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Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: Central Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 21 March 2022
Subject: Report of Central LAC budget spend 2021-22

Is this a Key Decision? If Yes, reason Key Decision:-	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Purpose of Report:

Each Local Area Committee has a £100,000 budget to address local priorities. This report sets out details of the spend in respect of this £100,000 that has been authorised by the Community Services Manager, in consultation with the LAC Chair and in accordance with the delegation granted in September 2021.

Recommendations:

That the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the Central LAC in 2021/22, as detailed in the report, be noted.

Background Papers:

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: Kayleigh Inman
		Legal: Andrea Simpson
		Equalities: Adele Robinson
<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:	Lorraine Wood
3	LAC Chair consulted:	Cllr Bernard Little
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: March 21 st 2022	

1. PROPOSAL

- 1.1 “The Leader made a decision on 17th August 2021 to allocate a budget of £100,000 to each Local Area Committee and the Leader’s Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions has been amended to give Local Area Committees the power to approve expenditure from the budgets allocated to them.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues, at the meeting of the Central LAC on September 27th 2021, a decision was made to authorises 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
- Spending is in line with any specific purposes of the allocated budget
- The decision 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.

Under this delegation the following spending decision(s) have been taken:

Date Chair consulted	Description	Expenditure	Supporting Information
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

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 A 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.

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.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

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.

- 4.1.1 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 previously allocated funding using the mechanism stated as agreed at the Central LAC meeting on September 27th 2021.

Procurement of supplies and/or services will be carried out in line with Standing Orders.

4.3 Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 The LAC must operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference, approved as a change to Council's Constitution by Full Council at its meeting on 18th March 2021. The Terms of Reference provide that each LAC must agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review, and that the decisions it makes in relation to funding must fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

4.4 Other Implications

- 4.4.1 None

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None. This is in line with the previous decision of September 30th 2021.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Central LAC is asked to note the use of funding as per the previous decision of September 30th 2021.