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Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: South East Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 11th January 2023
Subject: Report of South East LAC Spending 2022-23

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Purpose of Report:

Each Local Area Committee has a £100,000 budget to address local priorities, identified within their respective Community Plans. This report sets out details of the spend in respect of this £100,000 that has been authorised by the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair and in accordance with the delegation granted in September 2021.

This report highlights current spend and also requests approval for spend for a CCTV camera for the SE area. The report also requests that any underspend achieved from the priorities be re invested into the three key priorities within the community plan.

Recommendations:

That the South East Local Area Committee

(i) Notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the South East LAC in 2022/3, as detailed in the report.

(ii) Approves the purchase of a mobile CCTV camera for the SE LAC area as described in the report.

(iii) Agrees that any underspend of funds may be used for any projects within the three key priorities within the community plan and is not limited to the allocated budgets for those priorities reported to the LAC at its meeting in June 2022..

Background Papers:

The South East Community Plan is published at:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/community-plans/south-east-local-area-committee.html>

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: Ann Hardy
	Legal: Andrea Simpson
	Equalities: Bashir Khan
<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 Karen McGowan
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: Jayne Foulds
	Job Title: SE Local area committees service manager.
Date:	

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 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.

Each LAC was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 under an executive decision by the Leader of the Council on 17th August 2021. This money was to be spent in line with the Community Plan. As the Community Plan was not finalised until late in the 2021/22 financial year very little of this budget was spent across the LACs and it was carried forward to the current financial year.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues between Committee meetings, in September 2021 the LAC authorised the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure 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, and
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

1.2 The South East Sheffield Local Area Committee (LAC) developed a Community Plan through consultation with residents, community groups and other stakeholders in South West Sheffield.

These consultations have helped identify key priorities within the South East area, which will inform actions to take to address issues that matter most to residents. The key priorities highlighted in the Plan are:

- Transport and Highways;
- Local Environment, and
- Crime and Community Safety.

At a meeting of the South East LAC held on 8th March 2022, the LAC approved the Community Plan. On 29th June 2022 the LAC was informed of proposed anticipated expenditure in respect of various elements to address those priorities and gave further authority to the Community Services Manager to make decisions on that expenditure.

An overview of the anticipated spending against priorities and the actual spending decision(s) that have been taken to date is outlined in the table below.

Priority & Element	Anticipated Expenditure	Actual Expenditure to date	Comments
<p>Transport & Highways £59k</p> <p>1). Undertake a LAC speeding review.</p> <p>2). Purchase of speed Gun</p> <p>3)Contingency fund</p>	<p>Up to £10,000 per ward (£40,000 in total)</p> <p>Up to £5,000</p> <p>Up to £14,000</p>	<p>£600</p> <p>£4,680</p> <p>£500</p>	<p>Working with SYP and council services to undertake a review for each ward and deliver appropriate affordable remedial measures for each ward, eg , Vehicle activation signs, speed strip surveys, polycarbonate speed signs. Specific smaller transport and highways projects are being assessed and costed; we anticipate that up to £10,000 per ward (£40,000 in total) will be spent under this element.</p> <p>Purchase of a speed gun, working with SYP and community groups to highlight and tackle speeding vehicles in the SE area</p> <p>To further support and develop ideas and projects within the H+T theme. Current supported project delivery of the Good/Bad parking scheme working with local schools. Vouchers issued to schools who</p>

TOTAL	£59,000	£5,780	take part. Remaining to date: £53,820, however with proposed spend this should take the spend to £45,180 . This will leave a possible underspend of £13, 820 .
Local Environment:£17k			
1). Initiatives to address dog fouling;	£2,000	£2,100	Communications Campaign/poo bag dispenser, signage.
2).Promote environmental awareness.	£2,000	£3,000	Developed environmental champions group, Colleagues from PWC will work with local schools to promote education awareness. Spend includes £1,000 from Contingency Fund
3) Contingency fund	Up to £13k	£3,240	Future maintenance of Beighton Orchard
		£2,000	Tree pruning training to FOG.
		£1,200	Wellness Totem pole.
		£4,960	Env community projects for 3 remaining wards.
		£ 500	Litter picking equipment.

Total	£ 17 000	£17 000	Allocation spent
Community Safety and Crime: £24k 1). Supporting the increase in mother and toddler groups. 2) tackling the perceived fear of crime 3) tackling youth provision 4) contingency fund Current Total:	Up to £5,000 Up to £2,000 Up to £4,000 Up to £13,000 £24 000	£4,800 £1,000 £5,800	Funding provided to increase the number of mother and toddler groups within the SE to tackle social isolation. Delivery of leaflets to communities advising how to keep property safe and secure. Working with youth services and youth parliament to address issues of youth provision the SE To support and develop ideas and projects that are highlighted within this theme Possible underspend of £18,200.

Underspend	£ 13 820		Transport and highways
	£ 18 200		Crime and community safety
		£ 2 800	Uniform exchange programme
	£ 5000		Training for community groups to offer COLC advice
Total	£32 020	£ 2 800	
COMBINED TOTAL	£100,000	£31 380	When remaining orders placed for £49 000 Possible underspend will be £19,620

1.3 The LAC is asked to approve the purchase of a mobile CCTV camera for use across the SE LAC area at a cost of £10,078. The camera can help to reduce incidences of crime and ASB and provide reassurance to local communities and so falls within the Community Safety and Crime priority. The cost can be met from the Contingency Fund for that priority but this spend has not previously been considered by the LAC and does not fall within the delegated authority of the Community Services Manager.

1.4 The LAC is also asked to agree that any remaining underspend from the LAC budget may be used for any projects identified within any of the three key priorities within the community plan and is not limited to the allocated budgets for those priorities reported to the LAC at its meeting in June 2022.

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.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

4.1.1 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.

The overall impact of this decision is likely to be positive and not disproportionate from an equality, diversity and inclusion perspective. 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 Local Area Committee Community Plan will be supported by appropriate equality monitoring of budget.

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

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

4.2.1 This report concerns expenditure of the LAC's approved budget of £100,000. This budget must not be exceeded.

Procurement of supplies and/or services and the award of grant aid will be

carried out in line with the Council's Contracts Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

4.3 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

- 5.1 Other lower priority actions in the Community Plan were considered to profile anticipated spending against, but the deliverable actions were not considered achievable within the remaining 3 months of 2022/23. This would also limit the ability for community organisations and groups to be involved to deliver projects and activities across the breadth of the key priorities identified.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The South East LAC is asked to note the use of funding as per previous decision of September 2021, in line with the South East LAC community plan & priorities.

The South East LAC is asked to agree the allocation of £10,078 to fund the mobile CCTV camera for the SE area as this meets a priority within the Crime & Community safety theme within the plan.

The South East LAC is asked to approve the use of the remaining contingency funds for any identified project within the 3 themes, this will ensure the £100,000 is completely spent.

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