

North Local Area Committee

Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 6.00 pm

**Forge Valley School, Wood Lane,
S6 5HG**

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

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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**NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA
18 JANUARY 2023**

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 - 18)
To approve the minutes of the Committee held on 5 October, 2022.
- 6. Stannington Gas Incident**
To provide an update on the recent incident.
- 7. Public Questions and Petitions** (Pages 19 - 20)
 - (a) to receive any questions or petitions from members of the public
 - (b) to note the attached document setting out the responses to questions raised at the last meeting, which were not provided at the meeting
- 8. Update on referrals to Policy Committees** (Pages 21 - 24)
To provide an update on any referrals to Policy Committees.
- 9. Bradfield Parish Council**
To receive an update from Bradfield Parish Council.
- 10. North East Local Area Committee Budget Report** (Pages 25 - 30)
Report of David Luck, Local Area Committee Manager.
- 11. Draft Sheffield Local Plan**
To receive a presentation from Richard Holmes, Planning Services.

NOTE: The next meeting of North Local Area Committee will be held on Thursday 23 February 2023 at 6.00 pm

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- 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.

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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.

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North Local Area Committee

Meeting held 5 October 2022

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Julie Grocutt.

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 meeting of the Committee held on 7 July, 2022 were approved as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 The Committee received the following question from a member of the public who was not in attendance at the meeting and had submitted a question prior to the meeting, which the Chair read out:-

L Cocker

The Chair read out a question from L Cocker who was not in attendance at the meeting:

I am unable to attend this meeting, but would like the following questions to be raised and answered.

I noticed a speed detection device in Ecclesfield. On which dates will this device be active, and when and where will the results of the data be available to residents?

Also, how will the North LAC make use of these results to ensure it is a viable operation?

In response the Chair noted that the North Local Area Committee had been allocated one vehicle activated sign per ward, which had initially been placed in areas of most benefit. These would be rotated around the wards every 6 to 8 weeks, at 24 locations in total.

The devices notified drivers of their speed and also gathered data about speed at that location. They were active from when they were sited until being removed. Information regarding speed and traffic volume would be obtained and acted on where possible. A full written response would be sent to the questioner.

5.2 The Committee received the following updates:

(a) Leroy Wenham on behalf of Sheffield Caribbean Sports Club, Ecclesfield

Leroy was pleased to announce that the Club had been awarded a pot from the 'Tree of Trees' sculpture that had been part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. He hoped for the ongoing support of the Council and asked if the next North Local Area Committee meeting could include a presentation to acknowledge the award.

The Chair responded by noting Councillor support to date and said that representatives from the club would be very welcome at a future North Local Area Committee meeting. The next meeting was due to take place in the Stannington Ward, and the following one would be in the West Ecclesfield Ward.

Councillor Vic Bowden noted that she had attended the planting event and was familiar with some of the Club's expansion plans.

Mr Wenham explained that the facility was well used and advised that they hoped to develop a proper pavilion that could be used by local people.

Councillor Penny Baker wished to congratulate the club on their achievements.

(b) Tim Whitaker, Ecclesfield Parish Council

Tim Whitaker provided an update on recent activities, which included a school uniform 'swap shop'. This had happened in previous years, and since July this year 567 items had been handed out to schools. Some uniform had also been donated to asylum seekers residing at Staindrop Lodge.

Mr Whitaker also advised that a community skip day had been held at Angram Bank. This was a large walk-in skip and volunteers had assisted in carrying large items with residents. A further event was being planned for Chapeltown.

A gardening competition was also underway. This had been halted during the pandemic but was reinstated in 2021. Awards were due to be presented at the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 6 October, 2022.

The community room refurbishment was almost finished, which included a new kitchen and was wheelchair accessible. A McMillan coffee morning had been

organised which had brought regular users back and was hoped to encourage further use.

Four information posts had been installed around the parish which showed information on local walks of interest and was hoped to encourage people into exercise.

The Parish Council had worked alongside Chapeltown Community Hub to deliver isolation hampers to vulnerable residents.

New notice boards showing local information had been installed around the parish, to replace damaged one.

The Parish Council had hosted a tip to Chatsworth House for some Ukrainian residents.

(c) David Ogle, Ecclesfield Parish Council

David Ogle provided an update on the plans for a community boxing gym. Plans had been going through the planning process and it was hoped that a decision would be reached before Christmas. If permitted, it was hoped that the community gym could provide a local resource that would help to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Mr Ogle advised that the Parish Council had agreed to part fund a motor cross project that also aimed to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Funding applications had been made and Mr Ogle asked that anyone with any information about funding pots relating to crime and anti-social behaviour contact him via the Parish Council.

6. SHEFFIELD YOUTH CABINET

- 6.1 Emma Hinchliffe, Young People's Involvement Lead, was in attendance for this item. She was based in the Community Youth Services at Sheffield City Council and the teams work included youth work provision, careers advice, special educational needs advice, one-to-one support and sexual exploitation advice. She hoped to explain the work of the Youth Cabinet and how young people were supported and given a voice within the city.

Ms Hinchliffe explained that youth voice and participation was about meaningfully listening to the voices of young people in order to empower them and give them the skills and knowledge they need to be able to engage with decision-making locally, regionally and nationally. The Youth Cabinet members were elected every two years and this time their priorities were aligned to the those of the Local Area Committee. As a group they decided on city-wide priorities and, in their local areas, develop projects that they were passionate about. The priorities for this year included a national priority, city-wide priorities and a key local issue.

- 6.2 At this point Ms Hinchliffe welcomed two members of the Youth Cabinet, Isabelle and Mitch, who were local to the area and had particular interests in

- 'votes at 16' and reform of the curriculum. Ms Hinchliffe shared contact details for the team and asked that anyone who knew of opportunities for young people make contact. Support would be given where possible, and links formed with other relevant organisations.
- 6.3 In response to a question about community safety, Ms Hinchliffe advised that there was an advisory group to South Yorkshire Police where young people could raise issues that affected them and influence decision-making. The issues discussed included safety and sexual harassment. An event was also taking place at October half-term on safety for young people.
- 6.4 She advised that the team would also be working with South Yorkshire Police regarding in relation to test purchasing of fireworks and alcohol.
- 6.5 Louise Ellison, Deputy Services Manager in Youth Services, managed the work of the youth work team and had written the Dark Nights plan for their service. This involved working with local partner agencies, voluntary, community and faith groups, South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and youth workers, with the joint aim of reducing anti-social behaviour during this peak time. The South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service would be delivering educational sessions to young people regarding firework and fire misuse. In efforts to engage with young people, there were lots of 'diversion' activities planned across the North Local Area Committee region, varying from ice-skating sessions to Ninja warrior activities. The team would also be supporting community bonfires and youth clubs on bonfire night. Joint patrols would be carried out with South Yorkshire Police and if any young people were stopped by the police, they would initially be issued with a Community Resolution. This would lead to a referral to the Community Youth Team, who would then offer one-to-one or group sessions around victim awareness and the consequences of anti-social behaviour.
- 6.6 Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh stated that he was pleased to hear that local young people had been campaigning to reduce the voting age to 16 and felt this showed that young people were knowledgeable about issues that affected their lives and so were capable of making decisions at that age. He advised that some of his colleagues had recently visited Bradfield Secondary School and had spoken to students about the Citizenship programme. He felt that members from the different political parties would welcome invitations from schools and colleges for members to attend and explain their role as member and advise on how young people could get involved.
- 6.7 In relation to the community priority of recycling, Councillor Gamble Pugh noted that in parts of Ecclesfield and Chapeltown there was currently a trial of doorstep food waste recycling which was part of a change in Government policy. He welcomed the views of young people involved in the scheme to gain an understanding of how it was working and hoped that in the future it could be rolled out across the city.
- 6.8 Councillor Penny Baker thanked the team for their work with young people. She had previous experience of young people 'shadowing' her work as a member at

Sheffield City Council and extended this invitation to current Youth Cabinet members to encourage their interest.

- 6.9 Councillor Mike Levery noted that it had been useful to move committee meetings out into the community and it supported engagement of young people.
- 6.10 Councillor Richard Williams had visited Bradfield School to meet with year 7 students. The session included a full range of issues, including flytipping, buses and questions about whether there might be a third world war.
- 6.11 Councillor Ann Whitaker explained that her first introduction to the Youth Committee had been when two members had attended a Education, Children and Families Policy Committee. She had been impressed by the eloquent way in which they talked about how the pandemic had affected them. She had also welcomed the opportunity to attend the elections held at Bramall Lane and hear the views of the prospective members.
- 6.12 The Chair invited the Leader of the Council (Councillor Terry Fox) who had attended to observe the Committee meeting, to speak on this issue. Councillor Fox advised that he had attended the elections at Bramall Lane and a meeting of the Youth Cabinet at Dearne Valley. He welcomed the passion and enthusiasm of young people about the issues that matter to them. He felt that the work of Emma and Louise and their team had provided a good way of reinvesting in youth and allowing young people to 'repay' this with their wealth of knowledge.
- 6.13 Councillor Fox confirmed that he had also attended ward meetings and walkabouts to meet the public to understand their concerns. He noted that the Council was currently undergoing some policy developments and he planned to challenge the Youth Cabinet with the same task, by looking at the same information and evidence, and was interested to see how their views on different issues aligned.
- 6.14 The Chair stated that he was pleased that the North Youth Cabinet's issues and objectives matched with the priorities of this Committee, by including issues such as youth provision and recycling. On behalf of the North Local Area Committee, the Chair congratulated Mitch and Isabelle and the other members of the Youth Cabinet for their work and for attending the Committee meeting. If details of future Youth Cabinet meetings could be provided, the Chair extended an offer for individual members of the North Local Area Committee to attend where possible.

7. NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

- 7.1 David Luck, North Local Area Committee Manager, provided an update on the budget.
- 7.2 Mr Luck advised that as well as having a £100,000 budget for projects in line with its Community Plan, the North Local Area Committee also had a Ward Pot for specific activities and another funding stream which he would outline shortly.
- 7.3 The Community Plan had identified three priorities: Transport and Highways,

Environment and Community Life. Details of two projects had been reported to the Committee meeting of 7 July 2022.

- 7.4 Mr Luck updated the Committee on the spending that had been reported at the Committee meeting of 7 July 2022. He confirmed that a youth club had started in High Green and that, as part of the parks improvement budget, work was about to begin on the football pitch at Wadsley Park Village, as well as improvements to Fox Glen, Deepcar and Grenoside parks.
- 7.5 He explained that to make work practical throughout the year, there had been an agreement made at the first Local Area Committee meetings for projects under £5,000 to be agreed with the Chair and reported back at the Committee meetings.
- 7.6 It was anticipated that there would be both a formal report with new projects and a report back of smaller sums at the next North Local Area Committee meeting in January 2023.
- 7.7 An additional fund of £10,000 for additional youth activities had been lunched this week, and bids were open until the end of October for funding of up to £1,500. Further details and support on bids could be given as needed.
- 7.8 **RESOLVED:** that the North Local Area Committee:

- (i) notes the proposed anticipated expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North Local Area Committee Community Plan in 2022/23, as detailed in the report, and in particular:-

Category	Item	Cost
Community Support	High Green summer activities for young people	£1000
	Support for young families of asylum seekers at Staindrop Lodge	£500
Anti-social behaviour	2 Police bikes	£1850
	Tint man device	£665
	Throw ropes	£150
	Off road bike signs	£979
Highways	Lound School safety barrier	£2200
	Road narrowing sign,	

	Stephen Lane, Grenoside	£465
	Wharncliffe Side speed survey	£100

(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.

7.9 **Reasons for Decision**

The North Local Area Committee 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.

7.10 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

7.10.1 Decisions on any expenditure above the existing authority to the Community Services Manager could be reserved to the Local Area Committee but this would delay delivery of priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Community Plan.

7.10.2 All decisions on expenditure to support Community Plan priorities could be delegated to officers. However, this would restrict the Local Area Committee's ability to monitor its delegated budget and delivery of the Community Plan.

8. **HIGH GREEN DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

8.1 Chris Hallam, Chief Executive Officer of High Green Development Trust, attended to update attendees on activities and plans for the High Green Development Trust campus.

The campus included 35,000 sq ft of space, which was currently occupied by 13 different charities and 35 different community uses. These ranged from a nursing home, hydrotherapy pool, sensory rooms, a ball pool for adults and children, charity shop and a community fridge. There were 36 volunteers ranging in age

from 16 to 84. For the last 12 months, the Trust had changed from an inward to an outward looking organisation.

The Trust had a Community Plan which had been shared with Sheffield City Council, and was aligned with the Local Area Committee's priorities and commitments.

Sheffield City Council had supported the Trust in setting up a Youth Hub. The hub allowed young people to make budget decisions on which activities to run and how to reach across the city. Mr Hallam was reverse mentored by two young people, and found this to be a very useful experience.

The Trust aimed to partner with organisations that met with their three main priorities, which were Care, Education and Community.

In terms of community events, there was currently a suite of projects, including "Mind, Body and Soil", which was running across allotments. A group of ex-military volunteers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder were working on this project and were doing great work. The Trust was actively looking for opportunities to improve that space.

The Paces campus would be moving on to new premises at Thorncliffe at October half-term. The young people would be missed, but an 'outstanding' Ofsted rated nursery remained on-site along with a gymnastics group. There would still be a focus on educating staff, and courses were planned, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), how to live on a budget, cooking and art classes. Many communities had been reached over the last 18 months, and the Trust had been inundated with approaches from volunteers and residents wishing to work there. There was now also interest for facilities such as health visitor clinics and hot desking facilities. Sheffield City Council shared the Trust's long-term view for the site, which included plans to run a bus circular route which was hoped to be free at the point of use.

- 8.2 The Chair thanked Mr Hallam for attending and providing an informative update.
- 8.3 Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh noted that he had been following the email correspondence about the ongoing issue of the lease. He suggested that it might be useful for Mr Hallam to outline what arrangements had been made so far and the aspirations of the Trust going forward. He also proposed a resolution to give clear support and direction to Council officers to encourage them in the support of the work of the Trust.
- 8.4 Mr Hallam advised that the lease had originally been granted to the Trust at a 'peppercorn rent' on the proviso of community use. The site was currently being considered by the Council for special educational needs provision. While those plans developed, the Trust would continue to work with the city on the development of the site to ensure that it retained its provision of services for education, community and care. The Trust supported the aspirations of the city in trying to improve special educational needs provision and were confident that the blended activity on the site would achieve all aims. Mr Hallam believed that a

- rolling short lease could lead to a situation of being unable to attract organisations that fit with the Trusts and the city's aspirations. Over the next four to five years, the Trust hoped that the Council could continue to back its aspirations and provide a lease that supported work with site partners during that period.
- 8.5 Councillor Richard Williams noted the sentiment outlined by Councillor Gamble Pugh but felt unable to support the proposed resolution without having been fully briefed. Councillor Penny Baker echoed this concern and noted that it was not within the Committee's power to offer a commitment of support.
- 8.6 Mr Hallam felt that there was a need to break through some of the 'red tape' but felt reassured from the verbal support given at this meeting.
- 8.7 Councillor Williams offered to visit the site in his capacity as Chair of the Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee, and Councillor Baker also expressed an interest in visiting.
- 8.8 The Chair noted that the North Local Area Committee was in support of the ongoing activities of the Trust and if there was a need to move to a resolution then that should be placed on the agenda for the next formal meeting.
- 8.9 Councillor Gamble Pugh explained that his proposal was to resolve as a Committee that they were clear of the benefits that the Trust's utilisation brought to the community, but upon reflection, wished to formally withdraw his proposal for a resolution on this issue.
- 8.10 The Chair felt it was clear that the Chief Executive Officer and trustees were a valuable team, and that the campus was a worthwhile community asset and resource which complemented other community locations in the north of Sheffield.
- 8.11 The Chair explained that during January and February, 2023 there would be a formal public consultation on the Local Plan, and it was hoped that this could be included as an item at the next North Local Area Committee meeting, due to take place on Wednesday 8 January, 2023 at Forge Valley School, Stannington.

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**NORTH
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING – 5 OCTOBER 2022
WRITTEN ANSWER PROVIDED TO
PUBLIC QUESTION**



1.	Public question from: L Cocker
	<p>Question:</p> <p>I am unable to attend this meeting but would like the following questions to be raised and answered.</p> <p>I noticed a speed detection device in Ecclesfield.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On which dates will this device be active? 2. When and where will the results of the data be available to residents? 3. How will the North Local Area Committee make use of these results to ensure it is a viable operation?
	<p>Response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>On which dates will this device be active?</u> <p>The devices are now in active use. A series of locations per ward has been planned balancing Ward Councillors requests for areas to site the devices with locations where they are able to function effectively. Please see the attached Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) rotation schedule.</p> 2. <u>When and where will the results of the data be available to residents?</u> <p>The data that is obtained by the VAS is downloaded by Amey before it is moved to the next location, this data is then sent to Sheffield City Council. Work is ongoing to consider the most practicable way to analyse and share the data</p> 3. <u>How will the North Local Area Committee make use of these results to ensure it is a viable operation?</u> <p>The Local Area Committee will use the data to assess the effectiveness of the VAS locations once a full rotation has been completed.</p>

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**NORTH
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE
POLICY COMMITTEE REFERRAL
RESPONSE**



Public question from Maureen Barnett, raised at the North Local Area Committee on 7 July 2022

Question:

Unfortunately I cannot make the meeting as I do not drive but please could a suggestion be put on my behalf. I live at Grenoside where the bus service is deteriorating at a rapid rate to the point where many older people are not going out and becoming semi-housebound. The 135 is so infrequent and unreliable so people avoid it. The 86 is more reliable and regular but has a long tortuous route and does not connect with the tram or other bus services. The M92 is reliable and goes directly to the interchange, making connections possible. However, there are only 4 a day with timing gaps of 2hrs 10 minutes and only in the middle of the day. Yet in spite of its lack of frequency it is the busiest bus. What is needed is a shuttle service directly to Hillsborough Interchange, possibly hourly. A smaller bus like the M92 would be adequate. I feel very strongly that should be seriously considered. Thank you.

Resolution at the North LAC meeting:

That the issue around funding for bus services in the north of Sheffield, as mentioned above, be referred to the South Yorkshire Mayor and the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee

Outcome of referral to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee:

The initial referral was made to Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee, however the responsibility for public transport sits with South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA), therefore the issue around funding for bus services in the north of Sheffield, as mentioned above, has been referred to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority for a response.

Response from the Director of Public Transport Operations, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority:

I share those concerns at a time when operators are failing to provide passengers with the services they need and deserve.

Under South Yorkshire's current system, bus companies are free to decide where and when they will run services.

Bus operators continue to face a number of challenges, including the financial impact of the pandemic, increase in fuel prices, and a chronic shortage of drivers. The latter has resulted in frequent on-the-day, short notice cancellations on a number of their operations, including service 135. Operators are doing everything they can to minimise the disruption to customers, including training new drivers, although this takes time for new recruits to become qualified drivers.

The chronic shortage of drivers and rising operating costs have resulted in operators making the difficult decision to withdraw or curtail a number of their routes. Although we all know how vital these routes are to local communities, our current bus system allows operators to make these decisions on the basis of commercial viability alone.

Whilst the Government's extension to its Bus Recovery Grant funding for a further six months (announced on 19 August) from October 2022 until March 2023 has enabled bus companies to protect some services, some operators took the decision to continue with planned changes.

When bus companies withdraw services, as they have done over the past year, and more recently from 2 October, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) can pay other companies to run the routes at risk.

The Mayor and four local authority leaders, as the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) Board, therefore took the decision to try and plug these gaps by putting the routes out to tender, i.e. paying bus operators to run them – funded from MCA reserves. Although this is not a long-term solution, they believe it is the best way to protect communities from the immediate impact, given that so many people's livelihoods and wellbeing depend on these services.

Regrettably, the budget we have to support buses is limited and will not stretch to fill all the gaps and for a number of the routes we put out to tender we have received no bids, i.e. we cannot even pay bus companies to provide these services and we continue to see the shortage of bus drivers as a major concern in limiting the number of services possible.

In this instance Stagecoach have curtailed service 135, which since 2 October only operates between Rotherham and Chapeltown. Stagecoach continue to operate service 86 and South Pennine still run service M92, which offer alternative journeys. Regrettably, we are not in a position to introduce a shuttle bus to Hillsborough Interchange and even if we had the funding, would struggle finding an operator to resource this as they continue to face a shortage of drivers and rising operating costs.

The full list of service changes can be found at:

<https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-GB/LandingPage/service-changes>

We are currently advising customers to make alternative travel arrangements using our journey planner tool at <https://journeyplanner.travelsouthyorkshire.com/> or by ringing Traveline on 01709 51 51 51. Anyone who may struggle to access the mainstream public transport network can register to use Community Bus services. Although there is a cost involved, as it is subsidised, it is a cheaper alternative to a taxi and can be booked up to one week in advance. Generally, Dial a Ride and Shopper Bus services operate Monday

to Friday between 9am and 5pm. People can register by calling their local operator. Details are available at www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/accessibility-door2door

We will, of course, continue to explore any and all opportunities to protect and improve services, to give our community the bus network South Yorkshire needs and deserves – including our assessment of the benefits that franchising could bring to our bus network.

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Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: North Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 18 January 2023
Subject: North LAC Budget 2022-23

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<p>Purpose of Report:</p> <p>Each Local Area Committee has a £100,000 budget to address local priorities. This report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Proposes new expenditure in line with the North LAC plan
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Recommendations:

- That the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North LAC in 2022/3, as detailed in the report, be noted.
- That £11,000 further expenditure is agreed for replacement swings at The Rookery, Deepcar and Cross Lane, Stocksbridge

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>

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: Ed Sexton
<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: Carl Mullooly
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: 18 January 2023	

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 authorise 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:

Category	Item	Cost	Date chair consulted
Community support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional funding for youthwork (cost of bids to a fund above £10,000 provided by youth services) 	£772	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/11/2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Pauls food bank container 	£3500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/11/2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Green lunch club development costs 	£2500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/12/2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stannington community centre support during gas leak 	£1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/12/2022

Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priory Rd, Ecclesfield bollards 	£1400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/12/2022
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bin at Fox Glen • 2 replacement gates (Mortomley & Grenoside) • 3 benches (Fox Glen#2, Wadsley Park Village) 	£400 £2600 £2100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/12/2022 • 08/12/2022 • 08/12/2022
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations budget 	£500 (to increase budget from £1000 to £1500)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/12/2022

1.2 Further expenditure

The items listed in 1.1 total £14,472.

When added to previously agreed expenditure this equals a total spend of £60,683.

This is made up of the sum above plus:

- Decisions made at the July 7th 2022 meeting totalling £36,302
- Expenditure noted at the October 5th 2022 meeting totalling £9909

The following proposal is also recommended to address local priorities of developing a clean and attractive environment and vibrant community life.

It is proposed to provide replacement swings at The Rookery, Deepcar and Cross Lane Stocksbridge at a cost of £11,000. This will upgrade equipment that is coming to the end of its useful life and is based on conversations with the Parks and Countryside Department about sites in need of investment.

This would take total spend so far to £71,983 leaving a total of £28,017 to be allocated

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

Procurement of supplies and/or services 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 None. This is in line with the previous decision of September 30th 2021 regarding expenditure below £5000 and the North Community Plan agreed on March 9th 2022.

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 and agree further expenditure to address the identified local priorities