

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

East Local Area Committee

Meeting held 11 July 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Mary Lea (Chair), Nabeela Mowlana (Deputy Chair), David Barker, Mike Drabble, Terry Fox, Dianne Hurst, Mazher Iqbal, Ben Miskell, Laura Moynahan, Zahira Naz and Sioned-Mair Richards

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence were received from Councillor Sophie Wilson.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE 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 Councillor Terry Fox declared a personal interest in item 7 (6.9 of these minutes) of the agenda by virtue of him being a Governor of Park Academy School.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 **RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 March 2023 and 17 May 2023, were approved as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 The Committee received the following question from a member of the public, prior to the meeting.

Ivan Spiking

- At the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee meeting held on 16th March 2023, reference agenda Item 9, a proposed Local and Neighbourhood Transport Programme report was presented to the committee and subsequently approved. One section of Item 1.5.3.3 states that each LAC will have the opportunity to input to one additional pedestrian crossing facility in its' area to progress in 23/24. Residents living in Castle Croft Drive and Barnes Court area have on several occasions spoken with local Councillors about the requirement for a safe pedestrian crossing point at the intersection of Shrewsbury Road, the tram tracks and Granville Street. Has this been discussed or can it be discussed by the East Local Area Committee as being a local priority with a view to having it

considered for implementation in the upcoming financial year 23/24?

The Chair (Councillor Mary Lea) mentioned that the question had been passed onto the Council's Highways Service for a response and that it would be provided to Mr Spiking once received. The Chair added that Mr Spiking had support from his three ward Councillors.

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

5.4 Public Questioner 2

- What had been done in regard to littering and fly-tipping in Darnall ward?

The Chair explained that ward Councillors had done multiple walk-about in Darnall and Tinsley to look at this issue and this work was still ongoing with action taken as necessary. Councillors were also considering piloting an Environmental Stewardship Scheme which will address environmental problems and deal with these. Also looking at what flexibility there may be in current contracts. We had funded a litter picking station and supported a litter picking group in Tinsley and happy to do the same with other volunteers. Some local residents had set up a WhatsApp group to report flytipping and encouraged others to do this through the 'Fix my Streets App' which had a direct link to the Council, or report to local Councillors. Funding had been allocated to deal with serious flytipping hot spots across the LAC and work was about to commence or had already done so and that Cameras had been installed in one hot spot. Darnall Councillors had met with a local residential group regarding environmental issues. The Chair had also met with the Acorn Organisation (who were in attendance at the meeting) in Darnall on a few occasions, one issue coming out of this was that members of the group were going to look at the best position for litter bins as there were concerns about whether current locations were the best. Another meeting was to be arranged by the group waiting to hear from them. The Chair mentioned she was happy to have another meeting with Acorn and she understood Councillor Naz had also been contacted by them.

5.5 Lisa Kirkup

- Referred to the increase in illegal motorcycle use on City Road and mentioned that the Police had been involved in this. She asked if the LAC had anything to add on this issue.

Councillor Laura Moyanhan stated that Ward Councillors were aware of the increase and that they had a meeting with the Police to look at the issue of motorcycles, particularly around accessing open spaces such as Skye Edge Field. She mentioned that something they had discussed were introducing gates that would not allow motorcycles to pass through. She also mentioned that Police had been present in these areas using speed

guns in which they had fined motor vehicle users for speeding.

Lisa Kirkup asked the Council to be aware of restricting access for pedestrians, if new gates were installed.

6. EAST COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER PRESENTATION

6.1 The Community Services Manager, Huda Ahmed gave a presentation to the Local Area Committee.

6.2 It was explained that there was 7 Local Area Committees (LAC) in Sheffield and that each LAC covered 4 different ward areas. The wards for the East LAC were as follows: -

- Park & Arbourthorne
- Darnall
- Manor Castle
- Richmond

6.3 The Community Services Manager mentioned that a survey was completed as the LACs were being established and key priorities were identified: -

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

Recently, a new survey was carried out and further information had been gathered around what citizens liked and what improvements they would like to see.

Under each theme, priorities were identified, which were shared to Members and attendees as part of the presentation.

6.4 The Community Services Manager highlighted the work the East LAC had undertaken over the last year. This included setting up several working groups looking at different issues in the area. In addition, the East LAC were carrying out: -

Days of Action - in each ward, which have brought together Councillors, LAC Officers, Community Safety Wardens, Police, Environment Officers, Amey, Housing Officers to tackle fly tipping.

Road Shows - LAC bringing together Council Services and the Voluntary Sector to promote their services, answer questions and offer support to local people.

Residents / local public meetings/ NAGs (Neighbourhood Action Groups).

Communication, Gov/Dev, Facebook, blog, stakeholder meetings, local community meetings, our East LAC networks.

6.5 It was mentioned that from the 2022/23 £100,000 budget, the LAC had funded 20 organisations. A breakdown of those funds were as follows: -

- Children and Young people - £50K, plus £10K from Youth Services
- Environment - £20K
- Communities and Neighborhoods - £20K
- Contingency - £10k

6.6 In addition, 74 projects were funded via the ward pots: -

- Darnall - £11, 909
- Richmond - £8,956
- Manor Castle - £13, 264
- Park & Arbourthorne - £11, 825

9 projects funded via the Community infrastructure Levy (CIL).

6.7 The Community Services Manager outlined how they thought the East LAC was positively impacting the city so far, and then mentioned the work yet to come.

6.8 A member of the public asked if the themes identified could be broken down by ward.

The Community Services Manager agreed to follow this up with the member of public, after the meeting.

6.9 A member of the public asked what the issue related to in regard to Park Academy School, as outlined in the presentation.

The Community Services Manager explained that the Headteacher had contacted the LAC about anti-social behaviour occurring from students at the school and how this was impacting on the community. She mentioned that the Chair, along with officers had met with the School, as well as involving the Police to look at different ways to reduce this issue.

Councillor Sioned-Mair Richards added that Councillors had been litter picking with some of the students at the school.

Councillor Terry Fox declared a personal interest by virtue of him being a Governor at Park Academy School.

6.10 A member of the public stated that issues and impact of anti-social behavior and litter picking needed to be embedded into the students better.

Councillor Terry Fox added that Manor Action Group could take a deeper dive into these issues raised therefore thanked the members of public for raising these at the meeting.

- 6.11 A member of the public believed there was a lack of youth voice across some of the different LACs. Therefore, she asked how young people had been consulted in respect of determining the LAC priorities. She also referred to the lack of hate crime mentioned within the presentation.

The Chair mentioned that the Council had Youth Parliament Members present in some LAC meetings and have contributed to the priorities. They had also been given a grant to carry out some of the work they were looking into. The Chair mentioned that the following presentation would cover some of the issues relating to hate crime.

The Community Services Manager explained that she was also a voluntary hate crime lead in Sheffield and explained that they met quarterly to discuss issues relating to hate crime. She added that she could speak with the member of the public further on this issue.

7. UPDATE FROM THE DEPUTY LEADER

- 7.1 The Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Fran Belbin) explained that she was the Chair of the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee, as part of their work this year, was looking at improving democratic engagement. Therefore, Councillor Belbin was attending Local Area Committees to speak with members of the public on how public engagement could be improved.

8. RACE EQUALITY COMMISSION PRESENTATION

- 8.1 Homaira Ibrahim, Equalities and Engagement Officer, gave a presentation to the Local Area Committee.
- 8.2 It was explained that race equality commission was a city wide commission with city wide implications and recommendations. They had an Independent Chair and 24 Commissioners. They received written and oral evidence. They prioritised 6 areas: Education, Business/Employment, Health, Civic Life and Communities, Crime and Justice, Sport and Culture.
- 8.3 Following the commission, 7 recommendations were identified: -

Recommendation 1: Sheffield - an anti-racist city and an anti-racist organization.

Recommendation 2: Educating future generations and showing leadership in our educational institutions.

Recommendation 3: Inclusive healthy communities: Wellbeing and longevity for all.

Recommendation 4: One Sheffield in Community Life: Inclusion, cohesion and confidence.

Recommendation 5: Celebrating Sheffield through Sport & Culture: past, present and future.

Recommendation 6: Proportionality and Equity in crime and justice.

Recommendation 7: Sheffield Equal and Enterprising: Supporting black Asian & minoritized ethnic business and enterprise.

Further information relating to each recommendation could be found online.

- 8.4 Following the evidence the commission gathered. The evidence stated that: -
- Sheffield has been found to be a racist city.
 - Change is needed to improve outcomes.
 - Partners across the city will be held accountable through the Legacy Group to see if improvements to becoming anti racist have been made.
 - Organisations/Communities need to thinking about Race Equality.
 - Their responses needed to be thought about carefully, delivered and scrutinised to measure delivery and impact.
 - Targets need to be managed wisely, achievable timescales agreed to maximise impact.
 - Action plans/ targets need to incorporate all voices (staff, communities, members)
 - Efforts in becoming an anti-racist organisations need to be whole organisational approach and practice embedded systemically- this is everyone's journey together.
- 8.5 Homaira Ibrahim referred to the recommendation that stated that a Legacy Group be set up to hold organisations account against the recommendations listed above. She mentioned that this is currently with the Sheffield Partnership Board and that they had a task and finish group determining the best model for this.
- 8.6 Sheffield is home to approximately 556,700 people. It is currently one of the UK's most culturally diverse cities. There are roughly 120 languages spoken in the city approximately 14% of Sheffield's citizens were not born in England. Sheffield is home to 2 universities which attract students from all across the world. Sheffield is growing in diversity and this is spreading across the city.
- 8.7 The East of the city has a population of 83,467 people. The East of the city has a diverse population in terms of age, ethnicity, disability (intersectionality). Many different languages, cultures, religions and beliefs. This meant that we have to be discussing race and how to improve race outcomes meant or our local residents. This works better when we work collectively and in collaboration, sharing good practice and learning from our communities.
- 8.8 Homaira Ibrahim asked attendees to think about the following questions: -
- What are the challenges you face as an individual, citizen of Sheffield, organisation, employee, manager, senior leader?

What would help you overcome these barriers?

Do the organisations/ communities you work with know about the REC?

What support do you as an individual/ team require to share this message.

What tools would you need to support your anti racist practice / service delivery?

- 8.9 Councillor Mazher Iqbal mentioned that ward councillors and LAC officers had a session with a number of residents and that English was not the first language spoken for some of those residents. Therefore, what resources were the Council providing to the LACs to improve resident engagement. He also referred to the 10 Point Plan and stated that the Council needed to ensure that more physical engagement were carried out with its residents.

Homaira Ibrahim agreed with the comments made and mentioned that many factors needed to be considered when planning for LAC meetings. This included accessibility and equality issues, such as having hearing loops and translators available at meetings. She added that many organisations had individual action plans although the Council's internal plan had gone to Strategy & Resources Policy Committee in December and that she was doing a follow up piece of work on that and then feeding that back into Strategy & Resources Policy Committee in August 2023.

The Chair mentioned that this work might want the LAC to think about their own individual action plan.

9. WORKSHOPS

- 9.1 Following the presentation, Members of the Committee broke out into breakout groups with Officers and members of the public. They were asked to consider the following questions: -

1. Delivering the recommendations from the REC is a citywide responsibility.
2. We all need to work together.
3. What can we do as a community and as individuals to help make this happen?
4. What key actions does the LAC need to consider?

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

- Mentioned they are already a lot of good resources in the city.
- How can the community improve communication and confidence of residents.
- What would it take to get more people involved in LAC activities.
- Start a dialogue with residents on what the council were doing.
- Have umbrella organisations to support volunteers.

- How can we change residents attitudes – can we use the LAC funding to introduce different community groups to each other.
- Needed to encourage parents to support their children in mixing with other social groups and celebrate other cultures.
- Can we change applications or forms to other languages to improve engagement and accessibility.
- Organisations having the time to go through council policies and whose there to support them.
- Can the Council ensure that organisations were made aware of the commission and their role in this piece of work.
- How can the Council challenge the private sector.
- How can we address issues raised on social media platforms.
- Needed to create spaces where people can have open and honest conversations.
- Making use of green and open spaces in the city.
- Sheffield was best when it celebrated together.

The Chair and LAC Manager would undertake to look at the above feedback and how best to implement this within the LAC area.

- 9.3 The Chair announced that Ted Talbot from the Green Estate was in attendance and wanted to speak about the project on Manor Fields.
- 9.4 Ted Talbot explained that there was sustainable urban drainage project taking place on Manor Park at the end of the summer holidays. He asked for Members support in reassuring anyone who contacted the Council asking what was taking place that this drainage project was the cause for the disruption in the park. He mentioned that this work was to prevent houses from flooding and that once the project was complete it will restore to what is almost looked like now, although the work could last up to 4 years.