

# North East Local Area Committee

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**Tuesday 27 February 2024 at 5.00 pm**

**Colley Working Men's Club, 2 Margetson  
Road, Sheffield, S5 9LS**

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

Local Area  
Committees

## **Membership**

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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.

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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.

Please do not attend the meeting if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

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

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**NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA  
27 FEBRUARY 2024**

**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 22 November 2023
- 6. North East Local Area Committee Spend Report 2023/24** (To Follow)  
Report of Lindsey Hill - Local Area Committee Manager
- 7. Family Hub**  
Presentation from a representative of the Family Hub
- 8. Environmental Stewardship Pilot Presentation**  
Presentation by Dan Whittaker – Community Services Officer – North East Local Area Committee
- 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 a date 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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## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### North East Local Area Committee

#### Meeting held 22 November 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillors Talib Hussain (Chair), Safiya Saeed (Deputy Chair), Fran Belbin, Mike Chaplin, Jayne Dunn, Abdul Khayum, Abtisam Mohamed and Peter Price

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dawn Dale, Tony Damms, Mark Jones and Garry Weatherall.

#### **2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 No declarations of interest were received.

#### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 were approved as a correct record.

#### **5. NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE SPEND REPORT 2023/24**

5.1 The Committee considered a report of the Community Services Manager that advised each Local Area Committee had a £100,000 budget to address local priorities, identified within their respective Community Plans. The report set out details of the spend in respect of the £100,000 that had been authorised by the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair and in accordance with the delegation granted in September 2021.

5.2 The report showed funding allocated to the North East Local Area Committee for 2023/24, and set out proposals for its allocation and expenditure in line with the North East Local Area Committee Community Plan.

5.3 The report described the proposals for the use of the remaining funding allocated for cost of living work in the North East area, to a sum of £45,000.

5.4 **RESOLVED:** That the North East Local Area Committee:

- (i) notes the expenditure made in 2023/24 used to address local priorities against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North East LAC in 2023/24 and includes the agreed underspend spend from 2022/23; and
- (ii) agrees the proposals outlined in the report for use of the cost of living funding within the North East LAC area.

#### 5.5 **Reasons for Decision**

The North East LAC is asked to approve the broad allocation of funding and expenditure under the priority headings identified to assist its ability to monitor its budget, and to authorise the Community Services Manager to approve expenditure above the current delegated authority in certain circumstances so that delivery of the Community Plan is not delayed.

#### 5.6 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

Decisions on any expenditure above the existing authority to the Community Services Manager could be reserved to the LAC but this would delay delivery of priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Community Plan.

### 6. **YOUTH CONFERENCE UPDATE**

6.1 Emma Hinchliffe, Youth Voice and Development Worker presented an update to the committee on the Youth Conference that had taken place in October bringing together representatives from local schools to discuss issues affecting young people.

6.2 A poll had been carried out in September across all the schools in the area to determine which of the LAC's priorities the students felt were most important to them. The key areas identified became the points for discussion at the conference. These were;

1. Places to go and things to do for young people
2. How communities get information and how might the LAC communicate better with young people
3. Health & wellbeing issues affecting young people
4. The Cost of Living Crisis and what support is available for young people

6.3 Effective discussions took place at the conference and examples were provided of the students' ideas and suggestions. Some students had offered to work with the LAC in the future to help spread messages amongst their peers.

6.4 Attendance had been affected by the floods that impacted the city on the day of the conference and there was a desire to hold a roadshow event next that would allow the officers to visit schools and enable more young people to contribute to the plans for the local area.

### 7. **SHEFFIELD YOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITIES (SY-NC)**

- 7.1 Abdul Malik, Youth Worker, presented an update to the committee on the Sheffield Youth Neighbourhood and Communities (SYNC) project. The committee heard that one of the key aims of the project was to tackle exploitation in the area.

Work had started in the summer and a number of schools had been involved. Hubs had been set up in the community for young people offering different activities such as sports and debates and at the weekend sports sessions were attracting young people who also could access support for mental health issues. Workers were able to informally discuss any difficulties were experiencing at these sessions and then refer them on to other support services.

## **8. FAMILY HUBS UPDATE**

- 8.1 There was no one in attendance at the meeting to provide an update on the Family Hubs.

## **9. ROADSHOW INTERACTIVE SESSION**

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

- 9.2 After the interactive session, the live webcast of the meeting recommenced.

## **10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

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

(a) Mick Daniels

Mick Daniels thanked members for the leaves being removed from Firth Park.

Mr Daniels believed that the committee had agreed that there would be a Christmas Tree installed in Firth Park but he had since been told that two yew trees were being planted instead.

Mr Daniels had been told that there would be a Post Office opened in the area by September but was since informed that it would be situated in Firth Park Library and the work needed for this to happen would take a couple of months.

Councillor Belbin responded to the questions explaining that the Firth Park Forum had discussed installing a Christmas Tree, however, the cost was high and there were insufficient funds available. A decision was made instead to plant two conical yew trees as a permanent solution and lights would be provided to put on them.

The situation with the Post Office was not within the Council's control. The postmaster had decided on the new location but no definitive timescale could be

given on when it would be ready.

(b) Mr Sanni

Mr Sanni highlighted issues that he had encountered in the Firth Park area including the presence of rats and people leaving refuse in the building where he was a tenant rather than using the bins provided. He had reported the problems to his landlord but they had not been resolved.

Members agreed that this was not an acceptable situation and offered to discuss it further with Mr Sanni to find solutions such as pest control services provided by the council and support when contacting his landlord.

(c) Pete Thornett - Scraithwood Estate Tenants and Residents Association

Mr Thornett highlighted that the Scraithwood Estate was a one road estate and that the requested 20mph speed limit was to protect residents who were disabled. A lot of the residents were elderly and Mr Thornett asked for an explanation why a 20mph speed limit could not be implemented.

Councillor Dunn suggested that an officer from the Transport department could visit the site and assess the situation.

Councillor Chaplin encouraged Mr Thornett to continue with his petition and agreed to continue to pursue the speed restrictions with Councillor Dunn.

(d) June Luxon

June Luxon highlighted the problem of cars parking on Barnes Road blocking disabled ramps and preventing people from using the pavements. They had enquired about dropped kerbs being installed but permission was refused.

Councillor Belbin acknowledged that there was a problem with parking in that area but that enforcement resources were limited. The police were only able to provide enforcement if vehicles were causing an obstruction.

Serjeant Gulzar advised that there was unprecedented demand in this area but the police were working in partnership with parking services and he would feed this information back to the local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

(e) Margaret Whelan – Friends of Concord Park and Woolley Woods

Margaret thanked the committee and the police for helping to put on the lantern parade event which was a success.