

North Local Area Committee

Thursday 7 July 2022 at 6.00 pm

The Venue, 650 Manchester Road,
Stocksbridge, Sheffield, S36 1AJ

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Councillor Alan Hooper (Chair)
Councillor Vickie Priestley
(Deputy Chair)
Councillor Penny Baker
Councillor Victoria Bowden
Councillor Lewis Chinchin
Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh
Councillor Julie Grocutt
Councillor Mike Levery
Councillor Janet Ridler
Councillor Ann Whitaker
Councillor Richard Williams
Councillor Alan Woodcock

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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
7 JULY 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 Meetings** (Pages 9 - 18)
To approve the minutes of the Committee held on 9 March, 2022 and 18 May, 2022.
- 6. North Local Area Committee Action Plan** (Pages 19 - 22)
Verbal update by David Luck, Community Services Manager.
- 7. North Local Area Committee Budget Report** (Pages 23 - 30)
Report of David Luck, Community Services Manager.
- 8. Stocksbridge Towns Fund update**
Verbal update by Amanda Holmes, Communications Officer.
- 9. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public.

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

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ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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 –

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- 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.

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North Local Area Committee

Meeting held 9 March 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hooper (Chair), Penny Baker, Vic Bowden, Lewis Chinchon, Julie Grocutt, Mike Lavery, Ann Whitaker, Richard Williams and Alan Woodcock

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' Francyne Johnson and Vickie Priestley.

2. EXCLUSIONS OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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 meetings of the Committee held on 30 September, 2021, were approved as a correct record.

5. APPROVAL OF THE NORTH LAC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-23

5.1 The Committee received a presentation from David Luck, Community Services Manager. A survey had been conducted across the city alongside community engagement which was carried out by the North Local Area Committee team and partnership organisations. This had helped to form the 3 main themes of the Community Plan: Transport and Highways, Environment, and Community. These were broad 'headlines' with cross-cutting issues which would be prioritised and explored further. The aim had been to identify areas of work that could make a difference to local communities. Following agreement of the plan, further engagement would take place about specific projects and aims.

5.2 A member of the public enquired whether it was now just a question of signing off headlines as the plan is yet to emerge? Extensive consultation has been carried out, but the numbers were low in terms of a population percentage. Could this be boosted?

In response, the Chair noted that the part of the consultation process had been undertaken when Covid-19 restrictions had prevented face-to-face meetings. He advised that some community groups had provided positive feedback on the draft plan. The Chair was aware of the lack of consultation with young plan and noted

that it was an emerging plan.

David Luck agreed and explained that the Community Plan would grow and develop over time. This process would be informed by regular meetings held between members and officers, statistical information obtained from the survey, and also from the vast knowledge that members had on their communities. He noted that future consultations might be modified and be carried out more broadly and creatively.

5.3 The Chair read out a question from Will Nash, who was not present at the meeting:

Why is 'community safety and crime' not one of the 3 area priorities when it was the least liked and third highest for improvements in the area overall?

The written response provided to Mr Nash was as follows:

As you say, community safety and crime was one of the four main areas identified in consultation.

I then went through individual comments and whilst these varied there were a lot about lack of Police presence.

The question for the LAC is what are the elements of community safety and crime it can address? Clearly, much of this lies primarily with the Police who we work closely with.

The LAC needs to consider the type of areas where it can be involved in tangible work and I would hope those issues around ASB can be picked up within the proposed priorities for example:

- Safe roads – measures to address concerns about speeding
- Vibrant community life – positive activities for young people; promoting the work of local Police teams; working with housing colleagues around concerns within social housing
- Clean & attractive environment – work around graffiti & fly tipping

Over the coming months we will explore key issues further in order to bring forth projects and develop an action plan.

At the heart of our work is the development of strong working relationships within communities and with service deliverers. In this way, over time, we hope to make progress on the issues people have raised with us

5.4 A member of the public noted that the Community Plan had been talked for a long time about the plan, and now residents were ready for action. The questioner asked whether there were any examples of projects to improve the quality of life for people, the young and the old? In terms of 'levelling up', what were our members/MP doing to improve the quality of life for north Sheffield residents? Council Tax and energy costs were increasing and member/MP support was

needed to make sure a fair share of funding was received compared to more affluent areas.

Councillor Grocutt agreed that it was time to listen and take action. In 2014 the Council had been unsuccessful in its bid for Future High Street funding in Stocksbridge, but this had led to a successful 'Town Fund' bid. This was already showing tangible differences in the quality of life and health and wellbeing of local residents. She advised that there had been lots of investment in improvement to local parks. A lesson learned from Covid-19 was how much Sheffield's open space was valued. Local Area Committees had funding for dealing with issues such as flytipping, graffiti and dog fouling. This funding had supported investigations into 'hotspot' areas of flytipping, dealing with worst areas first, and was helping to improve areas and to enable residents to take pride in their local areas. There was also much support from community organisations, including local litter picking groups. There were a number of ongoing projects and Councillor Grocutt noted the importance of members communicating these fully to local residents.

5.5 Councillor Penny Baker was pleased that funding was now available to direct locally to support communities. She noted that Stannington was a huge ward which had struggled in the past for financial support. Recent funding had allowed local members to work with and to support local people and local parks. These projects included:

- Work was being carried out in parks in Stannington, Wadsley Park Village and Worrall to make improvements and to provide playground equipment that was suitable for children with disabilities;
- In Rivelin valley, some Section 106 money had contributed towards a plan to improve the area;
- Flytipping had been a major blight, and members had worked with communities on locating 'hotspot' cameras;
- A speed camera had been installed on a problematic road between Stocksbridge and Stannington, which had involved working with community groups and residents;
- Gates had been erected around a community space to stop 4x4 vehicles accessing and spoiling the land.

Councillor Baker noted that a lot of work was being done due to now having more support through the Local Area Committees. She reiterated that once the basic framework of the Community Plan had been agreed, it would then be necessary to prioritise projects and direct resources where they were needed.

5.6 The Chair noted that the North Local Area Committee had the added benefit of including a town council and two parish councils. The north was a large geographical area but had great assets such as countryside and open space. This also meant some unique issues such as poor connectivity, rural isolation and transport difficulties. There were some areas of deprivation within the north and the Chair felt that improving provisions for young people would be beneficial to those areas in particular.

- 5.7 Dave Ogle, High Green Parish Councillor, felt the Community Plan was a good basis to start from. He was concerned that the facilities of the Parish and Town Councils would not be used to their fullest extent and was keen to ensure that the Local Area Committee worked with them so as not to go over the same ground. He advised of plans for a boxing club that were being drawn up and hoped that the Council could work with them to signpost to any possible funding for the new building. He also mentioned plans for a new club house for Thorncliffe Bowling and Tennis Club were currently going through the planning process, and if successful was hoped to decrease social isolation in the area.

In terms of youth crime, Mr Ogle advised that Ecclesfield Parish Council had allocated almost £20,000 in initiatives to prevent anti-social behaviour and to look at engaging young people, for example via volunteering. He hoped that Local Area Committees could use their experience and get involved in at 'ground level' and provide help such as signposting to funding. He noted that the Parish and Town Councils were great assets and should be recognised as such.

The Chair thanked Mr Ogle for his input and confirmed that the North Local Area Committee would continue to work with the Parish and Town Councils. Councillor Julie Grocutt also noted the value in working on local strategies together.

- 5.8 **RESOLVED:** that:-

- (a) Approval be given to the North Community Plan as a statement of the priorities of the area;
- (b) Authority be given to the Community Services Manager to produce a final version of the Community Plan document, incorporating any amendments approved by the LAC at this meeting, and to publish it on the webpages of the North Local Area Committee;
- (c) 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; and
- (d) Thanks be given to the Community Services Manager and the North Local Area Committee team for their hard work in preparing the Community Plan.

- 5.9 **Reasons for Decision**

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.

- 5.10 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

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

- 5.11 Breakout sessions took place to give attendees the opportunity to discuss

implementation of the key themes within the Community Plan.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

6.1 The Committee received the following question from a member of the public who had submitted questions prior to the meeting, and who was in attendance to raise it:-

6.1.1 Question 1 – Matthew Wilson

(a) At the last meeting, the state of Mortomley Close, an un-adopted road in High Green was raised and there was a commitment to take this back to the council to find out more information.

Since then a question was raised at Full Council about it and it was suggested approaching the LAC, and seeing what could be done in the meantime. Can members inform me if any members of the LAC had taken this issue back to the council and if so what were they told.

The Chair noted that the first question had been raised at the North LAC online event that was held on 27 January 2022, and also at full Council on 2 March 2022, where Councillor Paul Wood gave a response.

Councillor Mike Levery queried whether there was any written evidence available that could be considered. He noted that Councillor Wood had made it clear in his response (to full Council) that the Council would be held legally responsible for any work they carried out to an unadopted road. He had heard of other unadopted roads which the Council had agreed to resurface. Where future repairs were required on these roads, the Council would organise the works and would then recharge residents.

(b) I have been approached by tenants living in the bungalows on the corner of Bevan Way. They are concerned about the security of their communal garden. They inform me that they had contacted the Council with proposals to partition the land and had provided quotes for the fencing.

Unfortunately they were turned down. They were told they couldn't partition the garden as it was a communal garden. However, there are a number of communal gardens on Bevan Way with communal gardens that they've partitioned. They were also told they couldn't partition the garden as the Council need access to cut the lawn. Tenants tell me though they cut it themselves.

It seems to me as it's their garden which they maintain themselves and they have said they are willing to pay for it at no cost to the council then why shouldn't they be able to partition it. Could members advise whether they would investigate and review the previous decision made.

The Chair thanked Mr Wilson for his questions and asked him to forward the details of the bungalows concerned. He would then be able to seek a full

response from officers who would be able to investigate the details of their tenancy agreements.

6.2 The Committee received the following question from a member of the public which was submitted prior to the meeting:-

6.2.1 **Question 2** – Alan Bilton (read out by the Chair)

Over the last 15 years the lower section of Church Street, Ecclesfield, between Mill Road and The Common, has experienced problems of surface water flooding. Sheffield City Council is aware of these problems and I would like to know:-

- (a) Their view as to the cause of these problems
- (b) Why nothing has been done to alleviate the problems
- (c) Why, despite meetings and visits from various Council officials, the Council has not communicated with residents
- (d) What can now be done to remedy the situation.

In response, the Chair advised that he would seek a full response from officers in order to provide Mr Bilton with full clarity on the issues he had raised.

7. TRANSITION TO COMMITTEES

7.1 The Committee received a presentation given by Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal and Governance, which outlined the changes to the Council's Committee System. She stated that in May 2021 a public referendum voted to change the Council's governance structure to a committee system in May 2022. Changing the structure also meant a change in how decisions were made. Following on from the referendum result, a Governance Committee was set up. Over the last year, members had worked together as a cross party committee to set out what the new structure might look like.

A public inquiry was held in December, 2021, which included evidence from experts, members of the public and community representatives. The information gathered at the inquiry was used to help design a new model, which was then recommended to, and agreed at, the Council meeting of 23 March, 2022. The new structure would be formally implemented at the Annual General Meeting of the Council, scheduled for 18 May, 2022. A full review of the structure would take place six months later, which would involve input from the public.

The Council currently functioned via a model of governance that consisted of a Leader and 10 Executive members. The Executive team currently made most of the decisions. Transitional Committees had been set up in July 2021 to help with the shift to the new structure and had given members the opportunity to work cross-party.

7.2 A member of the public asked how chairs of the committees would be appointed; would this be decided by the Leader, the majority party or decided amongst the committee members?

In response, Gillian Duckworth advised that chairs of the new committees would be appointed by full council at Annual General Meeting on 18 May 2022. Each committee would have the ability to change this over time.

- 7.3 Another public questioner asked whether Local Area Committees had staff working exclusively to support the work of the Committee, would there be reports of this Local Area Committee to full Council every month, and was this considered to be an efficient way to push the work of the Committee?

In response, the Chair advised that the North Local Area Committee had a designated team that was supported by Democratic Services and technical staff. There were also officers within other services that could be called on to answer specific queries. He also noted that Local Area Committees were autonomous of full Council and had their own decision-making mechanisms.

Gillian added that teams were being created with nominated officers that would support the new policy committees in their functions.

In response to the question about referring matters from Local Area Committees, Gillian advised that although there was currently no formal reporting mechanism, this was expected to be added as an agenda item for future meetings of full Council.

- 7.4 Another public question was raised, asking what the current position was regarding the Chief Executive of the Council and had arrangements been put in place to allow business to continue in her absence.

Gillian advised that interim arrangements had been put in place to ensure that the Council could continue to fully operate.

8. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER FOR NOTING

- 8.1 A report was given by David Luck, detailing a delegated decision made by the Community Services Manager in consultation with the Chair of the North Local Area Committee. This was for the sum of £650 to erect a 'Give way' sign on Stephen Lane in Grenoside; a measure proposed by Strategic Transport, Sustainability and Infrastructure to manage traffic on a narrow street.

- 8.2 **RESOLVED:** that the Committee notes the contents of the report.

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SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

North Local Area Committee

Meeting held 18 May 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hooper (Chair), Vickie Priestley (Deputy Chair), Penny Baker, Vic Bowden, Lewis Chinchon, Julie Grocutt, Mike Levery, Ann Whitaker, Richard Williams, Alan Woodcock, Craig Gamble Pugh and Janet Ridler

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

RESOLVED: That Councillor Alan Hooper be appointed Chair and Councillor Vickie Priestley be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2022-23.

3. DATES 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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Appendix A: North LAC action plan 2022/23

Priority/ action	Description (inc LAC resource)	Timescale	Owner
Vibrant community life/ develop additional youth activity	Development of High Green youth hub - £11,300	September start	High Green Development Trust
Vibrant community life/ community information	Development of a community signposting guide, costs tbc	July meet; September production	Dave Luck
Vibrant community life/ digital inclusion	Scope for additional activity or community events, costs tbc	September Stocksbridge event	Teresa Bond
Vibrant community life/ digital inclusion	Scope to influence provision of better broadband	22/23	Dave Luck
Vibrant community life/ vol	Ways to increase/ promote/ co-ordinate volunteering	September meeting	Dave Luck
Vibrant community life/ comm groups (buildings)	Explore scope to improve/ develop community buildings, especially in Stannington (pavilion)	22/23	Dave/ Teresa
Vibrant community life/ development/ local plan	Engage local people in development of local plan & associated infrastructure needs	Autumn	Dave/ Teresa/ Planning
Vibrant community life/ community need	Support for those at greatest need re <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deprivation - Access to services (remote communities) - Support for Food Banks – Stocksbridge review 	22/23	Dave/ Teresa

Priority/ action	Description (inc LAC resource)	Timescale	Owner
Clean and attractive environment/ improved play equipment	Improvements to play equipment across a number of sites in the North - £25k, explore scope to increase via partner budgets	22/23	Dave/ Teresa/ Parks
Clean and attractive environment/ litter & graffiti	Action to tackle hotspots identified by Councillors	22/23	SCC Environmental Regulation
Clean and attractive environment/ bins	Better quality bins at identified parks sites	22/23	Dave/ Teresa/ Parks
Safe roads and effective transport links/ VAS'	Installation of a vehicle activates sign (VAS) displaying speed limit – one per ward to be rotated around sites in each ward	22/23	SCC Highways
Safe roads and effective transport links/ school safety	Explore measures to improve safety around schools such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive/ park safely campaign for the North • Funds for small school measures like comms or practical kit (summit) • Support for any school streets in the area (E.g. Windmill) 	22/23	Dave/ Teresa/ Highways
Safe roads and effective transport links/ 20 mph	Installation of new 20mph zones	22/23	SCC Highways
Safe roads and effective transport links/ small schemes	Consideration of small highways requests as they occur	22/23	Dave/ Teresa/ Highways

Priority/ action	Description (inc LAC resource)	Timescale	Owner
Safe roads and effective transport links/ Speeding	Scope for further initiatives around speeding such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed watches - Purchase of speed guns - Campaigns 	22/23	Dave/ Teresa/ South Yorkshire Police
Safe roads and effective transport links/ community transport	Explore options inc promoting community transport and piloting new models such as community car share schemes at a local level	22/23	Dave/ Teresa

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Author/Lead Officer of Report: Dave Luck
North LAC Community Services Manager
Tel: 07795637875

Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: North Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 7 July 2022
Subject: Report of North LAC proposed spending 2022-23

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? 1201

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 initial details of the proposed spending within this £100,000 budget during the 2022/23 financial year.

Recommendations:

That the North Local Area Committee:

- (i) Notes the proposed anticipated expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North LAC Community Plan in 2022/23, as detailed in the report, and in particular
- Agrees that a grant of £11,302 be awarded to High Green Development Trust for the development of a youth base
 - Approves a budget of £25,000 for parks improvements
- (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 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 on any element in excess of the anticipated limit for that element 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.
- (iii) Agrees the attached action plan as a basis to develop future projects/ activity

Background Papers:

The North Community Plan is published at:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/community-plans/north-local-area-committee.html>

Appendix A: North LAC action 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: Ann Hardy
	Legal: Andrea Simpson
	Equalities: Bashir Khan
<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: 7 July 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 North Sheffield Local Area Committee (LAC) developed a Community Plan through consultation with residents, community groups and other stakeholders in North Sheffield.

These consultations have helped identify key priorities within the North area, which will inform actions to take to address issues that matter most to residents. The key priorities highlighted in the Plan are:

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

At a meeting of the North LAC held on 9 March 2022, the LAC approved

the Community Plan.

The North LAC team has begun to explore potential projects for 2022/23 and propose the following two projects.

1.3 Parks improvements budget: £25,000

This contributes to the priorities of vibrant community life and clean and attractive environment. The budget proposed will enable improvements on a number of sites across the LAC areas.

Preliminary ideas include:

- Improvement to the football area at Wadsley Park Village
- Updated equipment at Grenoside Park
- Updated equipment at Fox Glen park, Deepcar
- Updated equipment at The Rookery, Deepcar

These sites have been identified as priority sites by the Parks and Countryside Service.

If the budget is approved further work will take place to confirm sites and plans, including consultation with ward Members. This will include further discussions with local groups and Town and Parish Councils to explore scope for match funding to increase the scope of what is possible.

There may be occasions when the proposal for an item of expenditure exceeds £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 projects set out as above provided that a decision may not approve expenditure in excess of the anticipated limit for the element in question. 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.

1.4 Youth base at High Green Development Trust

The North of Sheffield currently has only one site, at Stocksbridge, for building based, open access youth work. The proposed scheme would develop a youth space in High Green based at the Trust with funding for a club to operate from September 2022 – March 2023.

This would both create additional space for provision and target resources at an area of deprivation within the LAC area.

It is proposed that the LAC awards a grant of £11,302 to High Green Development Trust to develop this provision on the understanding that this will establish the activity and funds from other sources will need to be sought to ensure future provision beyond March 2023.

The costs would be made up of:

- Staffing Lead = £1560 (1 staff £30ph 2 hours per session)
- Staffing Support = £780 (1 staff £15ph 2 hours per session)
- Room Hire = £702 (2 hours per session)
- Food Provision = £260
- Marketing = £250
- Decoration & Furniture = £650
- Gaming & Sound System = £2000
- Music Licence = £100
- Activity Budget = £5000

- 1.5 A number of other areas of work continue to be explored and developed, many of which are expected to cost below the £5000 level that can be approved by the Community Services Manager.

Further detail is set out in the attached action plan, which will be a document that is updated as the year progresses. The LAC is asked to agree the plan as a basis to develop future projects/ activity.

Other potential areas for projects include:

- Individual small highways schemes
- Development of a community information guide
- Digital inclusion events
- School safety work
- Community car scheme pilot

Where any activity takes place under the £5000 spending threshold, this will be reported to the next LAC meeting.

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 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

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 devolution of responsibilities improves 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.

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.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA 1201) has been carried out in relation to the agreeing of the initial projects under the LAC £100K budgets and identifies positive impacts in North LAC across several characteristics.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

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

Procurement of supplies and/or services and the 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 North LAC is asked to note the proposed allocation of funding to the projects identified to enable detailed planning to commence and delivery to begin in the coming months.