

## **NOTES OF THE EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE ONLINE CONSULTATION EVENT HELD 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

Councillor Mary Lea, Chair of the East Local Area Committee (LAC), welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the procedure for how the meeting was to run. Jay Bell (Democratic Services) read out the housekeeping arrangements. The Chair then invited Members and Officers to introduce themselves.

An agenda for the meeting was displayed onscreen.

### **Report back on the public consultation on the Local Area Community Plan**

Huda Ahmed, East Area Manager gave a presentation on the public consultation on the Local Area Plan.

### **Breakout Sessions**

Members, officers and members of the public were then placed into breakout sessions that lasted approximately 1 hour.

### **Feedback from breakout sessions**

Councillor Anne Murphy and Councillor Mary Lea attended the Children and Young People & Health & Wellbeing breakout group. Feedback were as follows:-

- Communication methods needed to be varied.
- Could pilot a Local Newsletter.
- Needed more work around mental health – how the pandemic had affected people.
- Discussed issues around food poverty – healthy holidays programme could improve this.
- Needed to make activities more fun.

Councillor Dianne Hurst attended the Crime & Community Safety breakout group. Feedback were as follows:-

- WhatsApp group to be organised with Councillors and contributors on a specific issue.
- Discussed the reporting of Fly Tipping and Graffiti and the use of off-road biking – Facebook (social-media) could be used to report local issues.
- Importance of Community Centres being re-opened.

Councillor Zahira Naz attended the Environment & Transport breakout group. Feedback were as follows:-

- Discussed how the education around environment was key.
- Making use of the Education Officer in the community.
- How communication across the community was key.
- Discussed ways to get local people more involved and prouder of their area – Darnall would be launching a ‘Love Darnall, Love where you live’ campaign.
- Ensuring community parks were safer – preventing off-road bike users although allowing for wheelchair users.
- Had some discussion around Park & Ride.

### **Public Questions.**

The Chair explained there was no public questions received, prior to the meeting.

The Chair then invited further questions from members of the public.

**Polly Perkins** Asked all attendees to get in touch with her if they would like to assist in developing a local newspaper, which would aim to improve community cohesion and communication.

The Chair explained a Darnall newsletter was produced every 3 months, therefore could be put in touch with that team.

**Erica Dunmow** Asked whether information on the LAC’s powers and budgets could be found on the Council’s webpage.

The East Area Manager confirmed this was correct.

**Kay Hamilton** Referred to the presentation as it stated that everyone had received a paper consultation although Kay mentioned that she had not.

The East Area Manager explained there was 2 methods of consultation. The Online Consultation, where public were asked to fill in that through Citizens Space. Paper Consultation, which was carried out by the voluntary community & faith sector. This meant that not everyone received a paper consultation although it was noted therefore would aim to improve this in the future.

**Irene Day**

Explained there was an empty house in Richmond park, Irene also referred to 2 other houses which are known to be empty. Irene asked if anything was being done to re-home these properties.

A written response would be provided to this question, after the meeting.

**Kinder Kalsi**

Asked if there was any update on the proposed cycle track and red line system on Attercliffe Road.

Matthew Reynolds explained the business case for this proposal was currently with Sheffield City Region therefore it was awaiting approval in order to move to the next stage. The next stage would be the formal consultation process. Matthew added that current roadworks elsewhere had also impacted the increase in traffic flow on Attercliffe Road. A current programme was also looking how to improve traffic flow and improve footpaths in the Attercliffe Community.

**Chair's Summary and Next Steps**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and felt that good discussions had been made. The next steps were to collate all the feedback, review any available data and present the LACs findings to the next meeting to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Park Academy School.