

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities)

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 3rd February 2014

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.

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) and the timetable for project approval for this financial year at 3.4.
- Consider the Large Grant applications detailed at section 3.5 which have been received since the last Area Committee.
- Note the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and the small grant that has been approved since the last meeting (Table 2).
- Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14 (Table 3).

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.
- 1.2 It also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund and asks the Area Committee to consider applications for funding from this budget.

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 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.
- 2.4 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 **£118,166** of funding available for allocation. This figure does not include the Youth Activity Fund still available to spend.
- 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. In the Summer £7,566 was approved to fund a mini Breeze and 6 backyard Breeze events. This left £20,671 available before the December Area Committee.
- 2.6 At the 9th December Area Committee meeting a further £14,063 of Youth Activity Funding was approved. Details of projects approved are included at Appendix 1. There is currently **£6,608** Youth Activities Fund available for allocation.

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	£33,800	£41,515
Guiselley & Rawdon	£47,432	£38,117	£9,315
Horsforth	£82,139	£34,903	£47,236
Otley & Yeadon	£75,728	£55,628	£20,100

3.4 Members are advised that the 24th March is the last Area Committee meeting at which new projects can be approved and funded from their 2013/14 well-being budget. The Area Committee is asked to note the timetable for approval of new applications detailed below.

Completed applications to be received no later than	Member approval to include project in papers required no later than	Deadline for Papers to Governance	Area Committee Decision
7 th March	12 th March	13 th March	24 th March 2014

3.5 Wellbeing Budget 2013/14 – Large Projects

3.5.1 Broadgate Drive Parking

Delivery organisation: Housing Leeds, Horsforth
Amount requested: £12,000

Housing Leeds propose to remove the flags and shrubs at the front of numbers 17 – 35 Broadgate Drive and also numbers 41 to 59 Broadgate Drive and return the area to parking bays, as they were originally. This will create an extra 16 parking bays for tenants and residents in the area.

A number of residents have raised concerns about the unsightly flagged areas outside of their homes and the damage to the grassed verges which has been caused by residents parking on them, due to lack of car parking spaces.

3.5.2 Tree Planting in Bramhope

Delivery organisation: Bramhope and Carlton Parish Council
Amount requested: £4,500

Funding is requested for the replanting of road side trees in Long Meadows, Bramhope and on the surrounding roads. Residents have been consulted and there is support for the replanting of around 30 to 35 trees to replace those that have either been removed or have died over the years.

It is proposed that the tree planting take place in the Spring 2014 however if conditions do not permit the project will need to be put back until Autumn.

3.5.3 Arthington Church Clock

Delivery organisation: St. Mary & St. Abanoub Coptic Orthodox Church
Amount requested: £2,000

The Arthington Church Clock has been part of Arthington Village since the Church was built in the 19th Century. The Clock is currently out of operation due to failure of the winding mechanism; the weakness of the Victorian system makes it more prone to faults when manually wound. The project will upgrade the current manual winding system to an electrified winding mechanism which will mean an important part of Arthington Village heritage is restored.

3.6 Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

3.6.1 There have been one small grant approved since the last Area Committee and there have been no skips approved. **Table 2** details the small grant approved

since the last meeting. There is **£10,266** still available for allocation for Small Grants and **£4,977** 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 small grants and skip that have recently been approved.

Table 2: Small Grant Approvals (21/11/2013-21/01/2014)

Project Name	Ward	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Adel & Wharfedale Grit refills and locks	Adel & Wharfedale	£500	£500

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. As the Capital Programme is a 4 year rolling programme existing funding will be rolled forward, under the current arrangements.

Table 3 Capital

Ward	Capital allocation for 13/14 plus carry forward	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	£3,771	£0	£3,771

3.7.6 In 2012, the Area Committee approved an interest free Capital loan of £5,000 to Yeadon Cricket Club, repayable over 4 years. To date £1,250 has been repaid and this amount is reflected in the table above. The second instalment is due on the 15th February 2014.

3.7.7 The West North West Area Support Team is undertaking a financial review of Wellbeing Capital projects approved between 2004/05 to 2011/12. This involves working with the Capital Finance Team to review Wellbeing Capital project actual spend and identifying any unspent Capital funding from previous years.

3 Corporate Considerations

3.7 Consultation and Engagement

3.7.1 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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