

East Local Area Committee

Meeting held 25 January 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mary Lea (Chair), Mike Drabble, Dianne Hurst, Nabeela Mowlana, Zahira Naz and Sioned-Mair Richards

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Terry Fox, Ben Miskell and Sophie Wilson.

1.2 The Chair (Councillor Mary Lea) mentioned the unfortunate passing of Councillor Anne Murphy who was a Member of the East Local Area Committee.

All the attendees gave a moment of silence to pay their respects to Councillor Anne Murphy

Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards paid tribute to Councillor Anne Murphy. She said that Anne was loved by so many. She often met people, while undertaking Mayoral engagements, who spoke enthusiastically about having met Anne. Anne had strong opinions and always had a way of getting her way when getting things done. She added that Anne was a great friend, was always great company and she would be missed by all.

**2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022, were approved as a correct record.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

5.1 The Committee received the following question from a member of the public, in attendance at the meeting.

## 5.2 Public Questioner 1

Felt as though Tinsley ward had been left to one side and that it needed more attention. She asked if more funding could go into Tinsley.

The Chair explained that members of the public would hear, at a later stage of the meeting, how the funds were going to be distributed across all the wards. She highlighted some recent projects that had gone into Tinsley. These included the new school which was built and opened just a few years ago. The park had been regenerated before the school development. Councillors negotiated an annual grant from EON of around 25k per year for Tinsley dependent on energy generated at the EON biomass plant. There will also be a nature park developed on the old school site.

Councillor Zahira Naz also added that she had applied for some warm spaces, for the men of Tinsley and that they already had a women's group that was going well. Councillor Naz mentioned she had a recent meeting where she asked a question around community development workers for the Tinsley area and whether more CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) can be used in the area.

## 6. **EAST LAC SPEND 2022/23**

6.1 The Committee received a report of the Community Services Manager, Huda Ahmed which set out details of the spend in respect of this £100,000 that had been authorised by the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair and in accordance with the delegations granted in September 2021 and June 2022.

6.2 The Community Services Manager explained that he anticipated expenditure for the following themes were as follows: -

- £50,000 for Children, Young People and Families
- £20,000 for Environment
- £20,000 for Communities and Neighbourhoods

There was also £10,000 unallocated, to account for elements of spend not currently envisaged.

6.3 Each theme had identified areas of priority, and these were as follows: -

### Children, Young People and Families

- Allocated £10,000 between the East LAC wards to fund

projects that supported children and young people - match funded from ward pots.

- Funding five Saturday clubs that have been set up across the East LAC wards to run free various activities targeting Children and young people, that promote health and wellbeing, total cost £20,000
- Allocated funding to projects that supported young people and organisations that deal with Anti-Social behaviour

### Environment

- Awarded each East LAC ward £5,000 to deal with fly tipping and waste and other environmental projects

### Communities and Neighbourhoods

- Awarded community organisations/agencies across all four wards that support residents and communities with costs of living, for example, run activities that help people across all ages deal with loneliness and isolation

- 6.4 A member of the public, asked if any funding could target children under the age of 10 years old.

The Community Services Manager mentioned that herself and the member of the public had a meeting scheduled for February therefore options for this this could be discussed then.

The Chair agreed that younger people did also need some provision although it was agreed to target young people over the age of 10 as it was believed that they would benefit from the funding more.

- 6.5 A member of the public, asked whether the Council could better enforce penalties to those who were fly-tipping in these wards. This would mean that the Environment theme would not have to allocate £20,000 for fly-tipping therefore that budget could be used for a different service.

The Chair mentioned that each LAC had approximately £57,000 allocated to them to tackle fly-tipping, graffiti and litter hotspots across all 4 wards. The £20,000 mentioned at the meeting was for £5,000 to be allocated to each ward to tackle environmental projects in their areas. The Chair added that it was a very difficult process to prosecute people who were fly-tipping.

- 6.6 RESOLVED: That the East Local Area Committee notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities

in the East LAC in 2022/3, as detailed in the report

## **7. EAST LAC COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

7.1 The Community Services Manager gave a presentation to the Local Area Committee.

7.2 It was explained that there was 7 Local Area Committees (LAC) in Sheffield and that each LAC covered 4 different ward areas. The wards for the East LAC were as follows: -

- Park & Arbourthorne
- Darnall
- Manor Castle
- Richmond

7.3 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, 6 key themes were identified. These were as follows: -

- Environment
- Community Safety & Crime
- Community & Neighbourhoods
- Children & Young People
- Transport & Highways
- Health & Wellbeing

Under each theme, priorities were identified which were shared to the attendees as part of the presentation.

7.4 A member of the public raised concerns around the lack of projects and funding mentioned for the Tinsley area.

The Community Services Manager explained that application forms were sent out to all the community groups for this LAC and that Tinsley were a part of this. The application form was for communities to request funding for their areas. It was added that although this process had already passed, it did not mean that the LAC could not look at Tinsley again and identify anything that area needed.

7.5 A member of the public raised concerns around vehicles turning right on St Lawrence/Sheffield Road.

The Chair explained that she had met with Clive Betts and Transport & Highways Officers to look at possible solutions and were optimistic that an engineering solution had been found to the St Lawrence/Sheffield Road turning.

## **8. PRESENTATION & HARASSMENT VIDEO**

- 8.1 The Youth Voice and Influence Manager, Sarah Stevens gave a presentation to the Local Area Committee. The presentation focused on violence against women and girls and what the Council were doing to tackle this issue.
- 8.2 The Youth Voice and Influence Manager explained that this was a huge issue in the City and violence against women and girls can be either emotional, physical, sexual or financial.
- 8.3 It was mentioned that White Ribbon was a global campaign that encourages men and boys to individually and collectively take action and change their behaviours towards women and girls. It was added that this was about educating men and boys to avoid violence in the future.
- 8.4 Some of the actions already taken by Sheffield City Council were as follows: -
- The launch of our first women and girls' night-time safety character
  - Development of resources for Sheffield against sexual harassment, including the promotion of the 'Ask for Angela' scheme in venues, bars and other premises.
  - Support for the City's violence against women and girls forum.
- 8.5 Attendees were informed that youth voice and influence was about listening to young people and valuing what they say. The Youth Service empowered and supported young people to be involved in decision-making.
- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 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.
- 8.8 The presentation identified how more information on this issue could be accessed.
- 8.9 Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards spoke out about how she had been "flashed" between the ages of 9 and 64. Over 50 years of it!

Enough was enough and more needed to be done to educate young men and boys.

- 8.10 A member of the public asked how long the 'Ask Angela' scheme had been implemented into venues in Sheffield.

It was mentioned that the scheme had been in place for around 6 years in Sheffield.

## **9. WORKSHOPS**

- 9.1 Following the presentation, Members of the Committee broke out into breakout groups with Officers and members of the public. They were asked to consider the following 3 questions.

1. Do you feel this is an issue in your area / community?
2. What are your thoughts on addressing the issues raised
3. How do we raise more awareness amongst boys and men?

- 9.2 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: -

- 9.3
- Different design of buildings can put women at risk
  - Younger people were worried about talking about it to boys and men
  - There was an online portal by South Yorkshire Police that people can put their experiences on
  - More schools should play the video to their students
  - Should invest in children, under the age of 10, and educate them in this issue
  - Upload similar videos on social media
  - Include other sporting teams in the City to spread the awareness
  - Apply these messages into kids book to targeting young people
  - Use school champions in each school
  - Look at business policies and tender processes. Have they got a policy in place on this issue
  - Need a safe place to discuss these concerns without judgement
  - Send letters to the parents of students in schools, informing them of these messages to help educate young people
  - This video should be shared through religious/faith groups
  - Can a video be done from a male perspective
  - Make sure 'Ask Angela' scheme is in as many venues as

possible

- 9.4 The Youth Voice and Influence Manager asked all the attendees to make an individual pledge to themselves to take responsibility in leading change in either their communities, their area, their school, their family or their workplace.
- 9.5 The Chair passed on her thanks to all the young people involved in making the video.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10.1 It was noted that Councillor Mike Drabble be appointed as Deputy Chair of the East Local Area Committee at the next meeting of the Local Area Committee.

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