

North Local Area Committee

Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 6.00 pm

**Ecclesfield Primary School, High
Street, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, S35
9UD**

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Councillor Lewis Chinchon
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Councillor Janet Ridler
Councillor Ann Whitaker
Councillor Richard Williams
Councillor Alan Woodcock

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**NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA
21 NOVEMBER 2023**

Order of Business

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusions of Public and Press**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public
- 4. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 5 - 8)
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 9 - 14)
To approve the minutes of the Committee held on 26 September, 2023
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public
- 7. North Local Area Committee Budget** (Pages 15 - 24)
Report of David Luck, North Local Area Committee Manager
- 8. Parish Council Updates**
To receive Parish Council updates
- 9. Parks Update**
Presentation by Ruth Bell, Head of Parks and Countryside
- 10. PlayZones Project**
Update from Josh Blunkett and Thea Kerwick, Project Officers
- 11. Friends of Grenoside Park Update**
Update from Friends of Grenoside Park

NOTE: The next meeting of North Local Area Committee will be held on 5 March, 2024, at a venue to be confirmed

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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.

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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.

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North Local Area Committee

Meeting held 26 September 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hooper (Chair), Penny Baker, Lewis Chinchin, Craig Gamble Pugh, Mike Levery, Janet Ridler, Ann Whitaker, Richard Williams and Alan Woodcock

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Vicky Priestley, Robert Reiss and Julie Grocutt.

2. EXCLUSIONS OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 There were no items of business identified where the public and press may be excluded from the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest from Members of the Committee.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 27th June 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

5. UPDATE ON REFERRALS TO POLICY COMMITTEES

5.1 There had been no referrals to Policy Committees

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

6.1 The Committee received the following questions from Members of the Public prior to the meeting;

Question from Simon Ogden

*“Stocksbridge Town Deal Trails Project
Stocksbridge Town Deal Board has recently announced a decision to abandon a £2.75m project to construct the remaining missing links in the Upper Don Trail between Langsett and Wharncliffe, providing most of a safe, off-road active travel route linking Stocksbridge and Oughtibridge including the over 1,000 new homes being built in the valley. The project would also put Stocksbridge at the centre of a network of walking, cycling and horse-riding trails, helping to deliver its ambition to be the Outdoor Town in the Outdoor City.*”

The Trails project has now apparently been replaced by a vague proposal to improve existing paths around the south side of Underbank Reservoir which does little for the wider connectivity or active travel. Although not explicit it appears that much of the funding is likely to be diverted to other projects. Yorkshire Water PLC is named as the only partner although their financial commitment is unclear and not secured.

The only published explanation given for this major change is a single reference to 'cost increases and other issues' with the original project. However, no Board papers have been posted showing any evidence of these, comparative business cases or cost benefit justification for the decision as would be the case for any Council project. Board meeting agendas and reports are not published in advance of meetings but several months after they take place, the most recent being May. Minutes are sparse on fact or detail. Alternate monthly meetings are classed as 'workshops' and not recorded at all. No dialogue has taken place with the Town Council or any other stakeholders other than Yorkshire Water PLC on the axing of the Trails project or the alternative. There has been no discussion of how to reduce costs or overcome other problems of the original approved Trails project. Although the Town Deal is an independent entity it is entirely serviced by City Council Officers, the Council is the Accountable Body for its funding and has two representatives on the Board. STD's own Terms of Reference commit it to following City Council procedures and standards of decision making. Will local members and the Council therefore as a matter of urgency take responsibility to ensure that

- a) All papers or reports justifying the decisions of the STD Board are immediately made available for public scrutiny as required by their own terms of reference.*
- b) Genuine public and stakeholder consultation is carried out by the Board prior to confirmation of any final decision on the Trails Project, as was promised in the Board's own minutes and their recent public statements.*
- c) Agendas, Minutes and supporting Reports for all Board Meetings, past and future, are published in full and in a timely and transparent manner in line with City Council practice and Nolan principles."*

In response Councillor Williams advised that following Mr Ogden's previous communication with him, he had referred the matter to the relevant Officer, and Kate Martin was looking into it. Councillor Chichen stated that she had also previously spoken to Mr Ogden and agreed that further clarity was needed.

Members raised concerns that this section of the trail was not progressing when other sections were, they were keen that the matter be followed up through the appropriate channels at the Council, who were the lead partner on the project.

6.2 *Question from Christopher and Elizabeth Birkby*

"We live at Laurel Cottage. Whilst the postal address is Woodside Lane, our vehicular access is along a long drive which runs parallel with Woodside Lane, about twenty yards apart, and exits into Norfolk Hill.

There is no public footpath on our side of the road and so the exit is straight into the highway. As with Woodside Lane, the sight lines to the right and left are

partially blocked, and we have to edge into Norfolk Hill in order to have a full view. The drive is shared with two other properties, Inglewood and Woodlands.

For many years we have had a sign at the end of the drive requesting motorists not to park opposite the drive. This has only been partially successful, and we are noticing that an increasing number of drivers are ignoring the sign and parking immediately opposite the entrance. Norfolk Hill is not a particularly wide carriageway and when vehicles are parked opposite the drive, it reduces the available carriageway to a little over one vehicle's width. This creates a potential hazard. Whilst over the years we have had some near misses, we have, fortunately, managed to avoid a collision with the traffic on Norfolk Hill.

We are bringing this to your attention because of:

** The increasing number of vehicles parked opposite the drive. Whilst this makes it difficult for us to get in and out of the drive, there is a real danger of a serious collision;*

** The increasing number of electric vehicles which we cannot hear. Given the partial visibility as we drive into Norfolk Hill, we have to rely on the sound of approaching vehicles. We can usually hear petrol and diesel engines but not, of course, electrically powered engines;*

** The number of vehicles driving down Norfolk Hill, often at speed, no more than two or three feet away from our exit. This is often prompted by the narrowed carriageway caused by vehicles parked opposite, but it causes a potential danger as we are obliged to ease out slowly in order to have full visibility up and down the road.*

Matters would be eased significantly if vehicles were prevented, in some way, from parking opposite the drive.

We should be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of the appropriate authority."

Members agreed that it would be appropriate to look at alternative measures, including signage for concealed driveways, and traffic calming. The matter would be raised with Highways by the LAC Manager and Mr and Mrs Birkby would be advised of the response.

- 6.3 The Committee received the following questions from Members of the Public at the meeting:

Question from Rachel Dyson

Ms Dyson expressed concerns about road safety on the A57 at Hollow Meadows following a recent accident.

Ward Councillors advised they would discuss this further with her after the meeting.

7. NORTH COMMUNITY PLAN

- 7.1 The report which recommended the approval of the draft North Community Plan was presented by David Luck, North Local Area Committee Manage, this included a presentation, which had been previously published with the agenda. The presentation gave background information on the area, outlined the LAC consultation responses and the priorities which had arisen from them.

Members welcomed the acknowledgement that there were some people who were struggling economically within areas which were otherwise considered to be affluent and that there was a wide array of different needs in the area.

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

- a) 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; and
- b) 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 of 26th September 2023, and to publish it on the webpages of the North Local Area Committee; and
- c) Notes that future LAC decisions relating to funding must fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

7.3 Reasons for Decision

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

7.4 Alternatives considered and rejected

A key element in establishing LACs is the principle that each LAC will develop a Community Plan. An alternative would have been to retain the previous plan but it is important to carry out fresh consultation and update plans to ensure they are an up to date summary of local issues and priorities. The proposed plan builds upon the previous plan agreed in March 2022 and the work that has taken place since it was adopted.

8. NORTH LAC BUDGET

- 8.1 The report which set out details of the spend in respect of the initial budget of £100,000 for 2022/23, described funding allocated to the LAC for 2023/4 and set out proposals for its allocation and expenditure for 2023/4, in line with the North LAC Plan, was presented by David Luck, North Local Area Committee Manager.

A presentation was delivered, which outlined that the budget would be divided into two funds, the “Greatest Need Fund” and the “Big Idea Fund”. Additionally, the North LAC had been allocated an additional £37,100 to address the Cost of Living. This was being divided between the CAB (Citizen’s Advice Bureau) advice line and a new North Cost of Living Fund.

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

- a) Notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North LAC as detailed in the report and
- b) Agrees the use of the 2023/24 LAC budget of £25,000 per ward as described in the report and
- c) Agrees the use of the 2023/24 £37,100 LAC Cost of Living budget as described in the report namely that 50% of the North’s allocation (£18,550) is awarded as a grant to Citizens Advice Sheffield to support its advice line with the remaining 50% (£18,550 used to create a new North Cost of Living fund) and
- d) Authorises the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair, to finalise the eligibility criteria and make decisions, following engagement with the relevant Ward Members, on the award of the grant funds proposed of up to £5,000.

8.3 **Reasons for Decision**

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

8.4 **Alternatives considered and rejected**

This is in line with the previous decision of September 30th 2021 regarding expenditure below £5000, the North Community Plan agreed on March 9th 2022 and the proposed new North Community plan for 2023/24.

9. BRADFIELD PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

- 9.1 Councillor Penny Baker gave a verbal update as follows:
- Crime had been increasing, in particular burglaries, aggravated burglaries and car theft. Rural property was particularly affected.
 - The Parish Council had purchased 5 automated Car Number Plate Recognition Cameras which would help the Police to trace any suspicious vehicle activity. These were in the process of being set up. Their locations would not be disclosed and they could be moved around.
 - The Police continued to work with local volunteer groups on crime reduction.
 - There had been a lot of events over the summer such as the Worrall Gala and Music Festival. Councillor Baker offered her thanks to all the volunteers who had been involved.

10. CITY GOALS

- 10.1 A presentation was delivered by Laurie Brennan, Head of Policy, Sheffield City Council. The presentation outlined the aim of developing a long-term plan for a thriving city economy and the engagement process which had been carried out to arrive at the draft goals.

Attendees split into groups to discuss this further, and the webcast was paused whilst this took place.

11. RACE EQUALITY COMMISSION

- 11.1 A presentation was delivered by Ed Sexton, Senior Equality and Engagement Officer, this discussed what steps were needed to achieve an anti-racist city, following the recommendations of the Race Equality Committee which had stated that "Race and racism remain significant throughout the life course of Sheffield citizens." The Council's response included the setting up of the race Equality Commission who had prioritised 6 areas, Business and Employment, Civic Life and Communities, Crime and Justice, Education, Health, and Sport and Culture.

Attendees split into groups to discuss what steps were needed to achieve an anti-racist city, and the webcast was paused while this took place.



Author/Lead Officer of Report: Dave Luck
North LAC Community Services Manager
Tel: 07795637875

Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: North Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 21st November 2023
Subject: North LAC Budget 2023-24

Has appropriate consultation been undertaken?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? 2149				
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the report and/or appendices and complete below:-				
<i>"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)."</i>				

Purpose of Report:

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

- Describes funding allocated to the LAC for 2023/24 and sets out proposals for its allocation and expenditure for 2023/24 in line with the North LAC plan.

Recommendations:

That the North Local Area Committee:

- Notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North LAC as detailed in the report.
- Authorises the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair, to finalise the eligibility criteria and make decisions, following engagement with the relevant Ward Members, on the award of the grant funds proposed of up to £5,000 per project.

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: Liz Gough
	Legal: Petra Der Man
	Equalities: Ed Sexton
<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 Alan Hooper
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the Head of Service indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.
	Lead Officer Name: Dave Luck
	Job Title: North LAC Community Services Manager
	Date: 21 November 2023

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 Background

Local Area Committees (LACs) were established by Full Council in May 2021. Their Terms of Reference are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution and include:

- To agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review; and
- To make decisions relating to funding as delegated from time to time by the Council to fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

In 2021 each LAC was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 to be spent in line with their community plan. The North Lac Community Plan was agreed in March 2022 and the unspent portion of the £100,000 budget was carried forward to 2022/23. A new community plan has been drafted for 2023/24 and will be presented at this meeting – once the plan has been agreed this will be the basis for future 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:

- 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 per item.
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

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”*. Though not the intention, the effect of this resolution was that these monies were designated Ward Pot budgets. The intention to create LAC budgets has now been put into effect by a decision of the Finance Committee on 11th September 2023 to agree a virement of the full £700,000 into the LAC budget, amounting to £100,000 per LAC. This budget will be spent on projects benefiting all the wards in the North East LAC area.

At its meeting of September 26th 2023 the North LAC Members agreed to treat the four ward budgets of £25,000 as a single LAC budget of

£100,000. The North LAC agreed to establish two new grants funds – the ‘Greatest Need’ fund to address demonstrable needs faced by people and communities in the North and the ‘Big Idea’ fund to enable new approaches to meeting the priorities in the North LAC. Both funds were for an initial £25,000 with bids invited of up to £5000.

The successful applications are set out below. Where funds exceeded £25,000 these costs were met from the wider budget.

Greatest Need fund awards

Group	Project	Funds Agreed
Westwood	"Footsteps" an initiative to train individuals to become volunteer activity leaders to build community activity and alleviate social isolation	£2400
St Pauls, Parson Cross	Funds to support the operation of the Food Bank	£1900
Upper Don Community Energy	Community Warming - project to help the most disadvantage homes stay warmer for cheaper – support for 50 households	£5000
Stocksbridge TARA	New baby & toddler group at the Christian Centre	£2869
High Green Development Trust	Fund weekly toddler group for SEND Children	£2858
Christian Centre, Stocksbridge	Funds to continue the Social Cafe	£5000
Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care (SCCCC)	Volunteer befriender programme across the North	£5000

Big Idea fund awards

Group	Project	Funds Agreed
Sheffield City Trust	Indoor recreation and play session at Stanwood Methodist Church aimed at 5–18-year olds	£5000
Greave House Farm Trust	Create a promotional video to for crowdfunding scheme to build a new barn to support work as a care farm	£1630
Friends of Grenoside Park	Funds towards a concept and landscape plan for Grenoside park	£5000
High Green Development Trust	Pilot "The High Green Hopper" community Mini bus	£4810
Active Regen Community Foundation Ltd	Holiday activity programme and club in High Green, working with 8–13-year-olds	£5000
SLC	To train volunteer drivers to operate a community minibus	£3750

Both of these funds were oversubscribed but in the case of the ‘Greatest Need’ fund we were also able to signpost people towards the new £18,550 ‘Cost of Living’ fund also agreed at the September 26th LAC meeting based on separate funds allocated to the North LAC.

As the ‘Big Idea’ fund also had a greater volume of bids it is proposed to run a second round of the fund allocating a further £25,000 with funds allocated in January 2024.

As before, it is proposed that the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair, is authorised to finalise the eligibility criteria and make decisions on expenditure relating to the grant applications received as set out above. Bids will be assessed by the LAC team and agreed. Applications will be shared with the relevant Ward Members for comment in advance of decisions being taken. Expenditure being reported to the next meeting of the LAC.

The further items to note agreed under delegated powers since the last meeting are:

Item	Cost	Date consulted	chair
• Fox Glen install costs	• £1500	• 14/9	
• Greatest Need additional costs	• £190	• 10/10	
• Big Idea additional costs	• £26	• 10/10	
• Additional youthwork costs	• £1445	• 19/10	
• Bolsterstone speed survey	• £150	• 31/10	

To note the following costs have increased:

- Ops budget £3500
- Tree Guards £1536
- Wharncliffe site visit £274

On this basis, funds allocated are £85,018 and funds remaining for the LAC would be £14,892.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

- 2.1 Local Area Committees directly support the Communities and Neighbourhoods and Our Council commitments in the 'Our Sheffield: One Year Plan' but to be effective they need to have the capability to respond quickly to emerging local issues.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

- 3.1 The Community Plan has been developed through community consultation that has comprised of an online survey through the Council's Citizenspace platform; a paper-based survey for those less digitally enabled; engagement activity with representative organisations and in-person meetings.

Partner organisations and Council departments that have been identified as offering potential solutions to some of the issues identified have also been consulted, to establish whether suggestions can be realistically implemented.

Further online and in person consultation took place in summer 2023 in

order to give Members information to agree a new community plan at the September 26th meeting.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

4.1.1 Decisions need to consider the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

This is the duty to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA 2149) has been developed to reflect the ongoing allocation of the LAC's budget, assessing the range of groups of people and interests likely to be impacted in equality terms. This has identified positive impacts associated with the protected characteristics of age, disability, pregnancy and maternity, religion or belief; and other areas of inequality associated with health, poverty and financial inclusion, and social cohesion..

The overall impact of this decision is likely to be positive and not disproportionate from an equality, diversity and inclusion perspective. In developing a Community Plan, local communities have been given the opportunity for a greater say in local decision making for services which impact their daily lives.

The devolution of responsibilities will improve inclusion for local people and the work of the Sheffield Equality Partnership will support and enhance the approach from a citywide and underserved communities' perspective.

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

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

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

4.2.1 This report concerns expenditure of the LAC's allocated budgets in 2023/24 of £100,000 (£25,000 per ward). These budgets must not be

exceeded.

Procurement of supplies and/or services and the award of grant aid will be carried out in line with the Council's Contracts Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

4.3 Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 The LAC must operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference, approved as part of the Council's updated Constitution, (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 This report is in line with the previous decision of September 30th 2021 regarding expenditure below £5000 and the North Community Plan agreed on September 26th 2023.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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