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Report of: Community Services Manager

Report to: South Local Area Committee

Date of Decision: 4th July 2023

Subject: South LAC Budget 2023-24

Has appropriate consultation been undertaken? Yes No

Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken? Yes No

If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given?

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Purpose of Report:

Each Local Area Committee has a budget to address local priorities. This report

- Sets out details of expenditure with regards to the initial budget of £100,000 for 2022/23
- Outlines carry forward from the 2022/23 budget of £31,930, which is allocated to specific projects.
- Describes the funding allocated to the LAC for 2023/24 and sets out next steps in terms of reflecting on the South LAC Community Plan and identifying priorities.

Recommendations:

That the South Local Area Committee

- Notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the South LAC in 2022/23, and the carry forward of £31,930 into 2023/24, which is allocated to specific projects.
- Notes the 2023/24 South LAC budget and next steps in terms of reflecting on the South LAC Community Plan and identifying priorities.

Background Papers:

The South Community Plan is published at:

[South Local Area Committee Community Plan \(sheffield.gov.uk\)](https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/south-local-area-committee-community-plan)

Lead Officer to complete:-	
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.
	Finance: n/a – no implications
	Legal: Andrea Simpson
	Equalities: n/a – no implications
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	Head of Service who approved submission: Carl Mullooly
3	LAC Chair consulted: Cllr Simon Clement-Jones
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the Head of Service indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.
	Lead Officer Name: Diane Owens
	Job Title: South LAC Community Services Manager
Date: 22/6/23	

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 Background

Local Area Committees (LACs) were established by Full Council in May 2021. Their Terms of Reference are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution and include:

- To agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review; and
- To make decisions relating to funding as delegated from time to time by the Council to fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

In 2021 each LAC was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 to be spent in line with their Community Plan. The South LAC Community Plan was agreed in March 2022 and the unspent portion of the £100,000 budget was carried forward to 2022/23.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues, in September 2021 the LAC granted delegated authority to the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure from any budgets allocated to the Local Area Committee provided that:

- The decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair
- Spending is in line with any specific purposes of the allocated budget
- The decision may not approve expenditure of more than £5,000
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

The South LAC has not made any spending decisions under this delegation.

During 2022/23 the South LAC allocated funding as outlined below.

Approved Expenditure	Overview	Total Allocated	Total Spent	Carried Forward 23/24
Youth Activities	Grant funding for projects up to £5,000	£20,000	£20,000	£0
Capacity Building	Grant funding for projects up to £4,000	£40,000	£40,000	£0
The Lumb	Clearance and public realm works	£10,000	£3,320	£6,680

Capacity Building Project	Support for community groups	£3,000	£0	£3,000
Mobile CCTV Cameras	Buy and install 2x mobile CCTV cameras	£11,000	£0	£11,000
Street Art Project	£3750 per ward allocated	£15,000	£3,750	£11,250
South LAC running costs	Meeting costs	£1,000	£1,000	£0
	Totals	£100,000	£68,070	£31,930

Regular reports and updates have been shared through the South LAC Public Meetings.

The South LAC Team are currently requesting feedback from organisations who received grant funding through the LAC. This will include updates on the activities funding, any challenges or barriers and equality monitoring data where appropriate.

As outlined above, £31,930 of allocated funding has been carried forward into 2023-24. This funding is allocated to the specific projects outlined in the table and was approved at the South LAC Public Meeting in January 2023.

Should it not be possible to progress any of the planned projects or should they come in at under the projected costs, then any remaining funding will be added to the £100,000 budget for 2023/24 and any related decisions will be taken back to a future South LAC Meeting for approval as required.

1.2 **2023/24 budget allocation**

Full Council resolved at the Budget Meeting in March 2023 that “*additional spending amounting to £25,000 per ward, overseen by ward councillors and delivered through the Local Area Committees process, is provided as an additional spend for 2023/24*”.

The LAC may agree that this total £100,000 may be spent across the LAC area as a single budget, or apportion it to benefit each ward, or in some other way (for example, setting aside a share for each ward and pooling the remainder for activities across the LAC area).

The South LAC plans to review the current priorities captured in the Community Plan over the coming months.

The approach proposed by the South LAC in relation to its budget for 2023-24 will then be outlined at the next meeting along with any proposals for expenditure.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

- 2.1 Local Area Committees directly support the Communities and Neighbourhoods and Our Council commitments in the 'Our Sheffield: One Year Plan' but to be effective they need to have the capability to respond quickly to emerging local issues.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

- 3.1 The Community Plan has been developed through community consultation that has comprised of an online survey through the Council's Citizenspace platform; a paper-based survey for those less digitally enabled; engagement activity with representative organisations and in-person meetings.

Partner organisations and Council departments that have been identified as offering potential solutions to some of the issues identified have also been consulted, to establish whether suggestions can be realistically implemented.

Members of the South LAC will be reviewing the Community Plan over the coming months, this will include reflecting on the diverse range of community feedback members have received during the election period and speaking to voluntary, community and faith sector organisations as appropriate. An update will be provided at the next public meeting in October 2023.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

- 4.2 Any future decisions need to consider the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

This is the duty to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The Equality Act 2010 identifies the following groups as a protected characteristic: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation.

In developing a Community Plan, local communities have been given the opportunity for a greater say in local decision making for services which impact their daily lives.

The devolution of responsibilities will improve inclusion for local people and the work of the Sheffield Equality Partnership will support and enhance the approach from a citywide and underserved communities' perspective.

However, in order to ensure this approach takes into account people who share protected characteristics under the Public Sector Duties the South Local Area Committee Community Plan will be supported by appropriate equality monitoring and equality impact assessments on specific projects as required.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA 916) was previously carried out in respect of the establishment of Local Area Committees.

4.3 Financial and Commercial Implications

There are no financial or commercial implications arising from this report.

The implications of any proposals for expenditure of the LAC's 2023/24 budget of £100,000 will be considered when those proposals are made.

4.4 Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 The LAC must operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference, approved as part of the Council's updated Constitution, reflecting the committee system of governance, by Full Council at its Annual Meeting on 18th May 2022.

In accordance with the provisions of section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Constitution provides that a Committee may delegate to a Council Officer.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The options in terms of allocating the South LAC's budget are outlined in section 1.2.

The LAC could choose not to review the priorities in the Community Plan, but this would risk the Plan being out of date.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 To confirm expenditure from the South LAC budget for 2022/23 and the related carry forward into 2023/24.

To agree the proposed next steps in terms of reflecting on the South LAC Community Plan and identifying priorities to ensure that it remains current.

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