

# North Local Area Committee

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**Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 6.00 pm**

**Stocksbridge High School, Shay  
House Lane, Stocksbridge, S36  
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**Local Area  
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## **Membership**

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

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## PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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**NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA  
27 JUNE 2023**

**Order of Business**

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- 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 23 February, 2023, and 17 May, 2023.
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions** (Pages 19 - 22)
  - (a) to receive any questions or petitions from members of the public; and
  - (b) to note the attached document setting out the responses to questions raised at the last meeting, which were not provided at the meeting.
- 7. North LAC Budget 2023-24** (Pages 23 - 32)  
Report of David Luck, Local Area Committee Manager.
- 8. Stocksbridge Towns Fund update**  
To receive an update from Amanda Holmes.
- 9. Stocksbridge Town Council update**  
To receive an update from Mark Whittaker, Chair of Stocksbridge Town Council.

**NOTE: The next meeting of North Local Area Committee will be on Tuesday 26 September, at a venue to be confirmed.**

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## ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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

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

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

You **must**:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You have a personal interest where –

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

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

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

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

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

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North Local Area Committee

Meeting held 23 February 2023

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

**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 meeting of the Committee held on 18 January, 2023, were approved as a correct record.

Matters arising:

Item 5: Councillor Penny Baker noted that some residents were still experiencing problems with their gas appliances and/or bills. Aspect and Cadent were responding to these issues.

Item 6.1: Councillor Richard Williams advised that a meeting had been held between Stannington Pavilion Renewal Committee representatives and officers of Sheffield City Council. He noted that the meeting had been positive and that discussions would continue.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

5.1 The Committee received the following question from a member of the public who attended the meeting to raise it:-

(a) Bridget Kelly

When is the deadline for applications to the Parish Council elections?

In response, the Chair noted that Sheffield City Council's local elections would take place on 4 May, 2023, and that the timescales for the parish council elections would be the same. He advised that Andrew Towleron, Clerk of Ecclesfield Parish Council, would be in contact with Ms Kelly directly to explain the process.

The Committee received the following questions from members of the public who were not in attendance at the meeting and had submitted questions prior to the meeting, which the Chair read out:

*(b) Megan Smith, Chairperson, Grenoside Conservation Society*

We are very concerned about the traffic and roadside parking on Woodhead Road Grenoside near the car park for Wheata, Greno and Wharncliffe Woods.

There are 2 serious issues with traffic and parking.

1. This area has become very popular, especially with the mountain biking community. This means that at weekends there are a lot of large vehicles using the area which park on the roadside when the car park and laybys are full. This often means that it is very difficult to see to cross the road and is very dangerous for young families, dog walkers, horse riders and cyclists. It also makes it difficult for other road users as cars, cyclists and pedestrians have to weave through the parked cars in single file.
2. The other problem with the stretch of road that includes the car park is that it is very straight for about a quarter of a mile and there is no speed restriction, so when there are no parked cars, traffic can drive up to 60 mph which makes crossing the road or exiting the car park, very dangerous.

We are aware that there have been discussions with the police already, but this has not materialised in any obvious signs or improvements to the road. We have also tried asking Sheffield City Council directly but was told that it would not be a priority unless there was an incident to raise it up the list.

This situation has been ongoing for a long time now and we feel that the lack of action on this is unacceptable. We do not want to wait for a serious accident to happen before it is addressed.

We would very much like your help with this.

The Chair agreed to forward the details to Highways and the local policing team for a full response.

In response, Councillor Julie Grocutt advised that in Stocksbridge and Upper Don, funding was used to set up a speed survey to get accurate data and

suggested that Ward Councillors might want to try this option. Residents had complained about speeding, and the survey data has shown there was no speeding and that it was public perception. She noted that implementation of a 30mph speed limit would be costly and might not have the desired effect of reducing speed. She added that where there were parked cars, it was the responsibility of drivers to drive to the condition of the road. Sheffield City Council had the authority to update signage, however it was the responsibility of South Yorkshire Police to enforce speeds. Councillor Grocutt suggested that talks with South Yorkshire Police regarding enforcement could be an option.

Councillor Mike Levery added that the car park had been outgrown by the number of people visiting Grenoside Woods and queried how parking could be improved.

Councillor Craig Gamble Pugh advised that he had been contacted by East Ecclesfield residents regarding setting up a traffic campaign group. He agreed to contact the residents to see if they would be interested in looking further afield while looking for solutions to speeding problems.

The Chair noted that there were two main concerns: one was the number of cars parked on the A61 adjacent to the car park at weekends, and the other was speed limits that were contradictory to the 50mph speed limit. He suggested that signage to cross the road might help.

Councillor Penny Baker had also experienced issues around speed limits on some roads in Stannington and stated that referrals had been made to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee as appropriate.

Andrea Hatcher, an Ecclesfield resident, added that she regularly visited Grenoside Woods with her children, and agreed that speeding on the A61 was a problem. She believed that it would be useful to have speed deterrents and noted that, although there were speed bumps on the road through Grenoside village, there were none on the stretch of road near Grenoside Woods.

Tim Whitaker, an Ecclesfield Councillor and cyclist, had visited Grenoside Woods and Wharncliffe Woods that day. He noted that the woods had excellent mountain biking routes that were well known, and that people travelled from miles around to visit. He believed that the car park was not big enough for the number of visitors to the area.

(c) Dennis Patton

I have a couple of questions about the quality of the Amey road "repairs".

1. Why are many of the roads deteriorating so fast?
2. When will they be repaired to a decent standard of longevity?

The Chair advised that a full response had been received from Amey, which would be sent to Mr Patton and would be published on Sheffield City Council's website.

Councillor Levery added that the recent spells of cold weather had caused cracks in the road, followed by wet weather, which had allowed water ingress. He advised that Amey carried out emergency repairs and follow up work. He noted that surface water was also a challenge on some roads.

The Chair referred to responses received for two public questions raised at the North Local Area Committee of 18 January, 2023 and advised that the responses would be added to Sheffield City Council's website.

## **6. NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT**

6.1 David Luck, North Local Area Committee Manager, shared details on screen of voter ID requirements for the upcoming local elections. He noted that this was national legislation and that it did not apply to postal votes.

6.2 Each Local Area Committee was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 under an executive decision by the Leader of the Council on 17 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 Local Area Committees and it has been carried forward to the current financial year.

6.3 It was proposed to provide a grant of £20,000 to the Christian Centre, Stocksbridge, towards the development of a new community hub in Stocksbridge. This hub would involve re-modelling the Christian Centre, a Church of England/Methodist building to enable wider community use. The proposed funds would enable the first phase of the project to take place.

6.4 **RESOLVED:** That the North Local Area Committee:-

(i) notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North Local Area Committee in 2022/3, as detailed in the report, be noted; and

(ii) approves the award of a grant of £20,000 to The Christian Centre, Stocksbridge towards the development of a new community hub in Stocksbridge with these funds enabling the development of a new kitchen space.

### **6.5 Reasons For Decision**

The North Local Area Committee was asked to note the use of funding as per the previous decision of 30 September, 2021, and agree further expenditure to address the identified local priorities.

### **6.6 Alternative Considered And Rejected**

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

## **7. SHEFFIELD CARIBBEAN SPORTS CLUB**

- 7.1 Leroy Wenham provided an update for the Committee on the Sheffield Caribbean Sports Club. He explained that the club was established over 30 years ago and was a thriving sports club with much success over the years. It was an inclusive centre that aimed to promote sports within the Caribbean culture whilst welcoming all members of the community. The club had been working with the English Cricket Board to recruit players. The club had outgrown its pavilion and planned to build a new one in the future, which would require much support. Although football and cricket were the main sports offered, the club had also produced a successful netball team. The club aimed to also provide basketball, hockey and other activities. Mr Wenham hoped that these activities would encourage the community to view the club as an asset and help to develop the club to better serve the area. Clive Lloyd, former professional cricketer, had been working with the club to gain recognition for their cricket coaching in schools.
- 7.2 Mr Wenham advised that the new pavilion plans were available for viewing at the close of the meeting.
- 7.3 Another representative from Sheffield Caribbean Sports Club added that the club aimed to promote wellbeing as well as sports and was open to men and women of all ages.
- 7.4 Councillor Vic Bowden stated that she had visited the club for a tree planting ceremony and believed the club to be a 'hidden gem' that had a welcoming atmosphere. She suggested new signage and publicity for the club to show their wide range of activities.
- 7.5 Councillor Richard Williams asked if the club had managed to get back to the same level of activity since the pandemic. Mr Wenham responded by explaining that activity was building up gradually, and that attendance was regularly over 100. He noted that an extensive programme was being planned with schools, a 'Windrush' activity was planned in June, and a family event was due to take place in August. He noted the suggestion for more publicity and welcomed any available support for this.
- 7.6 Councillor Grocutt added that Sheffield Sharks basketball team did outreach work and suggested that Mr Wenham connect with them. She also suggested contacting the 'Look Local' newspaper that had a 'what's on' section and offered free publicising.
- 7.7 The Chair thanked Mr Wenham for attending the meeting.

## **8. THORNCLIFFE LEISURE CENTRE**

- 8.1 David Luck presented this item due to Ian Dickens (General Manager of Thorncliffe Leisure Centre) being unable to attend.

8.2 Mr Luck provided the following update for the Committee:

- Thorncliffe Leisure Centre continued to offer a warm space for members of the public to visit at any point in the week. Two sessions were now on offer that provided a free coffee and games (Wednesday 1.00pm to 3.00pm, and Thursday 9.30am to 11.30am).
- Places Leisure and Place for People Group had launched the Community Matters Strategy with a focus on developing further partnerships within the community. Any partners or organisations wishing to work with Thorncliffe Leisure Centre were encouraged to contact Ian Dickens by email at: [ilandickens@pfpleisure.org](mailto:ilandickens@pfpleisure.org)
- Food donations were welcomed at the site and were being distributed through the Food Poverty Network. Options were also being considered for working with other foodbanks in the local area.
- It was planned to hold family fun pool sessions on Saturdays and Sundays, commencing from the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> March. It was hoped that this would provide a fun element to the pool programming. It was anticipated that more of these sessions could be added during the Easter holidays.
- A £60,000 refurbishment of the gym facilities had been completed, which had included the introduction of some new fitness equipment and improved lighting.

8.3 The Chair added that the Centre had been there for over seven years and had excellent facilities that were well used. He noted the challenge of the recent energy crisis but hoped that footfall would increase during the temporary closure of Hillsborough Leisure Centre swimming pool, whilst maintenance work was being carried out there.

## **9. ECCLESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

9.1 Tim Whitaker (Councillor, Ecclesfield Parish Council) provided an update for the Committee, and advised the following:

- There had been no increase in the pre-set spending limit.
- Community skip days had been held in Chapeltown and High Green and had been successful. This was also planned for Grenoside and Burncross over the summer.
- The Parish Community Hall had been refurbished to a high standard and reopened and had received a steady stream of bookings.
- £20,000 had been redistributed to groups and local organisations in support of their activities.
- A range of activities were planned for the King's Jubilee.
- Walkabouts had taken place in High Green and Chapeltown with

South Yorkshire Police and Sustainable Community Officers.

- The Parish Council had jointly signed the Community Safety Charter, developed by Neighbourhood Watch to help provide an environment that is safe for everybody.
- The Parish Council received a bronze award by the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme in recognition of their support to those who have served in the armed services and their families.
- A visit had been organised for Ukrainian refugees to attend the Lord Mayor's Parlour in the Town Hall.

## **10. UPDATE ON REFERRALS TO POLICY COMMITTEES**

- 10.1 The Chair provided an update on two issues raised at the North Local Area Committee meeting on 18 January, 2023, that had been referred to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee.
- 10.2 Ward Councillors for Stannington had been contacted, requesting a reduction of the speed limit on Rails Road. They believed it raised wider questions about approaches to speed on rural roads. The Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee requested that the issue be referred to Kate Martin, Executive Director for City Futures.
- 10.3 Ward Councillors for East Ecclesfield had been contacted by residents of Smith Street, Chapeltown requesting a residents parking scheme. A survey had shown a very high level of support, however Members had been informed that no residents schemes were possible outside of the city centre. The Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee requested that the issue be referred to Kate Martin, Executive Director for City Futures.
- 10.4 The Chair thanked those present for attending the meeting. He advised that the next meeting of the North Local Area Committee would take place in Stocksbridge.

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# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## North Local Area Committee

### Meeting held 17 May 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillors Alan Hooper, Penny Baker, Lewis Chinchin, Craig Gamble Pugh, Julie Grocutt, Mike Levery, Robert Reiss, Janet Ridler, Ann Whitaker, Richard Williams and Alan Woodcock

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Vickie Priestley.

#### **2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR**

2.1 On the motion of Councillor Penny Baker, seconded by Councillor Mike Levery, and following a vote, conducted by a show of hands, it was:-

2.2 **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Alan Hooper be appointed Chair and Councillor Vickie Priestley be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2023-24.

#### **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 2023-24, approved at the annual meeting of the Council.

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**NORTH**  
**LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING – 23 FEBRUARY 2023**  
**WRITTEN ANSWERS PROVIDED TO**  
**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**



<b>1.</b>	<p>Public question from Dennis Patton</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>I have a couple of questions about the quality of the Amey road "repairs":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why are many of the roads deteriorating so fast?</li> <li>2. When will they be repaired to a decent standard of longevity?</li> </ol>
	<p>Responses:</p> <p>Please be aware that Sheffield City Council has a Private Finance Initiative contract with Amey Hallam Highways Limited, for the delivery of a complete highway maintenance service which includes all highway maintenance activities such as street lighting, street cleaning, carriageway and footway resurfacing, signal maintenance etc. Payments made by the Council under the contract do not relate to the provision of specific items of work, instead, a single payment is made for each month of the 25 year term of the contract.</p> <p>For your information, approximately 60% of roads and 65% of footways within the city were resurfaced during the first five years of the Streets Ahead contract, which was known as the Core Investment Period. The remaining roads may be resurfaced after the initial period, which is called the Lifecycle Investment Programme. All roads are subject to regular condition inspections which are undertaken every two years, and regular safety inspections also take place, this process will continue for the remainder of the 25 year contract.</p> <p>During the initial Core Investment Period, the works were undertaken as a zonal approach, rather than in postal code, which is why roads are resurfaced at different times.</p> <p>As mentioned above, all roads in Sheffield undergo a condition survey, during these surveys, some roads maybe deemed as not requiring resurfacing at that time, therefore, they may be resurfaced at a later date depending on their condition.</p> <p>Issues identified during these surveys are added to our bespoke software system which creates a condition score.</p> <p>Under the Streets Ahead contract, the condition scores mean that when the average condition of a given road falls below these pre-set condition scores, any</p>

	<p>failures must be addressed, however, as the data is only run once a year and the inspection interval is every two years there is often a delay before roads are eligible for works to be undertaken. This is often why interim repairs are carried out to ensure that the road remains in a safe condition, for all road users.</p> <p>Should you wish to report any defects on a particular road, please contact us via any of the methods shown below, providing us with a specific location, and we will arrange for an inspection to be undertaken.</p> <p>We hope this information is helpful to you, however, if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Customer Services at <a href="mailto:streetsahead@sheffield.gov.uk">streetsahead@sheffield.gov.uk</a>, via the website <a href="http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/streetsahead">www.sheffield.gov.uk/streetsahead</a> or by telephone on (0114) 273 4567.</p>
2.	Public question from Megan Smith
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Traffic on Woodhead Road, Grenoside</p> <p>As you are aware we have raised this matter at Conservation Society meetings for several years now. The situation is worsening as the area becomes more popular.</p> <p>Could you please discuss this matter at the Local Area Committee Meeting on Thursday evening to see what can be done about it?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>We have received responses from the Council's Highways service and the local Police team:</p> <p>The Highways service has stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the absence of parking restrictions, any parking or speeding that is causing a danger or an obstruction can be reported to South Yorkshire Police on their non-emergency 101 number, or online at <a href="https://www.reportingcrime.uk/SYPincidentreport/">https://www.reportingcrime.uk/SYPincidentreport/</a>.</li> <li>• You can also contact your local policing team, who should take some action via: <a href="https://www.southyorks.police.uk/find-out/your-neighbourhood-policing-team/">https://www.southyorks.police.uk/find-out/your-neighbourhood-policing-team/</a>.</li> <li>• Realistically, this issue goes above and beyond enforcement and a Traffic Regulation Order for the extension of yellow line restrictions could be considered. You will be aware that the City Council has, for many years, suffered major reductions in the funding that it receives from Central Government. These reductions have, in turn, equated to serious cuts in the Transport Planning budget. Due to these cuts, it is not possible for us to immediately satisfy all of the requests for schemes that we receive from the city as a whole. All requests for the introduction of parking restrictions</li> </ul>

are, therefore, recorded on a city-wide master list of requests where they are assessed and prioritised.

- There are over 1700 outstanding requests, for parking restrictions, that Transport Planning currently has on its city-wide list and our funding is completely unequal to the task that we face. Due to the large number of competing requests and our very limited budget for carrying out schemes of this type, I regret that it would not be possible to say at this time when any request (if you wanted to make one) may be approved for implementation as the schemes for 23/24 have already been agreed.
- Any parking restriction needs to have a legal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in place to enable the restriction to be enforced by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers. The TRO process is governed by various acts of Parliament that instruct local authorities how to undertake the process, what consultation is required and how the outcome decision is to be made. Because of the legal processes involved, the cost of making a TRO can vary between £6,000 and £10,000. The final cost is usually at the upper end of this price range.
- If speeding is a concern, perhaps this is a location that the North LAC might want to consider placement of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). This would highlight speeds above the speed limit and capture data to give a picture of vehicle speeds.

The local Police team has stated:

- This is a National Speed limit which at this point as a single carriage way is 60mph. The Police don't decide upon speed limits but are responsible for the enforcement of speed limits. People parking at the junction with the Car park are likely to restrict the view of those exiting the car park, perhaps the car park owner/responsible persons would consider some cones or alike?
- As there are not any parking restrictions in place on the road so we would deal with parking on a case by case basis.
- We could look at some speed enforcement on there with the Safety Camera partnership but this would be a one off rather than the norm.

Unfortunately, it is clear that there are no instant solutions. However, the LAC team would like the opportunity to meet you on site to consider if there are any practical measures or ways of managing traffic within the community alongside other key stakeholders.

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**Report of:** Community Services Manager  
**Report to:** North Local Area Committee  
**Date of Decision:** 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
**Subject:** North LAC Budget 2023-24

Has appropriate consultation been undertaken?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? 2149				
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Purpose of Report:**

Each Local Area Committee has a budget to address local priorities. This report

- Sets out details of the spend in respect of the initial budget of £100,000 for 2022/23 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.
- Describes funding allocated to the LAC for 2023/24 and sets out proposals for its allocation and expenditure for 2023/24 in line with the North LAC plan.

**Recommendations:**

That the North Local Area Committee

- Notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North LAC in 2022/23, as detailed in the report.
- Agrees the use of the 2023/24 £100,000 LAC budget as described in the report.
- Approves the establishment of two new grant funds of £25,000 each from 2023/24 funds, one to address work with those in greatest need and one to encourage innovative ways of working, as described in the report.
- Authorises the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair, to finalise the eligibility criteria and make decisions, following engagement with the relevant Ward Members, on the award of grants of up to £5,000 from the two funds,

**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>

<b>Lead Officer to complete:-</b>	
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: Kerry Darlow
	Legal: Andrea Simpson
	Equalities: Bev Law
<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	<b>Head of Service who approved submission:</b> Carl Mullooly
3	<b>LAC Chair consulted:</b> 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.
	<b>Lead Officer Name:</b> Dave Luck
	<b>Job Title:</b> North LAC Community Services Manager



**Date:** 27 June 2023

## 1. PROPOSAL

### 1.1 Background

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.

In 2021 each LAC was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 to be spent in line with their Community plan. The North Lac Community Plan was agreed in March 2022 and the unspent portion of the £100,000 budget was carried forward to 2022/23.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues, in September 2021 the LAC granted delegated authority to 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.

Spending decisions made under this delegation have been reported to the LAC at each meeting. The following spending decision has been taken under the delegation since the previous LAC meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023:

Category	Item	Cost	Date chair consulted
Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crossing ahead sign, Stannington Road</li></ul>	£569	28/02/23

Previously reported spend to that meeting was £98,295 leaving a balance of £1705. With this spend a final balance was left of £1136.

## 1.2 2023/24 budget allocation

Full Council resolved at the Budget Meeting in March 2023 that “*additional spending amounting to £25,000 per ward, overseen by ward councillors and delivered through the Local Area Committees process, is provided as an additional spend for 2023/24*”. The LAC may agree that this total £100,000 may be spent across the LAC area as a single budget, or apportion it to benefit each ward, or in some other way (for example, setting aside a share for each ward and pooling the remainder for activities across the LAC area).

Following preliminary conversations with individual North LAC Members it is recommended that this fund is treated as a single LAC wide budget of £100,000. This would enable a strategic approach to spend across the whole LAC area, enabling greater flexibility in responding to need across the area both through LAC wide projects and those targeted at specific geographic areas of need within the LAC.

The following spending decisions, totalling £1580, have been taken by the Community Services Manager under his delegated authority in the 2023/24 financial year:

Category	Item	Cost	Date chair consulted
Highways	• Haggstones Rd ‘slow’ marking.	£697	06/06/2023
	• Wharnccliffe Side site visit	£183	06/06/2023
Environment	Repairs to Loxley valley tapping rail	£700	06/06/2023

## 1.3 2023/24 expenditure

It is proposed to develop two new grant funds of £25,000 each to be allocated in 2023/24 from the total LAC budget of £100,000.

The first grant fund is the ‘North LAC Greatest Need fund’. This contributes to the LAC priority of vibrant community life and the goal in the Community Plan of the North becoming a connected place where people can access what they need to play an active part in their community – within this the fund supports the North LAC’s commitment to supporting those in greatest need.

Grants of up to £5000 will be awarded for those proposing projects that address needs facing residents in the North in areas such as

- Areas of deprivation – the North has a number of pockets in poverty in areas such as High Green and Stocksbridge
- Cost of Living
- Social isolation – the area has a higher than average proportion of

older people and issues with people accessing services due to the distance from the centre of town

- Healthy living
- Community safety

The intention would be to launch the fund in July 2023 with funds awarded between September and December 2023.

Should the fund have unallocated funds at this point, remaining funds will be reallocated to other projects that address priorities within the North LAC plan.

The second fund is the 'North LAC Big Idea Fund'. Grants of up to £5000 will be awarded for those proposing projects that contribute to addressing one of the three LAC priorities:

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

Applicants should demonstrate new approaches to developing community projects in the North in areas such as:

- Connecting people in the North
- Raising aspirations
- Building community life

As before, the intention would be to launch the fund in July 2023 with funds awarded between September and December 2023 via monthly assessments of applications received as long as funds remain.

Detailed eligibility will be developed for both funds with support from the Voluntary Sector Liaison Team but core criteria will include:

- Activity must take place in the North LAC area.
- The need for a clear evidence base for proposed activity
- Applicants with no track record of delivery in the North of the city will need to demonstrate a sound approach to how they develop a project in the North of the city.
- Applicants will need to demonstrate that existing funds are not already in place for the activity they are applying for.
- The fund will be open to not for profit organisations with a bank account in the organisation's name and at least two signatories who are not related.

It is proposed that the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair, is authorised to finalise the eligibility criteria and make decisions on expenditure relating to the grant applications received as set out above. Bids will be assessed by the LAC team and agreed. Applications will be shared with the relevant Ward Members for comment

in advance of decisions being taken. Expenditure being reported to the next meeting of the LAC.

Should the fund have unallocated funds at the end of the calendar year, remaining funds will be reallocated to other projects that address priorities within the North LAC plan.

Should these funds be agreed committed spend for 2023/24 will be £51,580 leaving a balance of £48,420.

## **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.

Further online and in person consultation is taking place in June and July in order to give Members information to consider any changes required to the LAC and Ward priorities at the September LAC meeting.

## **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 allocated budgets of £100,000 prior to 2023/24 and an additional £100,000 in 2023/24. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 This report is in line with the previous decision of September 30th 2021 regarding expenditure below £5000 and the North Community Plan agreed on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Members have the option to consider the budget as four ward budgets of £25,000 but have indicated they do not believe this is a strategic and flexible approach to the budget. Funds will be tracked during the year to ensure a fair approach to meeting need across the whole LAC area with the funds remaining, which give scope for further initiatives, particularly when the community plan is refreshed in September 2023.

An alternative option was not to allocate the level of funding to the two new funds proposed. However, these funds give opportunity for partners to help address key LAC priorities and if suitable bids are not received fund will be able to be reallocated.

## **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.

The approach to the 23/24 budget and new funds proposed provides a strategic and flexible approach to meeting the needs of the North in line with the North community plan.

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