

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities)

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 4th November 2013

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth, Otley & Yeadon	<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 North West (Outer) Area Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14.
2. It also highlights the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting.
3. The report also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.

Recommendations

- The North West (Outer) Area Committee is asked to:
- Note the current budget position for the Revenue Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14 (Appendix 1 and Table 1).
- Consider the Large Grant applications detailed at section 3.4 which have been received since the last Area Committee.
- Note the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those skips that have been approved since the last meeting (Table 2).
- Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14 (Table 3).
- Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund.

1 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 Small Grants and skips that have been 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 North West (Outer) Area Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing funding is allocated in a fair and transparent way. 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 North West (Outer) Area Committee received a sum of £160,940 of Wellbeing revenue. The Area Committee have previously agreed that this allocation is split equally by the 4 wards (£40,235 each). After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2012/13 carry forward position, the Area Committee has **£171,737** of funding available for allocation.
- 2.4 Currently the North West (Outer) Area Committee operate a pre-sift process for well-being fund applications. This involves discussions with appropriate ward members for that particular project, in the context of the current areas priorities. Where projects do not have support from all three ward members, they are not progressed. All applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if helpful. In order to provide further assurance and transparency to all applicants, where schemes do not garner support these will be reported to a subsequent area committee meeting for noting.
- 2.5 In 2013/14, the North West (Outer) Area Committee received a sum of £28,237 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.

3 Main issues

3.1 Wellbeing Budget Statement 2013/14 and Quarterly Monitoring

- 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 **Table 1** includes details per ward of the total revenue available for allocation in 2013/14 including carry-forward from previous years; the total amount committed this financial year and the allocation currently available.

Table 1 – Revenue

Ward	Total available for allocation in 13/14	Total amounts committed 13/14 financial year	Allocation currently available
Adel & Wharfedale	£75,315	£13,986	£61,329
Guiseley & Rawdon	£47,432	£22,240	£25,191
Horsforth	£82,139	£29,653	£52,486
Otley & Yeadon	£75,728	£42,997	£32,731

3.4 Wellbeing Budget 2012/13 – Large Projects

3.4.1 Site-based Gardener

Delivery organisation: Parks & Countryside

Amount requested: Guiseley & Rawdon £13,626; Otley & Yeadon £10,381

The project is to set on two Site Based Gardeners to work a five day, 37 hour week for 6 months of the year (in summer 2014) across various sites in the area. The sites they will be working at will be as follows; Yeadon Cemetery, Guiseley Cemetery, Micklefield Park, Rawdon, Springfield Park, Guiseley, Towngate, Guiseley, St Oswalds, Guiseley and the Gyratory, Guiseley.

The gardeners will be undertaking general gardening duties including grass cutting, pruning, de-littering, emptying of litter bins, removing fly tipping, inspection of play equipment, maintenance of park infrastructure, planting and sweeping paths. They will work with Yeadon Community Group and local businesses to look after the planters on the High Street and outside the Town Hall. Additionally the Site Based Gardeners will be available for any urgent one off jobs should the need arise.

3.4.2 Quad Bike

Delivery organisation: Highway Services

Amount requested: £9,000 (£2,250 per ward)

Highways and the NHS have carried out analysis relating to the joint costs of accidents causing slipping and falling on the highway. Accidents can be costly to

both organisations and have a massive impact on a person's life and their earning potential.

The NHS agreed to fund the capital cost of 4 quad bikes and 4 small towed drop spreaders. Positive feedback has been received from operatives and supervisors about the equipment.

Following discussions at the Outer North West Environmental Sub Group Highways were asked to submit a Wellbeing application for the purchase of one additional quad bike to use solely in the Outer North West area.

The Environmental sub group recommend approval of this project subject to Highway Services providing a programme of planned useage.

- 3.4.3 A660 Bridleway Link Project – Phase 1 Parkway Hotel
Delivery organisation: Parks & Countryside – Public Rights of Way
Amount requested: £17,564 (Adel & Wharfedale)

Following identification in the Leeds Rights of Way Improvement Plan as a key road crossing issue, a local horse rider approached the Council on behalf of the many horse riders in the area that regularly use the off-set crossing point between adjacent bridleways on the busy A660 Leeds to Otley Road. The dangers of horse riders travelling along 250 metres of busy A-road with cars and lorries passing at high speeds are a concern to all bridleway users – walkers and cyclists as well as horse riders.

The project will therefore create a new parallel bridleway route along the west side of the A660 within grassland forming part of Cocker Hill Farm. It will link bridleway No. 9 from Breary Marsh to bridleway No. 5 (Cocker Hill Farm) and southwards to a point opposite bridleway No. 15 alongside the Parkway Hotel. A safer road crossing with warning signs and dropped kerbs would then lead onto the bridleway next to the Parkway Hotel which, in turn, needs widening and resurfacing.

3.5 Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

- 3.5.1 There have been no small grants approved since the last Area Committee and there has been one skip approved. **Table 2** details the skip approved since the last meeting. There is **£16,695** still available for allocation for Small Grants and **£5,133** still available for Skip Hire in the 2013/14 budget. The Area Committee is asked to note the current position of the budget and the skip that has recently been approved.

Table 2: Skip Approvals (09/09/13 – 11/10/13)

Location	Ward	Number of Skips	Amount Approved
St Wilfrid's Church	Otley & Yeadon	1	£150

3.6 Youth Activity Fund

- 3.6.1 In 2013/14, the North West (Outer) Area Committee received a sum of £28,237 Youth Activity Fund. After deducting any existing commitments the Area Committee has £20,671 of funding available for allocation. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17.

3.7 Wellbeing Budget – Capital Receipts Programme

The establishment of a Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) was approved by Executive Board in October 2011. The key feature of the scheme is that 20% of each receipt generated will be retained locally for re-investment, subject to maximum per receipt of £100k, with 15% retained by the respective Ward – via the existing Ward Based Initiative Scheme - and 5% pooled across the Council and distributed to Wards on the basis of need.

- 3.7.1 Some receipts are excluded from the scheme and these are largely receipts that are already assumed to fund the Council's budget or are earmarked in some other way to previous or future spend.
- 3.7.2 Consideration has been given as to how to distribute the 5% element on the basis of need and options have been appraised. It was proposed to allocate the 5% element to Area Committees using the already established methodology that exists for allocation of funding (based on need) between Area Committees. This option results in larger sums being available within Areas to enable larger Capital schemes to progress and as the Area Wellbeing capital fund is now largely exhausted, this funding stream would provide Area Committees with an on-going, albeit relatively small, source of Capital funding.
- 3.7.3 Future allocations will take place on a quarterly basis following regular update reports to Executive Board.
- 3.7.4 At its meeting on 17th July 2013, the council's Executive Board approved that the existing 5% allocation from 2012/13 (£112.6k) and future CRIS receipts available for allocation across wards, be allocated to the Area Committees based on the existing Area Wellbeing needs based formula. The distribution of the 5% element to Area Committees using the Area Wellbeing methodology has resulted in North West (Outer) Area Committee receiving £10,084 which when split gives £2,521 per ward.
- 3.7.5 **Table 3** includes details per ward of the total Capital for allocation in 2013/14; the total amount committed this financial year and remaining allocation currently available.

Table 3 Capital

Ward	Capital allocation for 13/14	Total amounts committed 13/14 financial year	Allocation currently available
Adel & Wharfedale	£2,521	£0	£2,521
Guiseley & Rawdon	£2,521	£0	£2,521
Horsforth	£2,521	£0	£2,521
Otley & Yeadon	£2,521	£0	£2,521

3.7.6 The West North West Area Support Team is undertaking a financial review of Wellbeing Capital projects approved between 2004/05 to 2011/12. This is involving working with the Capital Finance Team to review Wellbeing Capital project actual spend and identifying any unspent Capital funding from previous years. The results of this work will be reported at the next Area Committee.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.7 Consultation and Engagement

4.7.1 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 North 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 2013-14.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The North West (Outer) Area Committee is asked to:

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- Consider the Large Grant applications detailed at section 3.4 which have been received since the last Area Committee.
- Note the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and the skip that has been approved since the last meeting (Table 2 and 3).
- Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund.

7 None