

South Local Area Committee

Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 6.00 pm
(Doors open at 5.30pm)

**Cemetery Road Baptist Church, 11
Napier Street, Sheffield, S11 8HA**

The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend

Local Area
Committees

Membership

Councillor Simon Clement-
Jones (Chair)
Councillor Richard Shaw
(Deputy Chair)
Councillor Ian Auckland
Councillor Sue Auckland
Councillor Steve Ayriss
Councillor Nighat Basharat
Councillor Alexi Dimond
Councillor Marieanne Elliot
Councillor Peter Garbutt
Councillor Maroof Raouf
Councillor Sophie Thornton
Councillor Paul Turpin

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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In order for us to be able to effectively facilitate attendance at the meeting, we would encourage all attendees to notify us of your attendance in advance by registering [here](#) or emailing committee@sheffield.gov.uk

If you require any further information please contact Jennie Skiba email jennie.skiba@sheffield.gov.uk.

SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA 6 JULY 2022

Order of Business

Mount Pleasant Park - developing a plan for the future

The full public meeting is scheduled to commence at 6.00pm, however, before the start of the formal meeting, Sharrow Community Forum will be running an information stall about the work they are doing with partners, including the Police and Sheffield Council, to improve Mount Pleasant Park. They would like to talk to people about their draft plan and would welcome your ideas and suggestions. The doors will open from 5.30pm for this informal session.

Business Items

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of the Press and Public**
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 Meetings** (Pages 9 - 16)
To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 16th March, 2022 and 18th May, 2022.
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public.
- 7. South Local Area Committee Community Plan - update** (Pages 17 - 24)
Update to be given by Diane Owens, South Local Area Committee Manager.
- 8. Community Safety & Neighbourhood Policing**
Presentation to be given by Inspector Katie Rowland-Wilson and Damon Pass, Safer Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

NOTE: The next meeting of South Local Area Committee will be held on a 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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SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

South Local Area Committee

Meeting held 16 March 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones (Chair), Sophie Thornton (Deputy Chair), Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayris, Alexi Dimond, Peter Garbutt, Cate McDonald, Maroof Raouf, Richard Shaw and Paul Turpin

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Alison Teal.

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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13th October, 2021, were approved as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 The Committee received the following questions from members of the public who had submitted questions prior to the meeting, and who were in attendance to raise them:-

5.1.1 Question 1

I wrote to the City Council a few years ago asking that a 20mph speed limit be imposed on Folds Lane. The Council never got back to me regarding my request, but recently I have noticed that a number of roads at Greenhill have been designated 20mph. Traffic travels along Folds Lane and surrounding roads at 30 to 40mph sometimes, so I should like to request again that these roads be designated 20mph.

In response, the Chair said that he would find out what the current position was regarding Folds Lane and get back to the questioner as soon as possible.

5.1.2 Question 2 – Calum Wilson-smith

Asked the question regarding the level of litter around where he lives. He said he lived on Vincent Road and there was a huge problem with litter on his road and

also on the Lansdowne estate. He said that fly tipping wasn't a problem but the lack of litter bins on the estate contributed to the amount of litter. He said that when the estate was developed, it was for single occupants but that has changed. He has been informed that it was too expensive to provide litter bins. He asked what could be done to improve the situation, what would be the cost incurred and to find out what was seen as a priority? He stated he had also submitted an FOI in relation to these issues and was awaiting a response.

In response, the Chair stated that the issue of litter was part of the Local Plan and from a Local Area Committee perspective, the Committee would look into taking community action. Acknowledging that an FOI has also been submitted, the Chair said he would request a response to any outstanding issues.

5.1.3 **Question 3**

(a) With regard to 20mph zones, the Council states that it would enforce them "where appropriate". It was felt that this was a cop out. She wanted 20mph zones to be enforced to reduce air pollution. She also wanted to raise awareness around schools benefitting from 20mph zones, as some schools, but not all, have the schemes in place.

(b) There was no mention in the Draft Community Plan regarding housing. She felt that there was an issue around repairs not being carried out not only in Council-owned rented properties but also in the private sector.

In response, the Chair stated that the Committee was keen to make sure that there was safe parking around all schools. With regard to housing, these issues are not within the scope of the LAC Plan and Members have been campaigning for the Council to do more with regard to repairs. He said that due to the fact that it was a citywide challenge, there wasn't much that the LAC could do for the time being, but it may be possible to pick up at a later stage.

Councillor Peter Garbutt stated that any issues raised at LAC meetings would be taken on board and passed to the relevant Committee in May when the new Committee structure was in place.

5.2 The following questions and responses had been received in advance of the meeting as follows:-

5.2.1 **Question: David Bower**

I have noticed on the Nextdoor social media that a lot of people are complaining about cars parked on pavements and across junctions. This was highlighted by the Highways Breakout group and I would like you to make a statement at the next LAC meeting saying what has been done about it. I sincerely hope this was not just a paper exercise.

As Mr Bower was not present at the meeting a response has been sent by email, confirming that inappropriate / illegal parking has been included in the South LAC Community Plan and what our next steps will be.

6. SHEFFIELD COUNCILS TRANSITION TO A COMMITTEE SYSTEM

6.1 The Committee received a presentation given by Craig Rogerson, Principal Committee Secretary, Democratic Services, which outlined the changes to the Council's Committee System. He stated that in May 2021 a public referendum voted to change the Council's governance structure to a committee system in May 2022. The Local Area Committees, as well as Transitional Committees were created at that same time. Craig Rogerson said that a public inquiry had been held to gather evidence and design the new committee system. The aim was to put the voice of residents at the heart of decisions about Sheffield. He outlined the system that was in place now and what it would look like from May, 2022. Craig Rogerson set out how decisions would be made as follows:-

- Local Area Committees would continue to develop as currently – the new committee system doesn't change the plans for ways of working locally. LACs can refer issues to any and all policy committees (previously referred to cabinet).
- The new Policy Committees - Cross-party, politically proportionate setting, whole committee accountable.
All political groups involved in policy development .
Use of a new 'toolkit' of public engagement options.
More plans to improve the way the whole council involves the public, partners, stakeholders, communities in policy development and decisions.

The Public Engagement Toolkit should be used by each committee when considering its 'menu of options' for ensuring the voice of the public has been central to their policy development work.

6.2 Councillor Peter Garbutt said that he was a Member of the Governance Committee and was particularly keen on public engagement. He said there were many ways that the Council could engage with the public and it was important that the public know how and where to get involved. Councillor Garbutt stated that the LACs would be taking the decisions forward to the new Committees.

6.3 A member of the public asked how the Committees were structured, where they selected or randomly appointed?

In response, the Chair stated that each Political Party nominate Members to serve on every Committee and the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees are appointed at the meeting of the Annual Council held in May each year.

7. APPROVAL OF THE SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY PLAN 2022/23

7.1 The Committee received a presentation from Diane Owens, Community Services Manager. Diane Owens referred to the Online Consultation Meeting which had been held in January, 2022. She said that following conversations held with some 2,000 residents and businesses, feedback from this had been reviewed and data had been looked at to establish the positives but also the concerns raised by communities. Diane Owens said that sessions had been held in each of the four

Electoral Wards within the South area, with the voluntary, community and faith sector and local groups to discuss the draft Community Plan and asked for their contributions and comments on the Plan with feedback from those meetings being taken back to Members of the Committee to develop the Plan now set out at this meeting. She outlined the six key themes that the Plan would be based around, these being the Environment and Green Spaces; Transport and Highways; Community Safety and Crime; Communities; Employment and Skills and Children, Young People and Families. She acknowledged that the Plan was quite high level and that more detailed work was still needed to identify where the hotspots were in the area and where particular issues would need to be focused on. Diane Owens stated that the Plan was all about working in partnership with communities, and partners e.g. Police and Members of the Committee.

7.2 Diane Owens summarised each of the key themes set out the Community Plan and stated that more detail was set out in the Plan. She then referred to the budget stating that the South LAC has a dedicated budget of £100,000 for the year 2022-23 and would be able to influence a Council budget of around £57,000 for targeted work around fly tipping and tackling graffiti. Diane Owens said that Ward Councillors would also oversee two local budgets, being ward pots and Community Infrastructure Levy, which could potentially support some of the activities outlined in the Community Plan. Finally, Diane Owens set out the next steps stating that the South Local Area Committee would work to deliver the projects and priorities set out in the Plan adding that there was a commitment to work with partners, and that the committee would continue to listen and connect with communities and that there would be a minimum of four public meetings a year to listen to what the community had to say and to provide an update on the Community Plan, Diane added that the Team could be contacted at any time via the details set out on the South LAC webpage.

7.3 The Chair thanked Diane Owens for her presentation and all the hard work the Team had carried out to develop the Plan.

7.4 RESOLVED: That the South Local Area Community Plan be agreed.

7.5 **Reasons for the decision**

The proposal to approve the South 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

7.6 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

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

7.7 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None.

7.8 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None.

7.9 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Executive Director. People Services.

7.10 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

At the conclusion of the consideration and voting on the Community Plan, a series of breakout groups were organised which comprised members of the public in attendance, a Council officer and a Member of the Committee leading the discussion, to consider the six key themes that had been highlighted in the Community Plan. Following discussions lasting around 45 minutes, the Chair asked each Lead Member of the groups to report back. The Chair stated that Members would work through the outcomes of the discussions and held and would endeavour to work them into the Community Plan.

2/3 key priorities to feedback from each group discussion:

Transport & Highways

- Parking on verges and yellow lines and blocking driveways
- 20 mph zones - some areas suggested

Environment & Green Spaces

- Litter on Bochum parkway and lack of bins in Graves Park
- Pollute and pay policy
- Solutions to climate change - biodiversity and green spaces - both need to be mapped / coordinated

Communities

- Community hubs - importance / what's going on in your neighbourhood
- Need a directory to access information - Sheffield directory not really fit for purpose too clunky - Flourish better example
- Have lost too much funding from community development work

Community Safety & Crime

- Set up NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) for Gleadless Valley
- Neighbourhood Watch (NW) – still has an important role to play, helps with commutation; could NW groups use other mechanisms for commutation e.g. social media / what's app – they could help with work of NAG's

Children, Young People & Families

- Street art project across the LAC
- Community hubs - knowing where to go for activities / included suggestion re. Music hub
- Young people need safe spaces

Employment & Skills – as only 1/2 people choose this theme it was agreed they would join another group discussion.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and for their contribution to the workshops, he said that the next public meeting would be in June / July and that we would let people know once a date had been set.

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

South Local Area Committee

Meeting held 18 May 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones (Chair), Sophie Thornton (Deputy Chair), Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Steve Ayriss, Nighat Basharat, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Peter Garbutt, Maroof Raouf, Richard Shaw and Paul Turpin

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

RESOLVED: That Councillor Simon Clement-Jones be appointed Chair and Councillor Richard Shaw be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2022-23.

3. DATE AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the meetings of the Committee be held at least four times per year, on dates and times to be determined by the Chair, in accordance with the schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2022-23, approved at the annual meeting of the Council.

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Author/Lead Officer of Report: Diane Owens,
South LAC Community Services Manager
Tel: 0114 474 3635

Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: South Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 6th July 2022
Subject: South LAC Community Plan Update

Has appropriate consultation been undertaken? Yes ☒ No ☐

Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken? Yes ☐ No ☒

If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? *(Insert reference number)*

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes ☐ No ☒

If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the report and/or appendices and complete below:-

"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)."

Purpose of Report:

Each Local Area Committee has a £100,000 budget to address local priorities, identified within their respective Community Plans. This report sets out details of some proposed spending in respect of this £100,000 during the 2022/23 financial year.

This report gives an overview of some initial priorities for proposed expenditure and seeks authorisation from the South Local Area Committee to permit the South LAC Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair, to spend monies to address identified priorities within the Community Plan.

Recommendations:

That the South Local Area Committee:

(i) Notes the proposed allocations of £70,000 from the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the South LAC Community Plan in 2022/23, as detailed in the report, and in particular

- Approves a budget of £10,000 to clean up "the Lumb" area in Gleadless Valley
- Approves a budget of £40,000 for community capacity building
- Approves a budget of £20,000 for activities for young people

(ii) To the extent that it is not covered by existing authority, authorises the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure relating to the Lumb area of Gleadless Valley and (following further consultation as described in this report, including with the voluntary, community and faith sector) the other priorities set out in the report provided that:

- The decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair
- The decision may not approve expenditure in excess of the allocated budget for each priority set out in the report, and
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

Background Papers:

The South Community Plan is published at:

[South Local Area Committee Community Plan \(sheffield.gov.uk\)](https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/south-local-area-committee-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:	Nik Hamilton
3	LAC Chair consulted:	Cllr Simon Clement-Jones
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: Diane Owens	Job Title: South LAC Community Services Manager
	Date: 27/6/2022	

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 Local Area Committees (LACs) were established by Full Council in May 2021. Their Terms of Reference are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution and include:

- To agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review; and

- To make decisions relating to funding as delegated from time to time by the Council to fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

Each LAC was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 under an executive decision by the Leader of the Council on 17th August 2021. This money is to be spent in line with the Community Plan. As the Community Plan was not finalised until late in the 2021/22 financial year very little of this budget has been spent across the LACs and it has been carried forward to the current financial year.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues between Committee meetings, in September 2021 the LAC authorised the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure 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, and
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

- 1.2 The South Local Area Committee (LAC) developed a Community Plan through consultation with residents, community groups and other stakeholders in South Sheffield.

These conversations have helped identify key priorities within the South area, which will inform actions to address issues that matter most to local people.

The key priorities highlighted in the Plan are:

- environment and green spaces
- transport and highways
- community safety and crime
- communities
- employment and skills
- children, young people and families

At a meeting of the South LAC held on 16 March 2022, the LAC approved the Community Plan.

To enable us to start to deliver priority actions to address issues identified in the Plan, this report presents an overview of some initial proposed spending during 2022/23.

Priority 1: Environment & Green Spaces

Action: The Lumb, Gleadless Valley

Overview: We will work with Council services and the community to clean up “the Lumb” area in Gleadless Valley.

We will develop an action plan to identify the actions that need to be taken both in terms of cleaning up the site and community engagement and longer term prevention, to include enhancing biodiversity

Outcome / impact

- Reduced levels of litter and fly tipping
- Cleaner / more attractive environment
- Increased use of area by local community

Budget allocation: £10,000

Funding will cover the cost of an intense clean up (including equipment hire and skips), improved signage and some possible small scale public realm projects and communications and engagement.

Priority 4: Communities

Action: Community Capacity Building

Overview: This priority focuses on building community capacity and infrastructure within the South LAC. The approaches used will be based on the needs of the area and could include, community planning, investing in community leaders and volunteers, supporting community led activities, developing community assets, and improving community engagement, linked to voice and influence. The project will use strength-based approaches to working with local people and organisations.

Outcome / impact

- Increase in community engagement and capacity
- Increase in community events and activities
- Increase in community assets

Budget allocation: £40,000

The South LAC will have further conversations with the local voluntary, community and faith sector to inform our approach to this priority, this could include exploring any opportunities for match funding. We will be in touch with groups to arrange this.

Priority 5: Children, Young People & Families

Action: Activities for young people

Overview: This priority focuses on activities for young people within the South LAC. We will work with our local Council Youth Services Team and the voluntary, community and faith sector, to try and ensure youth provision is targeted effectively and meets the needs of young people.

This will include funding some additional capacity to provide youth activities in areas of highest need. We will ensure any provision is based on the needs of young people and the activities that they would like to see. This could include youth clubs, training programmes and sports

activities.

Outcome / Impact:

- Increased activities for young people

Budget allocation: £20,000

The South LAC will have further conversations with the local voluntary, community and faith sector to inform our approach to this priority, this could include exploring any opportunities for match funding. We will be in touch with groups to arrange this.

This gives a total initial budget allocation of £70,000 leaving the South LAC with £30,000 to allocate against the remaining priorities, as outlined in the South LAC Community Plan.

- 1.3 Some of the proposed expenditure may fall within the Community Service Manager's current authorised spending limit. There will however be occasions when expenditure will exceed £5,000 and so would require a decision by the LAC to proceed, but to wait until the next meeting of the LAC would cause undue delay to the project.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to deliver priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Plan, it is therefore proposed that, to the extent that it is not already covered by existing authority, the Community Services Manager is authorised to make decisions on expenditure relating to the priorities set out in paragraph 1.2 above provided that a decision may not approve expenditure in excess of the allocated budget for each priority set out in the section above.

This authorisation would be subject to the conditions on consultation with the LAC Chair and expenditure being reported to the next meeting of the LAC set out in paragraph 1.1 above.

Reports detailing the activities funded and the exact amounts of expenditure under each priority heading will be brought to each Local Area Committee meeting during 2022/23, as spending is incurred.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

- 2.1 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 partner organisations including the voluntary, community and faith sector 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

4.1.1 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.

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 expenditure from the LAC's approved budget of £100,000. This budget must not be exceeded.

The priorities outlined in this report equate to an initial budget allocation of £70,000 leaving the South LAC with £30,000 to allocate against the remaining priorities, as outlined in the South LAC Community Plan.

Procurement of supplies and/or services and any award of grant aid will

be carried out in line with the Council's Contracts, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

4.3 Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 The LAC must operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference, approved as part of the Council's updated Constitution, reflecting the committee system of governance, by Full Council at its Annual Meeting on 18th May 2022. In accordance with the provisions of section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Constitution provides that a Committee may delegate to a Council Officer.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Decisions on any expenditure above the existing authority to the Community Services Manager could be reserved to the LAC but this would delay delivery of priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Community Plan.
- 5.2 All decisions on expenditure to support Community Plan priorities could be delegated to officers. However, this would restrict the LAC's ability to monitor its delegated budget and delivery of the Community Plan.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The South LAC is asked to note the allocation of funding under the priority headings identified to assist its ability to monitor its budget, and to authorise the Community Services Manager to approve expenditure above the current delegated authority in certain circumstances so that delivery of the Community Plan is not delayed.

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