

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

East Local Area Committee

Meeting held 23 March 2022

PRESENT: Councillors David Barker, Mike Drabble, Terry Fox, Dianne Hurst, Mary Lea (Chair), Ben Miskell, Anne Murphy (Deputy Chair), Zahira Naz, Sioned-Mair Richards, Jack Scott and Sophie Wilson

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence were received from Councillor Mazher Iqbal.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 22 September were agreed as an accurate record.

5. TRANSITION TO COMMITTEES

5.1 The Assistant Director (Governance), Alexander Polak, gave a presentation on Sheffield City Council's transition to a committee system.

5.2 The presentation explained how the Council was transitioning from a Cabinet Leader model to a Committee System from May 2022. This was following a referendum, where the public voted for Sheffield to change its governance arrangements.

5.3 It was mentioned that the draft arrangements, put forward by the Governance Committee, had been agreed unanimously by Full Council at their extraordinary meeting on the 23 March 2022.

5.4 The Leader of the Council, post May 2022, will not have individual decision-making power. Decisions would now be made within political proportionate committees.

5.5 There will be 7 themed Policy Committees, each with a Chair and each politically proportionate. It was added that there will also be a Strategy & Resources Committee, chaired by the Leader of the Council, which dealt with cross cutting issues.

5.6 It was highlighted that LAC's are key and remained part of the new system. LAC's will report to Full Council and can also refer issues to a relevant policy committee.

5.7 The Assistant Director (Governance) referred to the Public Engagement Toolkit which highlighted a 'menu of options' which each committee could consider when engaging with the public.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

6.1 The Committee received the following questions from members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

6.2 Neil Cardwell

1) How many residents will the Park Hill Parking Scheme effect?

2) How many complaints had the Council received regarding parking in this area?

3) How many complaints had the Council received regarding parking on Ingram Road?

A written response would be provided for these questions.

6.3 Rosalie Hill

In relation to the Park Hill Parking Scheme, it was mentioned that the proposal reduced the number of available spaces outside (park hill community group building?). There was also none no waiting restrictions or provision for disabled parking. It was suggested that a parking charge be implemented.

6.4 Allison Rossiter

In relation to the Park Hill Parking Scheme, Allison Rossiter believed that residents had not received a proper opportunity to be a part of the democratic process of assessing to what extent what parking changes were needed. It was asked what would be needed to get the Council to suspend this scheme, until they consult with affected residents?

Alison Rossiter referred to a petition that she had produced to 'Abandon the Park Hill Parking Scheme (incl. Norfolk Park, Manor Castle & Arbourthorne)' and that the petition had received over 100 signatures within the first 24 hours.

The Chair explained the petition could be presented at the East LAC or Full Council once the petition was completed.

6.5 Public Questioner 4

In relation to the Park Hill Parking Scheme, it was stated the scheme affected other areas in the city and that those other areas had not received information about the parking scheme. It was added that residents had tried to arrange meeting with Highways Officers although they had been unsuccessful so far.

6.6 David Cobley

In relation to the Park Hill Parking Scheme, it was asked if the deadline date issued by the Traffic Regulation Order (TOR) could be removed, or extended until after further consultation with affected residents?

6.7 NJ Hill

In relation to the Park Hill Parking Scheme, it was asked if the speed cameras on Donnington Road were linked to the TOR?

6.8 In response to public questions regarding the Park Hill Parking Scheme, Councillor Terry Fox stated the Council can always learn from situations such as this and the scheme could have been handled better. The request for parking came pre-covid when we had Phase 2 & 3 of the Park Hill Development ongoing, plus the added pressure of out of town parking on a number of roads. Then covid hit, and officers came up with a scheme on which we have gone out to consultation to see whether it was something that the residents wanted. Obviously this is an open consultation process, we will analyse the feedback to that consultation and nothing will be done until at least mid-Summer when we should have a breakdown of the consultation and all the comments from residents.

7. APPROVAL OF THE EAST LAC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-23

7.1 The East Area Manager, Huda Ahmed, gave a presentation on the East Local Area Community Plan 2022/23.

7.2 Local Area Committees were a way for people to get involved in making a difference to their community.

7.3 It was explained there was 12 Councillors who represented the East Local Area Committee. 3 Councillors from each of the 4 wards. The wards were:

- Park & Arbourthorne

- Darnall
- Manor Castle
- Richmond

7.4 The Community Plan was put together following consultation with residents, partners and communities. The following 6 priorities were identified.

- Environment
- Community Safety & Crime
- Community & Neighbourhoods
- Children & Young People
- Transport & Highways
- Health & Wellbeing

7.5 The presentation highlighted the action plans for the 6 key priorities. It was added that task and finish groups would be led by members working with LAC officers to drive the community plan and produce a more specific delivery plan.

7.6 It was stated that the East Local Area Committee had a budget of £100,000. There was also a £57,000 budget to reduce fly tipping and graffiti in the area.

7.7 The East Local Area Committee would continue to engage and consult with communities. They would also provide an annual report on the community plan highlighting what progress had been made on the 6 key priorities.

7.8 **RESOLVED:** That:-

1. Approval be given to the East Community Plan as a statement of the priorities of the area;
2. Authority be given to the Community Services Manager to produce a final version of the Community Plan document, incorporating any amendments approved by the LAC at this meeting, and to publish it on the webpages of the East Local Area Committee; and
3. Notes that future LAC decisions relating to funding must fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

7.9 **Reasons for Decision**

The proposal to approve the East LAC Community Plan is recommended on the basis that the Plan provides a clear framework in how the LAC will direct it's resources to address key issues identified through community consultation.

7.10 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

None. A key element in establishing LACs is the principle that each LAC will develop a Community Plan.

7.11 At the conclusion of the consideration and voting on the Community Plan, a series of breakout groups were organised which comprised members of the public in attendance, a Council officer and a Member of the Committee leading the discussion, to consider the key themes that had been highlighted in the Community Plan. The Chair asked each Lead Member of the groups to report back on the discussions held.

During the breakout session each table was asked to consider the following questions:

1. How could you be involved in delivering some of the actions mentioned in the plan?
2. How do you think we can involve people in the community – what methods do we use?
3. How do we work collectively together with officers, members, and local people on delivering the actions?
4. How do you think we can ensure these actions are long term, applied correctly to have a lasting impact?
5. If you would like to get involved after today's session or write any comments / feedback / suggestions, please do, and add your email address/contact details on the post it notes, so we can get in touch.

7.12 Table 1 - Feedback were as follows:

- More outreach work with young people
- Have information stalls at community events at school
- More discussions about LACS at local schools
- Share information regarding LACS with Arches Housing and other housing associations they will pass on to their residents
- SCC website not very user friendly – We need to think about using TIKTOK, Insta and snapchat to reach wider audiences
- Reps from Youth Parliament who were from the East want to be involved with the LACS
- Communication is really important between SCC and local

people

- Not everyone still knows about the LACS and how useful they are for local people
- Generally, people felt the LAC Public meetings are a good way to engage with people

7.13 Table 2 - Feedback were as follows:

- It was stated that more power should be devolved to local people and communities.
- Public engagement had been working although it still needed to be broadened.
- Seldom heard groups needed to be targeted when engaging

7.14 Table 3 - Feedback were as follows:

- Needed better disabled access to green spaces in the east
- Needed better communication between Council officers and residents
- There was an urge for face-to-face communication between officers and residents
- Difficult accessing social prescribing?
- Needed to use parks better
- Residents were encouraged to request to use parks for different social events

7.15 Table 4 - Feedback were as follows:

- Needed a venue to meet with residents in the local area
- Should look to evolve schools and consult with all ages in the area
- Look at building trust between the Council and residents
- Maintain relationships between Council officers and residents
- Consider other common languages used in the area when engaging

7.16 Table 5 - Feedback were as follows:

- Needed to identify what groups were not in attendance at the meeting and target them at future consultation stages.
- Look at what activities worked well previously and use those again. Could also transfer activities across the wards.
- Discussed the strengths of using local networks that already exist. Also look to expand these networks.
- Some residents felt their feedback on hotspots of fly tipping in the area were not included.

7.17 Table 6 - Feedback were as follows: -

- Looked at how to facilitate joined up working.
- Looked at different ways to engage with all residents in the area

7.18 Table 7 - Feedback were as follows:

- Looked at how residents can get involved with voluntary groups
- How local networks can be developed so groups can communicate to each other better
- Prior to the pandemic there was groups in which the Police and Council officers attended. This should be looked at again

7.19 The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and hoped to see everyone again at a future LAC.