

Central Local Area Committee

Thursday 14 March 2024 at 6.00 pm

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**CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE AGENDA
14 MARCH 2024**

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** (Pages 5 - 8)
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Central LAC Spend Report** (Pages 9 - 16)
Report of the Central Local Area Committee Manager, Adeel Zahman
- 6. Sports and Leisure Presentation (10 minutes)**
Presentation from Kate Clark & Stuart Turner
- 7. Presentation from Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme (10 minutes)**
Presentation from Ben Winter
- 8. Breakout Session (45 minutes)**
To break out into groups and discuss: -
 - Disability in Sport
 - Cycling
 - Leisure Opportunities
 - Community Projects
- 9. Feedback from each group**
- 10. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public
- 11. Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 17 - 22)
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 29 November 2023

NOTE: The next meeting of Central Local Area Committee will be held on date and time to be agreed



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- 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.

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- 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.

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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.

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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.

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Author/Lead Officer of Report: Adeel Zahman
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Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: Central Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 14th March 2024
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? 2149				
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 (report/appendix) is not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph (insert relevant paragraph number) 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 describes funding allocated to the LAC for 2023/24 and reports on delegated spending decisions.

Recommendations:

That the Central Local Area Committee:

- Notes the expenditure against the 2023/24 £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the Central LAC Community Plan as detailed in the report.
- Notes the expenditure against the £31,852 Central LAC Cost of Living fund as detailed in the report.

Background Papers:

The Central Community Plan is published at:

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

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Finance: Adrian Hart
		Legal: Andrea Simpson
		Equalities: Louise Nunn
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>		
2	Head of Service who approved submission:	Carl Mullooly
3	LAC Chair consulted:	Cllr 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.	
	Lead Officer Name: Adeel Zahman	Job Title: Central LAC Community Services Manager
	Date: 14 March 2024	

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Local Area Committees (LACs) were established by Full Council in May 2021. Their Terms of Reference are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution and include:

- To agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review; and
- To make decisions relating to funding as delegated from time to time by the Council to fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

The Central LAC Community Plan was agreed in March 2022.

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

Spending decisions made under this delegation have been reported to meetings of the LAC.

1.2 2021/23 budget

1.2.1 In 2021 each LAC was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 to be spent in line with their Community Plan..

Up to March 2023 the total spend for 2021/23 was £86,868.04, as reported to the LAC at its meeting in October 2023.

1.2.2 An overview of the 2021/23 committed spend £86,868.04 is provided below, broken down by LAC Priority:

Priority	Committed Spend
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

The remaining budget of £13,131.96 has been carried forward to 2023/24.

1.3 2023/24 budget allocation

1.3.1 Each LAC has a budget allocation of £100,000 for 2023-24. This budget will be spent on projects benefiting all wards in the Central LAC area.

1.3.2 At its meeting on 3rd October 2023 the Central LAC agreed to use this budget, together with the £13,131.96 underspend carried forward from 2022/23, to create a Central Local Area Committee Fund for 2023/24 for each ward, Awarding grants for projects that contribute to the LAC priorities:

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

Ward Members are consulted on the proposal for their ward and decisions on expenditure are made by the Community Services Manager in accordance with the 2021 delegated authority.

1.3.3 Total expenditure of £62,546.24 from this budget was reported to the meeting of the Central LAC in November 2023 leaving remaining funds of £50,585.72 to be used to address priorities in the Community Plan.

1.3.4 Since the last LAC meeting in November 2023, there has been additional spend of £41,238.08. The updated figure for each priority is as follows:

Priority	Committed Spend
Transport and Highways	£16,491.18
Environment	£15,311.41
Community and Neighbourhood	£63,016
Community Safety and Crime	£3,761.96
Business, Employment and Skills	£5,203.77

A detailed breakdown of total spend in 2023/24 will be presented to the first LAC meeting in the new municipal year.

Total Spend in 2023/24: £103,784.32

Remaining Budget: £9,347.64 to address priorities in the Community Plan

1.4 Cost of Living Spend

1.4.1 A total sum of £400,000 for Cost of Living related work was also allocated to LACs by Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) so that the Central LAC's share is £63,704. The LAC agreed proposals for the allocation of this budget in November 2023.

At its meeting of 29th November 2023, the Central LAC agreed the use of the 2023/24 LAC Cost of Living budget (£63,704) as follows: 50% of the Central allocation (£31,852) is awarded as a grant to Citizens Advice Sheffield to support its advice line with the remaining 50% (£31,852) used to create a new Central Cost of Living fund.

1.4.2 The projects funded through this were as follows:

Organisation	Project	Funding agreed
S6 Foodbank	Food parcels x 3 LAC Wards	£3,591
Rivelin & Co	Subsidised Art Classes Share / Repair sessions	£4,250
RIVA	Cost of Living Support	£500
ZEST	Key Worker Costs	£4,500
Trinity Methodist Church	Cost of Living Support	£500
Winn Gardens	Cost of Living Support	£1,000
Zest	Cost of Living Consultations	£3,100
ISRAAC	Extension to FGM Sessions	£1,000
Hannover TARA	Coffee Mornings	£750.00
Zest	IT equipment	£1,563
Unity Gym	Food Parcels / Hot Meals	£1,500
Zest	Staffing – Community Compass	£3,900
Somali Homework Club	Running Costs	£1,000
TOTAL		£27,154

1.4.3 The remaining funds of £4,698 will be committed to support Cost of Living projects across Central LAC areas.

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' and contribute to the priorities in 'Together we Get Things Done, the emerging Sheffield City Council Plan 2024 - 2028, 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 LAC Meeting in 2024/25.

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.

- 4.1.2 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.

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 18th May 2022. In accordance with the provisions of section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Constitution provides that a Committee may delegate to a Council Officer.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 Decisions on any expenditure above the existing authority to the Community Services Manager could be reserved to the LAC but this would inevitably delay delivery of priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Community Plan.

All decisions on expenditure to support Community Plan priorities could be delegated to officers. However, this would restrict and undermine the LAC's ability to monitor its delegated budget and delivery of the Community Plan.

6. **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The use of funding described in this report is in line with the LAC decisions of October and November 2023 regarding expenditure of its 2023/24 budgets and helps to address identified local priorities.

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Central Local Area Committee

Meeting held 29 November 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Brian Holmshaw (Chair), Maleiki Haybe (Deputy Chair), Christine Gilligan Kubo, Tom Hunt, Douglas Johnson, Bernard Little, Toby Mallinson, Laura McClean, Ruth Mersereau, Henry Nottage and Martin Phipps

Approximately 65 members of the public were in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Angela Argenzio.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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 LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE SPEND REPORT

4.1 The Committee considered a report of the Community Services Manager that advised each Local Area Committee had a £100,000 budget to address local priorities, identified within their respective Community Plans. The report set out details of the spend in respect of the £100,000 that had been authorised by the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair and in accordance with the delegation granted in September 2021.

4.2 The report showed funding allocated to the Central Local Area Committee for 2023/24, and set out proposals for its allocation and expenditure in line with the Central Local Area Committee Community Plan.

4.3 The report described the proposals for the use of the remaining funding allocated for cost of living work in the Central area.

4.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Central Local Area Committee:

(i) Notes the latest committed spend from 2023/24 as detailed in the report to address local priorities against the £100,000 in the Central LAC Plan; and

(ii) Agrees the use of the 2023/24 LAC Cost of Living budget (£63,704) as described in the report namely that 50% of the Central allocation (£31,852) is awarded as a grant to Citizens Advice Sheffield to support its

advice line with the remaining 50% (£31,852) used to create a new Central Cost of Living fund).

4.5 Reasons for Decision

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.

4.6 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

This report is in line with the previous decision of September 2021 regarding expenditure below £5,000 for the Central Community Plan agreed on March 2022.

5. CITY GOALS

5.1 The Committee received a presentation on City Goals from James Henderson, Director of Policy and Democratic Engagement. He explained that City Goals had been developed working with communities, businesses and public sector organisations to consider the future of Sheffield collectively, and was intended to be a long-term statement of intent for the city of Sheffield. The city was very diverse, with lots of different communities and perspectives that had much in common. City Goals aimed to build a set of stories, set a narrative for the next 20 to 30 years, and to collectively share these stories. The goals were not action plans or solutions, and instead hoped to set the direction and a framework for individuals and organisations within Sheffield to make them a reality. In November 2021, the Sheffield City Partnership Board had agreed to commission work on a new city strategy, by developing an evidence base. The Board appointed a 'task and finish' group who came to the view that an inclusive process would be most effective in hearing different community voices and views on the future of Sheffield. This had been a detailed and widespread engagement process involving many different communities across Sheffield. Over the last few months, information, experiences and life stories had been gathered to form a collective narrative for the future of Sheffield, by way of 'six stories for Sheffield'. The aim was to provide a platform for action, and to encourage everyone to have a role in the process. It was hoped to finalise the process in December 2023, before approving the goals in January 2024. Mr Henderson encouraged everyone to get involved in the process.

5.2 The Chair thanked Mr Henderson for attending the meeting.

6. CASTLEGATE, SHEFFIELD PROPERTY ASSOCIATION AND CITY GOALS

6.1 The Committee received a presentation from Martin McKervey, Chair of the Sheffield Property Association (SPA). He explained that the SPA was formed seven years ago, and was the only such property organisation outside of London. It brought together businesses in Sheffield that were committed to improving Sheffield's built environment, to make it a great place for everyone that lived, worked or socialised there, and to support and celebrate Sheffield. The SPA

consisted of a Board of Directors and working groups that worked on a voluntary basis. Homes England had partnered with Sheffield City Council, the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, key local housing associations and the SPA to develop a strategic long-term and place-based relationship to accelerate the delivery of new homes in Sheffield, and to facilitate collaboration between the public and private sector via the Sheffield Housing Growth Forum. The SPA had also been supporting Sheffield City Council with the new draft Local Plan, the Gateway to Sheffield, the regeneration of Castlegate and Attercliffe, and Sheffield City Goals. One of the SPA's proudest achievements had been to shape and define a new Culture Compact for the city, involving Sheffield City Council, the two Sheffield universities, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals and various cultural organisations, supported by the Arts Council England, and to create a vibrant and welcoming city. The SPA also worked with the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce to help young people in schools and communities to overcome barriers and develop career opportunities, and to tackle environmental and cost of living challenges. In early 2024, the SPA would be using a Thought Leadership report to promote a conversation around what Sheffield city centre should look like. Mr McKervey added that, although not originally from Sheffield, he had made Sheffield his home and was very proud of what Sheffield had done for him, and he was pleased with the opportunities that had been provided to him via his role at the SPA.

6.2 The Chair thanked Mr McKervey for attending, and advised those present that he would be facilitating a session during the breakout discussions.

7. RESIDENTS VIEW - HEART OF THE CITY REGENERATION

7.1 The Committee received a presentation from Peter Sephton, Chair of ChangingSheff, the City Centre Residents' Association. He explained that the aim of ChangingSheff was to make Sheffield city centre a great place to live, and to create a new vibe for the city centre. He noted how retail and office use in the city centre had evolved since 2013, and since the original developer had pulled out of the Sevenstone city centre development. He added that there had also been a change to housing demand within the repopulated urban centre, and highlighted the benefits of city centre living, which included convenience, exercise, services, entertainment and dining, universities, and parks and outdoor facilities. He referred to the Heart of the City Development and the additional outlets that would feature in this. He noted the lack of community facilities, such as a village hall, pre-school nursery, laundry/dry-cleaning facilities and recycling centres, and suggested ideas of how to create a community, including giving the area a name and providing community facilities. Mr Sephton also noted the issue of anti-social behaviour in the city centre, and the multiple complex needs that often led to this. He explained that the 'Help us Help' campaign had been established, which involved the co-ordination of specialist outreach teams to support those who needed it. He added that there were official channels for reporting incidents of graffiti. He advised that people were welcome to call in to see the ChangingSheff team in Café Nero, Millenium Square.

7.2 The Chair thanked Mr Sephton for his interesting presentation, and advised that further discussions on this topic could take place during the interactive breakout session.

8. INTERACTIVE BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS

- 8.1 The Committee went into a breakout session, during which the members of the public in attendance were given the opportunity to join an engagement session around the 'Future of Sheffield'.

9. FEEDBACK FROM BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS

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

City Goals

- How could the goals be 'real' and part of what every organisations were working towards?
- How do communities and individuals contribute to the goals, particularly those who had been working in difficult circumstances?
- How do we think about new ways of decision-making and governing to make sure we are making progress?
- What is a 'good citizen' and a 'good partner'?

Castlegate – Levelling Up

- The Castlegate development was an exciting opportunity
- Making the river accessible was essential for Phase 1
- There was support for seeking funding via the South Yorkshire Mayor
- The environmental and economic benefits of a park were noted

Heart of the City

- What do we need to do to make it feel like a community?
- Important to get the right facilities, eg public toilets, health care facilities
- It is a mixed community, so important to think about affordable and social housing, and decent sized homes, sustainable housing
- Important to consider homelessness issues
- How to make the area more appealing, eg providing bins, controlling graffiti, reducing anti-social behaviour
- Look at funding for converting empty spaces

- 9.2 Councillor Brian Holmshaw, Chair of the Committee, thanked participants, and noted that it was important to consider the cumulative impact of individual decisions relating to the city centre.

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

- 10.1 No public questions were received.

11. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 11.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 October, 2023 were approved as a correct record.
- 11.2 A member of the public suggested that the number of members of the public in attendance could be noted within the minutes, and the Chair welcomed this suggestion.

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