

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 2nd December 2013

Subject: Well-being Fund and Youth Activity Fund

Are specific electoral Wards affected? 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 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 members with an update on the current position of the Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund budgets for the Outer North East Area Committee.
2. Applications made for funding are included in the report for member's consideration.

Recommendations

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

Project	Organisation	Amount applied for £	Ward
Leeds Road path clearance	Leeds City Council	2000	Harewood

- Consider the following Youth Activity Fund project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

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Northcall Nights	Northcall	2840	Alwoodley
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Challenge 14	Wetherby District Scouts	1900	Harewood and Wetherby

1. Purpose of this Report

- 1.2 The report provides members with an update on the current position of the Area Committee's budgets and sets out applications for wellbeing funding and youth activity funding 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 This year for the first time, area committees have been delegated a budget which is ring-fenced for activities for children and young people aged 8 – 17. The budget allocated for the Outer North East Area Committee is £20499 in 2013/14 and £40997 in 2014/15.
- 2.3 Alongside the well-being budget and youth activity 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. WELLBEING BUDGET

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 population¹. 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.

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 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 Capital budget

3.4.1 The Area Committee's capital budget is from 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.

3.4.2 Appendix D shows the current balance on the capital budget.

4. Wellbeing applications for consideration

4.1 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.

4.1.1	Project:	Path clearance (Leeds Road)
	Organisation:	Leeds City Council
	Total cost:	£2000
	Amount applied for:	£2000
	Ward:	Harewood
There is a footpath running alongside the carriageway on Leeds Road between Barwick in Elmet and Scholes. Over the years, the path has become		

¹ Office for National Statistics 2011 Census

	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.
	This project is to scrape back the vegetation between Barwick and Scholes to widen the path and improve access for pedestrians.
	Area Committee priorities: Health and Wellbeing, Supporting Communities

5 Project monitoring

- 5.1 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. The information provided is used to prepare the Area Committee business plan report.

6. YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND

- 6.1 The Area Committee allocation of £20,499 has been split by ward based on population figures for young people aged 8 – 17. For 2013/14 the split between the wards is:

Alwoodley:	£7439	based on pop. = 2490	(36.3%)
Harewood:	£6899	based on pop. = 2309	(33.65%)
Wetherby:	£6161	based on pop. = 2062	(30.05%)

Appendix E provides details of the current balance on the Youth Activity Fund.

- 6.2 This fund has been advertised widely in the Outer North East area using the area officer's Outer North East mailing list and the Breeze Culture Network to attract applications.
- 6.3 New applications for consideration.

Project:	Northcall Nights
Organisation:	Northcall
Total cost:	£9101
Amount applied for:	£2840
Ward:	Alwoodley
<p>A proposal to run 4 youth clubs, two for the age group 10-12 and two for the age group aged 13 – 16. Two youth workers will be employed and the sessions will last 1.5 hours each, at Northcall, Cranmer Bank.</p> <p>Young people have been consulted in developing this proposal, and will also be involved in running the youth clubs and agreeing what activities will be provided.</p> <p>The funding will cover the costs of employing 2 youth workers for 8 hours per week, for 39 weeks.</p>	

Project:	Introductory MiniBridge and Youth Contract Bridge Lessons
Organisation:	Yorkshire Contract Bridge Association/Leeds Bridge Club
Total cost:	£3676
Amount applied for:	£1200
Ward:	Alwoodley
<p>The proposal is to introduce Bridge to young people. Bridge is a non gambling 'whist style' card game that encourages thinking on strategy, numeracy and cooperation with others. Modules of 10 x 1.5 hour lessons will be established for age ranges 11 – 13 and 14 – 17. Both these modules will teach an introductory version of MiniBridge. The older group of 13 – 17 will progress to the full system of Contract Bridge if the aptitude and interest from the students warrants it.</p> <p>The funding will cover room hire, publicity materials, and refreshments.</p>	

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Project:	Girls Rugby at Wetherby RUFC
Organisation:	Wetherby RUFC Junior Section
Total cost:	£601.39
Amount applied for:	£601.39
Ward:	Wetherby
<p>The proposal is to establish a girls rugby club targeting age groups of Under 13s, Under 15s and Under 18s, to include all girls between the ages of 12 and 18. This will provide an exit group for young girls playing mixed Rugby.</p> <p>The funding will be used to purchase training equipment.</p>	

Project:	Challenge 14
Organisation:	Wetherby District Scouts
Total cost:	£50,000
Amount applied for:	£1900
Ward:	Harewood and Wetherby
<p>Challenge 14 is a very special weekend camp of fun, adventure and challenge available to all members of the Scout Association in Wetherby</p>	

	<p>District and other Leeds Districts. The event is designed to be mini Jamboree and will take place in Bramham Park from Friday 11th July to Sunday 13th July 2014.</p> <p>It is anticipated that there will be about 2000 scouts attending, with around 650 from Wetherby District.</p> <p>£15,500 of the existing budget is set aside for activities. Any funding awarded from this fund would be used for additional activities, not for the infrastructure of the camp. £1900 would pay for a high ropes course.</p>
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7 Corporate Considerations

7.1 Consultation and Engagement

7.1.1 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.

7.1.2 Proposals are being developed to involve young people in the decision making process for the Youth Activity Fund.

7.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

7.2.1 Area Committee funding is used to ensure that inequalities within the local area are addressed through local projects and schemes. All projects funded by the area committee 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.

7.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

7.3.1 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.

7.3.2 Youth Activity Funding supports the Children and Young People's plan outcome – 'Children and Young People Have Fun Growing Up'.

7.4 Resources and Value for Money

7.4.1 Spending and monitoring of the area committee's budgets is administered by the Area Support Team in accordance with the decisions made by this Area Committee.

7.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

7.5.1 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.

7.5.2 The Area Committee also has delegated responsibility to commission, monitor and evaluate local play, arts, sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17 with the involvement and participation of children and young people.

7.5.3 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.

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

7.6 Risk Management

7.6.1 All projects funded by the area committee 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.

8. Conclusions

8.1 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. The Youth Activity Fund has been delegated to the area committee to fund universal activities for children and young people aged 8 – 19.

9. Recommendations

9.1 Members are asked to:

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Background documents²

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

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

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

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

² 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.