

Report of Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 3 February 2014

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;
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	NPT		Wetherby
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1. Purpose of this Report

- 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

- 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

3.2.1 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.

¹ Office for National Statistics 2011 Census

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.

Project:	Path clearance (Leeds Road)
Organisation:	Leeds City Council
Total cost:	£2000
Amount applied for:	£2000
Ward:	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>If funding is approved it will cover the costs of scraping back the vegetation between Barwick and Scholes to widen the path and improve access for pedestrians.</p>	
Area Committee priorities: Health and Wellbeing, Supporting Communities	

Project	Farmwatch landrovers
Organisation	West Yorkshire Police – Wetherby & Harewood NPT
Total cost	£12000
Amount applied for	£6000
Ward	Wetherby and Harewood
<p>The Farm Watch patrols deliver policing support to the village and farming communities of Wetherby & Harewood. These patrols are staffed entirely by members of Wetherby & Harewood Neighbourhood Police Team who have developed effective community links and have knowledge of prevailing crime types, related legislation and active offenders. This local knowledge is essential to the efficacy of these patrols. It maximises impact and delivers practical benefits for the time and funding which additional general policing could not.</p> <p>Two Land Rover 4 x 4 vehicles continue to be provided by Ripon Farm Services and Hesco Bastion. These vehicles exist beyond the West Yorkshire vehicle fleet provision for this area of Leeds District. There is neither provision nor finance to increase the Fleet to incorporate such vehicles. Without the external provision, the support which is currently being provided to the farming industry and rural communities could not be delivered with the same effectiveness. This aspect of local policing regularly attracts positive appreciation from those communities and helps maintain high levels of confidence in the services delivered by Wetherby & Harewood Police Team with the acknowledged support of the elected ward councillors.</p> <p>If funding is approved it will cover the fuel costs, and minor repairs such as tyres.</p>	

Costs of repairs, maintenance and insurance are covered by West Yorkshire Police.

Area Committee priorities:
Supporting Communities

Project	Wetherby and District development fund
Organisation	Leeds City Council
Amount	£20,000
Ward	Wetherby
<p>The Wetherby Ward's share of the remaining balance of wellbeing fund is 26,568.63. There are likely to be initiatives in the ward in the future, aimed at improving the area for local residents and increasing visitor numbers to Wetherby market town and surrounding area. At the December 2012 area committee £20,000 was approved for this purpose.</p> <p>The ward members intend would like to approve a further £20,000 from the remaining wellbeing budget for this purpose. It should be noted that this funding is not going to be spent during the current financial year, but will be carried forward into 2014/15.</p>	

4.2 The following wellbeing applications are for the 2014/15 financial year.

Project	Promoting partnership and social inclusion
Organisation	Moor Allerton Elderly Care
Total cost	£17,375
Amount applied for	£16,650
Ward	Alwoodley
<p>The aim of this project is to reduce the social isolation of older people and prevent loneliness which has such a negative effect on the health and wellbeing of older people. This will involve supporting older people to volunteer in local schools, working in partnership with other organisations, and continuing to promote dementia friendly Alwoodley. New work will including supporting people with a chronic illness, including those people with dementia still living at home, to access MAECare activities.</p> <p>The success of the project will be measure through the number of older people volunteering in schools, people attending healthy living events, the number of new people joining MAECare activities and the number of volunteers trained for this specific project.</p> <p>If funding is approved it will cover staffing costs to deliver this project.</p>	
Area Committee priorities: Health and Wellbeing	

Project	Wellbeing and Welcome
Organisation	Slaid Hill in Bloom
Total cost	£1074
Amount applied for	£1074
Ward	Alwoodley
<p>The aim of this project is to create a sense of pride at Slaid Hill shopping centre and</p>	

provide a high quality public space with yellow double non stop begonia flower beds to celebrate the Tour de France coming to Yorkshire and passing close to Slaid Hill, and also to encourage members of the community to get involved with Slaid Hill in Bloom.

The success of the project will be measured by the number of new people coming forward to join Slaid Hill in Bloom and the flower displays themselves which will be planted out at the end of May/beginning of June.

If funding is approved it will be used to purchase bedding plants, hanging baskets, Publicity Display Boards and newsletters.

Area Committee priorities: Supporting Communities, Health and Wellbeing, Business

Project	Wildflower beds
Organisation	Leeds City Council Parks and Countryside
Total cost	£5000
Amount applied for	£2000
Ward	Alwoodley
<p>In 2013 Leeds University planted up a wild flowerbed on King Lane as part of a nationwide Urban Pollinators trial to tackle the falling population of bees and other pollinating insects. This proved very popular and the Alwoodley Ward Members and Alwoodley Parish Council would like to provide more beds of this type.</p> <p>The intention is to plant up 5 wildflower beds in the Alwoodley Ward, three which will be funded by Alwoodley Parish Council, and two funded by the Area Committee.</p> <p>The beds funded by the Parish Council will be opposite Sainsburys and on the north side of the ring road on land backing on to the Fir Trees estate</p>	
Area Committee priorities: Supporting Communities	

Project	Agile Learning Facility for Barwick in Elmet Primary School
Organisation	Friends of Barwick School
Total cost	£32,193
Amount applied for	£4000
Ward	Harewood
<p>The aim of this project is to create a new Agile Learning Facility in the centre of Barwick in Elmet Primary School which will provide updated library facilities, modern IT facilities and a flexible learning space. There will be planned access for the community out of hours and during school holidays as a hub for the Elmet Partnership of Schools and Services activities and holiday clubs. The space will also be available for non school groups including Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies and Art for Barwick children.</p> <p>The success of this project will be measured by the new opportunities offered for learning for the school and the wider community.</p> <p>If funding is approved it will contribute to stage 1 building works.</p>	

Area Committee priorities: Children and Young people

Project	Go Wild at Bramham
Organisation	Friends of Bramham School
Total cost	£9470
Amount applied for	£7970
Ward	Wetherby
<p>This project aims to create a stimulating and interesting wildlife trail for children and young people to have fun investigating a wide range of species of wildlife and learning about conservation. The area will be available for use by local community organisations, including uniformed groups, the children’s centres and other local schools. More specifically the project aims to work with vulnerable families, and children with special needs.</p> <p>Initial labour for the trail will be carried out by TCV (The Conservation volunteers) and will provide practical work experience for vulnerable adults, people with learning difficulties and people who are retired or not in employment. The success of the project will be measured by the progress and achievements of the children and young people, and their families who use the area. If funding is approved it will cover the costs of TCV volunteer management, the pond, sensory trail, seating, planting and equipment.</p>	
<p>Area Committee priorities: Health and Wellbeing, Children and Young people, Supporting communities.</p>	

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 or ratification.

Project:	Urban Artists
Organisation:	Groundwork Leeds
Total cost:	£1904
Amount applied for:	£1904
Ward:	Alwoodley
<p>Urban Artists will form part of a wider project to revitalise Moor Allerton Shopping Centre. Groundwork would like to work with 3 Primary schools in the Moor Allerton area to help with the planning and design element of a competition that is being launched via East North East Area support team to design images for the shop shutter fronts. The competition will be judged on the 26th February 2014 and the winning entries will have their designed painted on the shutter by an artist.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to involve young people in making visual changes to the area in which they live in a positive and vibrant way and to encourage them to be a part of the Moor Allerton Shopping centre revitalisation project. A Leeds City Council area support officer will be working with Allerton High sixth form art & design students and local artists. Groundwork would like to engage younger people from the local primary schools to get them involved.</p> <p>By doing this the young people will gain a greater understanding of where they live and why it is important to look after their area, it also gives them a sense of ownership and pride in their surroundings and we have found through past projects that by encouraging children/young people to get involved in planning and design and giving them 'a voice', means they are less likely to vandalise and drop litter etc in the future giving them a certain amount of respect for their area.</p> <p>We will run 6 Art workshops 2 in each of the 3 schools chosen over a 2 week period.</p> <p>If funding is approved it will cover the costs of staff and project materials.</p>	

Project:	Urban Rangers
Organisation:	Groundwork Leeds
Total cost:	£2564
Amount applied for:	£2564
Ward:	Harewood
<p>The project is a comprehensive programme of activities to engage young people in positive, diversionary, environmental & educational activities in their communities. The project will incorporate elements of our previous successful programmes for primary school children that include Junior Wardens, Aspirational activities for children and holiday play provision. Delivery will be a combination of 8 after school sessions from January- March (includes a celebration event on the last session). The project will get young people aged between 8 and 12 active in their local communities identifying issues, improving their neighbourhoods and participating in activities in the natural environment. The programme is aimed at being fun and enjoyable whilst promoting respect for the local environment and community. The participating children will choose which activities they want to undertake from a</p>	

series of environmental themed sessions to learn new skills, work together on a range of tasks and projects, improve relationships between the participating children and raise their self-esteem and self-confidence.

Urban Rangers will have an indoor venue (base) at a local Primary School but will also incorporate activities around getting out into the community to carry out various tasks and challenges! this plays an important part in the role of an Urban Ranger.

If funding is approved it will cover the costs of staff and project materials.

Project:	Urban Rangers
Organisation:	Groundwork Leeds
Total cost:	£2564
Amount applied for:	£2564
Ward:	Wetherby
As above, working in Wetherby ward.	

Project:	Outdoor Pursuits – Rock climbing
Organisation:	Bramham Explorer Scouts
Total cost:	£616
Amount applied for:	£616
Ward:	Wetherby

This application is to support an activity focused on Rock Climbing and Abseiling. The intention is to run climbing sessions and weekend activities for all ages of young people, but with a particular focus on Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, who are able to progress to master some of the basic climbing skills in a controlled and safe environment.

Activities within Scouting, especially Climbing and Abseiling are only run by scout qualified and assessed instructors to ensure the safety and enjoyment of young people at all times.

Should any family not have transport, transport is arranged for them to ensure that everyone can participate and no child is disadvantaged.

If funding is approved it will pay for the equipment to enable Bramham Explorers (and the Wetherby District – as the Climbing instructors provide support across the District) to maximise their opportunity to experience Climbing and Abseiling in their local environment on Craggs across Yorkshire and the Peak District.

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.