

NOTES OF THE NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE ONLINE CONSULTATION EVENT HELD 1 FEBRUARY, 2022

Councillor Garry Weatherall, Chair of the North East Local Area Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the procedure for how the meeting was to run and the housekeeping arrangements to help the meeting run as smoothly as possible. The Chair then invited Members and Officers to introduce themselves.

The agenda for the meeting was displayed onscreen which explained the format for the meeting.

The Chair explained that although there would be no public questions at the meeting there would still be the opportunity to contact the team via email and social media.

Report back on the public consultation on the Local Area Community Plan

Lindsey Hill, Area Manager, gave a presentation on the public consultation on the Local Area Plan.

Breakout Sessions

Members, officers, and members of the public were then placed into breakout sessions lasting approximately 45 minutes.

Feedback from breakout sessions

1. Parks and Open Spaces/Environment

Councillor Mark Jones summarised the group's main thoughts:

- Everyone in the group showed an interest in a 'bring out your rubbish day'.
- HMO landlords should be contributing to removal of waste when it accumulates.
- Garden fires/burning of plastic were a problem – spoiling clean air and causing anxiety, and it should be made easier to report environmental issues.
- Parks – funding cuts had impacted too much on park services. Need to focus on how we can help 'friends' groups. More signposting was needed to

help people engage. Funding and support for maintenance of parks was needed.

- More detached youth workers to make sure parks were used appropriately and educated on consideration for other park users. Maintain parks as nice places for people to visit.

2. Travel and Transport/Community Safety and Crime

Councillor Fran Belbin reported the main points back to the meeting:

- Keen to see more active travel in the area, especially cycling and walking. A lot of areas didn't feel safe for cycling or walking.
- A pilot active travel plan could be started for the Northern General Hospital as many people worked there or visited for appointments.
- Better bus routes needed.
- Parking at schools at pick up/drop off was a problem. Children should be encouraged to walk/cycle to school. Some school routes were not safe enough.
- Some roads in the area needed reopening to help with safe travel.
- Issues around electric charging points in area.
- There were lots of good things about North East Sheffield but there were pockets of areas where people felt intimidated.
- A multi-agency approach to crime was needed rather than one single solution, ie jointly between urban landscaping, policing, youth services, to make areas feel safer.
- Neighbourhood Action Groups were starting across the area. Means of encouraging more neighbourhood watch schemes.

3. Children, Young People and Families/Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Safiya Saeed outlined three main areas of discussion:

Youth and families

- Childcare prices were high so it was difficult for young single parents to use facilities or engage with training.

- Parson Cross – a neglected area and anti-social behaviour was increasing. Difficult to be proud of the area and spread positivity. Youths were congregating around parks and closed community centres.

Youth services mapping

- What is out there for young people?
- Voluntary sector/Council – residents need to know what is on offer and what services are provided.
- Facilities at schools and libraries could be utilised during evenings and weekends.
- Residents are asked what services they would like but no feedback is given – LACs could help with this.

Health and wellbeing

- More intervention needed and suicide awareness.
- Need a 'one stop shop' in every area
- Five minute GP appointments were not long enough
- Crisis support too late

4. Communities and Neighbourhoods/Business, Employment and Skills

Councillor Dawn Dale thanked everyone for their input and summarised the group's main discussions points:

- Working closely with the voluntary sector to look at integrated services for whole families and build back a community feel.
- The LAC area felt too big and there was a need to focus on neighbourhoods.
- The role of the LAC was to support groups to promote what's going on in their areas by social media in positive way.
- Access to services.
- Digital inclusion – needed across the whole area and offer people access and support when required.
- Business education and skills – local delivery via adult community learning to bridge the gap and help people back to work. There are jobs but help was needed.

- Support local businesses to map what business there is and link to the voluntary sector to help find work.
- Offer mentoring and traineeship work experience and get information out to local people in their area.

Chair's Summary and Next Steps

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and explained that the next step was to collate the information and feedback received at this meeting and feed it into the Local Area Community Plan.

He reminded the group that any further comments and suggestions for the Local Area Community Plan could be received via the following:

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The next meeting of the North East Local Area Committee was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 22 March 2022 at 5.00 p.m. at Wadsley Bridge Working Men's Club.