

**Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities)**

**Report to West (Outer) Area Committee**

**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Subject: Wellbeing Fund Report**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley, Pudsey	<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. This report provides the West (Outer) Area Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14. The report provides the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been received or approved since the last meeting.
2. The report also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund and those projects seeking support through this pot.
3. The report provides a proposal from Ahead Partnership in relation to the Business Engagement Project for consideration.

**Recommendations**

The West (Outer) Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14 (Appendix 1).
- Note the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been received / approved since the last meeting (**Table 1** and **Table 2**).
- Consider the Large grant applications received.
- Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund.
- Note the current position of the Wellbeing Capital Budget
- Consider the proposal to be received from Ahead Partnership.

## Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14. The report highlights the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Grants and skips that have been received / approved since the last meeting. It also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.

## 2 Background information

- 2.1 Area Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of Area Wellbeing Funding. The amount of Wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
- 2.2 The West (Outer) Area Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing funding is allocated in a fair and transparent way and that recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. To facilitate this process, a commissioning round is held which requires organisations to submit proposals for projects. Once the annual Wellbeing budgets are set by Executive Board and ratified by Full Council, the Area Committee meets to agree which projects will be supported in the year ahead. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Area Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.
- 2.3 In 2013/14, the West (Outer) Area Committee received a sum of £154,240 of Wellbeing revenue. After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2012/13 carry forward position, the Area Committee had £154,899 of funding available for allocation. All of this funding was committed to 20 projects, as listed in **Appendix 1** (paragraph 1.2).
- 2.4 In 2013/14, the West (Outer) Area Committee received a sum of £23,218 Youth Activity Fund. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17. This should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people in the decision making process.
- 2.5 At the September Area Committee Members were updated on the capital review undertaken by the Area Support Team. Members at the last Area Committee decommissioned 5 projects giving a remaining capital budget of **£58,849**. Members were also informed about **£9,666.28** through the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) allocation.

## 3 Main issues

- 3.1 Wellbeing Budget Statement 2013/14
- 3.2 The latest Wellbeing Budget Statement for 2013/14 is included as **Appendix 1** to this report. This sets out the current budget position for Wellbeing projects showing the amount approved by the Area Committee and the value of funds spent to date. The Wellbeing Budget statement also outlines the current budget

position of those projects funded in previous years which still have funding left to spend.

3.3 Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

3.4 **Table 1** below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been approved since the last Area Committee meeting. **Table 2** outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting. Taking these into account, there is **£5,496** still available for allocation for Small Grants and Skips in the 2013/14 budget. The Area Committee are asked to note the current position of the budget.

**Table 1: Small Grant Approvals**

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Drystone wall repair	Calverley Horticultural Society	£500	£500

**Table 2: Skip Approvals**

Location	Ward	Number of Skips	Amount Approved
Tyersal Club (05/09/2013)	Pudsey	1	£125
Swinnow Community Centre (20/09/2013)	Pudsey	1	£125
Swinnow Community Centre (28/09/2013)	Pudsey	1	£125

3.5 **Table 3** below outlines Large Grant applications that have been received. Currently there is not sufficient funding available in the General Revenue pot to cover the cost of these projects, however there are sufficient funds in the Small Grants and Skips budget. Should members wish to consider these applications, funding from the Small Grants & Skips budget may be reallocated into the General Revenue pot.

**Table 3: Capital Grant Application**

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested
Farsley Christmas lights and switch-on event	Farsley Christmas Lights Committee	£1,000 ( <b>Appendix 2</b> )
Calverley Christmas lights and switch-on event	Calverley Christmas Lights Committee	£1,000 ( <b>Appendix 3</b> )
Pudsey Christmas lights switch on event	Pudsey Christmas Lights Committee	£2,000 ( <b>Appendix 4</b> )

3.6 Youth Activity Fund

3.7 In 2013/14, the West (Outer) Area Committee received a sum of £23,218 Youth Activity Fund. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17.

3.8 The current balance for the Youth Activities Fund is **£11,968**. The Area Committee are asked to note the current position of the budget.

### 3.9 Wellbeing Capital Review

3.10 A review of the Area Committee’s capital budget was carried out by the Area Support Team. It was reported at the last meeting that there were a number of projects that were assigned a capital scheme however the projects were paid from the revenue account. The Area Committee decommissioned the projects and released the funding back into the Outer West Capital Well-being pot. In addition members were also informed of £9,666.28 Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) allocation. **Table 4** below outlines a capital project that has been requested by the Outer West Environment Sub Group. Details of this project are provided at Appendix 5.

3.11 The current balance for the Capital budget is **£68,515**. The Area Committee are asked to note the current position of the budget.

**Table 4: Capital Grant Application**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation /Department</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Outer West Grit Bins	Leeds City Council – Highways Services	£2,525.70 ( <b>Appendix 5</b> )

### 3.12 Business Engagement Project

3.13 At its meeting of 12 April the Area Committee had agreed to set aside funding for a business engagement related project and the Area Support Team developed proposals to approach Ahead Partnership. Ahead Partnership have been approached and they have since secured support of a business support broker (engaged through other funds) to perform almost all the functions listed on the proposal across Outer West and Inner West. Ahead Partnership have suggested that funding could be utilised to add value to their existing project and support with an operating budget. A meeting was scheduled with Outer West Area Committee members and Ahead Partnership on 18 October and supplementary information will be provided to the Area Committee meeting.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 The Area Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report. Local priorities are set through the Area Business Plan process and the commissioning round began with a communication to all Area Committee contacts.

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

4.2.1 All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Area Committee Wellbeing process is currently being reviewed citywide, which will include undertaking a new Equality Impact Assessment to ensure the Wellbeing process continues to comply with all relevant policies and legislation.

### **4.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 Projects submitted to the Area Committee for Wellbeing funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

#### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

4.4.1 Aligning the distribution of Area Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets.

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

4.5.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

#### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all well-being applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

### **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The West (Outer) Area Committee Wellbeing Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2012-13.

### **6 Recommendations**

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**7 Background documents<sup>1</sup> - None**

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<sup>1</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.