

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

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7. NORTH COMMUNITY PLAN

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7 APPROVAL OF NORTH LAC COMMUNITY PLAN 2023-4

7.1 The Terms of Reference for Local Area Committees (LAC) state that each LAC must agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review, and that the decisions it makes in relation to funding must be in line with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and in line with engagement with the community.

7.2 Through public consultation, the North LAC has developed a Community Plan for 2023/24 that seeks to identify the key priorities for the area and develop a series of priorities that will inform the decisions of the LAC, and direct the spending of delegated budgets. The LAC has authority to do so.

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

- (1) Approves the North Community Plan as a statement of the priorities of the area, subject to any amendments being agreed by Members at the meeting on 26th September 2023;
- (2) Authorises the Community Services Manager to produce a final version of the Community Plan document, incorporating any amendments approved by the LAC at its meeting on 26th September 2023, and to publish it on the webpages of the North Local Area Committee; and
- (3) Notes that future LAC decisions relating to funding must be in line with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and in line with engagement with the community.

8.9 Reasons For Decision

The proposal to approve the North LAC Community Plan was recommended on the basis that the Plan provides a clear framework for how the LAC will direct its resources to address key issues through community consultation.

8.10 Alternatives Considered And Rejected

A key element in establishing LACs is the principle that each ward should develop a Community Plan. An alternative would have been to continue with the previous plan but it is important to carry out fresh consultations and update plans to ensure they are an up to date summary of local needs and priorities. The proposed plan builds upon the previous plan approved in March 2022 and the work that has taken place since it was

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8. NORTH LAC BUDGET

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The following decision was taken on Tuesday 26 September 2023 by the North Local Area Committee.

8 NORTH LAC BUDGET 2023-24

8.1 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. A new plan has been drafted for 2023/24 which will be the basis for funding decisions.

8.2 At its meeting of June 27th 2023 the North LAC Members agreed the following:

- To treat the four ward budgets of £25,000 as a single LAC budget

£100,000

- To establish two new funds, both of £25,000 – the Greatest Need Fund to support work amongst those in demonstrable need and the Big Idea Fund to support new approaches to meeting the priorities of the LAC.

- 8.3 It is proposed to develop two new grant funds of £25,000 allocated in 2023/24 from the total LAC budget of £100,000.
- 8.4 The first grant fund is the ‘North LAC Greatest Need Fund’. This fund contributes to the LAC priority of vibrant community life and the Community Plan of the North becoming a connected place where everyone 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 £5,000 will be awarded for those proposing projects that address the needs of residents in the North.
- 8.5 The second fund is the ‘North LAC Big Idea Fund’. Grants of up to £5,000 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.
- 8.6 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 as agreed. Applications will be shared with the relevant Ward Members for comment in advance of decisions being taken. Expenditure will be reported to the next meeting of the LAC.
- 8.7 In its budget setting the Council agreed a sum of £400,000 to be allocated by Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), to LACs for Cost of Living related work. Of this amount £37,100 was allocated to the North LAC.
- 8.8 **RESOLVED:** That the North Local Area Committee:-
- (1) Notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address the three priorities in the North LAC as detailed in the report.
 - (2) Agrees the use of the 2023/24 LAC budget of £25,000 for the Greatest Need Fund described in the report.
 - (3) Agrees the use of the 2023/24 £37,100 LAC Cost of Living Fund as described in the report namely that 50% of the North LAC’s budget will be used to support the Greatest Need Fund and 50% will be used to support the Big Idea Fund.

(£18,550) is awarded as a grant to Citizens Advice to support its advice line with the remaining 50% (£18,550) to create a new North Cost of Living fund).

(4) 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 Members, on the award of the grant funds proposed of up to £18,550.

8.9 **Reasons For Decision**

The North LAC is asked to note the use of funding as per the decision of September 30th 2021 and agree further expenditure to address the identified local priorities

8.10 **Alternative Considered And Rejected**

This report is in line with the previous decision of September 2021 regarding expenditure below £5000, the North Community Fund on March 9th 2022 and the proposed new North Community Fund 2023/24.

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