainability and Infrastructure to manage traffic on a narrow street

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

Local Area Committees directly support the Communities and Neighbourhoods and Our Council commitments in the ‘Our Sheffield: One Year Plan’ but to be effective they need to have the capability to respond quickly to emerging local issues.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

- 3.1 A Community Plan has been developed through community consultation that has comprised of an online survey through the Council’s Citizenspace platform; a paper-based survey for those less digitally-

enabled; engagement activity with representative organisations and in-person meetings.

Partner organisations and Council departments that have been identified as offering potential solutions to some of the issues identified have also been consulted, to establish whether suggestions can be realistically implemented.

Transport and Highways concerns were the most frequently raised matter of concern in the North consultation.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

Decisions need to consider the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

This is the duty to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The Equality Act 2010 identifies the following groups as a protected characteristic: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation.

- 4.1.1 The overall impact of this decision is likely to be positive and not disproportionate from an equality, diversity and inclusion perspective. In developing a Community Plan, local communities have been given the opportunity for a greater say in local decision making for services which impact their daily lives.

The devolution of responsibilities will improve inclusion for local people and the work of the Sheffield Equality Partnership will support and enhance the approach from a citywide and underserved communities' perspective.

However, in order to ensure this approach takes into account people who share protected characteristics under the Public Sector Duties the Local Area Committee Community Plan will be supported by appropriate equality monitoring of budget.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA 916) was previously carried out in respect of the establishment of Local Area Committees.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

- 4.2.1 This report concerns previously allocated funding using the mechanism stated as agreed at the North LAC meeting on September 30th 2021.

Procurement of supplies and/or services will be carried out in line with Standing Orders.

4.3 Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 The LAC must operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference, approved as a change to Council's Constitution by Full Council at its meeting on 18th March 2021. The Terms of Reference provide that each LAC must agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review, and that the decisions it makes in relation to funding must fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

4.4 Other Implications

- 4.4.1 None

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None. This is in line with the previous decision of September 30th 2021.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The North LAC is asked to note the use of funding as per the previous decision of September 30th 2021.