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**Report of:** Community Services Manager  
**Report to:** Central Local Area Committee  
**Date of Decision:** 26 January 2023  
**Subject:** Central LAC Budget 2022-23

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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 Committee in accordance with the delegation granted in September 2021.
- Proposes new expenditure in line with the Central LAC plan

**Recommendations:**

That the Central Local Area Committee:

- Notes the expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the Central LAC in 2022/3, as detailed in the report.
- Approves the award of a grant of £9,225.92 to St Mary's Church and Community Centre for a Social Supermarket and Warm Space, as described in the report.
- Notes that the remaining balance of the LAC budget will continue to be allocated on projects to address the local priorities in the Central LAC Community Plan.

**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: Ann Hardy
	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	<b>Head of Service who approved submission:</b> Carl Mullooly
3	<b>LAC Chair consulted:</b> Cllr Maleiki Haybe
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> 26 January 2023	

## 1. PROPOSAL

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.

Each LAC was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 under an executive decision by the Leader of the Council on 17th August 2021. This money was to be spent in line with the Community Plan. As the Community Plan was not finalised until late in the 2021/22 financial year very little of this budget was spent across the LACs and it was carried forward to the current financial year.

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 authorise 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 the Committee
- 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.

The Central LAC developed a Community Plan through consultation with residents, community groups and other stakeholders in Central Sheffield. At a meeting of the Central LAC held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022, the LAC approved the Community Plan as a statement of the priorities of the area and noted that future LAC decisions relating to funding must fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 the LAC was informed of proposed expenditure on the priorities in the Community Plan no decisions were made in respect of any expenditure.

1.2 The following spending decisions on the Community Plan priorities have been taken by the Community Services Manager, having consulted with the LAC Chair and the individual Committee members, under the authority delegated to him in September 2021:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Date of Decision</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Highways</b>		Nil Spend	
<b>Environment</b>	<b>Friends of Hillsborough Park</b> – repair Walled Gardens	£600	23/11/2022
	<b>New Bin Installation</b> - Leppings Lane	£1821.17	16/11/2022
	<b>Friends of Wisewood and district-</b> Establishing and maintaining the Wisewood garden	£600	12/01/2023
	<b>Holme Lane Community Garden-</b> paving stones to improve disability access	£600	15/12/2022
<b>Community &amp; Neighbourhood</b>	<b>Kelham Island and Neepsend Community Alliance-</b> Community Newsletter	£1600	21/12/2022
	<b>Sheffield Working Women’s Opportunities Project</b> – Outreach for women in crisis at the risk of sexual exploitation	£1000	22/12/2022

	<b>Kelham Island &amp; Neepsend Community Alliance-</b> Kelham Island Map to attract more visitors and increase footfall to the area	£2350	22/12/2022
	<b>Sunday Centre-</b> Food and Shelter for the Homeless in the City Centre	£2354.60	22/12/2022
	<b>ZEST</b> – Youth Club provision at Winn Gardens, Hillsborough	£2000	22/11/2022
	<b>S6 Food Bank</b> – Foods costs and delivery across Walkley, Hillsborough, Broomhill and Sharrow Vale	£2170	28/11/2022
	<b>Broomhall Centre-</b> Welcoming space to support Cost of Living	£1526	22/11/2022
<b>Community Safety and Crime</b>	<b>Violence Against Women and Girls -</b> Awareness Campaign across Central Wards	£540	23/11/2022

	<b>Sheffield Street Pastors</b> - supporting vulnerable people in the night-time economy	£3701	06/12/2022
<b>Business Employment and skills</b>		Nil Spend	
<b>TOTAL</b>		£20,862.77	

- 1.3 The following proposal is recommended to support households to respond to the Cost of Living crisis under the Communities and Neighbourhoods theme in the Central LAC Community Plan.

It is proposed that the LAC approves the award of a grant of £9,225.92 to St Mary's Church and Community Centre to help fund the provision of a Social Supermarket and Warm Space to users at their centre to help tackle social isolation and improve health and wellbeing. The beneficiaries of this provision will be residents and families in the City ward, but also across the Central LAC areas.

Due to the Cost of Living crisis, the Central LAC have been working collaboratively with the centre and have noticed a significant increase to utilise their services. St Mary's have registered as Warm Space and the LAC would like to support the centre in resourcing this provision.

The Social Supermarket enables people to be a member for £3 a week and receive a shop valued at about £20 – this helps to manage limited income. The services include coaching, CAB, Debt Advice and support with volunteers helping people to ensure they are on the correct benefits and can access help and advice to help with being unable to pay bills and manage the spiralling cost of household expenditure.

It is proposed to allocate the funds of £9,225.92 to support St Mary's to deliver this provision, and to benefit residents in the central lac wards who are adversely affected by the cost of living crisis. This is aimed at people in fuel and food poverty and is in line with the Central LAC Community Plan. This proposed expenditure is outside the limits of the authority delegated to the Community Services Manager and so requires the approval of the Committee.

If approved this would take total spend so far to £30,088.69 leaving an available balance of £69,911.31 to be spent on the Community Plan priorities.

## **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 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 authority to a Council Officer to make decisions on behalf of the Committee.

### 5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 None. This is in line with the previous decision of September 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 regarding expenditure below £5000 and the Central Community Plan agreed on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2022.

### 6. **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The Central LAC is asked to note the use of funding as per the previous decision of September 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 and agree further expenditure to address the identified local priorities