

**Report of East North East Area Leader**

**Report to Inner North East Area Committee**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**Subject: Wellbeing Fund Revenue Budget 2013/14**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**Summary of main issues**

1. This report provides members with an update on the current position of the wellbeing revenue budget for the Inner North East.
2. It informs members of a new tranche of Capital money which is being delegated to the Inner North East Area Committee wellbeing budget.
3. Monitoring information on the Summer Holiday activities funded by the Area Committee this year is provided.
4. And applications made for funding are included in the report for member's consideration; this includes applications made to the Area Committee's Youth Activities fund for 2013/14.

**Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to note the contents of this report, and
6. Consider the following project proposals and approve the working group recommendations where applicable:
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6. Note the current budget position.

### **Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The report provides members with an update on the current position of the revenue & Capital Wellbeing funding for the Area Committee and sets out applications made for consideration by the Area Committee.
- 1.2 The report also updates members on work done to progress a Universal Youth Activity programme for the Inner North East, and sets out applications made to the youth activity fund for consideration by the Area Committee.

### **1 Background information**

- 2.1 Each of the ten Area Committees receives an allocation of revenue funding. The amount of funding for each Area Committee is determined by a formula based on population and deprivation in each area which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
- 2.2 It has been agreed that the revenue wellbeing budget for the Inner North East Area Committee for 2013/14, based on these calculations is £161,810. This is the same revenue budget that was allocated last year.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013, the council's Executive Board approved that 5% of income from assets sold across the city would be redistributed to Area Committees as wellbeing capital funding, using the same population/deprivation formula as used to determine revenue funds.
- 2.4 The Capital wellbeing budget for the Inner North East, using these calculations, is there for £10,140.70. This budget will be added to throughout the financial year as and when assets are sold.
- 2.5 The Area Committee wellbeing fund is used to commission activity and projects to support the priorities in the Area Committee Business Plan and promoted in the Community Charter. Applications are also accepted from organisations in the local area who can demonstrate that their project supports the Community Charter promises. These projects are monitored quarterly on progress, with a final evaluation taking place when the project is completed.

- 2.6 The Area Committee have nominated a representative from each ward to form a Wellbeing Member Working Group to consider applications made for funding and also receive feedback and evaluations regarding projects that have already been funded.
- 2.7 In addition to this, at its meeting in March 2013 the Executive Board agreed a new allocation to the overall Area Committee budget, ring-fenced for youth activities. This budget has been split between the ten Area Committees based on NHS population data of young people aged 8 – 17. On this basis, the Inner North East Area Committee has been allocated £25,835 in 2013/14 and £51,670 in 2014/15
- 2.8 At its meeting in September the Area Committee agreed to convene a special meeting of the Wellbeing Working group to agree the processes and direction for this Inner North East Universal Activity programme. The meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> September and following this, advertisements have been placed on the Breeze website to encourage providers to apply to the Area Committee for activity funding for this financial year.

### 3.0 Main Issues

#### Wellbeing fund- Revenue

- 3.1 The current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing budget is provided at **Appendix 1** for Members information.
- 3.2 Community organisations can apply for a small grant up to the value of £500 to support small scale projects in the community; these are approved by Councillors outside of the Area Committee meeting. **Appendix 2** provides a summary of applications approved. There is £7,462 remaining in the small grants pot.
- 3.3 Once projects are completed applicants are required to submit monitoring reports to the Area Committee to evaluate its success, these are submitted to the Area Support Team. **Appendix 3** provides a summary of the monitoring received on projects funded by the Area Committee that have been received since the last meeting.
- 3.4 Also attached at **Appendix 4** is a summary of the monitoring of the school holiday activity programme funded by the Area Committee in 2013.
- 3.4 Below are a summary of project applications for the revenue fund which have been received by the Area Support Team and discussed by the Wellbeing Working Group.

#### 3.4.1 **Project:** Chapeltown Outdoor Gym

**Applicant:** Groundwork

**Amount applied for:** £7,000

**Priority supported:** Best city for... Health & Wellbeing, and Best city... to Live.

Community members have been interested in creating an outdoor gym in Norma Hutchinson Park in Chapeltown. The existing children's play area is currently being used by adults for exercise and, although the activity is encouraged, the location is not appropriate. By adding bespoke fitness equipment, the aim is to create a healthy space for working out and socialising in this popular park to the south of the

neighbourhood, while giving back the play area to local children. Leeds City Council's Parks & Countryside Service control and manage the site and are in full support of the project, which is being championed by Ward Members

A steering group made up of local residents, park users, ward members, Groundwork and council staff has been set up to manage and drive this project. Subject to the full funding package being achieved the steering group hope to install 11 items of fitness equipment, grass matting, two metal seats and signage.

The total project cost is £25,000; the Area Committee funding will pay for the seating and a third of the fitness equipment.

The Wellbeing Working group recommend that this project receive the full £7,000 applied for.

#### **3.4.2 Project:** Anguilla, St Kitts and Nevis reunion

**Applicant:** St Kitts and Nevis Association

**Amount applied for:** £20,000

**Priority Supported:** Best city for....communities.

The aim of this project is to gather generations of families and friends of these three Islands. The event is to be a large celebration at the Royal Armouries with motivational speakers, panel discussions, workshops, entertainment from local artists, trips to local places of interest and a market place for local artists.

The organisers hope that the event will engage local communities and their families and friends from the Chapeltown, Roundhay, Moortown, Little London, Scott Hall and other surrounding areas. It would also bring together nationals and friends from across the world including different parts of the UK. It has previously been held in other cities such as Birmingham (UK) and Toronto (Canada).

The organisers anticipate the event costing in the region of £40,000 and are in the process of fundraising the other half of the funding needed. They are requesting £20,000 from The Area Committee to pay for venue hire, speakers, publicity, refreshments and transport.

The Wellbeing Working group recommend that this project is given support and recognition as an event for the whole city and as such agreed to broker a meeting for the applicants with the Leader and Chief Executive of the council so that full assistance can be given in utilising the cities assets. Whilst these meetings are taking place it was thought that it is not appropriate for the Area Committee to put aside funding at this time as it may be that other LCC funding will be used to support the event.

#### **3.4.3 Project:** Active Citizens Social Action Projects

**Applicant:** Together for Peace

**Amount applied for:** £3,025

**Priority Supported:** Best city for.....Communities.

The Active Citizens programme promotes resident-led social action. It motivates the participants to take responsibility for making positive changes in their lives and communities and it gives them the knowledge, skills and experience to address

them. The programme is flexible and adaptable and it is delivered by diverse groups (such as T4P) across the world, who work in partnership with The British Council

There are three stages to the programme and the applicants currently have funds in place for stages 1 & 2 but are now seeking funding to enrich and enhance stage 3. Stages 1 and 2 involve introductory workshops to inspire and engage 30 young people and a weekend residential to Belfast to promote team spirit and learn about conflict resolution.

Stage 3, which they are asking the Area Committee to fund, involves the young people shaping, creating and delivering social action projects in their local neighbourhood with the support of T4P.

They have previously relied on informal mentoring and volunteers to support phase 3 and although very good work has come out of this, which was cited in a recent Home Office report, the programme would benefit from additional intensive support for some of the participants who are the furthest away from actively engaging in a programme of this nature due to their deprived backgrounds. The Area Committee funding will provide 40 hours of mentoring, spread over 6 months for the participants.

The Wellbeing Working group recommended that this project also be funded to the full amount requested.

- 3.4.4 Project:** Gledhow Lane land restoration and upkeep  
**Applicant:** Gledhow Lane Residents Association  
**Amount applied for:** £5,750  
**Priority Supported:** Best city.... To live.

This project refers to a piece of communal land which runs behind 10 houses and is used as a recreational space by the community. The land owner has emigrated and become untraceable so the community have taken on maintenance of the land and are currently employing a gardener to maintain it.

Unfortunately, much more work is needed to ensure that the space is safe and usable; the group would like to employ a tree surgeon to remove a dead tree and to repair the well-used path to and from the land which is cracked and full of pot holes. They would also like to plant a fruit orchard and vegetables for all of the community to enjoy.

The Wellbeing Working group were supportive of this project and recommend that it is funded to the full amount requested. They suggest that the proportion of the grant which has been requested for tree crowning come from the pot of money the Area Committee put aside at its March 2013 meeting for environmental projects as this pot has not been spent as yet. This would equate to £3,000 and the remaining £2,750 is recommended to be funded through the Wellbeing Revenue budget.

- 3.4.5 Project:** North Leeds Cricket Club Canopy  
**Applicant:** North Leeds Cricket Club  
**Amount applied for:** £10,000

**Priority Supported:** Best city for.... children and young people and Best city for...health & Wellbeing.

The cricket club is undergoing a substantial improvement programme over the close season of winter 2013/14. This includes new changing rooms, showers, toilets, disabled toilets, a new roof and an extended veranda area at the front of the club.

The aim of these improvements is to allow the facilities to provide an enhanced sporting environment for both senior and junior players and for both physically handicapped and able bodied spectators to enjoy local sport. The club is open to all in the community and the Area Committee is requested to contribute towards a £100k improvement scheme. The grant requested from the Area Committee is to pay for a canopy to cover the veranda spectator area to protect spectators from the elements, there is shortfall in the funding raised to cover this element of the scheme.

The Wellbeing working group discussed the project with the applicants and were pleased to note that over £100,000 of funding was raised from other sources and that the group has been very proactive in improving this community facility; they recommend that the £10,000 requested is funded in full.

As part of these discussions they were also informed that since work on part of the project has commenced they have found asbestos in the building which needs to be removed for the project to go ahead. The group had not budgeted for this but have found the £8,000 needed from contingency funds and club member donations. This means that there is now nothing left in the budget for any contingencies or fluctuations in the project.

Members felt that they would like to contribute towards the asbestos removal and reallocate the £2,000 detailed below (3.4.6) to North Leeds Cricket Club to put back into their contingency fund. This suggestion is also muted for Area Committee approval making the full grant recommended by Wellbeing Working Group £12,000.

**3.4.6 Project:** Improvement of Cricket Facilities  
**Applicant:** Gledhow Cricket Club

The Area Committee approved a grant of £2,000 at its June 2013 meeting for this project, to match fund money from the Inner East Area Committee and provide outdoor practice nets for the growing junior teams at this club.

Unfortunately, the project has not been able to go ahead due to uncertainties regarding the length of the cricket team's residency at the club. The applicant has asked if they can rescind the committee's kind offer of funding until such time as they are in a position to reapply.

Members of the Wellbeing Working Group recommend that this money is reallocated to North Leeds Cricket Club to help them remove the asbestos they have found during recent renovation works (3.4.5).

Wellbeing Fund- Capital

- 3.5 In October 2011 Executive Board agreed to a Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) by which, 20% of the sales of any assets will benefit the local communities. Of this, 15% of the sale remains in the ward (up to a maximum of £100k) it will be placed in the Ward Based Initiative (WBI) budget of the respective ward for members to allocate.
- 3.6 The other 5%, it has been agreed by Executive Board, goes into a central 'pot' to be redistributed across the city on the basis of need. This is done using the agreed formula that is currently used to distribute Revenue funding to the 10 Area Committees.
- 3.7 This system is now in operation and the Inner North East Area Committee has been allocated £10,140.70 of Capital funding; this budget may be added to at any time as and when assets are sold. Although the money is not tied to a particular financial year, it would still be prudent for Members to consider ways in which they can meaningfully apply this money as soon as possible.

#### Youth Activity Fund

- 3.9 The Inner North East Area Committee has been allocated £25,835 of Universal Youth Activity funding for 2013/14 and £51,670 for 2014/15. At its meeting in September 2013 the Area Committee agreed to allocate 50% of this year's Youth Activity fund to retrospectively contribute towards the Young Peoples Summer activity programme, which was funded by the Wellbeing Revenue fund, because the youth activity fund would have been used for this purpose had it been available in advance. This leaves £12,917 available for spend in 2013/14.
- 3.10 A special meeting of the Area Committee's wellbeing working group was convened on 16<sup>th</sup> September to discuss how this Area Committee intends to gather the views of young people in the Inner North East regarding activities, how it will involve young people in the decision making process, and how this years remaining funding will be allocated, given the short timeframe
- 3.11 The group agreed that for 2014/15 and for all subsequent years a participational voting event would take place in November, this event would include representatives of all of the primary and high schools in the Inner North East. The representatives will speak with classmates, most likely through the school council, to gather opinion before attending and will then vote on the types of activities they would like to see.
- 3.12 We can then use this information to commission a full programme of activities at the March meeting of Area Committee.
- 3.13 For the remainder of this financial year, there is not the timeframe available to hold a participatory voting exercise so the group agreed to use consultation carried out with young people in 2011 for the inner north east summer holiday activity programme.
- 3.13 Opportunities to apply for funding to deliver these activities during the remainder of 2013/14 were advertised on the Breeze Culture website and via local networks.

Applications were received and considered at the Wellbeing Working Group on which the Children's Lead also sits.

3.15 These applications are detailed below for Members consideration:

**3.15.1 Project:** Community Table Tennis Project

**Applicant:** Roundhay School

**Amount applied for:** £2,240.70

Roundhay School would like to run a Table Tennis club as part of its Community Family Sports Evening. The club would be open to all young people in the local area and would run every Monday evening from 6-8pm. The school aim to train up local volunteers to take over the staffing of the club so the Area Committee funding would pay for a staff member to run it for the first 8 weeks and Sport leader training for the volunteers who would then take over.

The grant would also pay for all of the equipment and room hire, the applicants then see the club as being self-sustainable for the foreseeable future. If young people taking part want to progress in the sport, they aim to make links with the Leeds Judean Table Tennis Club in Moortown and young people could then be supported to start to attend there.

The Wellbeing Working Group recommended that this project be funded as it will be a self-sustaining regular activity for young people both male and female.

**3.15.2 Project:** Teen Angels

**Applicant:** Urban Angels

**Amount applied for:** £1,461.95

This project is to run 6 sessions of aerial activity at Harehills Lane Baptist Church, each session will teach participants how to use the trapeze and aerial hoop which are pieces of circus equipment designed to enable to the young people to perform in the air. The 6 sessions will culminate in an aerial performance and the young people will then be signposted to Leeds Children's Circus who run regular Tuesday evening circus skills activities.

The Wellbeing working group recommended that the project be funded in full.

**3.15.3 Project:** Media Skills Club

**Applicant:** Lifeforce Productions

**Amount applied for:** £3,246

This project is to deliver an after school programme of creative media activities for 8-11 year olds. The sessions will run for 12 weeks (January to April 2014) and will run once a week for an hour and a quarter at a venue/school to be identified by the Area Committee's Children's Lead

The applicants are suggesting that they can run this scheme twice in the area, so the same scheme will run at two different venues/schools as identified by the Area Committee.

The young people will learn how to DJ, make short films and animations.



The Wellbeing working group recommended that it be funded in full.

**3.15.4 Project:** A Taste of Life  
**Applicant:** Feel Good Factor  
**Amount applied for:** £3,000

This project is to be delivered in partnership between Zest, Space2 and Feel Good factor. It will run for 8 weeks in Chapeltown, Meanwood and Carr Manor and involves a number of exciting activities such as a trip to the climbing wall, healthy cooking, making a film, an arts taster day and a trip to Civic Hall to try to inspire the young people to become leaders.

The wellbeing working group was very supportive of the project and recommend it is funded in full, but also suggest that this, and any of the applicants who currently run existing groups, be asked to ensure that 50% of the participants are new to the organisation. This will ensure that advertising is rigorous and that the Area Committee provides activities which all of the community are taking part in.

**3.15.5 Project:** RJC Dance spring mid term camp  
**Applicant:** RJC Dance  
**Amount applied for:** £1,412.50

This project is to run 4 sessions of dance a day for the full spring half term week. Dance and gymnastics sessions will be offered to groups of 8-12 year olds and 13-17 year olds at RJC's facilities in Chapeltwon.

The Wellbeing working group was supportive of this project and recommend that it be funded in full, but again recommended that he group be asked to ensure that 50% of participants were new to the organisation.

**3.15.6 Project:** Brackenwood Child Out Zone  
**Applicant:** Meanwood Junior Playscheme  
**Amount applied for:** £1,462.50

This project is to run a youth club once a week at Brackenwood Community centre. The club will run from December 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014, 6.30-8.30pm once a week.

The working group were very supportive of this project as there is a need for universal youth provision in Roundhay and consultation has shown that young people's top priority is to attend youth club drop in sessions.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 The local community and VCFS groups are consulted and the well being fund grant process is shared with them via the community engagement strategy and events that are attended. In addition feedback is provided via the Community Charter. Consultation on the priorities within the Community Charter is undertaken on an annual basis and shapes the priorities which the Well Being Fund is used to deliver.

4.1.2 Children & Young People were consulted during 2011 via school Citizenship lessons on the activities they would like to see take place in their area. This information was used to inform Wellbeing Working group recommendations to Area Committee. A further consultation event for young people is planned for later this year and the information gathered will be used to influence future young people's activity spend.

4.1.3 The Wellbeing Member Working Group considers the applications for funding and makes a recommendation for the Area Committee to consider.

## **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 and equality impact assessments carried out where necessary.

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

4.3.1 The Wellbeing Fund projects seek to contribute to the City Priorities by improving the local area and addressing inequalities in the Inner North East.

4.3.2 Each project approved is measured against its contribution towards the city priorities.

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

4.4.1 All relevant applications to the wellbeing fund are requested to get three quotes for the work to make sure it is good value for money.

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

4.5.1 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

## **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

## **4.7 Conclusions**

4.7.1 The above groups have applied for funding to the Inner North East Area Committee and the Area Committee is asked to consider its budget and whether it would like to fund the applications.

## **5 Recommendations**

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## **6 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

None

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