



**SOUTH WEST
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
4TH OCTOBER 2022
KING ECBERT SCHOOL, TOTLEY**



1	From Paul May
	<p>QUESTION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) I note there is a toolkit that the new policy committees have that give 12 options on how they will engage with the public. Can this toolkit be published please? 2) From the minutes from July 14th LAC meeting - 6 members of the public had their questions reported and all had full answers sent to them later. I asked at the meeting on the 14th if the full answers could be published later. There seemed to be no problem with that so can they be published please? 3) I would like to ask that a pedestrian safety issue be revisited. If the traffic lights at the junction of Carterknowle Rd and Ecclesall Rd can be adjusted then there would be time for pedestrians to cross safely from one side of Carterknowle Rd to the other. I presented a petition re this to the full council on July 4th. The proposal died a death. There would be a cost involved but is this not the type of issue that can be addressed by the LAC under the safer road crossings heading?
	<p>RESPONSE</p> <p>A response was given to Mr May during the South West Public LAC meeting on 4th October and is recorded in the minutes of the meeting.</p>
2	From Maggie Riley
	<p>QUESTIONS</p> <p>I wish to ask what action the SW LAC is taking to address the cost-of-living emergency as we head into the colder months, and in light of the catastrophic 'mini budget' measures set out last week, which will fail to deliver help where it is really needed.</p> <p>I'm advised that Ruth Milsom and Minesh Parekh, Councillors for Crookes and Crosspool Ward, have submitted a letter to the Chair of SWLAC requesting a review of the community spending plan and I support that request. In the context of spiralling inflation and likely hugely increased demand for services to mitigate the worst effects of the new PM and Chancellor's punitive policies for working people, It is surely untenable to continue with a plan now overtaken by an ever-worsening public sector financial situation. I ask that the Chair of SWLAC initiate an urgent review to ensure that the allocated £100k budget is focused on genuinely essential public services of benefit to a majority of citizens and is not dissipated inappropriately across 'nice to have' or peripheral projects.</p>

RESPONSE

Dear Mrs Riley.

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3	From Arline Kersey
	<p>QUESTIONS</p> <p>Please could serious consideration be given to an emergency review of the spending plan contained in the Area plan, to take account of the cost of living crisis? I believe this review should change priorities for spending to give all possible support to all residents in the Southwest area who are negatively impacted by the crisis, particularly with respect to rising energy and food costs</p>
	<p>RESPONSE –</p> <p>Dear Mrs Kersey.</p> <p>I am writing in response to your question on the response to the cost of living crisis, submitted to the South West Local Area Committee Public Meeting on 4th October 2022.</p> <p>We know that the cost of living crisis will have a significant impact on people in every part of our city and Sheffield City Council is treating the crisis as a major incident. This gives us the structure to deal with this in an emergency city-wide response. The Council’s Strategy and Resources Policy Committee are leading on the city response. In addition a cross-party group of Councillors, together with a Gold Command Group has been established to look at how the most vulnerable residents of the city could be helped. This includes the role of Local Area Committees in coordinating responses in their areas.</p> <p>The South West Local Area Committee budget and Community Plan was agreed at the public meeting on 14th July 2022. The plan was developed as a response to the public survey that was conducted in Autumn 2021. Council Officers worked with members to develop a Community Plan which responded to the responses received. The three priority themes; transport and highways, local environment, and community and neighbourhoods were developed based on public feedback, elected member knowledge, and the advice of council officers and other local partners. The Local Area Committee are now progressing work to deliver on the priority areas defined and as part of this spend against the allocated funding for projects and initiatives is being closely monitored. Where there is an opportunity to reprioritise funding, we will consider how this could be allocated in order to help the most vulnerable in our communities.</p>

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4	From Matthew Killeya
	<p>Will the South West Local Area Committee consider an immediate pausing of its spending and commit to undertaking an emergency spending review, with a view to directing funding towards Community Hubs and other measures designed to help alleviate the cost of living crisis for local residents?</p>

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5	From Mike Hodson
	<p>I would like to ask if the SW LAC has taken notice of the failure of the Council's Highways Dept to implement the requirement for a Traffic and Highways Review for Carter Knowle Rd etc. , a requirement imposed by the 2017 Planning Permission for Mercia School; and the failure of the Planning Dept to take enforcement action on this. The review was supposed to take place when the School was 50% full - which milestone was passed in Sept 2021.</p> <p>RESPONSE –</p> <p>Dear Mr Hodson</p> <p>Thank you for your question submitted at the Public SW LAC Meeting on 4th October 2022. Helen Johnson, the Highway Development Team Manager is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the application (16/04750/rg3), and the condition referred to (Condition 33) which states:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">‘Within three months of the school operating at both 50% and 100% capacity respectively, a survey and report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority which shall review operation of the following signalled junctions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Abbeydale Road / Archer Road / Bannerdale Road Springfield Road / Abbeydale Road / Archer Road</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The survey/report shall assess whether there is a need to make adjustments to the existing signal timings to improve traffic flow.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Any agreed improvements shall be carried out within three months of the respective survey/report being approved, or within an alternative timeframe to be first agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.’</p> <p>The work required is currently being commissioned. Unfortunately, we do not have a timescale for the completion of the commissioned work, the Highway Development Team Service Manager will provide an update as soon as there is progress.</p>

Yours sincerely

Councillor Andrew Sangar
South West Local Area Committee Chair

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