

Northern Community Assembly

Tuesday 11 December 2012 at 7.00 pm

**To be held at Grenoside School,
Norfolk Hill, Grenoside, Sheffield S35
8QB**

The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend

Membership

Councillors Garry Weatherall (Chair), Trevor Bagshaw, David Baker,
Alison Brelsford, Katie Condliffe, Richard Crowther, Adam Hurst, Alf Meade,
Vickie Priestley, Steve Wilson, Philip Wood and Joyce Wright

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

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**NORTHERN COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY AGENDA
11 DECEMBER 2012**

Order of Business

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of Public and Press**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Assembly held on 17 October 2012
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public at the meeting
- 7. Chair's Awards**
- 8. Highway Schemes in the Northern Community Assembly for 2012/13**
Report of the Head of Transport, Traffic and Parking Services and the Northern Community Assembly Manager
- 9. Northern Community Assembly Streets Ahead Works Update**
Presentation by Rachel Morris, Streets Ahead Programme Steward, Amey
- 10. Finance Update Report**
Northern Community Assembly Manager to report

NOTE: The next meeting of the Northern Community Assembly will be held on Thursday 25 April 2013 at 6.30 pm

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If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its executive or any committee of the executive, or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee, or joint sub-committee of the authority, and you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** (DPI) relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you must not:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

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You **must**:

- leave the room (in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct)
- make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any DPI at any meeting at which you are present at which an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.
- declare it to the meeting and notify the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days, if the DPI is not already registered.

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your **disclosable pecuniary interests** under the new national rules. You have a pecuniary interest if you, or your spouse or civil partner, have a pecuniary interest.

- Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.
- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

*The relevant period is the 12 months ending on the day when you tell the Monitoring Officer about your disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -
 - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
 - which has not been fully discharged.
- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) -
 - the landlord is your council or authority; and
 - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
 - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
 - (b) either
 - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
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- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

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Northern Community Assembly

Meeting held 17 October 2012

PRESENT: Councillors Garry Weatherall (Chair), David Baker, Katie Condliffe, Richard Crowther, Adam Hurst, Alf Meade, Vickie Priestley, Steve Wilson, Philip Wood and Joyce Wright

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Trevor Bagshaw.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be made to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

4.1 Petition

The Assembly received a petition containing 184 signatures to save the skateboard/bike ramp at Sycamore Park as consideration was being given to removing it due to problems of anti-social behaviour. The petition was supported by a short presentation from two of the young people who used the facility.

RESOLVED: That the Northern Community Assembly agrees:-

- (a) to discuss the petition at a future Members' briefing meeting; and
- (b) to bring the petition to the attention of the Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure.

4.2 Public Questions

Responses were provided to public questions as follows:-

4.2.1 Cattle Grazing on Loxley Common

The Chair, Councillor Garry Weatherall, indicated that consultation was taking place on the proposal to graze cattle on Loxley Common and that all those who had contacted the Council as a result would

receive a response. There was a proposal to have the area divided into five sections, to satisfy the requirements of all the users, and this arrangement had worked well in other areas of the City. Ultimately, the decision would lie with the Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure. The Chair added that the concerns expressed by the questioner would be passed to Scott Porter, Ranger Service Manager, who would be invited to give a presentation on this issue at a future Assembly meeting.

4.2.2 Parking Restrictions on Ash View, Chestnut Drive and Holly Close

Following the receipt of a counter report, submitted by residents, to the one submitted at Agenda Item 8 (Petition Report – Parking Restrictions on Ash View, Chestnut Drive and Holly Close), the Chair indicated that this would be discussed in connection with that item. He added that the Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development was undertaking work with regard to school signage and the deployment of a mobile CCTV camera to help address parking issues around schools in the City. Parking Services would also be informed of the parking situation around Windmill Hill School and Simon Botterill, Northern Project Delivery Manager, Transport, Traffic and Parking Services, would investigate the possibility of the ice cream van parking in the school drive, rather than at the nearby bus stop.

4.2.3 Bradfield Bowling Club

In connection with the Assembly's rejection of an application for funding for two boilers at the Bradfield Bowling Club, the Chair explained that the Assembly had a list of projects requiring funding and that there would inevitably be some losers where applications outweighed the amount of resources available. In an attempt at fairness, funding had to be shared through the Wards. However, he was willing to meet with the questioners to reconsider, but could offer no guarantees.

5. YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTATION

- 5.1 Representatives of the Northern Youth Forum gave a presentation on their work in giving a voice to young people, making particular reference to its launch, the Youth Conference and the Northern Youth Forum Awards.
- 5.2 The Assembly thanked the young people for their presentation and the Chair offered the opportunity for work shadowing with him.

6. CHAIR'S AWARDS

- 6.1 The Chair, Councillor Garry Weatherall, made a presentation to those

present and announced the recipients of the Chair's Awards as follows:-

- Inspector Steve Mouzer, South Yorkshire Police, who was standing down as the Safer Neighbourhood Area Inspector after many years of service in the area.
- Burncross Action Team which had earned a gold 'In Bloom' award.
- Ecclesfield Tenants' and Residents' Association for its work in improving Tunwell Park.
- Liz Westby for her work in the community over a period of 30 years and who had also been an Olympic torch bearer following her nomination as a result of this work.

6.2 The Chair also expressed his congratulations and thanks to those people who had been involved in securing 'In Bloom' awards for Bradfield, Ecclesfield, Grenoside, High Green Methodist Church, St John's Church, Deepcar, The Stocks public house, Ecclesfield, Chapeltown and the Stocksbridge clock tower.

7. STREETS AHEAD PRESENTATION

7.1 Rachel Morris, Northern Assembly Streets Ahead Programme Steward, Amey, gave a presentation on the delivery of the Streets Ahead contract. The presentation provided some background information, details of the benefits that the contract would deliver, information on what was included, details of the Core Investment Period and improvement works and an outline of the work which would be undertaken in the Northern Assembly area during years 1 to 5. In addition, information was provided on routine maintenance, communication and how to contact the Streets Ahead Team. The presentation concluded by informing the meeting as to what the public could do to assist the process.

7.2 Responses were provided to public questions as follows:-

- Amey's Planning Team would pick up on issues, such as what constituted a main road, prior to the commencement of works and this information would inform the design programme. As the question concerned Ecclesfield, this would be given particular consideration.
- Amey were not contracted to empty litter bins and dog waste bins in parks.
- The utilities were involved in the planning process and were aware of the 5 year programme to bring the highway up to

standard. This would hopefully avoid the utilities undertaking works after Amey had brought any particular area up to standard.

- Drainage would be included in the 5 year plan and new drains installed where necessary.
- The reduction in speed limits around schools was an ongoing priority for the Assembly and any works in this respect would be coordinated with the works being undertaken by Amey, unless road safety problems became more serious at a particular location.
- Road markings and signs were included in the contract.
- The circulated map was a snapshot of the first 3 years of operation, with all areas being covered by the end of the 5 year period.
- Performance of the contract would be carefully monitored by the Council.
- Amey would work with the Community Assemblies with regard to any action which could be taken to assist the process, such as arranging alternative parking areas in densely populated areas.
- Amey were not contracted to undertake work on unadopted roads, but would work with the Community Assemblies in this regard.
- Amey would work with the Community Assemblies with regard to the introduction of improvements such as yellow line road markings.

RESOLVED: That the Northern Community Assembly:-

- (a) thanks Rachel Morris for her presentation; and
- (b) notes the information reported.

Executive Decisions

8. PETITION REPORT - PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON ASH VIEW, CHESTNUT DRIVE AND HOLLY CLOSE

The Director of Development Services submitted a report in response to a petition requesting parking restrictions on Ash View, Chestnut Drive and Holly Close.

8.1 Public Questions

In response to public questions, it was felt to be a question of opportunity as to when double yellow line road markings were placed outside schools and that one way to address the residents' objections to the recommendations in the report would be to add the placing of such road markings to the Assembly's Small Highway Schemes list.

8.2 Decision Taken

RESOLVED: That the Northern Community Assembly:-

- (a) agrees to include the placing of double yellow line road markings at the junctions near Windmill Hill School in the Assembly's Small Highway Schemes requests list for consideration against the other schemes in the list;
- (b) notes that the Chair of the Assembly will meet the petitioners on site, together with Ward Members and appropriate officers, to discuss the issues raised in the petition; and
- (c) thanks the petitioners for bringing this matter to the attention of the Council.

8.3 Reasons For The Decision

- (a) The parking patterns have been long established in the area under examination and, overall, the road safety risks are judged to be low. The lead petitioner has described the situation as dangerous, but the police incident data is testament to the low risks associated with the site. At school opening and closing times vehicle speeds tend to be low (this is acknowledged by the petition organiser who states that, "the road is so congested at peak times that cars cannot even reach 20mph"). Other contributory factors to the safety of the location include that Ash View is not a particular through route and traffic volumes are relatively small. As is normally the case in modern times, the vast majority of students are escorted to and from school by an adult. The adult accompaniment is a significant factor in child pedestrian safety. Vehicle/pedestrian collisions outside schools and incidents involving accompanied children are rare.
- (b) There are many junctions throughout the City where drivers park within 10 metres of a junction. From a road safety standpoint, junctions with an incident history (where visibility was acknowledged as a causation factor) would be prioritised for parking restrictions. The recommendation in paragraph 7.1 of the report has been given taking into account a view of overall road safety priorities.
- (c) At the Assembly's discretion, a proposal for parking restrictions at the junctions could be worked up and it was agreed that

further consideration could be given to this. The opportunity could be taken to revise the existing school keep clear markings along with implementing parking restrictions at the junctions. Other things being equal no negative road safety implications would arise from such proposals. It is possible that an alteration of the "School Keep Clear" markings could be deferred until the arrival, in the area, of the Streets Ahead initiative.

8.4 Alternative Options Considered

- (a) The cost of raising a Traffic Regulation Order is £3,500. The order would be required if the Authority was to enter into public consultation on any proposal to implement double yellow lines at the Ash View/Chestnut Drive, Ash View/Holly Close and Bevan Way/Ash View junctions. Any lining work would be an additional cost. It should be noted that parking restrictions, when in force, apply to both footway and carriageway parking.
- (b) Rule 243 of the Highway Code advises that drivers should not park within ten metres of a junction but, at school opening and closing times, vehicles are parked on the radii of the junctions near Windmill Hill School. Provision of lines at these locations would not be detrimental in road safety terms. However, from a road safety viewpoint, priority, for implementing parking restrictions, would be given to junctions with a high level of collision incidents and where a lack of visibility was a contributory factor. As stated, no injury incidents are recorded in the area surrounding Windmill Hill School.

Bus drivers would be assisted by implementation of parking restrictions at the Ash View/Bevan Way junction. There are occasions when school related parking inhibits the right turn (from Bevan Way into Ash View).

- (c) The Assembly may elect to engage in a more expansive lining scheme which would include a revision of the existing school keep clear marking. The existing marking would be obliterated and two new school keep clear markings (with enhanced enforcement status) could be provided outside the current pedestrian entrances. Representatives of the School have expressed approval for the basic idea). The school vehicle access and the caretaker access could be covered with, more appropriate, white "H" markings. The cost of this scheme (including double yellow lines at the junctions) would be approximately £7,500 -£10,000. Alternatively the Streets Ahead initiative could offer the prospect of revising the "School Keep Clear" markings. Provisionally this area is scheduled for treatment in year three of the programme. This may prove to be the optimum opportunity to revise these inappropriate

markings.

- (d) Wholesale or more widespread parking restrictions outside schools are, in general, not recommended by officers. Reasons include the probability of creating conditions whereby vehicle speeds are likely to increase past the school and the prospect of merely moving parking to other locations where a new set of residents will express dissatisfaction. However if the Assembly chose to pursue this option the cost would be £3,500 (the TRO) plus the lining costs.
- (e) The petition organiser has suggested provision of bollards in order to prevent full and partial footway parking at the junctions of Ash View/Holly Close and Ash View/Chestnut Drive. In isolation such obstacles would not prevent parking in the carriageway near junctions. The cost of an appropriate bollard, at Street Force prices is £250.
- (f) The Authority could choose to do nothing. The situation will remain as it is.
- (g) Implementation of a resident parking scheme, at a location, where mass parking is transitory may be viewed as a disproportionate response. The Northern Assembly area has many schools where residents may experience similar inconveniences. Residents parking schemes usually cover areas (rather than a single road). An approximate estimate of the cost of such a scheme would be in excess of £10,000. As usual, a proposal for a residents parking scheme would require consultation. Residents views cannot be predicted. Some find the cost of £30 per vehicle (per annum) a deterrent.

9. HIGHWAY SCHEMES IN THE NORTHERN COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY FOR 2012/13

The Head of Transport, Traffic and Parking Services and the Northern Community Assembly Manager submitted a joint report which set out a methodology for spending the Assembly's allocation for highways schemes in 2012/13.

9.1 Decision Taken

RESOLVED: That the Northern Community Assembly approves the spending of highway funding as described in paragraph 4.12 of the report.

9.2 Reasons For The Decision

The highway budget is not sufficient to satisfy all the requests made for changes. It is necessary to agree an appropriate distribution of the

funding to ensure benefit across a range of request types over the whole Assembly area.

9.3 **Alternative Options Considered**

- (a) It would have been possible to spend the whole of the budget on a one or two large scheme alone, but this route would not provide benefit across the whole Assembly area. Alternatively, utilising the whole budget on small schemes prevents the Assembly from achieving a strategic goal of improving the safety on its roads.
- (b) At this time, the Streets Ahead project is active in only a small part of the Assembly area and it is not practical to align more highway budget to realise greater benefit.

10. **NORTHERN COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY 2012/13 BUDGET ALLOCATION REPORT**

The Community Assembly Manager submitted a report containing proposals to allocate funding from the Assembly's Discretionary Budget 2012/13.

10.1 **Decision Taken**

RESOLVED: That the Northern Community Assembly:-

- (a) notes the information contained within the report and allocates the remaining **£21,988** of the 2012/13 Discretionary Budget to the projects identified in Section 4, namely:
 - Fund actions/ work identified as a result of three older peoples conferences - **£5000**
 - Supporting the work of the Northern Youth Forum **£500**
 - Ward Walkabouts, **£1000**
 - Additional Highways budget to deliver small schemes alongside the Streets Ahead programme for this financial year, **£13,500**
 - Economic Workshops (e.g. Funding, green technology, food and tourism, enterprising mums /dads, specialist business advice, tax returns) **£2000**
- (b) Delegates authority to the Assembly Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Assembly, to -
 - Agree the particular activities to be funded from the activity budgets agreed in (a) above;
 - Agree targets, outputs and outcomes for all funded activity with the identified service deliverer and ensure best value for money;

- Vary the amount of these allocations by not more than ten per cent in each case, funding permitting; and
 - Reallocate any further underspend to projects that will tackle one or more priorities within the Northern Community Plan; and
- (c) Authorises the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, to agree the terms on which all funding referred to in the report is made available and to enter into such funding agreements with recipients of the funding and any other related agreements or arrangements, and on such terms, that she considers appropriate.

10.2 **Reasons For The Decision**

- (a) The areas of work are put forward on the basis that they align with the Northern Community Assembly Community Plan priorities and build on the experience of previous funding.
- (b) The allocation of the remaining 2012/13 Northern Community Assembly Discretionary Budget will ensure activity takes place to address some of the priorities as identified in the Northern Community Assembly Plan, namely;
- Supporting Local Communities
 - Safer Roads
 - Better Parks and Open Spaces
 - Activities for Children and Young People
 - Supporting the Local Community

10.3 **Alternative Options Considered**

- (a) A number of alternative projects/ activities were considered for funding from the unallocated **£21,988** discretionary budget. These were identified through ongoing consultation and discussions with Councillors and partners. Consideration was given to:
- Running an ICDH course (Introduction to Community Development and Health Course)
 - Broadband and Telecoms Study
 - Funding Community Organiser Posts
- (b) The options above are not being recommended in the report as a result of one or more of the factors below:
- Unable to be delivered in the time frame (ie. by March 2013)
 - Insufficient information to enable a decision to be taken at this time

- Could potentially be resourced from other funding
- (c) The report recommends delegation to the Assembly Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Assembly, to reallocate any under spend to projects that will tackle one or more priorities within the Northern Community Plan.

11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 11.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Assembly held on 10th July 2012, were approved as a correct record.

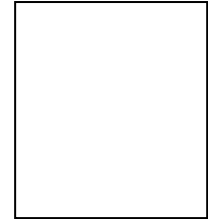
12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 12.1 The Assembly noted that its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th December 2012, at 6.30 pm at Grenoside School.

(Note: These minutes are subject to approval at a future meeting.)



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Community Assembly Report



Report of: Northern Community Assembly

Date: 11 December 2012

Subject: Highway Schemes in the Northern Community Assembly for 2012/2013 – Revision to Spending Methodology

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Summary:

In October, members approved a methodology for spending the Highway Budget. The methodology contained two large schemes which will be constructed at the same time as the Streets Ahead maintenance works. This is expected to produce a significant saving and this has enabled the assembly to reassess its priorities.

This report now seeks to make an amendment to the approved methodology by adding in 'High Green North 20 mph Area' as a third large scheme. This revision would still see a reasonable sum available for spending on small highway schemes.

Reasons for Recommendations:

The High Green North 20 mph area was an assembly priority which it hoped would be chosen as one of those to be implemented using central funding.

Cabinet Highways Committee, in September, decided to prioritise the Spinkhall area of Stocksbridge instead. Accordingly, the assembly has now reassessed its spending to allow this scheme to be funded from its own highway funds.

Recommendations:

Members approve the revised spending methodology for highway funding, which now includes the High Green North 20 mph Area.

Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
YES Cleared by: M Bullock 22-11-12
Legal Implications
YES Cleared by: D Eaton 22-1-12
Equality of Opportunity Implications
YES Cleared by: I Oldershaw 22-11-12
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
YES/NO
Human rights Implications
YES/NO :
Environmental and Sustainability implications
YES/NO
Economic impact
YES/NO
Community safety implications
YES/NO
Human resources implications
YES/NO
Property implications
YES/NO
Area(s) affected
NORTHERN COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY
Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader
Cllr L Bramall
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
YES/NO
Press release
YES/NO

Highway Schemes in the Northern Community Assembly for 2012/2013

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 In October, members approved a methodology for spending the Highway Budget. The methodology contained two large schemes which will be constructed at the same time as the Streets Ahead maintenance works. This is expected to produce a significant saving and this has enabled the assembly to reassess its priorities.

1.2 This report now seeks to make an amendment to the approved methodology by adding in 'High Green North 20 mph Area' as a third large scheme. This revision would still see a reasonable sum available for spending on small highway schemes.

2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR SHEFFIELD PEOPLE WITHIN THE NORTHERN COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY AREA

2.1 The funding allocation for small Highways works via the Community Assembly allows some of the issues and priorities of local people to be addressed. This amendment to the spending methodology complies with this priority.

2.2 The specific addition of a 20 mph area is aimed at improving road safety and will help those people with mobility problems to feel safer and be more confident to access local services and facilities.

2.3 This addition accords with the Assemblies Equalities Impact Assessment.

3.0 OUTCOME AND SUSTAINABILITY

3.1 The funding identified in this report will contribute to the delivery of one of the priorities in the Northern Community Assembly Plan – Safer Roads - thus benefiting residents in the Northern Assembly Area.

3.2 The funding also supports the City Council's priorities, values and outcomes as set out in the Corporate Plan 'Standing Up For Sheffield'. In particular, the introduction of a 20 mph area supports the 'A Great Place to Live' objective by making changes that help people use their local roads, especially by cycling and walking, which are both sustainable transport options.

4.0 THE REPORT

4.1 A sum of £40,000 has been allocated to the Northern Community Assembly for the financial year 2012/13. A carry over of £12,309 from the previous year has been added to this year's allocation and the total is subject to the spending methodology contained in this report.

4.2 There have been three items of expenditure approved to date. Two speed camera enforcement signs have been put up on Wheel Lane (£866) and a set dropped kerbs put in at the junction of Burncross Road with Bracken Hill (£946). The kerb works were approved last year but were only constructed recently. Lastly, the rotation cycle for the Speed Indication Devices (Smiley Speeds) has been valued at £1,698.

Accordingly, the budget available for allocation this year is now £48,799.

- 4.3 The approved methodology allocated £25,000 to two large schemes, namely the reduction in speed limits on Loxley Road and Worrall Road. Cost estimates for these two schemes have been requested from the Streets Ahead contractor. Although no formal reply has been received at the time of writing this report, the reduced estimated cost is believed to be in the order of £12,000, which represents a saving of £13,000.

The October report proposed adding this saving to the small schemes allocation. However, the amount of additional funding has created an opportunity to reassess the allocation between large and small schemes.

- 4.4 Earlier this year, the Council announced its intention to reduce the speed limit on all the City's residential roads to 20 mph. It proposed to start this process by putting in one scheme in each of the seven assembly areas. The funding available for these seven areas was limited and each assembly was asked to nominate its preferred area. The assembly supports this strategy, to reduce accidents on Sheffield's roads and to encourage drivers to behave more appropriately.

- 4.5 The Assembly chose Spinkhall in Stocksbridge as their nominated area. This area contains four schools and covers a large geographical area. However, it asked that the Council consider scaling down this area and allowing a second area, High Green North, to be built as well. Unfortunately, it was not possible to arrive at two schemes that could be built for the same price as the original Spinkhall area and the Council chose to support this single area.

- 4.6 The High Green North Area would include all streets to the north of Wortley Road, between Packhorse Lane and Farlow Croft. A plan of the proposed area is included at Appendix A, The estimated cost of this area, is £18,000. This area is now proposed to be added to the spending list for this year. Doing this supports the Council in its Road Safety objective.

- 4.7 As a result of this addition, the funding allocation for Large Schemes would rise to £30,000 and the Small Schemes funding would reduce to £18,799, a reduction of £4,510. This reduction is not considered significant when spread across the whole Assembly area. Priority for spending on small scheme requests has previously been agreed with safety, accessibility and scale of benefit being key assessment criteria.

It should be noted that many of the requests on the small scheme list will be considered by the Streets Ahead Programme and so the number of requests the Assembly could action without potential duplication has considerably reduced.

5.0 Financial Considerations

- 5.1 The budget and delegations were approved in the July highway report to the Northern Community Assembly. There are no new financial implications arising from this report.

6.0 Legal Implications

6.1 The Council, as the Highways Authority for Sheffield, has the powers under Part V of the Highways Act 1980 to implement the improvements requested in this report.

6.2 This funding is allocated from the Local Transport Plan budget and as such all projects using this funding will need to comply with the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan.

7.0 Equality of Opportunity Implications

7.1 The Northern Community Highways budget is being applied across the Assembly area, with measures which will benefit all parts of the community, including pedestrians, public transport users, car users and those with limited mobility. Fundamentally the improvements are equality neutral as they will affect all local people equally regardless of age, sex, race, faith, disability, sexuality, etc. However, they should prove particularly positive for vulnerable road users and pedestrians such as the elderly, the young, the disabled and their carers. No negative equality impacts have been identified.

8.0 Human Resource Implications

8.1 There are no specific human resource implications for the Council as a result of the allocation of this funding.

9.0 Environmental and Sustainability Implications

9.1 The proposals in this report promote responsible driving and pedestrian safety.

10.0 Mitigation of Risk

10.1 The risks relating to this proposal have been considered by the Northern Community Assembly Team and Highways Officers. These risks will be regularly reviewed and monitored.

11.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

11.1 The assembly has considered its priorities for spending and has tried to strike a balanced approach to dealing with requests for changes on the roads within its area.

11.2 At this time, the Streets Ahead project is active in only a small part of the Assembly area. The Assembly has chosen to allocate funding to two large schemes to realise greater benefit.

12.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 The High Green North 20 mph area was an assembly priority which it hoped would be chosen as one of those to be implemented using central funding.

12.2 Cabinet Highways Committee, in September decided to prioritise the Spinkhall area of Stocksbridge instead. Accordingly, the assembly has now reassessed its spending to allow this scheme to be funded from its own highway funds.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

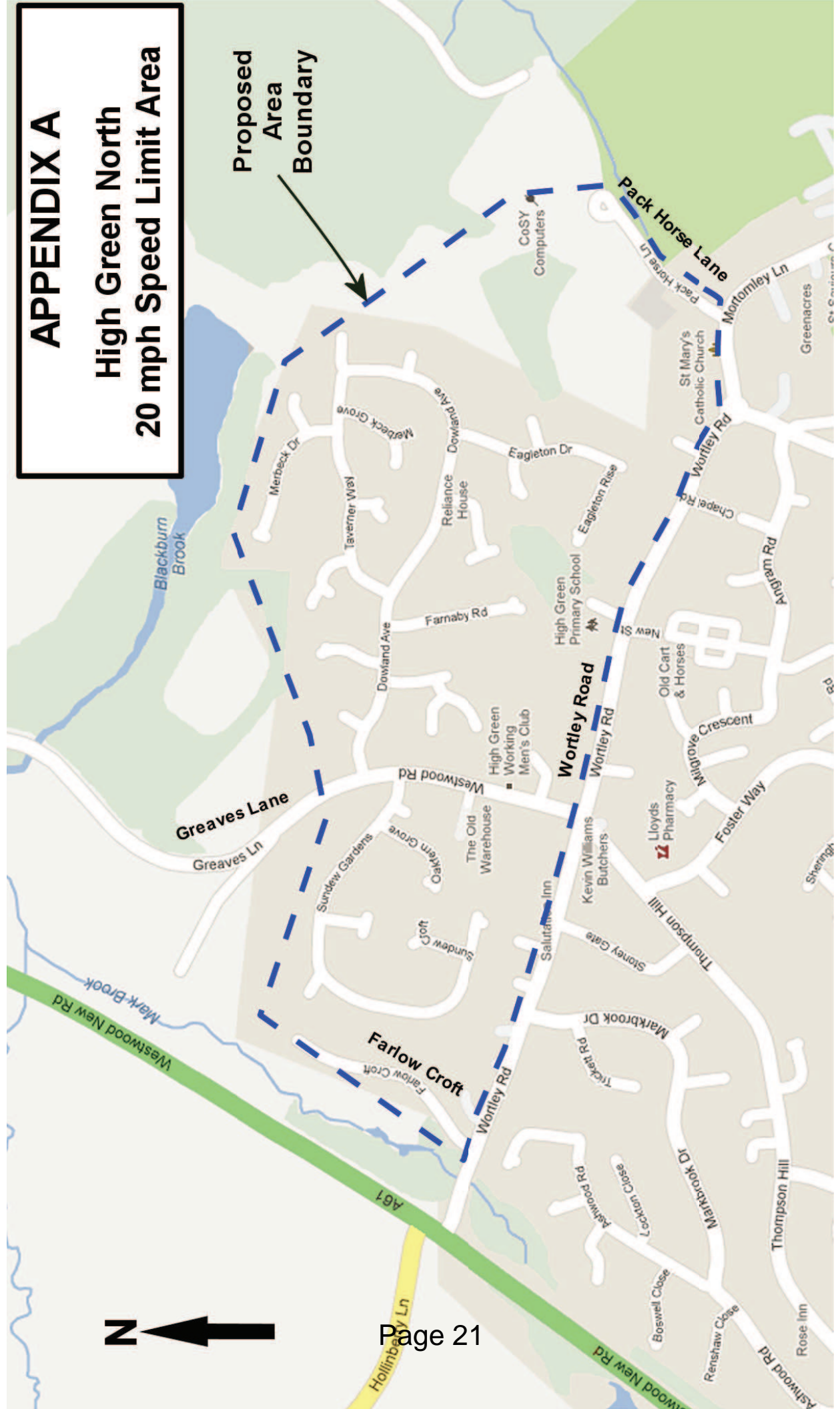
7.1 Members approve the revised spending methodology for highway funding as which now includes the High Green North 20 mph Area.

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Northern Project Delivery Manager
8th October 2012

APPENDIX A

High Green North 20 mph Speed Limit Area

Proposed
Area
Boundary



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NCA COMMUNITY GROUPS FUNDED IN 2012-13

	Group	Description	Amount Awarded
Small Grants Round 1	Chapelton in Bloom	Treasure hunt (prizes for treasure hunt)	£100.00
	Grenoside Community Association	Payment for contribution to Grenoside Gala (Pitch staff climbing wall tug of war)	£780.20
	Stannington TARA	10 walking poles	£119.50
	Action For Stannington	Personal protective equipment	£442.83
	Grenoside Scout & Guide Group	Jubilee celebration (fireworks and publicity)	£500.00
	Valley Community Gardens	Improvements to community gardens (access improvement 6 benches 6 fruit trees and planters and welcome banner)	£1,000.00
	SCOFF	Payment toward Stannington Carnival (St Johns Hall hire brass band and litter pick)	£596.00
	Friends of Chapelton & High Green Parks	Activities for Chapelton Gala(street kick, penalty shoot out and climbing tower)	£860.00
	Ecclesfield Conservation Group	Olympic event (Live music, bouncy castle, marketing, seeds compost, pots temporary event notice)	£776.00
	Kinsey Road Social Club	Bingo Machine	£174.00
Small Grants Round 2	Group	Description	Amount Awarded
	Laburnum Grove Community Gardens	Materials/equipment to improve the area around the flats by re-sitting planters and installing plants.	£500
	Wharnccliffe Side in Bloom	plants and compost to be installed to improve the appearance of the area	£400
	92nd Sheffield Guides	Replacement of the old music system	£473
	High Green in Bloom	Autumn planting of bulbs and shrubs in the Rose Garden in Mortomley Park and High Green Village.	£500
	Ecclesfield Scout HQ	Replacement of photo frames to display photos of activities and events they have taken part in. Purchase of outdoor lighting and hedge trimmer and cleaner to assist in ensuring the building is safe and secure. The life jackets and camping cooker to enable the children to take part in canoeing/boating and camping activities	£250
	Stannington TARA	New bingo equipment to replace the old set.	£74
	176th Sheffield St Pauls Guide Unit	2 evening cooking sessions (September/November 2012), Card Making Sessions (February 2013), Drumming sessions (December 2012) and camping equipment	£250
	Friends of Grenoside Green	Improvements to Grenoside Green. Population of Grenoside	£500
	Wadsley and Loxley Commoners	Contribution to newsletter printing costs. 200 members of group	£250
	Oughtibridge Brass Band	Conc	£200

Positive Activities Fund	St Ann's Happy Hands Pre-school Westwood Training Ltd	Equipment for group. 64 pre-school age children Facilitator Toolkits	£849 £749
	Group	Description	Amount Awarded
	Sheffield North End Junior Football Club	Football kits @ £550	550.00
	Thornccliffe Cricket Club	Hire of Yewlands School Gym for 10 weeks at £30 per hour for 1.5 hours per session @ £450, Hire of Graham Solly Cricket Sports Development Centre for 10 weeks at £20 per hour for 3 net bays @ £600	1,000.00
	Ecclesfield Scout HQ Fund	Canoeing, climbing, archery for 40 cubs, cresta run sledges x 2 @ £596, Sports equipment @ £80, craft equipment @ £40, Outdoor games (chess, draughts, connect 4 etc) @ £60, Hire of Chapeltown swimming baths @ £150, Centenary celebrations @ £70	996.00
	Christchurch Youth Account	Messy Church at £20 per month (materials and advertisements) @ £240, Family Events (transport costs, entry fees) @ £200, Youth Group (advertisement, musical equipment) @ £100, After Dark @ £100	640.00
	The Steel Valley Project	Ranger time pre and delivery @ £450, Steel Valley Staff @ £250, Refreshments @ £15, Publicity @ £50, Food for fire food @ £10, craft and kite materials @ £30	805.00
	Stocksbridge Leisure Centre	4 swim sessions per week for 6 weeks (16 young people x £2.50 per person) @ £960	960.00
	Oughtibridge Brass Band	25 Junior reversible fleeces with logo at £19.995 @ £498.75, 4 x CRB checks via HCF at £18 @ £72.	570.75
	3rd Stocksbridge Scout Group	Weekend camp fees 16 scouts at £22 each @ £352, Leaders & Water Activity Supervisor Camp Fees @ £66, Launch Fees - 6 canoes x 2 days at £5.50 @ £66, Regatta Fees at £4 @ £36, Hire of van for transporting Camping and Canoeing Equipment @ £145	665.00
	Oughtibridge War Memorial Cricket Club	Junior Cricket Bats 10 x £15 @ £150, junior Cricket Pads 10 x £10 @ £100, Junior Cricket Stumps 2 x £30 @ £60, Junior Gloves 20 x £19 @ £200	510.00
	Grenoside Park Bowling Club	Annual fees at £15 x 15 children @ £225, refreshments x 20 weeks at £10 per week @ £200, Kit (shirt, fleece and waterproofs for 15 people) at £20 per person @ £300	725.00
	Sheffield North End Junior Football Club	16 x 7 goals x 2 plus carry bags @ £448.95	448.95
	Play and Sports Solutions Ltd	Coaching fees (2 x coaches @ £20 per hour for 16 sessions) @ £720, Coaching Fees (3 x coaches @ £20 per hour for 3 hours) @ £180, Equipment, mileage and transport costs	900.00
	Stocksbridge	1 x Pro Mobile Cricket Cage	1,000.00

SMALL GRANTS ROUND 3	GROUP	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT AWARDED
	Stannington Mixed Choir	Tutor/conductor for 12 sessions at £44 per session @ £528, weekend workshops for 12 hours at £22 per hour @ £264, rent for workshops for 4 sessions at £25 per session @ £100.	£892
	Agewell in Sheffield	32 chair based exercise sessions at £30 per session @ £960 and admin costs @ £20 (planning/postage etc.)	£980
	Wheels in Motion	A contribution towards room hire @ £1,400	£1,000
	Kinsey Road Social club	A contribution towards coach hire @ £950, food @ £200 and drink @ £150 (total cost £1,300)	£350
	Worrall Community Association	Weekly class of chairobics for 40 weeks	£500
	Ecclesfield Bell Ringers	Hall hire @ £100, Deepcar brass band @ £150 and Phoenix singers @ £75	£325
	Stocksbridge Community Forum (for Fairtrade Stocksbridge Steering Group)	2 indoor banners @ £400 and 2 outdoor banners @ £100	£500
	Stocksbridge Community Care Group Ltd	A contribution towards the recruitment of volunteers @ £488, training @ £390, event @ £180 (total cost £1,058)	£1,000
	Stocksbridge RUFC Ltd	A contribution towards 60 tonnes loose sand to be applied to pitches to improve drainage @ £1,507 and spiking for 2 pitches @ £400 (total cost £1,907)	£1,000
	Wildlife Trust for Sheffield & Rotherham	Wildlife Trust Watch Co-ordinator £180 per day for 2 days @ £360, newsletter, design, print & postage @ £400 and volunteers' expenses £4.50 per volunteer @ £54	£814
	Thornccliffe Bowling Club	Junior passports £5 x 6 @ £30, Youth passports £15 x 14 @ £210, Club registration 20 x £5 @ £100, Sheffield & District Parks registration fees 20 x £6 @ £120, team t-shirts 16 x £11.99 @ £192, bowls bags 16 x £13.50 @ £217, bowls tape measures @ £13, and long tape measure @ £17	£899
	Ecclesfield Spartans Junior FC	20 x tracksuits @ £670 and mini soccer goals @ £279.98	£949.98
	105th High Green Scout Group	A contribution towards items of equipment to deliver the Bonfire night event on 3 November 2012	£500
	Grenoside Park Bowling Club	A contribution towards shell beam seats x 6 @ £1,003 and bolts @ £50 (total cost £1,053)	£500
	Action for Stannington	Plant nursery stock @ £250, sweeping brushes @ £100, litter pickers @ £150 and black sacks @ £75	£575

Chapelton & District AA Nancy Pond	Epsom projector @ £250, projector screen and connecting cables @ £150, room hire 10 x £30 @ £300 and fishing tackle (loose tackle, hooks, lines, hook tiers, floats etc) 30 x £10 @ £300	£1,000
7 Hills Leisure Trust (Stocksbridge Leisure Centre)	A contribution towards: Trampoline Taster 22 x £4.50 @ £99, Gymnastic Taster 22 x £4.50 @ £99, Splash Sessions 120 x £2.30 @ £276, Inflatable Sessions £90 x £3.40 @ £306, Snorkelling Sessions £12 x £5.25 @ £63 and Badminton Sessions 42 x £4 @ £168 (total cost £1,011)	£1,000
Bradfield in Bloom	Winter and spring bedding plants for 14 troughs x £26.75 @ £374.50	£375.00
Loxley Valley Community Farm Ltd	Insurance @ £320, skip hire @ £170, materials for pathways @ £130, materials for storage @ £200, a gazebo @ £80, and publicity & signage @ £100	£1,000
Revitalising Ecclesfield Park	A contribution towards the supply of removable panelled walls for Outdoor Class Room @ £460 and supply & fit 5 x Douglas Fir benches between upright posts @ £600 (total cost £1,060)	£1,000
Stannington TARA	Shrubs & bulbs @ £50, multi purpose compost @ £10 and a selection of seeds @ £9.99.	£69.99

SMALL GRANTS ROUND 4	Group	Description	Amount Awarded
	Pit-stop	Gardening equipment (spades, sheers, trowels, gloves), a small greenhouse, plants, seeds, wellingtons, wheelbarrows and a small hut for storage @ £1,000	£1,000
	Chapelton in Bloom	Labour (approx £600) and materials (£400 for sand/cement, concrete and concrete blocks) for the construction of raised flower beds @ £1,000	£1,000
	Ecclesfield in Bloom	Engraved planters £250 x 2 @ £500, delivery @ £30, plants @ £80	£610
	Sheffield Canoe Club	A contribution towards a C2 slalom canoe @ £1,000	£1,000
	St Mary's Ecclesfield PCC Society of Change Ringers	A contribution towards a mechanical bell simulator @ £1,000 (Total cost £2,000; shortfall would be covered by group's own funds)	£1,000
	Ecclesfield Scout HQ Fund - 25th Sheffield (Ecclesfield) Scout Group Application 1	Trailer @ £699.99	£699.99

Ecclesfield Scout HQ Fund - 25th Sheffield (Ecclesfield) Scout Group Application 2	Planning application for storage hut @ £170, base of hut @ £350, hut @ £350 and hardware (nuts, bolts, brackets etc) @ £100	£970
Chapelton Junior Football Club	Respect barriers £84.99 x 3 @ £254.97, training equipment and balls £105 x 5 sets @ £525, goal nets £25 x 3 @ £75 and a contribution towards a £500 container for storage @ £145.03	£855
Stannington Community Association	A contribution towards a finger buffet, hot and cold drinks and transport (volunteers' mileage) @ £1,000	£500
Loxley Silver Band	A contribution towards a Baritone Horn @ £1,000	£1,000
Stannington TARA Application B	Mixed perennial shrubs in pots and flower bulbs @ £80, grass feeder @ £4, seeds @ £7.50, and a hoe @ £17	£108.50
Stannington TARA Application C Picnic Benches for Trim Trail	A contribution towards: picnic benches £496.80 x 2 @ £993.60 and delivery charges @ £80 (Total cost £1073.60 + £180 for installation; shortfall would be covered by TARA's own fund and cost savings eg delivering instead of posting newsletters)	£1,000
The Community of Wisewood, Wadsley & Loxley Association on behalf of Bradfield Bowling Club	A contribution towards: handwashing heater taps £76 x 2 @ £152 and a hot water boiler @ £820	£972
Dungworth, Storrs & District Women's Institute	A contribution towards: 4foot tables £40.74 x 5 @ £203.70, 2.6foot tables £37.14 x 5 @ £185.70, chairs £20.34 x 20 @ £406.80, a water boiler @ £89.99, a projector screen £95.99 and a noticeboard @ £28.80	£1,000
Action for Stannington	A petrol chipper and shredder @ £559 and skips £180 x 2 @ £360	£919
Oughtibridge Village Community Association Application 1	A contribution towards stone sign for the village (incl. carving, lettering and plinths) 2 x £708 @ £1,416	£500
Oughtibridge Village Community Association Application 2	A contribution towards: public liability insurance (to cover OVCA activities and stone signs) @ £121.32 and hall hire, posters and programmes for a Christmas Concert @ £40	£150

Stocksbridge Advice Centre	A contribution towards: training by the Training Unit of the Sheffield Citizens Advice Bureau Debt Support Unit £300 x 3 advisors @ £900, training at Voluntary Action Sheffield £100 x 2 administrators @ £200 and volunteer costs (travel expenses etc) @ £200	£1,000
Stocksbridge Community Forum	Room hire for the whole of The Venue for 5 hours for Community Day @ £500	£500
St Ann's Happy Hands Pre-School	Shelving units including trays £474 x 2 @ £948	£948
Stocksbridge TARA	A contribution towards: facility hire £34.95 x 7 @ £244.65, Activity Sheffield coaching staff fees £55.64 x 7 @ £389.48, Sheffield Futures staffing fees £56.74 x 7 @ £397.18(Total cost £1031.31)	£1,000
Friends of Grenoside Park	A contribution towards: printing costs (fliers and notices) @ £300, park litter bins £275 + £89.68 ash tray top x 2 @ £729.36+VAT, spring plants @ £200, hire of community centre for meetings and open days with refreshments @ £122	£1,000
Burncross Action Team	A contribution towards: recycled planters £450 x 2 @ £1,080 and plants for spring judging @ £250	£1000
St Saviour's Community Support Project	Shelving @ £189 and clothes rails £40 x 10 @ £400	£589
105th High Green Scout Group	A contribution towards an open span modular marquee @ £1,000(Total cost £4782.48; shortfall would be covered by funds from a recent Bonfire & Fireworks event, Christmas Fayre fundraising events, and the group's savings)	£1000