

Supplementary Information

Below is an update of some information in relation to section 2.0 of the Work Programme.

2.0 References from Council or other Committees

2.1 Any references sent to this Committee by Council, including any public questions, petitions and motions, or other committees since the last meeting are listed here, with commentary and a proposed course of action, as appropriate:

Issue 1	Pride in Sheffield
Referred from	Resolution of Council on 20 July 2022
Details	<p>A link to the full resolution is available here: Public Pack)Resolutions passed at the meeting of the Council held on 20th July 2022 Agenda Supplement for Council, 20/07/2022 14:00 (sheffield.gov.uk)</p> <p>Extract in respect of this Policy Committee:</p> <p>(J) believes in supporting inclusive housing and LGBTQ+ Sheffielders who face homelessness, and that no one in Sheffield should be made homeless as a result of coming out or being rejected by their families by virtue of who they are, and asks the Housing Policy Committee to consider investigating ways this Council can:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) help reduce homelessness in young LGBTQ+ people by supporting LGBTQ+ youth services, as well as providing information and support; (ii) give considerations for LGBTQ+ supported housing for older LGBTQ+ people in Sheffield, dependent on need, as has been done by councils such as Lambeth, as we look to expand our social housing stock; and (iii) continue supporting projects that help people that are homeless and/or rough sleeping in any way we can;
Commentary/ Action Proposed	<p>The Council via the Equalities and Engagement Team, has supported a range of events in the past year including relating specifically to the LGBTQ+ community in Sheffield, this will be outlined in our Annual Equality Report 2021/22 which will go to the Strategy and Resources Committee in 2022.</p> <p>We currently grant fund LGBT Sheffield, as part of the Equality Partnership for its engagement work in the city. The People Portfolio also grant fund Sayit to support LGBTQ+ young people.</p>

	<p>We gave small grants in 2021/22 to and supported Pinknic does Pride an event held in the city centre in July, Trans Day of Remembrance and IDAHOBiT. We also support a range of awareness days & months such as LGBT History Month and Pride Month.</p> <p>In June 2021, in collaboration with LGBT Sheffield, set up and supported an LGBT+ survey about experiences in COVID, which also asked about general facilities for LGBT+ people. Through this survey and the wider work through the Equality Partnership it has helped in establishing what support and facilities people in Sheffield said they would like to see.</p> <p>Within the next year we will continue to work with Members and via the Strategic Equality and Inclusion Board to take forward the elements of this resolution relating to our LGBTQ+ staff, residents, and visitors and embed them as appropriate within our Equality Objectives and Equality and Engagement delivery plan including our work on Awareness Days. Also, we produce an internal and external equality newsletter that people can sign up to if you want to read about work across all areas of equality, contact the Equality and Engagement team to find out equalitiesandinvolvement@sheffield.gov.uk</p> <p>Action: That the resolution of Council and the range of activity currently being undertaken be noted and officers be requested to continue to work with Members and via the Strategic Equality and Inclusion Board to take forward the elements of this resolution relating to our LGBTQ+ staff, residents, and visitors and embed them as appropriate within our Equality Objectives and Equality and Engagement delivery plan including our work on Awareness Days.</p>
Issue 2	Regulation of private landlords
Referred from	North East LAC
<i>Details</i>	<p>The following public question was raised at the meeting:</p> <p>It was mentioned that the North East Community Plan had little mention of how private landlords had a devastating effect on the community. It was added that Selective Licensing was also a total failure. Therefore, what strategic actions does the LAC intend to take.</p>
<i>Commentary/ Action Proposed</i>	Chair to liaise with relevant officers and a written response to be provided.
<i>Issue 3</i>	Demolition of Outhouses at Busk Meadow
<i>Referred from</i>	Full Council 20 July 2022

<p><i>Details</i></p>	<p>An electronic petition was sent to FC with 10 signatures. The lead petitioner was Cadine Plunkett-Thomson. The petition is as follows:</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to uphold the commitment they reneged on in the demolition of the structurally unsafe, health hazard, visibly unsightly outhouses they once more backed out of demolishing.</p> <p>Residents that has been tenants of the occupied flats has stated that this has been going on for well over fifteen years and they feel as if their voices doesn't matter. The council made about three, possibly more attempts or lack therefore to demolish these outhouses and has found reasons to suit them to back out.</p> <p>We are no longer having that. As a leaseholder I need it demolished with urgency. The building has Asbestos, which we all know is a health hazard. The building is crumbling and beyond unsightly. Most importantly it is dangerous. The buildings are situated in a communal area where the children plays as there are no parks on the estate it has become unsafe for children to play there with the crumbling of the buildings and the collapsing of the adjoining wall.</p> <p>Having the council do a botch job of "mending it" isn't an option and one that all residents bar two (members of the same family) isn't overlooking. I own one of the outbuilding and as it's dilapidated I have no objections to it been demolished.</p> <p>I want the council to act as if this was in an upscale area. In a Fulwood this would not have even been a debate. We the residents aren't listening to any excuse but one for a date of demolition in the very near future.</p> <p>Started by: Cadine Plunkett-Thompson</p> <p>This ePetition ran from 09/06/2022 to 19/07/2022 and has now finished.</p> <p>10 people signed this ePetition.</p>
<p><i>Commentary/Action Proposed</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This petition related to 12 outhouses adjacent to Busk Meadows. 10 outhouses are council owned and 2 are leasehold. These outhouses are in a poor condition and would require significant investment to bring them back to a good standard. Housing and Neighbourhood Services support the demolition of the units due to the cost implications and potential alternative land use. • In January 2022 a petition was received by the residents of Atlantic Road who were opposed to the demolition of the 12 outhouses. It was proposed that this matter be addressed via the Housing Policy Committee when established following discussions with the previous Cabinet Member for Housing. • In July 2022 a second petition has been received by the residents of Busk Meadow who support the demolition of the 12 outhouses. • As two of the outhouses are leasehold, both leaseholders would be required to give approval for the council to acquire the units to progress the demolition. Information received from Legal and Property Services show that one leaseholder is in favour of the sale while one is opposed. • Legal and Property Services have been commissioned to process the acquisition of the leasehold units, which would attract an appropriate level of compensation based on advice from the District Auditor. • while Housing and Neighbourhood Services are supportive of the demolition of the 12 outhouses, it is proposed that a full report is presented at a future Housing Policy Committee meeting to explore all options, including all costs and legal implications, to secure an agreed way forward.

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