

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

South West Local Area Committee

Meeting held 14 November 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Andrew Sangar (Chair), Tim Huggan (Deputy Chair), Sue Alston, Rebecca Atkinson, Peter Gilbert, Barbara Masters, Ruth Milsom, Joe Otten, Minesh Parekh, Martin Smith and Cliff Woodcraft

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

14.1 An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed.

15. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

15.2 It was confirmed that the meeting was not being webcast due to staff sickness.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

16.1 There were no declarations of interest.

17. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

17.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 26th September 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

18. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION - MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

18.1 The Committee went into a breakout session, during which the members of the public in attendance were given the opportunity to speak to their ward Councillors about any issues of local concern, and how the community plan actions were relevant to their area.

18.1 After the breakout session, the Chair, Councillor Andrew Sanger, advised that feedback would be added to the South LAC microsite.

19. SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET FINANCE REPORT 2024-

25.

- 19.1 The report which set out details of the spend in respect of the South West Local Area Committee budget, was presented by Tania Bustamante, South West LAC Community Services Manager.
- 19.2 The Chair advised that any underspend of the LAC budget would be reclaimed by the Council and absorbed into other budgets, however Councillors confirmed that there was usually little underspend.
- 19.3 **RESOLVED:** That the South West Local Area Committee notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the South West Community LAC Plan in 2024/5.

20. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

- 20.1 The Committee received the following questions from a member of the public, which had been provided in advance of the meeting but after the deadline: -

(a) Mike Hodson

1. What has happened to the promised SW LAC website that was supposed to help inform the public about issues discussed and decisions made at the quarterly meetings etc.

Tania Bustamante, South West LAC Community Services Manager, advised that the project had taken longer than originally anticipated because the existing Council website did not have the necessary functionality so a microsite had been developed. The content for this was all ready and was hoped that it would be live by December.

2. How are questions and issues raised at the LAC meetings, and during the breakout discussions, recorded by Councillors and/or Officers; and how is feedback on these provided to the attendees and to the wider public?

Tania Bustamante advised that the LAC team had the notes taken and feedback gathered on feedback forms. This was put together into a document and shared with Committee members, and the intention was to begin to put this online when the microsite was ready. All feedback and suggestions received were valuable and were used to inform the community plan and workplan.

3. The Minutes of the last LAC meeting mention the intention to link up [or link up with?] community, voluntary and youth [and perhaps faith?] groups. How is that to be progressed?

Tania Bustamante advised that she would contact Mr Hodson to discuss this further.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 21.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the South West Local Area Committee will be held on 13th February 2025 in Ecclesall ward.