

**Report of East North East Area Leader**

**Report to Outer North East Area Committee**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Subject: Well-being Fund and Youth Activity Fund**

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected?<br>If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-In?                                                                                                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?<br>If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:<br>Appendix number: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

**Summary of main issues**

1. This report provides members with an update on the current position of the revenue budget for the Outer North East Area Committee.
2. Applications made for funding are included in the report for member's consideration.
3. The report also provides details of the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme approved by the Council's executive board where 20% of each receipt generated will be retained locally for re-investment, subject to a maximum per receipt of £100k.

**Recommendations**

4. Members are asked to:
  - Note the spend to date and current balances for the 2013/14 financial year;
  - Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

| Project | Organisation | Amount | Ward |
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|                           |                    | <b>applied<br/>for<br/>£</b> |          |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------|
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| Leeds Road path clearance | Leeds City Council | 2000                         | Harewood |

- Approve the spending of £1677.60 from the youth activity fund to cover summer holiday projects in Alwoodley which were originally funded from the wellbeing fund.

## **1. Purpose of this Report**

- 1.2 The report provides members with an update on the current position of the revenue Well-being Funding for the Area Committee and sets out applications made for consideration by the Area Committee.

## **2. Background Information**

- 2.1 Each of the ten Area Committees receive an annual allocation of revenue 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 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area, as agreed by the Council's Executive Board. The Area Committees also have the balance of any revenue Well-being budget which was allocated to them in previous years.
- 2.2 Alongside the Well-being 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.

## **3. REVENUE PROJECTS**

### **3.1 Well-being Revenue – available funding for the current financial year**

3.1.1 The allocation for the Outer North East Area Committee for 2013/14 is £112,000.

3.1.2 The Outer North East Area Committee manages its allocation by apportioning the amount between the three wards based on population<sup>1</sup>. For the 2013/14 allocation, the split between wards is:

- Alwoodley: £41726      based on pop. = 22766      (37.25%)
- Harewood: £33656      based on pop. = 18363      (30.05%)
- Wetherby: £36618      based on pop. = 19979      (32.69%)

3.1.3 The current revenue financial position of the Area Committee is shown in Appendix A.

<sup>1</sup> Office for National Statistics 2011 Census

3.1.4 The funding is used to support the priorities in the Area Committee Business Plan as agreed by the Area Committee in March 2013. Updates on spending and projects funded will be reported to the Area Committee on a regular basis.

### 3.2 New schemes for consideration

3.2.1 In considering these applications members are asked to take into account timescales for the projects. If projects are continuing after 31 March 2014, members are asked to decide if the appropriate proportion of the grant should be set aside from the 2013/14 budget and carried forward, or be drawn from the 2014/15 budget.

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|       | <b>Area Committee Priorities:</b><br>Health and wellbeing, Supporting Communities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                  |
| 3.2.2 | <b>Project:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Wetherby Parkrun |
|       | <b>Organisation:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Parkrun Limited  |
|       | <b>Total cost:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | £6000            |
|       | <b>Amount applied for:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | £1500            |
|       | <b>Ward:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Wetherby         |
|       | <p>Parkrun organises non-commercial, free, feel-good, community based events in venues around the world. There are currently four parkruns in Leeds at Roundhay Park, Woodhouse Moor, Cross Flatts Park and Temple Newsam. This project is to set up a parkrun for Wetherby, at Grange Park sports club. Parkrun Limited contributes £3000 and a further £3000 is required to set up an event. This includes buying equipment (2 high-tech stopwatches, 2 barcode scanners, a computer for processing the results, high visibility vests, cones and bollards, and tokens given to finishers. The event will be run by volunteers and is open to all. £1500 is sought from the area committee, and funding applications have also been made to West Yorkshire Sport and Leeds Athletic Network.</p> |                  |
|       | <b>Area Committee priorities:</b> Health and Wellbeing, Supporting Communities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  |

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| 3.2.3 | <b>Project:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Path clearance (Leeds Road) |
|       | <b>Organisation:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Leeds City Council          |
|       | <b>Total cost:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | £2000                       |
|       | <b>Amount applied for:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | £2000                       |
|       | <b>Ward:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Harewood                    |
|       | <p>There is a footpath running alongside the carriageway on Leeds Road between Barwick in Elmet and Scholes. Over the years, the path has become narrow due to the encroachment of vegetation from adjacent hedgerow and fields. Two people cannot pass without one of them having to step into the road. A number of complaints have been received about this.</p> <p>This project is to scrape back the vegetation between Barwick and Scholes to widen the path and improve access for pedestrians.</p> |                             |
|       | <b>Area Committee priorities:</b> Health and Wellbeing, Supporting Communities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                             |

### **3.3 Small grants and skips**

3.3.1 Appendix B provides details of the remaining balances for the small grants and skips pots, plus the other pots of funding which were set aside for Treetops Community Centre and Community Engagement. Appendix C shows the small grants approved in this financial year.

### **3.4 Project monitoring**

3.4.1 Projects in receipt of a wellbeing grant are required to provide monitoring reports to show that the funding was spent in accordance with their original grant application. Appendix D provides monitoring details for projects which have received funding during the previous financial year.

3.4.2 Appendix D includes details of the Lifestyles and Multi-sports activities and Leadership award projects which received funding. However for reasons outlined in the Appendix, these projects underspent, therefore the unspent funds totalling £4265 have been returned to the wellbeing budget (Alwoodley Ward).

3.4.3 Members should also note that a project to purchase road safety signs has not proceeded, and a sum of £669.75 approved for this project has been returned to the wellbeing budget (Harewood Ward).

### **3.5 Youth Activity Fund**

3.5.1 The Area Committee has an allocation of £20,499 to deliver activities for children and young people aged 8 -17 for the current financial year. This fund has been advertised widely across the Outer North East area, and any applications received will be considered at ward member meetings and brought to the December area committee for approval.

3.5.2 Approval is sought, following discussions with the Alwoodley Ward members, to allocate £1677.60 from the youth activity fund to cover the costs of the three projects which were funded to run during the summer holidays. It should be noted that the costs of these were considerably less than anticipated due to lack of take up, as referred to in paragraph 3.4.2.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 Area Committees now have an enhanced role in Community Engagement and have responsibility for overseeing and monitoring the work of the Area Support Team in relation to local engagement activities. The priorities in the Area Committee business plan which the wellbeing supports are arrived at

through consultation with ward members and the local communities they serve.

## **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 Well-being Funding is used to ensure that inequalities within the local area are addressed through local projects and schemes. All projects funded by Well-being monies must demonstrate:

- Equality and diversity issues have been considered in the planning of the project,
- How equality and diversity issues have shaped the project delivery;
- The impact of the project will be on different groups;
- How the project will promote good community relations between different groups and how barriers that might prevent their involvement will be overcome.

## **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 Well-being funding is used to support the priorities set out in the Outer North East Area Business Plan which supports the Vision for Leeds.

## **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 Spending and monitoring of the Well-being budget is administered by the Area Support Team in accordance with the decisions made by this Area Committee.

## **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.5.1 The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of capital and revenue Well-being budgets within the framework of the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3D) and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

4.5.2 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

4.5.3 There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

## **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 All Well-being funded projects must demonstrate that they have identified any potential risks for the project and what action would/will take to avoid or minimise them. Details of the risk assessments for individual projects are available from the author of this report.

## **5. Conclusions**

5.1 The Well-being revenue fund provides financial support for projects in the Outer North East area which help to deliver the priorities of the Area

Committee business plan. New capital funds have been transferred to the area committee via the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme.

## 6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to:

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## 7. Background documents<sup>2</sup>

Executive Board report, 15 February 2013, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2013/14

[Executive Board report of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme](#)

[Executive Board report of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 – Capital Programme 1 Update 2013 – 2016](#)

[Executive Board report of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 – Investing in Young People: Future Direction for youth services in Leeds.](#)

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<sup>2</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.