

South Local Area Committee

Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 6.00 pm

Madina Mosque, Conference
Room, 24 Wolseley Road,
Sheffield, S8 0ZU

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Membership

Councillor Simon Clement-Jones (Chair)
Councillor Richard Shaw (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Ian Auckland
Councillor Steve Ayris
Councillor Nighat Basharat
Councillor Alexi Dimond
Councillor Marieanne Elliot
Councillor Mohammed Mahroof
Councillor Maroof Raouf
Councillor Sophie Thornton
Councillor Paul Turpin
Councillor Ibbi Ullah

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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**SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA
4 JULY 2023**

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 Meetings** (Pages 9 - 18)
To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 21 March, 2023 and 17 May, 2023.
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions** (Pages 19 - 20)
 - (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. Sheffield Race Equality Commission - findings and next steps**
To receive a presentation from Homaira Ibrahim, Equalities & Engagement Officer.
- 8. South Local Area Committee Budget 2023-24** (Pages 21 - 28)
Report of the South Local Area Committee Manager.

Race Equality Commission Workshops

At the close of the formal meeting, there will be an opportunity to join workshops to talk about the Race Equality Commission and how we can work together to improve race equality in our city.

NOTE: The next meeting of South Local Area Committee will be held on Thursday 12 October at a venue to be confirmed.

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ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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.

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South Local Area Committee

Meeting held 21 March 2023

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marianne Elliot and Sophie Thornton.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the South Local Area Committee held on 12th January, 2023, were approved as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 **Question from Dr. Simon Duffy**

Would the LAC agree to set up a working group - which would include interested citizens - to explore how we might empower the many different neighbourhoods within the area and to follow the path taken by Frome and other places - radically reducing loneliness and increasing wellbeing?

In response, Councillor Steve Ayris thanked Dr. Duffy for his question and said that he had held discussions on this matter with the Co-Chair of the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee and that whilst it was felt that the South LAC should consider this, he was not sure of the best way forward with it. Councillor Ayris said that contact should be made with Council Officers and felt that the issue could be included within the community plan.

Diane Owens, South LAC Manager, said that she thought this might link with

some existing work in the city around cohesion and collaboration and that she had shared the question with some colleagues from the council and VAS (Voluntary Action Sheffield) who are doing work in this area. Diane said a member of the Team would speak to Mr Duffy after the meeting and that she would obviously take a steer from the committee in terms of following this up.

Councillor Simon Clement-Jones said that unfortunately we were at the end of the municipal year but felt that the matter would fit well with priorities in the Community Plan.

Councillor Sue Auckland asked whether the Chair could put the matter on the agenda for the first public meeting of the new municipal year or for future discussion by the committee.

Councillor Nighat Basharat felt that something needed to be done and tackling loneliness was about working with communities. She said that since covid, there were still many people who did not have the confidence to go out in public. Councillor Basharat said that it was good to hear that this was being addressed in Frome and other places.

5.2 **Questions from Russell Johnson**

1. Are the Elected Members here aware that Sheffield City Council is using part of the old nurseries land at Graves Park as a Waste Transfer Depot?

It is likely that the required registration for this use is not in place. Would Members, particularly Councillor Johnson who serves on the relevant Sub-Committee, please concisely comment?

Furthermore, an FOI response from Sheffield City Council stated that the area is not designated as a depot. If that is the case, the observed and photographed activities at the site appear to be inappropriate.

More broadly, are South LAC Councillors content with the Sheffield City Council Trustees' oversight of the Charitable Trust with regard to Graves and many other parks?

Should the Sub-Committee consider co-opting people who have the necessary knowledge and who have the Park's interests at heart?

In response, Councillor Ian Auckland said that the area in Graves Park was a depot and was referred to as a depot. He said the park was gifted as charitable park land and used as Norton Nurseries. With regard to the management of the area, he disagreed with how it was run as the Council and Charitable Trustees are the same. Councillor Auckland said he was supportive of more local involvement in the running of the park, but the Council is the Trustee and didn't think it would be appropriate to have the park run by the LAC. Councillor Auckland felt that local groups should be allowed to sit on the management group thus changing the setup. He said that the Council does have a licence in terms of waste transfer.

Councillor Richard Shaw said that he and his Liberal Democrat colleagues had called for the area to become part of the park as it joins onto the arboretum. He said he has raised the issue with the Cabinet Member, insisting that this was park land. Councillor Shaw felt that it was not for the City Council to do whatever it wanted to do, the Park belonged to the people of Sheffield and there was a need to safeguard the integrity of the Park.

Councillor Paul Turpin felt we needed to be wary. Parks take a lot of maintaining and it was necessary to use the depot for plant machinery to be stored there. He said that by storing large equipment on site, it would save on fuel and the carbon footprint by not moving plant machinery around the city. Councillor Turpin said that personally, he hadn't seen any fridges or furniture dumped on the site, so as far as he was concerned, it was to store machinery, but he would look into the matter and ensure that the depot was used appropriately.

Councillor Sue Auckland said that she lived across the road from the depot and had seen vans arriving at the depot and dumping rubbish. She said it was a big issue that needed addressing.

2. In the context of the excoriating and utterly damning Lowcock Inquiry Report, please would each of the Councillors here, on the record, briefly express confidence or otherwise in the Leader of the Council and the Finance Co-Chair continuing as Councillors or in their current positions of responsibility? (Long explanations unnecessary – really a yes/no answer only is needed)

In response, all Members present at the meeting, with the exception of Councillor Nighat Basharat (*or Labour Councillor*) said that they did agree that the Leader of the Council and the Finance Co-Chair should no longer continue as Councillors, and each stated their reasons why.

5.3 **Question from Annette Taverner**

1. Annette Taverner said that she lived in the Nether Edge area and the roads were full of potholes. She said the Council workmen would paint a yellow ring around the pothole and then come and fill it in with tarmac. She asked what are we paying for?

Are there any plans to properly resurface Sheldon Road in Sharrow and, if so, what are the timescales as there are numerous large potholes and the temporary fixes don't work, feel the road is dangerous for some users e.g. cyclists?

2. Ms. Taverner then referred to the tree dispute. She said that she had been told that if she stood in her garden, she would be arrested. She said that she had given evidence at the Inquiry and had had no response from those responsible, she felt totally failed by the Council. Ms. Taverner said that on her road, it had once been a community prior to the tree felling issue, now there was no community cohesion and asked the Labour Councillor present to comment on this.

In response, Councillor Basharat said that with regard to the potholes, as a Councillor her role was to represent the community, and she worked honestly and respected the feelings of local people about issues such as this. She said she was aware of local issues and when she was elected, she stepped into the role to try and help respond to them. She said she would carry out a site visit in relation to the potholes, and get back to residents.

Councillor Simon Clement-Jones said that the LAC Team would contact Highways and a response would be provided on behalf of the LAC in relation to the potholes.

5.4 **Question asked by Alison Teal**

Alison Teal referred to the Tree Inquiry and asked what could be done to bring about change?

In response, Councillor Nighat Basharat said that she was aware of the level of impact and that there was an element of not being listened to. She said that the Council was there to listen to the people and take their issues and concerns on board and address them.

Councillor Peter Garbutt responded by saying it depended on individual commitment to the Nolan principles which were Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership and applied to anyone who works as a public office-holder, including all those who were elected or appointed to public office. He said all Councillors when elected, undertake a training session based around the Nolan principles. He said there was no mechanism to force a Councillor to resign from public office, the only power to do so rested with national Government.

Councillor Alexi Dimond said there needed to be open, honest and transparent decisions made, not taken behind closed doors. He said that the Committee system would be in place for the next 10 years and this presented the opportunity to ensure that the Council was more accessible and prevent Councillors spreading mis-information particularly with regard to "red lines", traveller sites, etc.

Councillor Maroof Raouf said that there needed to be a real mechanism in place to remove Councillors from office.

Councillor Ian Auckland said that he felt that day to day issues should be devolved to local areas. With regard to the Committee system, he said it was always good to have opposition parties to put forward alternative options.

5.5 **Question from Joy Arnott, Friends of Batemoor Park**

She said that the Friends of Batemoor Park engage local people in litter picking in the Park and had raised funds. She said that she felt that Batemoor was getting forgotten about and there needed to be much needed

play equipment installed in the Park as soon as possible; she asked if Councillors could support the group to ensure this happens as soon as possible.

Councillor Richard Shaw said that he was always happy to engage and offer support to the Friends of the Park and said that if anyone wanted to meet him to come forward at the end of the meeting. Cllr Simon Clement Jones also said he would support the efforts of the group.

5.6 Question regarding the red lines on Abbeydale Road

The questioner referred to the reconciliation process and looking at working together and get over political sniping. He said can we have a precise update on the “red lines” on Abbeydale Road.

Councillor Nighat Basharat stated that the Labour Group had already expressed its concerns and would not be supporting the scheme. She said that a report and recommendations would be submitted to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee in June/July.

Councillor Maroof Raouf stated that nothing had been taken off the table, He said that the plan was to replace the double yellow lines already in place to red and was unsure as to why Members were against the scheme. He said the single red lines would be in force, on a time basis, between 4.00 pm and 6.30 pm, and that they were easier to enforce.

Councillor Alexi Dimond said that there had been a lot of misinformation regarding the red lines and bus lanes. He said that the consultation process had been followed and all options would be put forward to the relevant Policy Committee. Councillor Dimond said that in the most deprived areas of the city, many people could not afford cars, so what was needed was a more reliable bus service.

Councillor Peter Garbutt said that red routes would make it easier to enforce parking regulations and get rid of poor parking. He said that officers were aware that some business owners along Abbeydale Road and Ecclesall Road were very worried and said their views would be taken into consideration.

5.7 Question from Mohammad Mahroof

Mr. Mahroof said that he had asked the question at the previous LAC meeting regarding the takeaway opposite the Mosque on Wolseley Road and whether the Planning Committee could attach a condition to ensure that the takeaway owner provided litter bins outside the premises. He said that so far, he had not received a response to his request. He said that an officer of the local area team had contacted him to confirm that this condition could be attached but so far this had not been done. He then referred to the recent bad weather, there were no grit bins along Wolseley Road.

Councillor Peter Garbutt said that he had looked into the matter, but it would appear that a different route would need to be considered to try and resolve the issue and install a bin.

Councillor Nighat Basharat said that with regard to the red lines scheme, no-one was totally against the scheme, but businesses needed to be fully consulted on it. Everyone wanted reliable bus services. With regard to the litter and grit bins along Wolseley Road, Councillor Basharat said that she would contact the necessary Council department and make sure the grit bins were in place and filled up as and when necessary.

6. ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND ROUND 2: FUNDING TO HELP IMPROVE LOCAL HIGH STREETS AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO SPEND THEIR TIME AND SHOP THERE

6.1 The Local Area Committee received a presentation from Dan Wilkinson, Information Officer, Business Sheffield. He gave a brief update stating that the Economic Recovery Fund was there to help build the foundations for economic renewal across Sheffield by investing in communities and high streets, building resilience to the cost-of-living crisis and future economic challenges, making high streets and local centres feel safe and welcoming and to encourage residents and visitors to spend time and shop there. He said that it was hoped that the fund would encourage businesses and groups to work together on ideas to improve their high streets and bring new energy to those that are already in place. Dan Wilkinson said that the fund would support high street businesses to work with their communities and the infrastructure would continue to thrive once projects were completed. He said there were two types of funds available, firstly the District Centre Fund which was up to £200,000 for a large project or up to £50,000 for a small project and secondly, the Flexible Fund for new, innovative ideas that benefit local businesses up to £50,000. He said the focus was on collaboration and working together for the benefit the business sector broadly not individual businesses and the deadline for applications was 30th April 2023. He said that scoring for the grants would take place in May, with contracts being agreed in June and July 2023. The aim would then be for projects to start during August 2023 for completion by the end of September 2024. Dan Wilkinson stated that more information could be found via www.sheffield.gov.uk/business/covid-19-economic-recovery-fund. In response to a question, Dan Wilkinson was funded through the City Council.

6.2 Councillor Simon Clement-Jones thanked Dan Wilkinson for his presentation.

7. SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY PLAN - UPDATE

7.1 The Local Area Committee received a presentation from Diane Owens, South Local Area Committee Manager, outlining the Community Plan. Ms Owens gave a brief update following on from the information she had provided at the meeting of the LAC held in January, and highlighted the six key themes of the Plan. She provided more detail around the work that had been carried out to the clearing up

of The Lumb in Gleadless Valley, the speed indication devices that had been installed, and said that the Committee would be looking at the data received regarding speeding in those areas and potentially identifying other areas for the devices to be installed. She also provided an update on the Neighbourhood Action Groups that had been set up in the South LAC area following the £30k allocated by the South LAC. She said there had been a boost in youth activities in the area, and referred to the Youth Conference held in November, and that the feedback from that would be fed into work around the Economic Recovery Fund. She highlighted the work that had been carried out using the Ward Pots and the Community Infrastructure Levy. She referred to the priorities approved at the January meeting for the purchase of two portable CCTV cameras, funding allocated for community capacity building and also for street art projects and where they would be located. She said that over the next couple of months, the Team along with Members, would be working to support voluntary, community and faith sector, local communities and businesses by looking at projects and how to get projects off the ground and would also be looking at the online engagement platform and how this could be best used to engage with local communities, and finally the King Charles III's Coronation, each LAC had been allocated £5,000 so that they could offer grants to help support local community organisations and residents for celebrations over bank holiday weekend.

- 7.2 Councillor Simon Clement-Jones thanked Diane Owens for her presentation and asked those present if there were any questions regarding the Community Plan.

A member of the public said that the Community Plan had talked about engaging with local communities and he raised a question regarding parking outside Greenhill school. He asked whether, as a community, have can we push forward to tackle the issue. It was not about the lack of parking spaces for safe parking.

Councillor Clement-Jones said he met at the Greenhill Historical Society the previous week and a similar issue was raised. He said that at the LAC Chairs Committee earlier in the day, there had been a presentation from Highways Services and the outcome from this was that a much better way to tackle problems around parking would be at grass roots level, for communities to raise issues and get things done at a more local level. He said that he had asked about School Streets Projects and around the A61 corridor and that he wanted the South LAC to be part of that consultation and to work to find out what the problems were, to find a solution and how it would be funded. Councillor Clement-Jones felt that there was a need for a more holistic community approach to get things done.

Councillor Richard Shaw referred to issues around Greenhill shops. He said many people had got in touch with him recently regarding parking on pavements, obstructing footways and said that he was raise this with Parking Services and Council officers. He said that Parking Services along with local police would like to do a "day of action" to concentrate on problem areas and discourage people from parking dangerously.

Councillor Alexi Dimond said the School Streets Project was something that should be looked into by speaking to the school and getting them involved. He

said that parking enforcement generally was a city-wide problem as Sheffield didn't prioritise parking as much as other cities. He encouraged the public to contact their local councillors asking them to prioritise parking matters. He said children's safety should always be a priority.

Question from Alan Newsome

I am aware that in the northwest of the city, the local policing team has something in place where a member of the public can report problem parking on the streets and footpaths and take photographs. He asked if there was something in place that could be used in the southwest area of the city. He said he had been documenting these problems and has challenged parents, but it was not always safe to make your case. Was there a safe place to report this and document hotspots in certain areas?

Councillor Maroof Raouf said that there were safe routes to explore this and that, in the North West area of the city, the police had surveyed all residents asking for their priorities, and safe parking was one of them. In the South West Police Team, it had been decided that safe parking was not one of their priorities. Councillor Raouf said that he was aware that there may be another survey to be carried out in the next 12 to 18 months, and encouraged people in this area to raise concerns around dangerous and illegal parking if this was deemed a priority.

Councillor Nighat Basharat said that since she had been elected, parents had shared concerns around pavement parking and parking on zigzags outside schools. She said that she would share the concerns with local Councillors. She said that speaking with communities, it had become apparent that people were not aware of what LAC meetings were about, that these meetings were there to tackle local, real issues that matter to the local community. She said that parking around schools was an important issue and should be placed on the next LAC agenda.

Councillor Richard Shaw said that in terms of reporting, in the first instance it was necessary to report matters and pass information to parking services. He said the Southwest Police team did not have this as a priority, but the City Council should be able to take any action by passing information to the Council's Enforcement Team of the best time to patrol and act as a deterrent. Councillor Shaw said that tackling parking issues was part of the Community Plan.

8. CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 8.1 Councillor Simon Clement-Jones thanked everyone for their attendance. He said the next meeting would be sometime in June/July, yet to be confirmed.

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

South Local Area Committee

Meeting held 17 May 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Nighat Basharat, Simon Clement-Jones, Alexi Dimond, Marieanne Elliot, Mohammed Mahroof, Richard Shaw, Sophie Thornton, Paul Turpin and Ibbby Ullah

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Maroof Raouf.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

2.1 On the motion of Councillor Ian Auckland, seconded by Councillor Steve Ayris, and following a vote, conducted by a show of hands, it was:-

2.2 **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Simon Clement-Jones be appointed Chair and Councillor Richard Shaw 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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**SOUTH
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING – 21 MARCH 2023
WRITTEN ANSWER PROVIDED TO
PUBLIC QUESTION**



1.	<p>Public question from Annette Taverner</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>Annette Taverner said that she lived in the Nether Edge area and the roads were full of potholes. She said the Council workmen would paint a yellow ring around the pothole and then come and fill it in with tarmac. She asked what are we paying for?</p> <p>Are there any plans to properly resurface Sheldon Road in Sharrow and, if so, what are the timescales as there are numerous large potholes and the temporary fixes don't work, feel the road is dangerous for some users e.g. cyclists?</p> <p>Ms. Taverner then referred to the tree dispute. She said that she had been told that if she stood in her garden, she would be arrested. She said that she had given evidence at the Inquiry and had had no response from those responsible, she felt totally failed by the Council. Ms. Taverner said that on her road, it had once been a community prior to the tree felling issue, now there was no community cohesion and asked the Labour Councillor present to comment on this.</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>The following response has been provided by Amey Customer Services:</p> <p>Please be advised that we are currently programming the second phase of our road and footway resurfacing schedule, and therefore, we are unable to provide a full list of which roads in the Nether Edge and Sharrow areas, will be included.</p> <p>It is, however, unlikely that Sheldon Road will be included in this year's programme, but we can confirm will be included in next year's programme.</p> <p>We can confirm that the carriageways and footways on Kenwood Park Road, Kenwood Road, Kenwood Crescent and Chippinghouse Road will be included in this year's resurfacing programme, unfortunately, we are currently unable to give an exact timeframe for these works, but residents will be notified, in writing, approximately 2 weeks before works commence.</p> <p>In the meantime, pending resurfacing, all roads and footways in the Nether Edge and Sharrow areas will continue to be inspected and any necessary repairs will be carried out, to ensure they are safe for all road users.</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 streetsahead@sheffield.gov.uk, via the website www.sheffield.gov.uk/streetsahead or by telephone on (0114) 273 4567.</p>
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Author/Lead Officer of Report: Diane Owens,
South LAC Community Services Manager

Report of: Community Services Manager

Report to: South Local Area Committee

Date of Decision: 4th July 2023

Subject: South LAC Budget 2023-24

Has appropriate consultation been undertaken? Yes No

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

If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given?

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

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

*"The (**report/appendix**) is not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph (**insert relevant paragraph number**) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)."*

Purpose of Report:

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

- Sets out details of expenditure with regards to the initial budget of £100,000 for 2022/23
- Outlines carry forward from the 2022/23 budget of £31,930, which is allocated to specific projects.
- Describes the funding allocated to the LAC for 2023/24 and sets out next steps in terms of reflecting on the South LAC Community Plan and identifying priorities.

Recommendations:

That the South Local Area Committee

- Notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the South LAC in 2022/23, and the carry forward of £31,930 into 2023/24, which is allocated to specific projects.
- Notes the 2023/24 South LAC budget and next steps in terms of reflecting on the South LAC Community Plan and identifying priorities.

Background Papers:

The South Community Plan is published at:

[South Local Area Committee Community Plan \(sheffield.gov.uk\)](https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/south-local-area-committee-community-plan)

Lead Officer to complete:-	
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.
	Finance: n/a – no implications
	Legal: Andrea Simpson
	Equalities: n/a – no implications
<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 Simon Clement-Jones
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the Head of Service indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.
	Lead Officer Name: Diane Owens
	Job Title: South LAC Community Services Manager
Date: 22/6/23	

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 South 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.

The South LAC has not made any spending decisions under this delegation.

During 2022/23 the South LAC allocated funding as outlined below.

Approved Expenditure	Overview	Total Allocated	Total Spent	Carried Forward 23/24
Youth Activities	Grant funding for projects up to £5,000	£20,000	£20,000	£0
Capacity Building	Grant funding for projects up to £4,000	£40,000	£40,000	£0
The Lumb	Clearance and public realm works	£10,000	£3,320	£6,680

Capacity Building Project	Support for community groups	£3,000	£0	£3,000
Mobile CCTV Cameras	Buy and install 2x mobile CCTV cameras	£11,000	£0	£11,000
Street Art Project	£3750 per ward allocated	£15,000	£3,750	£11,250
South LAC running costs	Meeting costs	£1,000	£1,000	£0
	Totals	£100,000	£68,070	£31,930

Regular reports and updates have been shared through the South LAC Public Meetings.

The South LAC Team are currently requesting feedback from organisations who received grant funding through the LAC. This will include updates on the activities funding, any challenges or barriers and equality monitoring data where appropriate.

As outlined above, £31,930 of allocated funding has been carried forward into 2023-24. This funding is allocated to the specific projects outlined in the table and was approved at the South LAC Public Meeting in January 2023.

Should it not be possible to progress any of the planned projects or should they come in at under the projected costs, then any remaining funding will be added to the £100,000 budget for 2023/24 and any related decisions will be taken back to a future South LAC Meeting for approval as required.

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).

The South LAC plans to review the current priorities captured in the Community Plan over the coming months.

The approach proposed by the South LAC in relation to its budget for 2023-24 will then be outlined at the next meeting along with any proposals for expenditure.

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.

Members of the South LAC will be reviewing the Community Plan over the coming months, this will include reflecting on the diverse range of community feedback members have received during the election period and speaking to voluntary, community and faith sector organisations as appropriate. An update will be provided at the next public meeting in October 2023.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

- 4.2 Any future 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.

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 South Local Area Committee Community Plan will be supported by appropriate equality monitoring and equality impact assessments on specific projects as required.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA 916) was previously carried out in respect of the establishment of Local Area Committees.

4.3 Financial and Commercial Implications

There are no financial or commercial implications arising from this report.

The implications of any proposals for expenditure of the LAC's 2023/24 budget of £100,000 will be considered when those proposals are made.

4.4 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**

The options in terms of allocating the South LAC's budget are outlined in section 1.2.

The LAC could choose not to review the priorities in the Community Plan, but this would risk the Plan being out of date.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 To confirm expenditure from the South LAC budget for 2022/23 and the related carry forward into 2023/24.

To agree the proposed next steps in terms of reflecting on the South LAC Community Plan and identifying priorities to ensure that it remains current.

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