

**NORTH EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE**

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**Meeting to be held in Committee Room 4, Civic Hall, Leeds on  
Monday, 7th February, 2011 at 5.30 pm**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Councillors

G Wilkinson (Chair) - Wetherby;  
A Lamb - Wetherby;  
J Procter - Wetherby;

R D Feldman - Alwoodley;  
Mrs R Feldman - Alwoodley;  
P Harrand - Alwoodley;

A Castle - Harewood;  
R Procter - Harewood;  
M Robinson - Harewood;

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## **A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL FUNCTIONS AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS**

There are certain functions that are defined by regulations which can only be carried out at a meeting of the Full Council or under a Scheme of Delegation approved by the Full Council. Everything else is an Executive Function and, therefore, is carried out by the Council's Executive Board or under a Scheme of Delegation agreed by the Executive Board.

The Area Committee has some functions which are delegated from full Council and some Functions which are delegated from the Executive Board. Both functions are kept separately in order to make it clear where the authority has come from so that if there are decisions that the Area Committee decides not to make they know which body the decision should be referred back to.

# AGENDA

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**Report of the East North East Area Manager**

**North East (Outer) Area Committee**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

**Subject: Well-Being Fund**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby

Ward members consulted

(referred to in this report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

**Executive Summary**

This report provides an updated position on the Outer North East Area Committee wellbeing revenue and capital budgets.

It also presents information on new project proposals:

- for which an approval to grant wellbeing funding is sought;
- for which an approval for wellbeing funding is sought in principle, pending the receipt of appropriate wellbeing applications and due process being followed.

## Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an updated position on the wellbeing revenue and capital budgets.
2. It also presents information on new projects for which approval to grant wellbeing funds is sought.

## Background information

3. Each of the ten Area Committees receive an annual allocation of revenue and capital funding to commission projects and offer grants to organisations in the local area. The amount of funding for each Area Committee is determined by a formula based on population and deprivation in each area as agreed by the Council's Executive Board. The Area Committees also have the balance of any revenue and capital wellbeing budget that was allocated to them in previous years.
4. Alongside the wellbeing budget, ward councillors have access to other sources of local funding, such as Section 106, Ward Based Initiatives (WBI), Members Improvement in the Community and Environment (MICE). The use of this funding is discussed at ward member meetings as appropriate.

## Wellbeing Revenue – available funding for 2010/11

5. Following approval at the July Executive Board, the distribution of wellbeing (revenue) budget across the 10 Area Committees is calculated using a formula based on 50% deprivation and 50% population. For the Outer North East Area Committee this amounts to £127,586 for 2010/11.
6. The Outer North East Area Committee manages its allocation by proportioning the amount between the three wards based on population. For the 2010/11 allocation, the split between wards is:
  - Alwoodley: £47,462 (pop. = 37.2%)
  - Harewood: £38,403 (pop. = 30.1%)
  - Wetherby: £41,721 (pop. = 32.7%).
7. To add to this is the balance of uncommitted funding brought forward from the previous year (2009/10). The brought forward balances by ward are:
  - Alwoodley: £1,621 (b/f bal of £27,189 less commitments of £25,567)
  - Harewood: -£15,767 (b/f bal of £19,198 less commitments of £34,966)
  - Wetherby: -£7,807 (b/f bal of £21,640 less commitments of £29,447)
8. Therefore, the resultant ward balances available to support new projects in 2010/11 are:

- Alwoodley: £49,084
- Harewood: £22,636
- Wetherby: £33,914

9. The current financial position of the Area Committee is shown in Appendix A.
10. At its meeting in October 2010 the Area Committee was informed that the wellbeing budget had been inflated by £50k in error since July 2009. The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods has since met with the Chair and members of the Area Committee and given an undertaking that sufficient budget would be identified to honour the wellbeing revenue commitments that have been made prior to this reporting error being rectified.
11. During the January round of ward member meetings information was sought on all the outstanding commitments for which funding is required. The following is the list of schemes the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods has agreed to honour and provide additional revenue for:
- Harewood:
- £3,000 – for contribution to parking schemes in Scholes.
- Wetherby:
- £2,000 – for Deepdale Community Association – assistance with venue hire resultant from the development to the Deepdale Children’s Centre
  - £4,960 – for the refurbishment of Barleyfields community centre
  - £5,850 – for fencing on Deepdale site
  - £3,150 – for WISE, activities for older people
12. More detailed information on the above schemes is provided in paragraphs 19 – 29.
13. The current wellbeing revenue budget deficit position (see Appendix A) totals £19,572. This, together with the total of the projects listed in paragraph 11 amounts to £38,552. The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods has agreed to make provision to cover these costs in line with the undertaking made to Members last year.

## **Capital – Available funding for 2010/11**

14. Appendix B shows information on the remaining capital funding for each ward in the Outer North East Area Committee area. This takes into account projects approved at September Area Committee. There were no new projects agreed at the October and December Area Committee meetings.

## **Project Applications**

15. The paragraphs 16 – 23 provide information on proposals for which Area Management has received formal wellbeing applications. The Area Committee are asked to make a funding decision with regards to these project proposals.

**(a) Revenue projects**

***Clifford History Group, Diamond Jubilee Calendar for Clifford – small grant - £500 (Wetherby Ward)***

16. Funding for this project is available from a balance of small grants allocation set aside for each ward (see Appendix A).
17. This is an application for a small grant received from the Clifford History Group to help them produce and distribute a diamond jubilee calendar which would be delivered to all households in the village in 2012. It will feature photographs of Clifford over the last 60 years to mark Queen's Diamond Jubilee and appropriate historical commentary. The full price of the project is £2,160 and the ward members would like to support it to the value of £500, with the Parish Council contributing the shortfall.
18. ADP theme: Community Life – bringing the whole village together and creating a feeling of pride. Learning for All – providing historical information about the village.

***WISE – Activities for People over 60: £3,150 (Wetherby Ward)***

19. An application for this initiative has been received from Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WISE) who are asking for assistance with project costs for the Sunshine café in Collingham which caters for people with dementia and their carers and a new “The Café” in Boston Spa, which will follow the success of Collingham in providing a monthly meeting place, advice and support to dementia sufferers and their carers. The grant will also contribute to a range of other social activities for people over 60.
20. ADP theme: Community Life - proving support to local voluntary groups to deliver local services. Healthy Living – to promote independent living for older and disabled people.

***Barleyfields Youth Centre renovation - £4,960 (Wetherby Ward)***

21. Following a consultation with users, Corporate Property Management has been commissioned to refurbish Barleyfields youth centre. It is used by a number of groups as well as providing an office space for Youth Services. The list below provides information about users.
  - Youth Service is a principle user.
  - Help the Aged
  - Mental Health Group
  - Parents and Toddlers'
  - St John's Ambulance
22. Wellbeing funding is required to paint and refresh the building which is in need of renovation. The work will be done internally by the Corporate Property Management service (CPM) from whom the above costings have been procured.



23. ADP theme: Community Life – improving community facilities.

**Projects identified by the Members in ward meetings, awaiting the receipt of wellbeing applications.**

24. There are no formal wellbeing applications for projects presented in paragraphs 25 – 41 below. Their development has been contingent on reaching a settlement on the level of wellbeing revenue funding available following the reporting error brought to the Area Committee's attention in October 2010. Members are requested to make a decision on funding of these initiatives in principle, subject to the Area Manager receiving appropriate wellbeing funding applications and due process being adhered to. The detail of each application will be discussed at ward meetings.

***Parks and Countryside, Deepdale Fencing - £5,850 (Wetherby Ward)***

25. Following discussions with the members, a quote has been supplied by Parks and Countryside to continue the bow top fence around the perimeter of the play area in Deepdale and to install entrance gates, replace the damaged fence with post and rail from the gateway for a total distance of 30 metres, up to and beyond the corner gate. It is also to replace the corner gate (1.2 metres) and plant 100 native hedge species into gaps in existing hedge line.
26. ADP theme: Environment – enhancing the public realm and improving the quality of public green spaces.

***Deepdale Community Association venue hire - £2,000 (Wetherby Ward)***

27. This funding is a contribution for Deepdale Community Association towards the costs of hiring a temporary venue required as a result of the building work at Deepdale Children's Centre. Councillors had earlier agreed to set aside £2,000 towards this but it is estimated that a further £2,000 will be required.

***Highways, parking restrictions in Scholes - £3,000 (Harewood Ward)***

28. The total cost of the scheme is £6,000 but it is to be shared 50/50 with the Highways department (£3,000 each). It will consist of an introduction of single yellow lines in Station Road and Rakehill Road, double yellow lines in Oaklea Road and school "keep clear" signs in Main Street. The work will be carried out by Highways starting in April 2011. Highways will conduct a statutory consultation and issue public advertisements prior to starting on site.
29. ADP theme: Getting Around - improving safety for road users and pedestrians.

***Highways, parking solution for Sandringham Drive - £16,667 (Alwoodley Ward)***

30. The funding for this scheme is already reflected in Appendix A as "Earmarked Schemes Awaiting Approval: Alwoodley parking/grass verge scheme". The inclusion of this project in calculating Alwoodley's wellbeing revenue balance produces a shortfall for the ward of £11,599. The wellbeing revenue settlement

reached with the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods will cover this deficit.

31. This scheme will extend the installation of a reinforced mesh surface which strengthens grass verges and allows for better parking. An experimental strip of such mesh has been in place in Sandringham Drive since the Autumn of 2010. Sandringham Drive carriageway is a priority for the Highways department for renewal and repair in 2011. The improvement of grass verges, to make them fit for parking, will complete the renewal of the area. The cost of the scheme is £35 per square meter. The total revenue contribution is £16,667. The scheme will be carried out by the Highways department.
32. The ward members wish to extend this scheme with a capital contribution of £9,747 (see paragraph 34-35 below).
33. ADP theme: Getting Around – improving safety for road users and pedestrians.

#### **(b) Capital projects**

##### ***Highways, parking solution for Sandringham Drive - £9,747 (Alwoodley Ward)***

34. Following the January ward meeting, members requested that £9,747 of capital wellbeing funding is added to the Sandringham parking scheme. Discussions are in progress with the Highway department; see paragraphs 30 – 33 above.
35. ADP theme: Getting Around - improving safety for road users and pedestrians.

##### ***City Signs, welcome sign for Alwoodley - £3,000 (Alwoodley Ward)***

36. An initial quote has been obtained from City Signs for the procurement and installation of a sandstone welcome sign. A suggested location is on the way in to Alwoodley from Harrogate. Ward members support the proposal.
37. ADP theme: Clean and Green – improvement of local environment and the public realm.

##### ***Highway and environmental fund - £5,000 (Alwoodley Ward)***

38. This proposal is to earmark capital funding of £5,000 for Alwoodley ward for highway and environmental improvements. Examples of possible schemes include parking improvements, improvements to the public realm, community buildings, open public / green spaces, parks and leisure facilities. Future applications will be brought to the Area Committee to approve individual schemes.
39. ADP theme: Clean and Green – improvement of local environment and the public realm. Getting Around - improving safety for road users and pedestrians. Community Life – enhancement of community facilities and improvement of the public realm.

##### ***Environmental fund - £20,284 (Wetherby Ward)***

40. The Wetherby ward members wish to create an environmental fund to enhance the public realm and quality of life in the ward. Work is underway to improve major roundabouts and public open spaces all of which will benefit from this fund. Future applications will be brought to the Area Committee to approve individual schemes.
41. ADP theme: Clean and Green – improvement of local environment and the public realm. Getting Around - improving safety for road users and pedestrians. Community Life – enhancement of community facilities and improvement of the public realm.

## **Projects in development**

42. The projects in this section are those currently in development for potential use of any future allocation of wellbeing funding and for support in attracting other funding.
43. Area Management staff work with organisations to ensure that any proposal submitted is linked to one or more of the Area Committee priorities. Full application forms, with appropriate information, are submitted for each one and other, external and internal sources of funding are also explored.
44. **Tree planting, Moor Lane – Harewood Ward:** Ward members have asked that a project is developed to plant 40 mature trees as part of environmental improvements on Moor Lane near Collingham Moor just off Wattle Skye. The path is well used by ramblers and walkers, and the tree line is visible from the surrounding area.

## **Implications for council policy and governance**

45. Area Delivery Plans cover local priorities for wellbeing spend and these are linked to the Leeds Strategic Plan outcomes and improvement priorities.

## **Legal and resource implications**

46. The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking decisions and monitoring activity relating to use of wellbeing budgets within the framework of the Council's Constitution and in accordance with Local Government Act 2000.

## **Recommendations**

47. The Area Committee is requested to:

- (a) Note the spend to date and current balances for the 2010/11 financial year for capital and revenue wellbeing budgets;
- (b) Note the additional £38,552 wellbeing revenue funding budget provision being made to the Outer North East Area Committee by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods.

- (c) Approve the projects for which the wellbeing applications have already been received:

Revenue

- £500 small grant for Clifford History Group – Diamond Jubilee calendar;
- £3,150 for WISE – activities for people over 60 years old;
- £4,960 for Barleyfields youth club refurbishment;

- (d) Make an in principal decision on funding of all the projects below, subject to receiving appropriate wellbeing funding applications and due process being adhered to:

Revenue

- £5,850 for P&C – Deepdale fencing;
- £2,000 for Deepdale Community Assoc. assistance with venue hire;
- £16,667 for Highways - parking improvements in Sandringham Drive;
- £3,000 for Highways – parking restrictions in Scholes;

Capital

- £9,747 for Highways – parking improvements in Sandringham Drive;
- £3,000 for City Signs – welcome sign for Alwoodley;
- £5,000 for a highway and environmental fund in Alwoodley ward;
- £20,284 for an environmental fund in Wetherby ward.

- (e) Note the capital wellbeing project currently in development for the Harewood ward (paragraph 47).

**Background papers:** Area Functions Schedule Report July 2010

## Revised Wellbeing Revenue Budget Statement for 2010/11

(Feb 2011)

Funding/Spend Items	£ Alwoodley	£ Harewood	£ Wetherby	£ TOTAL
<b>Calculation of Funding Available per Ward</b>				
Balance b/f from 2009/10	27,189	19,198	21,640	68,027
New Allocation for 2010/11 (based on 50/50 split)	47,462 37.2%	38,403 30.1%	41,721 32.7%	127,586
<b>Total Cumulative Ward Allocation</b>	<b>74,651</b>	<b>57,602</b>	<b>63,361</b>	<b>195,613</b>
<b>Approved Spend for 2010/11</b>				
<i>2009/10 Schemes to be paid for in 2010/11:</i>				
Environmental Fund			2,435	
Northcall - additional funding (May 10)	8,426			
Alwoodley Activities Fund Q2 - April 2010	3,000			
Alwoodley Activities Fund Q3 - July 2010	3,000			
New Grit Bins for Alwoodley	613			
Out of hours dog fouling patrols	528			
Jewish Heritage Centre for Children	10,000			
Community Planner Q3 (April 10 - Jun 10)		6,250	6,250	
Community Planner Q4 (Jul 10 - Sept 10)		6,250	6,250	
Community Planner Q5 (Oct 10 - Dec 10)		6,250	6,250	
Community Planner Q6 (Jan 11 - March 11)		6,250	6,250	
Community Planner PDA (PDA Handset Costs)		127	127	
Community Planner PDA (Configuration & Maintenance)		135	135	
Wattle Syke Environmental Improvements		1,954		
Aberford Conservation Area Review		7,000		
Wetherby in Support of the Elderly Sunshine Café Q1		375	375	
Wetherby in Support of the Elderly Sunshine Café Q2		375	375	
Wetherby Community Radio (Tempo FM) Barleyfields Radio Project			1,000	
<b>Total of Schemes Approved in 2009/10:</b>	<b>25,567</b>	<b>34,966</b>	<b>29,447</b>	<b>89,979</b>
<i>Approved 2010/11 Schemes:</i>				
Small Grants (approved to date)	1,000	1,500	2,187	
Small Grants (balance of ward allocation)	2,000	1,500	813	
Skips (spend to date)	260	330	480	
Budget for skips etc (balance of ward allocation)	1,073	1,003	853	
Consultation	23	23	23	
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q2 (Oct 10)	1,732			
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q3 (Jan 11)	1,832			
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q4 (Mar 11)	1,832			
Northcall Q1 (July 2010)	3,750			
Northcall Q2 (Oct 2010)	3,750			
Northcall Q3 (Jan 2011)	3,750			
Northcall Q4 (March 2011)	3,750			
Open House Moving Again Q1 (July 2010)	3,750			
Open House Moving Again Q2 (Oct 2010)	3,750			
Open House Moving Again Q3 (Jan 2011)	3,750			
Open House Moving Again Q4 (March 2011)	3,750			
Burglary Reduction - Trembler Alarms	975			
Burglary Reduction - Operation Buzzer	380			
Community Sport Summer Activities 2010	1,700			
Keeping Slaid Hill Clean & Green	1,208			
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q1 (Jul 10)		1,832		
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q2 (Oct 10)		100		
Aberford & District Master Plan		5,000		
Scholes Conservation Area		6,000		
Shadwell Conservation Area Review		6,000		
Farmwatch & Pre-Xmas Patrols		2,500		
Wetherby Site Based Gardener			19,900	
Community Sport Summer Activities 2010			1,729	
Boston Spa in Bloom Planters for Wetherby			2,750	
Farmwatch & Pre-Xmas Patrols			6,000	
Deepdale Community Centre Rental Subsidy			2,000	
Wetherby Community Bonfire			1,000	
Wetherby Road Plantation			1,000	
<b>Total of Schemes Approved in 2010/11:</b>	<b>44,016</b>	<b>25,788</b>	<b>38,735</b>	<b>108,539</b>
<i>Earmarked Schemes Awaiting Approval:</i>				
Alwoodley Parking/Grass Verge Scheme	16667	0	0	
<b>Grand Total Projected Spend 2010/11:</b>	<b>86,249</b>	<b>60,754</b>	<b>68,182</b>	<b>215,185</b>
<b>Ward Budget:</b>	<b>74,651</b>	<b>57,602</b>	<b>63,361</b>	<b>195,613</b>
<b>Ward Balances:</b>	<b>-11,599</b>	<b>-3,152</b>	<b>-4,821</b>	<b>-19,572</b>

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CAPITAL	Allocated at Area Committee			
	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Allocations</b>				
2004-07	85,754	85,753	85,754	257,261
2007-08	24,500	24,500	24,500	73,500
2008-09	24,500	24,500	24,500	73,500
transfer from Alwoodley to Wetherby	-20,000		20,000	0
2009-10 incl 10% reduction in Feb10	22,030	22,030	22,030	66,090
<b>Total allocation 2004-10</b>	<b>136,784</b>	<b>156,783</b>	<b>176,784</b>	<b>470,351</b>
Bramham Playground			2,000	2,000
Wetherby in Bloom watering system			9,000	9,000
Thorner over 55s extension		20,500		20,500
Moortown RUFC	10,000			10,000
The Zone sports surface	4,800			4,800
The Zone kitchen	3,750			3,750
Shadwell Lane Community facility	24,000			24,000
Wetherby number plate recog			4,150	4,150
Aberford playground		10,000		10,000
Boston Spa Milleneum Gardens			10,000	10,000
Slaid Hill in Bloom	1,777			1,777
Walton PC bus shelter			3,250	3,250
Environment fund 2006-2008		8,850	8,850	17,700
Collingham roundabout		2,490		2,490
Boston Spa Village Hall kitchen			5,000	5,000
Barwick Village Hall toilet		3,850		3,850
Bramham Village Hall disabled access			5,000	5,000
Wendell Hill conservation project		3,649		3,649
Wigton Moor school path	2,985			2,985
Carr Lane footpath		5,000		5,000
Cranmer bank CCTV	3,500			3,500
Barwick Miners Institute		3,643		3,643
Barwick Festive Lights		3,900		3,900
Northcall Computers	1,500			1,500
Environment Fund 2008-2009	8,123	14,527	4,250	26,900
Thorner Victory Hall		10,000		10,000
Shadwell Lane Library		1,000		1,000
Cranmer Bank security fencing	4,000			4,000
Thorner Parish Centre		10,000		10,000
Holywell Lane Footpath		5,000		5,000
Fir Tree Vale	5,000			5,000
Bardsey Tennis Club		9,746		9,746
Alwoodley Park kitchen	15,000			15,000
Scholes swimming pool		1,000		1,000
Scholes playground		10,000		10,000
Bardsey heritage lights (cancelled)		0		0
Bardsey sports club		18,000		18,000
Shadwell village hall carpark		7,415		7,415
Wigton Moor Church	3,896			3,896
Radio Jcom	8,000			8,000
Bardsey Playground Renovation		10,000		10,000
Boston Spa Children's Centre			105,000	105,000
Leodensians Junior Rugby Club	4,900			4,900
Alwoodley Community Hall	10,000			10,000
Moortown RUFC	2,200			2,200
Aberford & District PC lighting		3,250		3,250
Alwoodley methodist church - toilets	5,606			
<b>Total actual spend</b>	<b>119,037</b>	<b>161,820</b>	<b>156,500</b>	<b>437,357</b>
Balance remaining	17,747	-5,037	20,284	32,994

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