

# North East Local Area Committee

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**Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 5.00 pm**

**Burngreave Vestry Hall, 2  
Burngreave Rd, Sheffield, S3 9DD**

**The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend**

Local Area  
Committees

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Councillor Talib Hussain (Chair)  
Councillor Safiya Saeed (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Fran Belbin  
Councillor Mike Chaplin  
Councillor Dawn Dale  
Councillor Tony Damms  
Councillor Jayne Dunn  
Councillor Mark Jones  
Councillor Abdul Khayum  
Councillor Abtisam Mohamed  
Councillor Peter Price  
Councillor Garry Weatherall

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## PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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Local Area Committees engage, enable, and empower communities across the city with increasing control over decision making, marking a major shift in power to communities. The Committees provide a geographical framework that, over time, will be used to prioritise and direct the local delivery of an increasing number of Council services and oversee the production of a co-produced annual Area Committee Plan which will reflect resident priorities.

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk). You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked \* on the agenda.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to Area Committee meetings and recording is allowed under the direction of the Chair.

Please see the [website](#) or contact Democratic Services [committee@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:committee@sheffield.gov.uk) for further information regarding public questions and petitions and details of the Council's [protocol on audio/visual recording and photography](#) at council meetings.

Local Area Committee meetings are normally open to the public but sometimes the Committee may have to discuss an item in private. If this happens, you will be asked to leave. Any private items are normally left until last.

Local Area Committee executive decisions are effective six working days after the meeting has taken place, unless called-in for scrutiny by the relevant Scrutiny Committee or referred to the City Council meeting, in which case the matter is normally resolved within the monthly cycle of meetings.

In order for us to be able to effectively facilitate attendance at the meeting, we would encourage all attendees to notify us of your attendance in advance by registering [here](#) or emailing [committee@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:committee@sheffield.gov.uk)

If you require any further information please contact Clare Cummins email [clare.cummins@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:clare.cummins@sheffield.gov.uk).

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**NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA  
19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Order of Business**

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- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion 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 - 12)  
To approve the minutes of the Committee held on 20 June 2023.
- 6. North East Local Area Committee Spend Report 2023/24** (To Follow)  
Report of Lindsey Hill, Local Area Committee Manager.
- 7. Parks Update**  
Presentation by Ruth Bell, Head of Service for Parks and Countryside.
- 8. City Goals Update**  
Presentation by the Policy Committee Team.
- 9. Roadshow Interactive Session**  
The live webcast to be paused to allow public participation in this interactive session.
- 10. Public Questions and Petitions**  
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public.

**NOTE: The next meeting of North East Local Area Committee will be held on 22 November 2023 at 5.00 pm 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.

Further advice can be obtained from David Hollis, General Counsel by emailing [david.hollis@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:david.hollis@sheffield.gov.uk).

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North East Local Area Committee

Meeting held 20 June 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillors Talib Hussain (Chair), Safiya Saeed (Deputy Chair), Fran Belbin, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Mark Jones, Abdul Khayum and Garry Weatherall

**1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS**

1.1 Councillor Talib Hussain (Chair) welcomed attendees. The Housekeeping Arrangements were provided by Fiona Martinez, Principal Democratic Services Officer.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dawn Dale, Jayne Dunn, Abtissam Mohamed and Peter Price.

**3. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

4.1 There were no declarations of interest.

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

5.1 The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved as a correct record.

**6. NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE SPEND REPORT**

6.1 The Committee considered a report of the Community Services Manager, Lindsey Hill, which set out the details of the spend in respect of the £100,000 which was authorised by the Community Services Manager in consultation with the LAC Chair and in accordance with the delegated authority granted in September 2021 and July 2022.

6.2 Mick Nott from Friends of Abbeyfield Park asked whether funding not used would be available for the coming year's budget. Ms Hill responded gave some background on the allocated funds and their usage. She confirmed that funding not spent in 22/23 would be carried forward to 23/24.

6.3 **RESOLVED:**

- That the North East Local Area Committee notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North East Local Area Committee in 2022/3, as detailed in the report.
- That the North East Local Area Committee notes that consultation will be carried out on the priorities in the Community Plan which may result in proposed revisions to the Plan.

## **7. ENVIRONMENTAL CASE STUDY – GREEN CITY ACTION**

- 7.1 Malcolm Camp from Green City Action was in attendance to give a presentation on a Plastic Rake and Trug Worker method which allowed members of the public to clean up large areas. He shared images of local areas both before and after clean-up efforts, demonstrating the effectiveness of the Rake and Trug method.
- 7.2 Councillor Hussain thanked Malcom Camp for his presentation, and stated the LAC would consider the information and work with Green City Action to see what could be learnt.
- 7.3 Malcom Camp stated he was suggesting that Green City Action continue this work, and that he was asking for funding and a partnership. He said that giving funding to local community groups would reduce the cost of litter clearing for Sheffield City Council.
- 7.4 Sheena Clarke from Friends of Firth Park stated she would be keen to learn more about this litter picking method and said that the wider team at Friends of Firth Park would want to assist.
- 7.5 The Chair of Wensley TARA asked whether fines were being given for littering, and asked what ideas there were to prevent littering. He referenced a rat infestation due to littering in his area. Malcom Camp stating that removing litter reduced locations for rats to nest and stated that overcrowding by private landlords also increased litter and rat infestations.
- 7.6 Councillor Mark Jones agreed that the Plastic Rake and Trug Worker method should be only one strand of many strands dealing with both preventing litter and cleaning up litter.
- 7.7 Lindsey Hill advised that a proportion of the £100,000 budget had been spent on littering over the previous year. She emphasised that littering was a key concern mentioned in previous LACs. She stated that provisions such as rakes and trugs were available and could be provided to members of the public in order to allow them to litter pick. She mentioned a Dog Fouling project which was ongoing, and an increase in the number of bins in parks. She encouraged members of the community to feed into the LAC to assist in its aims for the coming year.
- 7.8 Councillor Safiya Saeed spoke to her experience working with Green City Action. She also outlined some of the work taking place to encourage children and young people to assist with litter picking, including encouraging them to add these roles

to their CVs.

- 7.9 A member of the public raised a specific complaint regarding mess and noise at Paige Hall, and the introduction of a camera which she stated was not making a difference. Councillor Hussain stated it was their intention to find a solution to these issues, and he added that this would unfortunately not be a quick process.

## **8. ROADSHOW INTERACTIVE SESSION**

- 8.1 The live webcast was paused, and the public participated in a Roadshow Interactive Session through browsing the information stalls situated around the building which contained information relating to the different priorities of the North East Local Area Committee Community Plan.

## **9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

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

(a) *Margaret Whelan from Friends of Concord Park*

We were successful in getting funding for a Knit and Natter event last year, will the money be available again this year?

In response, Linsey Hill confirmed that the LAC had agreed to continue with the funding whilst reassessing what requirements the group might have.

(b) *Margaret Whelan from Friends of Concord Park*

We were told there would be a consultation regarding the Concord free tennis courts; however, there hasn't been a consultation to date although she said she was aware that one had taken place at Hillsborough.

Councillor Belbin responded and stated that the Lawn Tennis Association had provided some investment at Hillsborough Park.

Stuart Turner from Parks and Countryside added that the plan for Concord Park was to continue with the current arrangements; however, he stated that the existing plan was for 5 years and would now be reviewed with a view to extending the current arrangement for 25 years.

The Chair thanked those present for attending the meeting.

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