

Central Local Area Committee

Meeting held 26 January 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Maleiki Haybe (Deputy Chair), Angela Argenzio, Ben Curran, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Brian Holmshaw, Tom Hunt, Douglas Johnson, Bernard Little, Ruth Mersereau, Henry Nottage and Martin Phipps

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence were received from Councillor George Lindars-Hammond.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. SHEFFIELD YOUTH CABINET - CENTRAL PRIORITIES / VIDEO

4.1 The Youth Voice and Influence Officer, Emma Hinchcliffe and The Youth Voice and Influence Manager, Sarah Stevens gave a presentation to the Local Area Committee.

4.2 Emma Hinchcliffe explained that Sheffield Youth Cabinet intended on attending the Local Area Committee meeting, although unfortunately were unable to make it.

4.3 Emma Hinchcliffe explained that Sheffield Youth Service supported and empowered young people to shape, lead and produce their own activities and programs They also ensured that they had the mechanisms in place to support young people to be involved in decision making at all levels.

4.4 Emma Hinchcliffe informed the Committee that the Youth Cabinet was made up of Elected Youth Councilors, UK Youth Parliament Members and various special interest / link seats to enable as many young people as possible to have a voice and influence change. They were elected by their peers once every 2 years to represent them at a local level.

- 4.5 It was stated that Sheffield had a South Yorkshire Police Young People's Advisory Group and a Sheffield Youth Cabinet. These 2 groups worked together to create a video on the violence against women and girls' issue. This video was then shared to the Local Area Committee.
- 4.6 Following the video, it was mentioned that BBC Radio and Breakfast Show, Hallam FM News, Radio 5 Live and ITV had all taken interest in the issue.
- 4.7 Councillor Brian Holmshaw mentioned that as Deputy Chair of the Education, Children and Families Policy Committee, it would be beneficial for the Youth Voice and Influence Service to present a similar presentation at that Committee, including representation from young people if possible.
- 4.8 In response to public question, Sarah Stevens explained that the Youth Voice Service engaged with young people on this issue via through word of mouth, self-referrals and from receiving messaged in their website.
- 4.9 In response to a public question, Sarah Stevens explained that this project started in March 2021 with a launch on White Ribbon Day in November 2022. Since then, the video had been shared with all the schools in Sheffield. Partners and all new taxi drivers within Sheffield will be shown it as part of their training.
- 4.10 Sarah Stevens explained that the Deputy Chair of the Committee (Councillor Maleiki Haybe) once was a Youth Advisor for the Youth Voice Service. Therefore, used his career progression as a example of how the service aimed to empower young people.

5. UPDATE BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

- 5.1 The Central Local Area Manager, Adeel Zahman provided a report and gave a presentation to the Local Area Committee.
- 5.2 The Community Services Manager mentioned that when the LACs first launched, a survey was undertaken to ask members of the public what they wanted the LAC to focus on. Following that survey, 5 key themes were identified. These were as follows: -
- Community & Neighbourhoods
 - Community Safety & Crime
 - Environment
 - Children & Young People
 - Transport & Highways
 - Business, Employment and Skills

Under each theme, priorities and projects that had been approved

by the Committee were identified.

5.3 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 Committee in accordance with the delegation granted in September 2021.

5.4 The report proposed that the LAC approved the award of a grant of £9,225.92 to St Mary's Church and Community Centre to help fund the provision of a Social Supermarket and Warm Space to users at their centre to help tackle social isolation and improve health and wellbeing. The beneficiaries of this provision will be residents and families in the City ward, but also across the Central LAC areas.

5.5 **RESOLVED:** That the Central Local Area Committee:

- (i) noted the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the Central LAC in 2022/3, as detailed in the report, be noted.
- (ii) approved the award of a of £9,225.92 to St Mary's Church and Community Centre for a Social Supermarket and Warm Space, as described in the report.
- (iii) noted that the remaining balance of the LAC budget will continue to be allocated on projects to address the local priorities in the Central LAC Community Plan.

5.6 **Reasons for Decision**

The Central LAC is asked to note the use of funding as per the previous decision of September 27th 2021, and agree further expenditure to address the identified local priorities

5.7 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

None. This is in line with the previous decision of September 27th 2021 regarding expenditure below £5000 and the Central Community Plan agreed on March 21st 2022.

5.8 In response to a public question, Adeel Zahman explained that Sheffield City Council organised the career fairs and that independent providers did monitor and feedback their views on these.

5.9 Andrew Male explained that many projects were based upon nationally evaluated schemes and best practice. The Council did not evaluate each project as it the cost of evaluation would far exceed the funding allocated by the LACS cost to LACS. Many of the projects funded by organisations like the Home Office tended to be evaluated as part of their funding.

6. DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

6.1 Laura Stephens gave a presentation on the draft Sheffield Plan. The presentation would cover what the Plan was, how it affected the central area, how members of the public's comments would affect the Plan and finally when the Plan will be finalised.

6.2 Laura Stephens thanked those members of public who spoke to Planning Officers and gave their comments prior to the meeting.

6.3 The Draft Sheffield Plan is the statutory local plan for the city and all local authorities were required to produce one. The purpose of the Plan was to set out a vision and framework for the future development of the city. It would guide decisions on planning applications and once adopted, planning decisions are expected to be taken in accordance with the Plan.

6.4 The Plan covered the period up to 2039, although it would be reviewed at least every 5 years.

6.5 The Draft Plan consists of 7 parts: -

- Part 1: Vision, Spatial Strategy, Sub-Area Policies and Site Allocations
- Part 2: Development Management Policies and Implementation
- Annex A: Site Allocations Schedule
- Annex B: Parking Guidelines
- Key Diagram
- Policies Map (digital map, online)
- Glossary

6.6 It was mentioned that there were 176 allocated sites already identified in the City Centre. Many already had planning permission and would be used for employment, housing, and open spaces. There are also strategic employment sites and housing allocations in the remaining parts of the Central LAC area

6.7 It was mentioned that the 5 priority frameworks in the City Centre were: -

- Neepsend
- Furnace Hill
- Wicker Riverside
- Castlegate
- Moorfoot

These areas were identified as places that needed major changes, in respect of employment, housing and open spaces, in order to improve their communities.

- 6.8 It was explained that public consultation had began and this was due to close on the 20 February 2023. Following the public consultation, the Council may propose amendments to the Plan that would be submitted alongside the Plan to the Government and will be considered by an independent planning inspector.

7. INTERACTIVE BREAK-OUT SESSION

- 7.1 Following the presentation, Members of the Committee broke out into breakout groups with Officers and members of the public to consider the information presented on the draft local plan.

- 7.2 Following the breakout session, one person from each group was asked to feedback their groups thoughts. A summary of all the feedback presented were as follows: -

- Discussed the use of community facilities in this LAC area.
- It was mentioned that 20 minutes was not long enough for the breakout session.
- Concerns over the consultation, where it had gone and who it was reaching.
- Key concern was whether this was affordable.
- Guidance on navigation of the plan needed to be better.

- 7.3 The Chair of the meeting thanked the Planning Officers present for taking the time to attend the meeting.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

- 8.1 The Committee received the following question from a member of the public, prior to the meeting.

8.2 Debbie Luck

Explained there had been a traffic violation on Dodd Street, Sheffield which was endangering public safety. Debbie and her neighbour first contacted Councillor Bernard Little in November 2021 with concerns about the number of vehicles driving the wrong

way on Dodd Street. From May 2021 to December 2021, 176 vehicles were recorded on a ring doorbell located on Debbie's front door, driving the wrong way on a one-way street

A substantial number of these vehicles were commercial including taxis and delivery vans. The Initial meeting and discussions in November 2021 with Councillor Little resulted in painting a no entry sign on Ripley Street and a sign highlighting of an overgrown hedge on corner of Dodd Street /Ripley Street. Other potential ways of addressing the issue were discussed with Councillor Little but no action had been taken.

Councillor Bernard Little explained that following a meeting with Debbie Luck, the Council implemented a No Entry sign on the corner of Dodd/Ripley Street although this had not made any impact as the issue continued to occur. He added that LAC officers intended to work with the Councils Transport and Highways team to seek advice on what can be done to stop traffic entering Dodd Street the wrong way. They would work on engagement and will involve working with the Council's Transport and Highways team. They will involve partners such as South Yorkshire Police, SYP were already involved, and officers were working to establish some support following a request from Councillor Little and colleagues who attended the Walkley Neighbourhood Action Group. Officers will work to prioritise this request and request our Transport & Highways colleagues to investigate and provide us with solutions. They will keep you and residents informed on updates and progress and request input where required. Officers encouraged members of the public to contact the 3 local ward councillors, or the Central LAC officers should they have any further queries during the process where this particular query is investigated.

- 8.3 Due to the timings within the meeting, the Chair of the meeting agreed that anyone who had filled out a question form would be provided with a written response to their question after the meeting.

9. ATTENDEE FEEDBACK

- 9.1 Due to the timings within the meeting, the Chair of the meeting agreed to stay behind once the meeting had concluded, to speak to any attendee who wished to give their feedback on these meetings.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 10.1 **RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19th October 2022, were approved as a correct record.