

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Citizens and Communities

Report to Outer East Leeds Area Committee

Date: 11th February 2014

Subject: Well Being Budget (Revenue) 2013/14

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Garforth & Swillington Kippax & Methley Temple Newsam Cross Gates & Whinmoor		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. This report provides details of the Well Being Budget available for Outer East in 2013/14. The report details commitments, agreed funding streams and recent funding requests.

Recommendations

2. Area Committee is recommended to:

- Note the content of the report
- Award £20,000 to Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme to fund a gardening service in 2014
- Award £4,000 to Leeds City Council Highways Service to cover the cost of a HGV ban on Coal Road/Redhall Lane/Skelton Lane

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides details of the Well Being Budget for Outer East in 2013/14 and details commitments, agreed funding streams and details of new funding requests.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Well Being Budget allocated to Outer East for 2013/14 is £185,220. The carry over figure from 2012/13 is £22,000 providing a total budget of £207,220.
- 2.2 The budget had one commitment of £33,649 to fund the annual cost of its 11 LeedsWatch CCTV cameras.
- 2.3 Area Committee has previously agreed the following funding streams:
- **Small Grants Budget of £5,000** - supporting local projects with a maximum grant of £500
 - **Skips budget of £5,000** – for use by community groups, in bloom groups, Parish Council's etc. for community clean up's
 - **Tasking Teams budget of £10,000** – this to be shared evenly amongst the tasking teams (£2,500 per ward) for community safety and environmental projects
 - **Communications budget of £2,000** – to pay for the cost of room hire for meetings/forums, refreshments costs etc.
- 2.4 It also agreed to fund the following projects: older persons week, cricket coaching for youngsters, Christmas lights and switch on events, summer activity programmes for young people, funding for 'in bloom', support galas and provide a worker to support luncheon clubs in the villages. The remaining budget supports project work across all Outer East Wards.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Gardening service for the elderly 2014

- 3.1.1 Area Committee has funded a gardening service for elderly and disabled residents since 2004, initially through community service teams, then through Groundwork Leeds and more recently through Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme (SSGNS).
- 3.1.2 The project guarantees one free cut for eligible residents and after that stays in contact with residents and offers a follow up service at a rate of £13.50 per hour.
- 3.1.3 A target of 400 gardens completed with no charge has been set previously and this target has either been met or near met. Feedback from residents receiving this service has been very positive with a 100% satisfaction return from surveys. The average cost per garden completed free of charge is £73.
- 3.1.4 This project meets the following priorities of the Outer East Area Committees Business Plan:
- Vulnerable members of the community are able to live independently at home for longer
 - Neighbourhoods in Outer East are clean and attractive.

3.2 Coal Road/Redhall Lane/Skelton Lane – HGV ban

- 3.2.1 The funding is required to carry out the consultation, design and advertisement of a scheme to introduce a 7.5t HGV restriction on sections of Coal Road, Red Hall Lane and Skeltons Lane, to address the concerns of the local residents regarding the volume of HGV traffic travelling through this residential area rather than using the main A58, A6120 and A64 routes.
- 3.2.2 The issues of heavy goods vehicles using these routes as a rat run have been raised as a real concern to local residents at The Whinmoor Forum on a number of occasions.
- 3.2.3 The traffic levels will be monitored both before and after the project by means of traffic surveys to gauge the volume of HGVs using Coal Road, Red Hall Lane and Skeltons Lane, and the level of success of the scheme.
- 3.2.4 The work will start immediately on approval by Area Committee.
- 3.2.5 The project meets the following priority of the Area Committee Business Plan:
- Residents in Outer East are safe and feel safe

3.3 Small Grants

- 3.3.1 The small grants awarded to date from the 2013/14 budget are detailed on **appendix 1**.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for a contribution from the well being budget is secured at Area Committee.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 Community groups submitting a project proposal requesting funding from the well being budget have an equal opportunities policy and as part of the application process, complete a section outlining which equality group the project will work with, and how equality and cohesion issues have been considered.
- 4.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The projects outlined in this report contribute to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies:

- Vision For Leeds
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Health and Well Being City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 There is no new resource implications as a result of any projects detailed within this report. In all requests for funding from Area Committee applicants are asked to consider value for money during the application process.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 Legal implications as a result of this report will be reflected in any subsequent Funding Agreements and Contracts to Tender that arise from projects funded from the Well being Budget.

4.5.2 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are no longer eligible for call in.

4.5.3 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 All proposals requesting well being funding complete a section in the application process outlining the risks associated with the project and how they will be managed.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The report provides information on how the well being budget 2013/14 has been allocated against funding streams and details projects funded to date.

5.2 The report also recommends that Area Committee approves two new projects.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Area Committee is recommended to:

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7 Background documents

7.1 There are no background documents.

¹ 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.