

South Local Area Committee

Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 6.00 pm

**Mount View Methodist Church,
Derbyshire Lane, Sheffield S8 8SG**

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Councillor Simon Clement-
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Councillor Richard Shaw
Councillor Ian Auckland
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Councillor Steve Ayris
Councillor Nighat Basharat
Councillor Alexi Dimond
Councillor Marieanne Elliot
Councillor Peter Garbutt
Councillor Maroof Raouf
Councillor Sophie Thornton
Councillor Paul Turpin

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**SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA
11 OCTOBER 2022**

Order of Business

- 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 Meeting** (Pages 9 - 16)
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public.
- 7. South Local Area Committee: Community Plan - Update**
Diane Owens, South Local Area Committee Manager to give an update on the Community Plan.
- 8. Sheffield Trading Standards - Not Born Yesterday Campaign**
Presentation to be given by Tina Weston, Trading Standards Enforcement Officer.

NOTE: The next meeting of South Local Area Committee will be held on Thursday 12 January 2023 at 6.00 pm

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

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 - which has not been fully discharged.

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- 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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South Local Area Committee

Meeting held 6 July 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones (Chair), Richard Shaw (Deputy Chair), Steve Ayriss, Nighat Basharat, Alexi Dimond, Sophie Thornton and Paul Turpin

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Auckland, Sue Auckland, Marieanne Elliot, Peter Garbutt and Maroof Raouf.

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 MEETINGS

4.1 The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 16th March and 18th May, 2022, were approved as correct records.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 Question from Nigel Slack

This is my first visit to an actual meeting of the LAC and I want to offer some budget suggestions. The Committee will be well aware of the multi-million-pound deficit in the mismanaged Property Services Departments maintenance budget. £32M in emergency repairs alone.

The Community Plan, to be voted on later in the meeting, prioritises three key areas and, in two of these there is an overlap with the assets and infrastructure at risk within Property Services. I would like to suggest that the Committee task the Committee Management to review these suggestions and, in concert with Property Services aim to clear some of these deficit repairs.

This will not only improve matters immediately but will, in a period of extreme stress on City budgets, prevent matters becoming worse and therefore more

expensive to mitigate.

I am not suggesting the Committee use all its budget in this way but, where its priorities overlap, seriously consider the synergy of this approach. I list some potential locations below and hope the Committee management can look at the feasibility of this approach as development and spending choices moves forward.

Emergency Compliance Maintenance 2022

Greenhill Bradway Youth Club	£ 1124 'activities for young people'
Greenhill Park	£ 618 'activities for young people'
Batemoor and Jordanthorpe Community Centre	£ 2125 'community capacity building'
Beauchief Abbey	£ 4104
Total	£ 7971

Emergency Compliance Maintenance 2023?

Jordanthorpe Library	£ 5143 'community capacity building'
Abbey lane Cemetery	£ 5313
Total	£10456

I have also had a phone conversation with Nathan Rogers of Facilities Management, who has advised that they are currently drawing up their Years 3 and 4 programme of repairs and maintenance four-year programme. We discussed my thoughts over how LACs might find some overlap and synergy in their priorities that could make working together to solve some of these essential repairs' issues viable. Nathan has suggested being in touch with LACs to provide an up-to-date schedule of their plans and commented on his willingness to discuss where LAC funds may be useful.

In response, Councillor Simon Clement-Jones, Chair, thanked Mr. Slack for his questions and said that he had raised some important issues. He said that, as it was well documented, the Council was currently facing financial difficulties and the gap in the budget was growing. He said that although the locations mentioned by Mr. Slack were in the Beauchief and Greenhill area, it raised the issue of how to get the community infrastructure back up and running and this showed where under investment by the Council had been over the past few years.

Councillor Clement-Jones said that the LAC Councillors were aware of the issues raised by Mr. Slack but said that the Local Area Committee did not want to spend its money on improvements that should be undertaken by the Council. He said that there was a lot that the Local Area Committee (LAC) could try to influence, once it had got on board with the new Governance system but were still waiting to see how that system was working at the Town Hall. He said he would contact the relevant Committee and report back to a future meeting of the LAC Chairs Group, in terms of the issue that has been raised. Councillor

Clement-Jones also added that although there was £100,000 budget for each LAC guaranteed for this financial year, there were no guarantees that the same would be available for subsequent years.

5.2 **Question from Carl Whittam**

Mr. Whittam stated that he was a resident of Sharrow and also a former resident of Beauchief and Greenhill, giving him an interest in both areas. He said that he had read the Community Plan and with regard to budgeting and had noted that funding was linked to deprivation levels. He said that he had looked at funding levels for individual Wards and noted that in the Beauchief and Greenhill Ward received £6.50 per person, whilst in the Nether Edge/Sharrow Ward, the level was £1.73. He said he didn't think that people in Beauchief and Greenhill were more deprived than those in the Sharrow Ward and asked for an explanation of this.

In response, Councillor Simon Clement-Jones stated that funding was allocated via Local Government Finance pots or legislation and work was carried out closely with officers to determine allocations. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a contribution SCC can charge developers towards essential infrastructure to support new development. A proportion of CIL receipts collected can be used as a "Neighbourhood Portion – this is the allocation managed through the South LAC.

In terms of the CIL figures in the Community Plan, he said that both areas were allocated similar amounts of money and the Nether Edge/Sharrow Ward had already managed to spend their allocation, whilst Beauchief and Greenhill still had money in their allocation which was due to spent once certain projects were up and running, which was why the figures looked skewed. Councillor Clement-Jones said that if Mr. Whittam would leave his details, the team would send him a more detailed response in terms of how the budgets are calculated. Councillor Sophie Thornton stated that Beauchief and Greenhill covered a vast area, which included Batemoor, Lowedges and Jordanthorpe which all had high levels of poverty. Councillor Paul Turpin added that the Gleadless Valley estate was the eighth most deprived area in the city.

5.3 **Question from Caroline Irving**

Caroline Irving said that Government funding had been given to support improvements to cycle and travel within the Sharrow area and she firmly supported more cycle paths within the area. She said that there were plans to close the underpass at the bottom of Cemetery Road and put a crossing over the road. She said that, at the moment the underpass was badly constructed, with sharp corners and uneven paths but was much used and considered a necessity by local residents. Ms. Irving asked how much influence the LAC would have in keeping the underpass open and would it be possible to consult with local residents and seek their views on this. She said as the money was coming from central Government so the Council has control over that funding.

In response, Councillor Simon Clement-Jones stated that he would ask the

question of the relevant Council Department involved in the project and get back to the residents in due course. Diane Owens LAC Manager said that there was to be consultations event held in the Sharrow area on 13th and 14th July and residents would have the opportunity to voice their opinions at such event on the scheme. Details of the events would be shared via the South LAC mailing list.

Question from Ione Henry

Ione Henry referred to the Connecting Sheffield Plan and particularly with regard to the proposed closure of Archer Lane. She said that details of the Plan had not been very well communicated to residents in the area and with regard to the proposed one-way system within Nether Edge she felt would have a negative impact on residents' safety i.e. fire engine access in the area.

In response, Councillor Simon Clement-Jones acknowledged that the City Council needed to do better in communicating and consulting on this scheme to members of the public. Part of the LAC Community Plan was to encourage Active Travel. Councillor Nighat Basharat referred to the Active Travel scheme and acknowledged the concerns of residents. She said that from the early stages of the Plan, involvement of residents could have been better. Councillor Basharat said that since she had been elected to serve on the City Council in May, she had been involved with local issues and was listening and taking on board the concerns of residents and agreed that it was very important that the voice of the community was heard. She encouraged people to attend the community consultation events to air their views.

6. SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY PLAN - UPDATE

- 6.1 Diane Owens, Local Area Committee Manager, South, referred to the report which gave an update on the South LAC Community Plan. She referred to the key priorities which had been highlighted in the Community Plan and stated that the report gave an overview on some initial proposed spending during 2022/23. Diane Owens then referred to the three key priorities that had been identified.

The first priority was the Environment and Green Spaces, and work was to be carried out at The Lumb, Gleadless Valley. She said that there had been a budget allocation of £10,000 for the work to be carried out by Council services and the community, to clean up the area initially and look at longer-term prevention measures to reduce fly tipping and litter and to make the area cleaner and more attractive to increase use of the area by the local community. The budget could also fund some improved signage and small scale public realm improvements.

Ms. Owens said the second priority was around communities and community capacity building. She said that there had been a budget allocation of £40,000 and the focus was on building community capacity and social infrastructure within the South LAC. She said the approach would be based on the needs within the area to include community planning and investing in community leaders and the voluntary sector to support community led activities, develop community assets

and improve community engagement.

The third priority was based around Children, Young People and Families, with a budget allocation of £20,000. This would focus on activities for young people within the South LAC.

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

The Committee will have further conversations with the local voluntary, community and faith sector to inform the approach to our priorities around community capacity building and young people. This will include seeking the views of young people and could include exploring any opportunities for match funding.

6.2 The Chair invited comments/observations from Members of the LAC which were as follows:-

- The Plan was welcome as it focused on local investment within the LAC area.
- Although the funding was not a large amount of money, it was localised funding and welcomed.
- Members suggested the possibility of visiting schools and other young people's organisations to find out their views and what they wanted to see and invited their suggestions.
- Members would welcome the chance to meet with representatives of Sheffield Youth Cabinet. This will be arranged.
- There were issues around women and young girls avoiding certain areas as they were afraid and there was a need to focus on giving support to women. Funding was being sought to address this within the Masterplan.

6.3 The Chair summarised by stating that many people had been involved in development of the Community Plan. He said he had met with many organisations but was conscious that many organisations didn't have the capacity to push things forward and the LAC intended to talk to as many people as possible to get things done within communities. He acknowledged that youth provision had been lacking over the recent years and had not delivered what was needed and this was something the LAC wanted to support once it was known what young people wanted.

6.4 Each Local Area Committee has a £100,000 budget to address local priorities, identified within their respective Community Plans. This report set out details of the proposed spending in respect of this £100,000 during the 2022/23 financial year. The report gave an overview of the general categories of proposed expenditure and sought authorisation from the South Local Area Committee to permit the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair, to spend monies to address identified priorities within the Community Plan.

6.5 **RESOLVED:** That the South Local Area Committee agree the recommendations in the report, including the allocation of £70,000 from the £100,000 budget to address

local priorities from the South LAC Community Plan.

6.6 Reasons for Decision

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.

6.7 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

6.7.1 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.

6.7.2 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.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY & NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

7.1 The Committee received a presentation regarding Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing.

7.2 Present for this item were Inspector Katie Rowland-Wilson, Damon Pass, Safer Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and Jonathan Roberts, Sharrow Community Forum.

7.3 Inspector Rowland-Wilson introduced herself and the team. She said that there were two teams covering six Ward areas split into two teams, she was based at Woodseats. She said that each team consisted of a Sergeant, four Police Constables and between two to four Police and Community Safety Officers.

She said the team focused on the national themes set out by Government on policing and the three key elements were problem solving, targeted activity and engagement. Inspector Rowland-Wilson stated that following a community survey that had been carried out, three priorities had been identified by members of the public in the Southwest Police area, these being domestic burglary, speeding vehicles and drug dealing. She said that the Neighbourhood Action Groups set up in the Sharrow/Nether Edge, Gleadless Valley and Batemoor, Lowedges and Jordanthorpe areas had had a really positive affect in problem solving and focused on key problems within those areas and how to deal with them.

She referred to the Safer Neighbourhood Co-ordinator whose role focused on community safety issues and worked collaboratively with all key partners. i.e. local schools, the City Council, Central ASB Team, Housing Services, Local Area Committees, local Councillors, TARA's and community organisations e.g. Sharrow Community Forum. Inspector Rowland-Wilson stated that the policing plans were to tackle theft from cars and burglaries by focusing on better street lighting and the use of CCTV and looking out for themes occurring in crime hotspots. One crime hotspot recently identified in the Sharrow/Nether Edge was theft from vehicles and the Team were working on how to deal with that and also business and residential

burglary. The Team was looking at patterns and themes that might be occurring.

- 7.4 Damon Pass, Community Safety Co-ordinator stated that he had been in post since March 2022 and was based at Woodseats Police Station. He said the area has a small team of very dedicated officers working really hard to tackle problems within the South LAC area. He said he was the link between the Council and the Police and it was about partnership working to solve problems. He said that the task was incredibly difficult, so the NAGs memberships were key to working together to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and deal with some of the more challenging people in society.
- 7.5 Inspector Rowland-Wilson stated that the Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) were holding regular meetings bringing together statutory agencies and voluntary partners. She said that the Sharrow/Nether Edge NAG, which was held every month, was really embedded and showed good practice for the rest of the city by being effective in managing issues and individuals of concern. She said that the Batemoor, Jordanthorpe, and Lowedges NAG met every eight weeks and the Gleadless Valley NAG had held two meetings, six weeks apart, and work was ongoing to make the area safer for communities. She referred to the Mount Pleasant Masterplan stating that the Masterplan was a living document and things were changing all the time. Work had been carried out with the local authority around the Mount Pleasant Park building and there were really positive results from that project and positive plans were in place for the future.
- 7.6 Jonathan Roberts referred to the Mount Pleasant Park Masterplan stating that the aim was to design out crime in the local area by working with the Police. The Masterplan aimed to provide extra outdoor lighting, outdoor gym equipment to allow people to get more involved in the Park and attract more people to use the Park by hopefully securing funding to provide toilet facilities and a café. He said that although resources weren't readily available but through continuous consultation it was hoped to attract more funding to enable plans to be put in place.
- 7.7 Councillor Simon Clement-Jones thanked Inspector Katie Rowland-Wilson, Damon Pass and Jonathan Roberts for their attendance and the presentation. He also thanked the public for their attendance and involvement in the meeting.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 8.1 Councillor Simon Clement-Jones confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, 11th of October, 2022 at 6-8pm at a venue to be confirmed.

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