

South Local Area Committee

Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 6.00 pm

**Heeley Parish Church, 151
Gleadless Road, Sheffield, S2 3AE**

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Councillor Simon Clement-
Jones
Councillor Richard Shaw
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

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**SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA
28 NOVEMBER 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**
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting.
- 5. Greenspace, Biodiversity and Food Growing**
Presentation from:
 - Gareth Roberts, Regather
 - Fran Halsall, Regather
 - Jock Stevenson, Gleadless valley Foodbank
 - James Musgrave, SCC Allotments
- 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 10)
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12th October 2023.
- 7. Public Questions and Petitions** (Pages 11 - 14)
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public.
- 8. South Area Local Committee Budget 2023-24 Report.** (Pages 15 - 22)
Report of Diane Owens, South Local Area Committee Manager.
- 9. Date of next meeting.**

NOTE: The next meeting of South Local Area Committee will be held on Thursday 7 March 2024 at 6.00 pm

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South Local Area Committee

Meeting held 12 October 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Simon Clement-Jones (Chair), Richard Shaw (Deputy Chair), Ian Auckland, Steve Ayris, Marieanne Elliot, Mohammed Mahroof and Ibby Ullah

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Nighat Basharat, Alexi Dimond, Maroof Raooof, Sophie Thornton and Paul Turpin.

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 OF 4TH JULY 2023

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 The Committee did not receive any questions from members of the public prior to the meeting.

5.2 The Committee received the following questions from members of the public who attended the meeting to raise them:

(a) from Glyn Hannan, Brindley and Mundella Tenants and Residents Association.

Mr Handley stated that cars were being stolen due to poor lighting on the Brindley Estate. This issue had been mentioned at the previous meeting of the TARA committee and the Police representatives there had promised to follow this up but nobody had been to see them and it seemed to have been forgotten. Mr Handley wanted an update.

The Chair advised that the South LAC Team would make relevant enquiries and provide a written response to the questions raised.

(b) From Viv Lockwood on behalf of Banner Cross Neighbourhood Group.

Re. Archer Lane:

1. Why do traffic monitoring exercises need to be continued in the area?
2. Why does it take 5 weeks to re-open Archer Lane?

Mr Lockwood also offered his thanks to the Members of the Committee who had helped with the campaign to re-open Archer Lane.

The Chair advised that the South LAC Team would make relevant enquiries and provide a written response to the questions raised.

Councillor Marieanne Elliot stated that she was disappointed that people wanted the safety measures removed. She read out a letter that she had received from a teacher at Mercia School stating that the school had supported the closure of Archer Lane for safety reasons and now they felt that a rat run was being prioritised over neighbourhood safety and that children would be endangered as a result.

- (c) From a resident of London Road who was concerned about the rat problem in the area.

Councillor Ibby Ullah advised that he had been aware of this problem when he was elected in May and since then he had made sure that the area was cleaned twice a day and the situation had improved. Additionally, some of the commercial bins had been removed. He would look into the matter further.

- (d) From Glyn Hannan

Mr Hannan stated that pavements were being blocked locally by people parking on them around Brindley Estate. This had been raised with Estate Services who said they could not assist, and then with the Police, however he had not been happy with the Police's proposed response time. Parking Services had not been able to enforce, as there were no yellow lines. Additionally, there was a space which was meant for emergency vehicles, but which was not clearly marked. He asked for somebody to come and look at the issues.

Councillor Ian Auckland suggested that this should be pursued via Estate Management and that the Councillors would attend the next TARA meeting. The South LAC Team will also raise this question with Parking Services and provide a written response.

Councillors discussed the "Park Safe" Scheme which had been trialled in North Sheffield, where Police had agreed to investigate obstructive parking upon receipt of a photograph. Either a Fixed Penalty Notice or advice could be issued. Councillors hoped this scheme could be extended to the rest of Sheffield and encouraged citizens to let the Police and the Council know that it should be a priority.

An attendee stated that a lady who lived on her road (Sheldon Road) had a mobility scooter but had not been able to use it as she could not navigate the pavement due to vehicles obstructively parked. This had been reported but not acted on for two years. She asked that her local Ward Members from Nether Edge

and Sharrow raise this on behalf of the community.

6. SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023-24 REPORT

- 5.1 The report which described the funding allocated to the South LAC for 2023/4, set out proposals for its allocation and expenditure in line with the South LAC Community Plan, and outlined the reallocation for £11,250 carried forward from 2022/23, was introduced by Diane Owens, South LAC Community Services Manager. This included a proposal by the Graves Park Ward to allocate £25,000 to support the “This is Woodseats” project following their unsuccessful bid to Economic Recovery Fund Round 2 for £200,000.
- 5.2 Councillor Mohammed Mahroof offered his thanks to the “This is Woodseats” Project for the effort which had been put into its unsuccessful bid. He said that he recognised that the award of £25,000 from the LAC was very small in comparison but he would continue to work to obtain other funding and would also continue to support the traders.
- 5.3 Councillor Marianne Elliot stated that she was proud of the pilot of the Cost of Living dedicated post which had been proposed in the South LAC linked to consultation with the voluntary community and faith sectors, and which aimed to provide advice to the community where it was needed most.
- 5.4 **RESOLVED: that the South Local Area Committee**
- a) Approves the updated South LAC Community Plan for 2023/24 (Appendix A of the report)
 - b) Agrees the use of the 2023/24 LAC budget of £25,000 per ward (totalling £100,000 per LAC) as described in the report.
 - c) Notes the proposed and current expenditure against the 2023-24 budget to address local priorities in the South LAC Community Plan, as detailed in the report.
 - d) Notes the reallocation of £11,250 carry forward from the 2022-23 budget, as outlined in the report; and
 - e) Considers proposals in relation to the 2023/24 South LAC Cost of Living budget of £59,610 and makes any agreed decisions in relation to spend, as outlined in the report.

In relation to point e) the South LAC agreed to allocate the cost of living funding as outlined below:

- Cost of Living, South LAC Dedicated Post Pilot Project with SCC Cost of Living Support Hub, 12 months

£40,426

- Shared Prosperity Fund, Community Development Workers
Small operational budget
£5,000
- Grants for 3 foodbanks that cover priority areas in the South
LAC: Gleadless Valley, Nether Edge & Sharrow and
Lowedges, Batemoor and Jordanthorpe
£14,184

7. LOCAL TRANSPORT PRIORITIES

- 7.1 A presentation, subsequently published with the agenda on the Council's website, was introduced by Tracy Hendry, an SCC Transport Officer.

The presentation gave details of road safety education visits to schools, school street schemes, an on street residential electric vehicle charging point trial, and other schemes currently being worked on including proposed improvements to public transport along the A61 Chesterfield Road.

- 7.2 The following information was given in response to questions:
- There was a priority list for new pedestrian crossings, the department has a small budget and has to target the worst issues first.
 - More enforcement of 20mph zones would be welcome but resources are limited. The aim is to change people's behaviour and the majority of people do abide by the rules of the road.
 - A question raised about the need for a 20mph limit at Warminster Road and parking issues there would be fed back to the service.
 - 20mph limits do not impact overall journey times even on faster roads when average speeds are considered.

- 7.3 The Committee thanked Tracy Hendry for attending and noted the information reported.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 8.1 A presentation, subsequently published with the agenda on the Council's website, was introduced by Sally Smith, SCC Safer Neighbourhood Coordinator, and the South Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Inspector for the Southwest, Inspector

Laurie Millington.

The presentation outlined the structure of the Neighbourhood Policing Team, advised of Neighbourhood Action Group Meetings, and then gave details of current work taking place with the community and with partners in the locality.

- 8.2 A discussion took place regarding the Low Traffic Neighbourhood in Nether Edge and Sharrow. Attendees expressed opinions both in favour and against the re-opening of Archer Lane. It was also suggested by a member of the public that the data used in the Officers report to the Transport Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee regarding the scheme had been unreliable.
- 8.3 One perception was that the closure was believed to have reduced crime. A concern was raised that re-opening Archer Lane would increase opportunity and therefore increase crime. Inspector Millington advised that the crime figures would be monitored.
- 8.4 A question was asked as to whether the potential effect on crime of the proposed re-opening of Archer Lane had been discussed internally by Labour and by Liberal Democrat Councillors prior to the meeting of the Transport Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee where the decision had been taken. Councillor Ian Auckland advised that Members had to make a balanced judgement based on a wide range of factors. He could not predict whether crime would increase or decrease. He had been told that anti-social behaviour had increased on Archer Lane during the closure. Councillor Richard Shaw stated that trends could not be measured over such a short period, i.e. 18 months.
- 8.5 Councillor Marianne Elliot stated that she had attended the meeting at which the decision was taken to reopen Archer Lane and had noted that Councillors had not asked any questions of the Officers present.
- 8.6 Thanks were offered by a member of the public to Inspector Millington for the work that the Police were doing with young people. Inspector Millington asked attendees to get in touch with her if they had ideas for any further engagement work with young residents.
- 8.7 Councillor Ian Auckland asked what plans were in place to mitigate anti-social behaviour during the upcoming firework season, particularly on Abbeydale Road. Inspector Millington advised that various actions were in place which included all shifts working later, an increase in educational visits, and work with Trading Standards.
- 8.8 The Committee thanked Sally Smith and Inspector Millington for attending and noted the information reported.

9. SHEFFIELD CITY GOALS

- 9.1 A presentation, subsequently published with the agenda on the Council's website, was introduced by James Henderson, Director of Policy and Democratic

Engagement.

- 9.2 The presentation outlined the work done so far to draft the City Goals, including the engagement which had taken place with residents and other stakeholders. The timetable to the launch was set out and attendees were advised to look out for the start of the Public Conversation Survey, due to start in October, which would be their opportunity to let the Council know what they thought about the draft City Goals.
- 9.3 A question was asked as to whether sufficient efforts had been made to engage with marginalised communities. James Henderson advised that the team had been very conscious of this and had asked voluntary and community sector groups to have conversations with citizens that they were working with. This was intended to ensure that a wide range of perspectives were included. Engagement had also taken place with the Youth Cabinet and with youth clubs.
- 9.4 A concern was raised that the focus of the presentation had been on organisational delivery when at the start of the process the importance of citizen action and the creation of structures to enable this had been emphasised. James Henderson apologised that this had not come through in the presentation, as it was still a priority.
- 9.5 The Committee thanked James Henderson for attending and noted the information reported.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 10.1 The Chair thanked everyone who had attended and advised that they would be sent a feedback survey.

The next meeting of the South Local Area Committee will be on 28th November 2023 at 6pm at Heeley Parish Church. The theme of the meeting will be bio-diversity and food growing.



SOUTH
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING –12 OCT 2023
WRITTEN ANSWERS PROVIDED TO
PUBLIC QUESTIONS



1.	Public question from Viv Lockwood
	<p><i>Question: Re. Archer Lane:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Why do traffic monitoring exercises need to be continued in the area?</i> 2. <i>Why does it take 5 weeks to re-open Archer Lane?</i>
	<p>Response:</p> <p><i>Q1: Why does this need to be carried out?</i></p> <p>To understand whether some of the changes (including route choice) that had been observed during the operation of the experiment were maintained, even after the experimental closure came to an end.</p> <p><i>Q2: Does it really take 5 weeks to reopen Archer Lane from the 20th September where a committee decision was made? 24th October is the last legal date the road can be closed.</i></p> <p>The closure is advertised as being removed the week commencing 16th October 2023. The length of time to re-open the road safely has been determined by a combination of the need to develop and deliver communications in the area (including temporary signing providing reasonable notice of when the closure is planned to be removed) as well as working with partners around the availability of a team and specialist lifting equipment.</p>
2.	Public question from: Glyn Hannan
	<p>Question:</p> <p><i>Cars are being stolen due to poor lighting on his estate- this came up at the last meeting and nobody has been out to see them- it seems to have been forgotten. Police representatives at last meeting promised some action including potential extension of double yellow lines. What is happening?</i></p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Lighting- Officers liaising with Mr Hannan.</p> <p>Double Yellow Lines- “Thank you for your email below requesting the extension of double yellow lines. In order to add a request to the city-wide list we would need specific locations before any assessment could be undertaken. Please could you provide these locations to my colleague Alex Redman.</p>

There is no signage or road marking which would go on the highway which would indicate that a space is reserved for emergency services vehicles. It might be that there is a sign off the highway but that is not enforceable by Parking Services.

I cannot identify where the reserved emergency services parking space is, but can see that there are two advisory blue badge parking spaces near to 10a Brindley Crescent at this location [8 Brindley Cres - Google Maps](#).

Advisory blue badge parking spaces are used to make other drivers aware that a parking space (on a street) is needed by a person with mobility problems or hidden disabilities.

Advisory disabled bay road markings (painted in yellow) are not legally enforceable by the Council or the police in the same way as disabled bays painted white with a sign and post. You should also bear in mind that advisory disabled bays are not for the sole use of the person who applied for it. As such, they can be used by any driver of a vehicle displaying a valid Blue Badge permit.

Parking Services is not able to enforce this type of disabled bay as it is advisory and works on courtesy and understanding from neighbours/visitors to the area.

We have very few problems with these bays being misused but sadly on occasion we do come across some inconsiderate drivers and sadly there is nothing the Council can do to stop this. The only thing I can suggest is maybe the resident's local Police Community Support Officer could have a word with the person parking in the bay and explaining why it is needed.

There is also another disabled parking space on the land comprising Brindley Meeting Rooms at this location [8 Brindley Cres - Google Maps](#). This is not on the highway and therefore not something which Parking Services can enforce.

I have attached information and guidance regarding H markings that the resident/s may wish to consider. H markings are used to protect driveways and discourage other drivers from parking across a driveway or access to a property but cannot be enforced by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers.

In the absence of yellow line 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

<https://smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/advice/driving-complaint/>

. Residents can also contact their local policing team, who should take some action via

<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/find-out/your-neighbourhood-policing-team/> .

I trust that this is of assistance.

Best wishes,
Emma

3.	Public question
	Question: <i>Sheldon Road- lady who lives there has mobility scooter for arthritis but can't use it as can't get down pavement due to vehicles parked on it. This hasn't been acted on for two years when it should be a priority.</i>
	Response: Shared with Ward Councillors for Sharrow and NE by Officers.

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Agenda Item 8



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: 28th November 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? 2368

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 for 2023-24 to address local priorities as outlined in its Community Plan, this report:

- Outlines agreed expenditure with regards to the £750 remaining underspend carried forward from 2022-23
- Provides an update on further expenditure (under the LAC's delegated powers) and outlines additional proposals for expenditure (over £5,001), in line with priorities in the South LAC Community Plan.

Recommendations:

That the South Local Area Committee:

- Notes the further expenditure under the £5,000 delegated authority limit.
- Notes the allocation of the £750 remaining underspend from 2022-23
- Agrees the further project expenditure over £5,001, as detailed in the report.

Background Papers:

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: Adrian Hart
		Legal: Petra Der Man
		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	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: 16/11/23	

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

(£31,930) was carried forward into 2022/23. Following the last public meeting on 12th October 2023 there was a remaining balance of £750, this has now been allocated as outlined in this report.

An updated South LAC Community Plan has been agreed for 2023/24. This includes specific actions in terms of providing support for local businesses and shopping districts and supporting communities in terms of the cost of living. The revised Community Plan will form the basis of ongoing LAC funding decisions.

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:

- 1.2
- The decision is taken in consultation with the LAC Chair
 - Spending is in line with any specific purposes of the allocated budget
 - The decision may not approve expenditure of more than £5,000 per item
 - A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next LAC meeting.

2023/24 budget allocation

Each LAC has a budget allocation of £100,000 for 2023-24. The South LAC will treat the overall LAC budget of £100,000 as four ward budgets of £25,000, to be spent in line with South LAC Community Plan priorities.

In terms of spend since the last public meeting on 12th October 2023 several decisions have been made under the LAC's delegated authority, these are outlined in the report. Some further proposed expenditure over £5,001 is also outlined in this report.

Under the South LAC Community Plan priority "Communities" and the linked outcomes below.

Outcome: Increase support for communities with the cost of living (COL)

Gleadless Valley Ward

- £4,900 has been allocated to Gleadless Valley Foodbank, to enable them to buy priority items over the winter months, for example additional food supplies or to support individuals and families with transport or heating costs.
- £4,900 has been allocated to Holy Cross Church in Gleadless Valley, to enable them to support individuals and families in urgent need. This will include support with food, heating and lighting costs.

- £200 has been allocated to Uni-Recycle who provide low cost and free school uniform to families who need support. The grant will fund a pop-up poster to take to events to promote the project and a banner and some business cards.

Outcome: Increase in community events and activities

Beauchief & Greenhill Ward

- £5,000 has been allocated to support Lowedges Festival to run in 2024. The festival will be led by the local community and full details of the project will be worked up in agreement with the group.

Under the South LAC Community Plan theme “Employment, Skills and Business” and the related outcome, as outlined below:

Outcome: Increased support for local business / shopping districts to increase footfall and vibrancy

Beauchief & Greenhill Ward

- £10,000 is proposed to support the “Revitalising Jordanthorpe” project, which was led by Meadowhead Christian Fellowship as a submission to the Economic Recovery Fund Round 2. Unfortunately, in September 2023 the group were made aware that their bid for £190,000 of funding was not successful. The £10,000 will enable some elements of the project to still be delivered, this could include public realm improvements, such as benching, hanging baskets and street art. The full details of the project will be worked up in agreement with the group.

2022-23 Underspend, £750 balance.

- £750 has been allocated to support Sheffield Samaritans with their general running costs which enables their volunteers to provide a 365 – 24/7 service from their base Sheffield.

Any projects £5,000 or under were approved under the LAC’s delegated powers in consultation with the Chair on 7th November 2023.

In terms of the allocation of £25,000 per ward, this means a current balance as follows:

Beauchief & Greenhill - £6,300
 Gleadless Valley - £15,000
 Graves Park - £0
 Nether Edge & Sharrow - £25,000

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

- 2.1 Local Area Committees directly support 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 and to target underrepresented groups and engagement activities 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 have further reviewed the Community Plan over the last few months, including reflecting on the diverse range of community feedback that members received during the election period and from speaking to voluntary, community and faith sector organisations as appropriate.

This has resulted in two key changes to the plan, the "Employment & Skills" theme has been amended to include business "Employment, Skills & Business" and an additional action has been included which relates to supporting local businesses and shopping districts.

Under the "Communities" theme an action has been added which links to supporting communities in terms of the financial challenges people are experiencing due to the cost of living, with a specific focus on the upcoming winter months.

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 the proposals and decisions outlined in this report is likely to be positive and not negatively disproportionate from an equality, diversity and inclusion perspective.

However, in order to ensure this approach takes into account people who share protected characteristics under the Public Sector Duties priority projects from the Local Area Committee Community Plan will be supported by and EIA and appropriate equality monitoring of budget.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA 2368) has been created and will remain a live document. The EIA focusses on the current agreed and proposed projects that could be supported through the 2023-24 South LAC budget, which has a strong emphasis on the cost of living. The South LAC will not lead on delivery of these projects, its role is as a funder, facilitator or partner, the EIA reflects this position.

The EIA has identified a potential disproportionate and positive impact on the following groups: disabled people, older people, women, communities of colour and the trans community. This is due to higher levels of deprivation experienced by these groups.

The EIA has identified several actions for the South LAC Team to follow up with lead organisations. These mainly relate to communications, engagement and accessibility and inclusion.

The EIA will remain a live document, and so as new projects are identified or agreed the EIA will be reviewed and updated.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

- 4.2.1 This report concerns expenditure of the LAC's allocated budgets. £100,000 has been allocated for 2023-24 (based on £25,000 per ward) and £750 remained from the carry forward from 2022-23. These budgets must not be exceeded.

Procurement of supplies and/or services and the awarding 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, (namely pursuant to Part 3 para 3.3,) 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.

Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010, ["the Act"] the Council must in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not,
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic those who do not.

There may be relevant equalities implications arising from each determined award.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The LAC could choose not to allocate budgets at this stage and through its delegated authority, but in relation to the cost-of-living related projects, this would delay support getting to communities.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The South LAC is asked to note the use of funding under its delegated powers and agree the further expenditure outlined in the report, which will help to address local priorities within the South LAC Community Plan.

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