

# Central Local Area Committee

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**Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 6.00 pm**

**Israac Somali Community  
Association, Vestry Hall, 54  
Cemetery Road, Sheffield, S11  
8FP**

**The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend**

## **Membership**

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Councillor Brian Holmshaw  
Councillor Maleiki Haybe  
Councillor Angela Argenzio  
Councillor Christine Gilligan  
Kubo  
Councillor Tom Hunt  
Councillor Douglas Johnson  
Councillor Bernard Little  
Councillor Toby Mallinson  
Councillor Laura McClean  
Councillor Ruth Mersereau  
Councillor Henry Nottage  
Councillor Martin Phipps

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**CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA  
3 OCTOBER 2023**

**Order of Business**

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- 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** (Pages 5 - 8)  
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Central Local Area Committee Spend Report - (5 minutes)** (Pages 9 - 16)  
Report of Adeel Zahman – Community Services Manager
- 6. Our Journey - Khalid and Ahmed - (5 minutes)**  
Presentation by the Founders of Infinite Skills
- 7. Sheffield Race Equality Commission Update - (10 minutes)**  
Presentation by Homaira Ibrahim
- 8. Roots and Futures / Welcoming Cultures Presentation - (10 minutes)**  
Presentation by Dr Lizzy Craig-Atkins (Senior Lecturer in Human Osteology) and Terezia Rostas (Founder of Care for Young People's Future)
- 9. Interactive Breakout Discussions - (45 minutes)**  
Roundtable discussions on following themes:
  - Health
  - Communities
  - Education and Skills
  - Culture
  - Business
  - Sport
- 10. Refreshment Break - (5 minutes)**
- 11. Feedback from Breakout Session - (2 minutes per table)**
- 12. Public Questions and Petitions**

To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public

**13. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

(Pages 17 - 24)

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 13 July 2023

**NOTE: The next meeting of Central Local Area Committee will be held on Wednesday 29 November 2023 at 6.00 pm**



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## ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its Policy Committees, 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.

These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.

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
    - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

If you attend a meeting at which any item of business is to be considered and you are aware that you have a **personal interest** in the matter which does not amount to a DPI, you must make verbal declaration of the existence and nature of that interest at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. You should leave the room if your continued presence is incompatible with the 7 Principles of Public Life (selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership).

You have a personal interest where –

- a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing (including interests in land and easements over land) of you or a member of your family or a person or an organisation with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Authority's administrative area, or
- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPIs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously.

You should identify any potential interest you may have relating to business to be considered at the meeting. This will help you and anyone that you ask for advice to fully consider all the circumstances before deciding what action you should take.

In certain circumstances the Council may grant a **dispensation** to permit a Member to take part in the business of the Authority even if the member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to that business.

To obtain a dispensation, you must write to the Monitoring Officer at least 48 hours before the meeting in question, explaining why a dispensation is sought and desirable, and specifying the period of time for which it is sought. The Monitoring Officer may consult with the Independent Person or the Council's Standards Committee in relation to a request for dispensation.

Further advice can be obtained from David Hollis, General Counsel by emailing [david.hollis@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:david.hollis@sheffield.gov.uk).

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**Author/Lead Officer of Report:** Adeel Zahman  
Central - Community Services Manager  
**Tel:** 07854040301

**Report of:** Community Services Manager  
**Report to:** Central Local Area Committee  
**Date of Decision:** 03 October 2023  
**Subject:** Central LAC Budget 2023-24

Has appropriate consultation been undertaken?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? 1201				
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the report and/or appendices and complete below:-  <i>“The (<b>report/appendix</b>) is not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph (<b>insert relevant paragraph number</b>) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).”</i>				

**Purpose of Report:**

Each Local Area Committee has a budget to address local priorities. This report

- Sets out details of the spend in respect of the initial budget of £100,000 for 2022/23 that has been authorised by the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair and Committee in accordance with the delegation granted in September 2021.
- Describes funding allocated to the LAC for 2023/24 and sets out proposals for its allocation and expenditure for 2023/24 in line with the Central LAC Community Plan.

**Recommendations:**

That the Central Local Area Committee:

- Notes the committed spend from 2022/23 as detailed in the report.
- Agrees the use of the 2023/24 LAC budget of £25,000 per ward as described in the report against the Central LAC Community Plan including the underspend from 2022/23.

**Background Papers:**

**The Central Community Plan is published at:**

[PowerPoint Presentation \(sheffield.gov.uk\)](https://www.sheffield.gov.uk)

<b>Lead Officer to complete:-</b>		
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: Adrian Hart
		Legal: Petra Der Man
		Equalities: Bev Law
<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	<b>Head of Service who approved submission:</b>	Carl Mullooly
3	<b>LAC Chair consulted:</b>	Cllr Brian Holmshaw
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.	
	<b>Lead Officer Name:</b> Adeel Zahman	<b>Job Title:</b> Central LAC Community Services Manager
	<b>Date:</b> 03 October 2023	

## 1. PROPOSAL

### 1.1 Background

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.

In 2021 each LAC was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 to be spent in line with their Community plan. The Central LAC Community Plan was agreed in March 2022. In January 2023 the Central LAC Committee noted the expenditure against the £100,000 budget and approved grant expenditure for a social supermarket at St Marys Church.

The LAC Committee also agreed in January 2023 that the remaining balance of £69,911.31 to be allocated to projects addressing the local priorities in the Community Plan. Further expenditure on projects took place between January 2023 and March 2023 taking the total spend for 2022/23 to £86, 868.04 which is detailed below. The unspent budget was carried forward to 2023/24.

An overview and details for 2022/23 committed spend for each LAC Priority is provided below:

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Committed Spend</b>
Transport and Highways	£2,518
Environment	£8,596.17
Community and Neighbourhood	£62,637.87
Community Safety and Crime	£6,116
Business, Employment and Skills	£7,000

**Remaining Budget:** £13,131.96 carried forward to 2023/24 to address priorities in the Community Plan

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues, in September 2021 the LAC granted delegated authority to the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure from any budgets allocated to the Local Area Committee provided that:

- The decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair and Committee
- Spending is in line with any specific purposes of the allocated budget
- The Community Services Manager may not approve expenditure of

more than £5,000

- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

### **2023/24 budget allocation**

Full Council resolved at the Budget Meeting in March 2023 that “*additional spending amounting to £25,000 per ward, overseen by ward councillors and delivered through the Local Area Committees process, is provided as an additional spend for 2023/24*”. Though not the intention, the effect of this resolution was that these monies were designated Ward Pot budgets. The intention to create LAC budgets has now been put into effect by a decision of the Finance Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to agree a virement of the full £700,000 into the LAC budget for all wards, amounting to £100,000 per LAC. This budget will be spent on projects benefiting all wards in the Central LAC area.

It is proposed to use the Central LAC Budget to create a Central Local Area Committee Fund for 2023/24 for each ward. Grants will be awarded for those proposing projects that contribute to the LAC priorities:

- Transport and Highways
- Environment
- Business and Employment
- Community and Neighbourhoods
- Community Safety and Crime

The funds will be approved by ward members and shared with the Central LAC Committee.

Applications will be shared with the relevant Ward Members and expenditure being reported to the next meeting of the LAC.

## **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. Further consultation has been taking place over the summer in community settings.

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.

Further in person and online consultation is taking place in order to give Members information to consider any changes required to the LAC and Ward priorities at the next November LAC meeting.

#### **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 allocated budgets of £100,000 prior to 2023/24, and £100,000 (£25,000 per ward) and £63,704 (cost of living) in 2023/24. These budgets 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 This report is in line with the previous decision of September 2021 regarding expenditure below £5000, the Central Community Plan agreed on March 2022.

## **6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The Central LAC is asked to approve the broad allocation of funding under the priority headings identified to assist its ability to monitor its budget, and to authorise the Community Services Manager in consultation with the LAC Chair and Committee to approve expenditure above the current delegated authority in certain circumstances so that delivery of the Community Plan is not delayed.



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Central Local Area Committee

Meeting held 13 July 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brian Holmshaw (Chair), Angela Argenzio, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Tom Hunt, Douglas Johnson, Bernard Little, Laura McClean, Ruth Mersereau, Henry Nottage and Martin Phipps

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Maleiki Haybe and Toby Mallinson.

**2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

**4. CENTRAL LAC UPDATE (5 MINUTES)**

4.1 The Central Community Services Manager, Adeel Zahman, gave a Central LAC (Local Area Committee) update via a presentation.

4.2 The presentation explained that Sheffield was made up of 28 wards. There were 7 LACs that each covered 4 wards.

4.3 There was 12 Councillors who represented the Central LAC. 3 Councillors from each of the 4 wards. The wards for Central were:

- Hillsborough
- Walkley
- Broomhill & Sharrow Vale
- City

4.4 The presentation outlined that Councillor Brian Holmshaw is the Chair for the Central LAC with Councillor Maleiki Haybe serving as deputy.

4.5 The presentation highlighted the work undertaken by the Central LAC over the previous 12 months. It stated that they had invested £136,000 into communities. A breakdown of the number of projects and the different community groups supported were listed.

- 4.6 The Central LAC had 5 key themes identified as part of the Community Plan. They were:
- Transport & Highways
  - Environment
  - Community & Neighbourhoods
  - Community Safety & Crime
  - Business, Employment & Skills
- 4.7 The Central Community Services Manager explained that each ward had been allocated a funding of £25,000. In addition, each ward had the following funding allocated from ward pots.
- Broomhill and Sharrow Vale - £5319.34
  - City - £6972.98
  - Hillsborough – £6583.86
  - Walkley – 7569.18
- 4.8 The Central Community Services Manager explained that the theme of the meeting was Parks and Open Spaces. He stated that members of the public will have their opportunity to impact on their local area by engaging in the breakout session later in the meeting. In addition, a LAC Roadshow were being delivered across the Central area, in order to hear from as many people as possible.

## **5. THE COUNCILS PARKS AND COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE (5 MINUTES)**

- 5.1 Ruth Bell, Head of Parks and Countryside, gave a presentation to the Committee and members of the public in attendance at the meeting.
- 5.2 The presentation highlighted all the parks and open spaces that the Council's Parks and Countryside service covered. It was mentioned that the service managed approximately 3,934 hectares of land.
- 5.3 Ruth Bell explained that Local Authorities across the country had budget cuts, and this was the same in Sheffield. She explained that Parks and Countryside Service had a noticeable reduction in their revenue budget.
- 5.4 The presentation highlighted any developments across the city. It was mentioned that Pounds Park and Wisewood Park were recently created. It then outlined all the recent improvements made to green spaces in the city.
- 5.5 Ruth Bell referred to some of the challenges that the Council were experiences managing parks and open spaces in the city. This included Anti-Social behaviour, legacy expectations, popularity, diseases, staff & machinery, costly operations, and fly-tipping.
- 5.6 The presentation highlighted the future projects and priorities planned for the city.

**6. PRESENTATION ON THE WORK OF THE GREEN SPACES FORUM IN SHEFFIELD (10 MINUTES)**

- 6.1 Ted Talbot, Director of Place, Green Estate, and Chair of the Green & Open Spaces Forum, gave a presentation on the work of the Green Spaces Forum in Sheffield. He mentioned how green spaces across the city were key for the health and mental wellbeing of the citizens of this city. He then stated how budget cuts were significantly impacting the city and the opportunities for the city and its residents in a negative way.
- 6.2 Ted Talbot explained some of the reasons why it would be important to invest in green spaces. He also mentioned how this significantly improved wildlife in green spaces.
- 6.3 Ted Talbot stated that the Green Estate Community Interest Company believed in a world where all urban places were engaging, adaptive and resilient. Green Estate looked after Sheffield Manor Lodge and 5 other urban parks on behalf of Sheffield. They also worked to the Green Flag Award standards.
- 6.4 It was stated that the vision was to create green corridors through S2 by joining up green spaces which used to form part of the Great Deer Park. This would improve wildlife in the city and reconnect green open spaces. He added that the trend of funds for parks and open spaces in Sheffield needed to be reversed and that any funding for parks would be greatly appreciated.

**7. UPDATE ON TASK AND FINISH GROUP SETUP BY COMMUNITIES, PARKS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE (3 MINUTES)**

- 7.1 Councillor Bernard Little gave an update on the Task and Finish Group setup by Communities, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee.
- 7.2 Councillor Bernard Little wanted Sheffield to be a place where they lived as part of nature, not apart from it. Across the country, over the last 50 years, 30 million birds had disappeared, nearly 70% of the insect population had been lost. Sheffield City Council declared a nature emergency in June 2021, with a plan to reverse the onslaught. Therefore, why were glyphosate been sprayed in parks and open spaces. Why were parks and open spaces been cut down or sprayed just as insects were about to pollinate. Why doesn't Housing, Parks, Highways and School departments in Sheffield City Council not cooperative on how they manage the land. Councillor Bernard Little finished by asking members of the public in attendance to contribute to the plan and help reverse the damage to parks and open spaces in the city.

**8. NATURE RECOVERY SHEFFIELD PRESENTATION (5 MINUTES)**

- 8.1 Dr Nicky Rivers, Advocacy and Developments Manger (Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust) gave a presentation to the Committee and members of the public in attendance.

- 8.2 Dr Nicky Rivers explained that there was an initiative that started 2 years ago, whereby local groups and individuals noticed a problem in Sheffield regarding nature. At that stage approximately 1000 people and 30 groups formed together to declare a national emergency.
- 8.3 It was explained that Nature Recovery Sheffield were a group of people, and groups, all working together to protect nature in Sheffield. It was their vision to throughout Sheffield, from the streets and neighbourhoods to the wider countryside, be an abundance of nature that is protected, cared for, and experienced by everyone. They wanted to see at least 30% of land and water great for nature by 2030 and also more wildlife.
- 8.4 Dr Nicky Rivers highlighted some of the groups part of Nature Recovery Sheffield. She then mentioned that their mission was by thinking and acting globally, together we can turn around the nature emergency and put nature in recovery. Following a consultation event, Nature Recovery Sheffield agreed they could achieve this mission by growing, coordinating, and empowering a group of people to: -
1. Protect & Restore: looking after land and water that is already good for nature, restoring what is in poor condition.
  2. Create: more spaces for nature, helping wildlife to thrive.
  3. Inspire: more people to take action for nature.
- 8.5 So far Nature Recovery Sheffield had a successful campaign in declaring a national emergency. They now had over 1500 individuals and 65 groups signed up.
- 8.6 Nature Recovery Sheffield had put together a Community Action Toolkit that can be accessed on their website. There was also an action map which outlined the work being undertaken by the groups in Sheffield.

## **9. INTERACTIVE BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS (45 MINUTES)**

- 9.1 Following the presentations, Members of the Committee broke out into breakout groups with Officers and members of the public.

## **10. FEEDBACK FROM BREAKOUT SESSION (3 MINUTES PER TABLE)**

- 10.1 Following the breakout session, one person from each group was asked to feedback their groups thoughts. A summary of the feedback presented were as follows: -

### Table 1

- How can we encourage members of the public to behave better in parks and open spaces.
- Good behaviour in parks can also help to discourage bad behaviour.
- Look at routes and challenges in parks.
- How can we encourage private sector organisations to contribute to parks

and open spaces.

Table 2

- Ruth Bell mentioned how there was a lot of discussion around communication and joined up working. She explained that it was clear from the discussion that a lot of people were interested in getting in touch to share ideas therefore Ruth Bell shared her contact details for people to get in touch with her after the meeting.

Table 3

- The need to turn around bio-diversity and the lost of species.
- Discussed climate change resilience.
- How water in open spaces can improve health and wellbeing.
- How to encourage active travel.
- Identified a large number of agencies that have responsibility for rivers. Therefore, they needed to work together better.
- Facing more problems with waterways but though that most of these can be turned into positives.
- Needed to open more rivers up.
- Needed to improve public awareness of pollution on the negative impact that has on the city.
- Needed a new blue/green strategy for Sheffield.

Table 4

- Needed to push for education and raise awareness.
- Continue professional development and ensure ecology is covered in organisations.
- Discussed the Council wide climate emergency route map.

The Chair (Councillor Brian Holmshaw) mentioned that all the feedback captured in the groups will be fed into the appropriate channels.

## 11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS (10 MINUTES)

11.1 The Committee received two questions in advance of the meeting, the Chair stated that these questions had been referred to the relevant Policy Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That the question submitted by Colin Early in regard to demolition sites in Sheffield be referred to Transport and Highways Policy Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That the question submitted by Matthew Smith in regard to the 'SNUG Scheme' be referred to the Housing Policy Committee.

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

11.3 Simon Ogden

18 months ago, we managed to get to come up with £80,000 for a feasibility study which looked at Hillfoot to Herries Road route becoming part of the cycling network. The study was completed last November but the public have not been able to see it. In the meantime, we understand a report had gone to Councillors. Therefore, Can I ask that this report is shared.

Councillor Christine Gilligan Kubo confirmed that a copy of that report will be shared with Mr Ogden.

11.4 Graham Wroe

Two years ago, I brought a 6300 named petition to Full Council requesting the Council to stop using glyphosate. Parks had reduced the use of this but overall, it was still being used in many areas. Therefore, can the Council stop using glyphosate.

Ruth Bell explained there was a task and finish group looking onto this and that they had their first session on the 12 July 2023. She mentioned that the task and finish group had asked for an update report on glyphosate reduction be taken to a meeting of the Community, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee.

11.5 Bridget Ingle

Stated that City Centre Management managed the City Centre parks and green spaces. From a volunteer perspective she believed that all the services organisations involved in looking after the City Centre were not working together and that there was no volunteer strategy, making it difficult to get involved.

Ruth Bell mentioned that this had previously been discussed as part of the breakout session and that officers as part of Sheffield City Council would speak with City Centre Management and then relay that information back to the public, of how that joined up working may look.

Councillor Martin Phipps explained that City ward councillors supported Briget Ingle's comments and appreciated volunteer work.

Councillor Douglas Johnson highlighted that depending on the work carried out within the City Centre, the work may be responsible by different services or organisations such as Amey. He agreed that joined up working was important and was something Councillors did already look at.

Ted Talbot added that Green Estate acted a contractor on behalf of Amey to manage greater green sites, and also behalf of Sheffield City Council to manage other green sites in the city.

11.6 Vicky Seddon

Stated that at the previous meeting of the Central LAC in March 2023, Rebecca

Maddox discussed the Culture Strategy and that she mentioned the next steps would be to recruit skilled consultants although believed this was yet to be carried out. Therefore, Vicky Seddon asked for an update on this.

Councillor Tom Hunt believed this was process had begun although he confirmed he would check this and contact Vicky Seddon along with the LAC team.

11.7 David Lipka

1. Nothing mentioned earlier about CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding for parks and open spaces. Especially in the Arbourthorne Area.

2. The Upperthorpe Precinct was previously designated as an open space in the blueprint plan approximately 30 years, although now it was being used as a car park.

1. The Community Services Manager confirmed that he would provide David with a written response following the meeting.

2. Councillor Tom Hunt explained that he had chased up the costing for the work to improve the precinct. Ward Councillors were working hard to ensure this area was not being used as a car park. He confirmed that the funding was still available as part of the CIL funding and it will be used to make improvements to the precinct.

11.8 Nicola Dempsey

Explained she was at an event held by Sheffield Food Partnership, they discussed land with the Parks Service. Therefore, she asked to what extent was the Central LAC and other Committees working with other services on issues such as active travel and food growth in the city.

Councillor Angela Argenzio explained that conversations were happening although it was not as joined up as it could be. She confirmed that a Food Strategy had recently been approved at Strategy & Resources Policy Committee which previously went through the Health & Wellbeing Board. This strategy will be developed in consultation with partners.

11.9 John Blay

Mentioned that many citizens swim in Sheffield ponds, lakes and rivers. Therefore, can the Council display signage informing citizens of the quality of the water.

The Chair mentioned they had been a survey regarding the quality of these waters although they were still awaiting the results of that survey.

**12. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 12.1 RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 March 2023, and 17 May 2023, were approved as a correct record.