



Local Area Committees

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Central Local Area Committee Community Plan 2022 -2023 (Draft)

Broomhill & Sharrow Vale • City • Hillsborough • Walkley

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What are Local Area Committees?



**Connected to our
communities and
citizens**

Local Area Committees (LACs) are a way for you to get involved and make a difference your local community. Some budgets have already been devolved to the LACs to be used on issues and priorities that residents and communities have told us are important to them.



Collaborative

LACs are a chance for you to influence decision making, share your opinion and contribute to positive changes in your community. They are an opportunity for you to say what you would like to see improved in your areas.

Each LAC has a £100k budget to develop and deliver priorities that have been outlined by the community in recent consultation. LACS will work with partners and stakeholders to link services and operate effectively in line with the needs of communities.

Who are the committee?

The Local Area Committee consists of twelve elected members representing the four wards included in the Central LAC. This includes:

- **Councillor Bernard Little (LAC Chair)**
- **Councillor Josie Paszek (Vice Chair)**



The LAC is supported by a small team of officers consisting of:

- **Community Services Manager,**
- **Community Services Officers,**
- **Project Support Officer**

Further details and contacts can be found at:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/CentralLac



Section 2: About Central



The Central Local Area Committee (LAC) is one of seven across the city and covers four electoral wards:

- Broomhill & Sharrow Vale
- City
- Hillsborough
- Walkley

Ward profiles providing information about demographics, language, employment, education, health and housing can be found at: [Ward profiles \(sheffield.gov.uk\)](https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/ward-profiles)



What we know:

(Source: Sheffield Local Insight, Central Area profile, November 2021) - [Local Insight \(communityinsight.org\)](https://www.localinsight.org)

This page will be updated further from the results of the 2021 Census once known later in the year.

Central has a population of **108,955** (approx. 50,000 households)

Age



0-15
10.2%

Working Age
81.8%

Age 65+
8%

White British 73.2%
Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority 15.8%
White (Non - British) 4.5%
Multi - Ethnic Households 15.6%



Ethnicity

12,469 People are living in deprivation



12.6 % of people have no qualifications (compared with 24.3 % across Sheffield)



12.4% have a limiting long-term illness. (compared with 18.8% across Sheffield)

Sex



53.5%
Male
46.5%
Female

Main Industry Sectors

1. Health and Social Care
2. Retail
3. Education



The average household income is **£41,889** (Sheffield average £28,925)

Households living in 'Fuel Poverty' Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (2019)

6,850

18.9% of households (England = 13.5%)

Tenure

40.7% are Homeowners
10.9% Rent from the council
9.7% Rent from Housing Associations
35.4% are Private Renting / Other

Who we spoke with...

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Sexual Orientation
11% respondents identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender

Gender Identity
1% identified as transgender

Religion/belief
62% no religion/belief **1%** Buddhist
32% Christian **4%** Other
Less than 1% were Jewish, Hindu and Muslim

Age
16-18
Less than 1%
Working Age (19-64)
75%

Ethnicity 
White **94%**
Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority
6%


21% have a disability or long term condition

Sex

38% Male
62% Female

Age 65+
24% 

Caring status
15% said they were unpaid carers

Tenure
74% are Homeowners
5% Rent from the council
5% Rent from other social landlord
12% are Private Renting
2% living with family
1% Other

Section 3: Central LAC Community Plan and Actions

The journey we took...

1. Online and Paper Citywide Survey

Our survey ran from August to December 2021. We received 924 responses for Central LAC from across all four wards.

2. Public Engagement Events / Roadshows

Elected members and LAC officers held 9 face to face events across all four wards in local shopping centres, community centres and supermarkets.

3. Local Community Groups

We commissioned six voluntary, community and faith sector organisations to gather intelligence and connect with communities.

4. Leaders Walkabouts

Elected members and LAC officers held walkabouts with the Leader and Chief Executive of the Council to engage with local residents and groups and listen to their views.

5. Central LAC Public Meetings

We hosted the first LAC public meeting at the Burton Street Foundation in September 2021 and held a second public meeting online in January 2022.

6. Young Sheffieldsers

We are working with local youth centres to ensure that we capture the voices of young residents and reach a wider variety of people through the LACs.

We will continue our engagement with local residents, groups, businesses and partners across the city to deliver the key priorities for the Central area

What you said...



Things you feel positive about:

- 'Close to local amenities'
- 'Sense of community'
- 'The park and access to green spaces'
- 'Cycle, tram and bus routes'
- 'Increasing number of independent retailers/cafes'
- 'Friendly people'



Things you wanted improving:

- 'Parking Enforcement'
- 'Littering, fly-tipping, street cleaning'
- 'More employment opportunities for young residents'
- 'Road safety and Traffic Calming'
- 'Help for local businesses'
- 'Less antisocial behaviour and crime'

Our Action Plan – Five Key Themes



Transport and Highways



Environment



Community and Neighbourhoods



Community Safety and Crime



Business, Employment and Skills

Transport and Highways

You told us you would like:	What we will do:	Responsible Groups/Organisations	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → LACs to explore the interconnectivity/ access challenges on public transport → Good connectivity to economic opportunity → A safe, reliable and accessible transport network → LACS to have a neighbourhood parking strategy to address parking concerns. → The council to explore 20 mph zones and issues with speeding vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Link with partners /and take feedback to feed into future schemes/ proposals in the Connecting Sheffield proposal which aims to implement schemes by 2023 → Explore ways to reduce inappropriate parking, i.e. residents parking schemes and improved enforcement. → Work with partners to improve road safety with particular emphasis on pedestrians and cyclists → Work with and make recommendations to the Transport Committee on developing and delivering active travel and public transport schemes → Support and enable groups to establish local speed watches working with the local policing teams. → Identify 6 locations within each ward. Procure and deliver the installation of Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) per ward and rotate the VAS to the 6 identified locations in each Ward. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive → SCC Transport and highways team → SCC LAC → Parking Services → South Yorkshire Police → Sustainable Communities Team → South Yorkshire safer roads partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Localised transport plans that take into account different neighbourhood needs. → These plans need to feed into a wider integrated transport system for the city that leads to carbon-zero by 2030.

Environment

You told us you would like:	What we will do:	Responsible Groups / Organisations	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → To be more involved in climate and nature related agendas including the clean air zones. → Improvements to parks and green spaces in the city to encourage usage and create opportunity. → Further support from the LAC on litter, fly-tipping and graffiti. → A cleaner environment and better street cleaning across the LAC area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Work closely with the team working on clean air proposals and share data and information including proposals. → Promote the clean air grants scheme with car/vehicle owners in local communities. → Work with the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust and Universities on climate change and environmental projects. Encourage a joined-up approach ensuring resources, intelligence and plans are shared. → Create opportunity for local residents to share their views on parks, greenspaces and public spaces including input on the plans identified in the open space and trees and woodlands strategy. → Continue to support and work with Friends of Groups on parks and open space related issues and matters. → Identify hotspots and work with young residents / artists to produce street art in the area. → Support litter picking groups through raising their profile, encouraging volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → SCC LAC → Sheffield City Council Clean Air Team → Ecology Unit → Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust → Sheaf and porter's trust → SCC Highways and Planning → Local and city wide Nature/Heritage and Wildlife groups → SCC Sustainability and Climate Change Team → Universities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Cleaner, greener neighbourhoods. → Achieve net zero across the city by 2030.

Community Safety and Crime

You told us you would like:	What we will do:	Responsible Groups/Organisations	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → A strategy around street culture in the City centre to support homelessness and complex issues → Better lighting in the Ponderosa/green spaces/bushes as there are safety concerns at night → LACs to create a community safety hub to engage with the community/remove barriers including night time economy. → Increase graffiti removal across all tenures of ownership with service standards. → LACs to address the impact of students on permanent residents of residential areas. → A strategy to prevent violent crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Continue partnership working as part of the street outreach visits to understand issues and concerns and feedback to agencies to resolve issues. → Support with officer time and engagement, working with local residents and community groups to deliver safer spaces and green spaces → Encourage the creation of safer neighbourhood groups to tackle anti social behaviour. → Support this concept of community hubs. bringing together partners, elected members and to explore funding. → Work with community organisations to produce localised graffiti reduction schemes engaging with local residents and SCC partners including supply of training and equipment to local groups → Coordinate activity alongside the universities and students, identifying an officer to lead on this and draw together neighbourhood-based strategy and Action Plans for the LAC to build stronger relationships. → Continue to support the work of the police, violence reduction unit, Project Fortify, Community safety teams and NAGs (Neighbourhood Action Groups), and support youth/community groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → SCC Community Safety Team → South Yorkshire Police → Universities → Amey → Residents Groups and Forums → Community and faith organisations → SCC LAC → Safer streets partnership and strategy → Violence Reduction Unit → Night time Economy partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Local residents to feel safer by being more engaged in their own communities to come together to discuss and create safer neighbourhood plans that tackle crime and anti-social disorder.

Community and Neighbourhoods

You told us you would like:	What we will do:	Responsible Groups/Organisations	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → LACs to provide further support for community litter picks to tackle litter and fly-tipping → Better engagement between communities and universities to support students to feel more integrated → To have better relationships with neighbours to embrace culture and diversity in your community → Better awareness of community spaces, facilities (sporting opportunities) to allow people to gather for social events, access support and tackle social isolation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → We will implement an area wide strategy of supporting and encouraging community litter picking groups and days. → Undertake community led initiatives, “love where you live campaigns” → Arrange with AMEY for ‘Phil the Bin’ to attend community events and schools and work with the regulatory, enforcement bodies and local residents and businesses on delivering awareness campaigns. → Coordinate activity across this theme identifying an officer to lead on this and draw together neighbourhood based strategy and Action Plans for student integration. → Work with the student’s union to promote their volunteering services and for communities to identify volunteering needs. → Work with the partners and groups to secure support in delivering projects, activities and events to create community cohesion and know their community and neighbour. → Identify and raise awareness of where local people can gather locally for social and support-based activities to provide you the opportunity to do more, achieve more within your communities utilising local assets. → Link in with the wider Sports strategy consultation for the city. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Amey → SCC LAC → SCC Environmental Enforcement → Independent Litter Pickers (groups) → Sheffield Litter Pickers → Universities → Residents Groups and Forums → Equality partnerships citywide. → Community and faith organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Increased resident engagement with community activities in the local neighbourhood. → To strengthen the structures so that communities can come together in more and better funded community hubs.

Business, Employment & Skills

You told us you would like:	What we will do:	Responsible Groups / Organisations	Outcome
<p>Local Businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → To have further involvement with local community projects. → To have opportunities to develop their social media skills, including sole traders. → To develop a business community forum to discuss issues and concerns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Support businesses by connecting them with community groups and projects to raise awareness and increase involvement to support local investment including offering internships and apprentice opportunities to local residents. → Work in partnership with Business Information Officers to provide further support to local businesses and traders around digital and social media needs. → Supporting collective business schemes to improve an area i.e. Christmas trees / lights → Work collaboratively with Business Sheffield to listen, enable and develop forums for local businesses to share intelligence and replicate existing good practice i.e. Hillsborough Together across the LAC areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → SCC LAC → Business Sheffield → Local businesses → Local community forums → Local Councillors → Opportunity Sheffield → Chamber of Commerce → Youth Centres → Community Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Stronger neighbourhoods supported by better connections between local businesses and communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Job fairs and provision for young residents for career aspirations in the heart of communities → Opportunities in the local economy → LACs to work with employers and training providers on jobs for the future, such as roles in the green sector. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Work with local residents, schools, youth centres and community groups across LAC areas to host more job fairs in community settings to build stronger links → Identify barriers and challenges some communities face and have bespoke projects tailored to community needs to support employment with inclusive communication. → LACs will work to support local people to obtain the skills to work in the changing workplace driven by the green agenda working with employers, third sector organisation and training provider to support working with the local area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → SCC LAC → Schools, Colleges, Universities → Business Sheffield → Local businesses → Local community forums → Local Councillors → Opportunity Sheffield → Youth Centres → Community Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Increase opportunities for local people to work locally. → Increase opportunities for green jobs to meet the 2030 climate change obligation

Central Budgets to deliver the plan :

To support the delivery of our Community Plan the Central LAC has a dedicated budget of £100,000 for 2022-23. The LAC is also able to influence a council budget of around £57,000 for targeted work around fly tipping and graffiti hotspots.

Where possible the Central LAC will be looking to work in partnership with local community groups to maximise funding opportunities.

Funding 2022/23	Amount	This funding can be used for
Central LAC Budget	£100,000	This funding must be spent on priorities and projects highlighted in the Central LAC Community Plan.
Fly Tipping and Graffiti Fund	Circa. £57,000	This funding will be used to work with Environmental Protection services to identify specific projects to address fly tipping and graffiti hot spots.

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Local ward councillors also oversee two local budgets: Ward Pots and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which are separate pots of money available to fund different activities.

Ward Pots	Broomhill & Sharrow Vale - £5, 319.34 City – £6, 972.98 Hillsborough - £6, 583.86 Walkley - £7, 569.18	This funding allocation is linked to deprivation levels. It can be used for specific projects in each Ward, based on local priorities.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (as of Dec 2021)	Broomhill & Sharrow Vale - £54, 761 .06 City - £148, 694.15 Hillsborough - £87, 117.58 Walkley - £111, 954.82	This funding is for supporting infrastructure projects as a result of development and has been accrued since 2015/16. There are a number of live projects in progress.

The Central LAC will regularly review and evaluate the plan, and the projects outlined.

Next Steps

The Central LAC will continue to listen to you and work to deliver the projects and priorities outlined in this plan; our commitments are:

- **We will work with you to listen** to your concerns and incorporate your thoughts and comments into the plan
- **We will work with partners**, including the VCFS (voluntary, community and faith sector) and local communities to deliver the priorities and projects outlined in our plan.
- **We will continue to listen and connect** with communities to understand their priorities
- **We will hold a minimum of 4 public meetings** a year to hear the views and concerns of local people and to provide updates on the Community Plan
- **We will work to shape and influence council services**- as outlined in the plan - to help us respond to the needs of local people
- **We will aim to represent the interest of local people and organisations** with external organisations, as appropriate, to achieve the objectives outlined in the plan
- **We will produce an annual report** to update you on our progress

How to get in touch

If you would like to have a chat about anything in our Community Plan or if you have a question or query please do get in touch.

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