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Report of: Community Services Manager

Report to: North Local Area Committee

Date of Decision: 18 January 2023

Subject: North LAC Budget 2022-23

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| 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? 916; 962 | | | | |
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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.
- Proposes new expenditure in line with the North LAC plan

Recommendations:

- That the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North LAC in 2022/3, as detailed in the report, be noted.
- That £11,000 further expenditure is agreed for replacement swings at The Rookery, Deepcar and Cross Lane, Stocksbridge

Background Papers:

The North Community Plan is published at:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/community-plans/north-local-area-committee.html>

| Lead Officer to complete:- | | |
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| 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: Ann Hardy | |
| | Legal: Andrea Simpson | |
| | Equalities: Ed Sexton | |
| <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 Alan Hooper | |
| 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. | |
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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 North LAC on September 30th 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:

| Category | Item | Cost | Date chair consulted |
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| Community support | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional funding for youthwork (cost of bids to a fund above £10,000 provided by youth services) | £772 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22/11/2022 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Pauls food bank container | £3500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10/11/2022 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High Green lunch club development costs | £2500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 08/12/2022 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stannington community centre support during gas leak | £1000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 08/12/2022 |

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| Highways | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priory Rd, Ecclesfield bollards | £1400 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/12/2022 |
| Parks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bin at Fox Glen • 2 replacement gates (Mortomley & Grenoside) • 3 benches (Fox Glen#2, Wadsley Park Village) | £400 £2600 £2100 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/12/2022 • 08/12/2022 • 08/12/2022 |
| Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations budget | £500 (to increase budget from £1000 to £1500) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/12/2022 |

1.2 Further expenditure

The items listed in 1.1 total £14,472.

When added to previously agreed expenditure this equals a total spend of £60,683.

This is made up of the sum above plus:

- Decisions made at the July 7th 2022 meeting totalling £36,302
- Expenditure noted at the October 5th 2022 meeting totalling £9909

The following proposal is also recommended to address local priorities of developing a clean and attractive environment and vibrant community life.

It is proposed to provide replacement swings at The Rookery, Deepcar and Cross Lane Stocksbridge at a cost of £11,000. This will upgrade equipment that is coming to the end of its useful life and is based on conversations with the Parks and Countryside Department about sites in need of investment.

This would take total spend so far to £71,983 leaving a total of £28,017 to be allocated

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.

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

- 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 approved budget of £100,000. This budget must not be exceeded.

Procurement of supplies and/or services 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 None. This is in line with the previous decision of September 30th 2021 regarding expenditure below £5000 and the North Community Plan agreed on March 9th 2022.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The North LAC is asked to note the use of funding as per the previous decision of September 30th 2021 and agree further expenditure to address the identified local priorities