

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

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 17 March 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;
 - Approve the spending plan for 2014/15 outlined in Appendix D;
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Barleyfields Radio Project	Wetherby Community Radio (Tempo FM)	£3000	Wetherby
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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. The current revenue financial position of the Area Committee is shown in Appendix A.
- 3.1.2 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.

3.3 Well-being Revenue 2014/15

- 3.3.1 The allocation for 2014/15 is £97,510. The Outer North East Area Committee manages its allocation by apportioning the amount between the three wards based on population¹. The split between the wards is:

¹ Office for National Statistics 2011 Census

- Alwoodley: £36,322.23 based on pop. = 22766 (37.26%)
- Harewood: £29,301.76 based on pop. = 18363 (30.05%)
- Wetherby: £31,876.02 based on pop. = 19979 (32.69%)

3.3.2 A proposed spending plan is attached for the area committee's consideration at Appendix D. This includes proposed sums to set aside for small grants, skips, grit bins, community engagement and publicity. Members are asked to consider the proposed sums for approval. It should be noted that the carry forward figures quoted are subject to change. Final figures will be provided to ward members at the end of the 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 E shows the current balance on the capital budget.

4. Wellbeing applications

4.1 The following projects are for consideration.

Project	Alwoodley Football Club Pitch Restoration
Organisation	Alwoodley Community Association
Total cost	£40,380
Amount applied for	£5000
Ward	Alwoodley
Alwoodley Community Association has been successful in securing a grant from Sport England of £23,500 to install new drainage on their sports pitch. Currently poor drainage on the pitch means that it cannot sustain weekly matches and is totally unplayable from November to February. The club has plans to develop further teams, but cannot do that without the drainage works being carried out. Initial costs for the drainage are coming in at £40,000, leaving a shortfall of £17,000. The Association are seeking £5000 from the Wellbeing Fund towards this shortfall.	
Area Committee priorities: Health and Wellbeing, Supporting Communities	

Project	Camping activities
Organisation	Wetherby St James Scout and Guide Group Council
Total cost	£2930
Amount applied for	£1500
Ward	Wetherby
Wetherby St James Scouts and Guides are seeking to purchase 6 additional sleeping tents, a mess and storage camp, and camping equipment to expand their camping activities. This will enable more young people, including the Brownies to take part in camping expeditions.	

<p>Area Committee priorities: Health and Wellbeing, Children and Young People.</p>

4.2 The following project has been approved via delegated authority, therefore members are asked to note and ratify the amount awarded.

Project:	Alwoodley Allotment Association Development Programme
Organisation:	Alwoodley Allotment Association
Total cost:	£10,232.
Amount applied for:	£2765.94
Ward:	Alwoodley
<p>Alwoodley Allotment association are developing a new allotment site and are now in a position to install 3 key elements, agricultural shockproof fencing to enclose the site, agricultural drainage and two pairs of galvanised bespoke gates and 2 fence panels to create an entrance into the allotment site.</p> <p>The Area Committee previously awarded £7500 in September 2013. The Association have now come back and advised that they have a further grant of £2765.94 to cover the shortfall.</p>	
Area Committee priorities: Health and Wellbeing, Supporting Communities	

4.3 The following project has now been undertaken, and wellbeing funding is no longer required, therefore members are asked to note that it has been withdrawn.

Project:	Path clearance (Leeds Road)
Organisation:	Leeds City Council
Total cost:	£2000
Amount applied for:	£2000
Ward:	Harewood

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 is split by ward based on population figures for young people aged 8 – 17. For 2013/14 the allocation of £20,499 is split between the wards as follows:

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

6.2 For 2014/15 the allocation is £40997 and has been split using the same percentages as 2013/14:

Alwoodley £14881
 Harewood £13795
 Wetherby £12319

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

6.3 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.

6.4 New applications for consideration.

Project:	Young people's volunteering project at Herd Farm
Organisation:	Herd Farm Activity Centre
Total cost:	£3400
Amount applied for:	£3400
Ward:	Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby
<p>Funding is sought to run a volunteering programme for 12 young people at Herd Farm from 28th – 30th March 2014. The volunteers will build our Mountain Bike Track in time for the Tour De France 'Grand Depart'. The work will be fully accredited through the Local Leeds Youth Award and if any young people are taking part in D of E this will also count as part of the work carried out.</p> <p>The young people will benefit from learning about the planning and creation of the Mountain bike track as well as learning about working together as a team, excellent communication skills and living & working together for two nights and three days.</p> <p>As a reward for the work the young people will get activities after they have finished, this will be on the second day of the Residential. The young people will learn about receiving rewards for excellent work carried out and will also learn the value of volunteering at a professional outdoor activity centre</p> <p>The legacy of the young people will be a Bike track which will be used by hundreds if not thousands of young people over the next five years at Herd Farm. The young people can be proud of the work that they carry out and will be present the Lord Mayor officially opens the track.</p> <p>The funding will be used to for the costs of staffing, accommodation, food, transport and materials for the bike track.</p>	

Project:	Area Activity Work
Organisation:	Herd Farm Activity Centre
Total cost:	£13,343.50
Amount applied for:	£13,343.50
Ward:	Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby
Herd Farm can provide a range of activities for the Outer North East	

area both in local venues and at Herd Farm as follows:

1 Fun day – Climbing tower	£950
1 fun day – Climbing tower and inflatable;	£1170
3 activity days at Herd Farm for 24 participants;	£2677.50
1 half term residential for 24 participants; 1 mini residential (1 overnight stay);	£2820
3 activity days with climbing, inflatables and mountain bikes.	£4590

The activities in local venues work best if they are linked in with events taking place. If funding is approved the area officer will work with Herd Farm to identify suitable venues. Barwick in Elmet have already indicated an interest in the climbing tower for the Maypole Celebrations on 26th May.

Project:	Informal football session at Allerton High School
Organisation:	Leeds City Council, Sport & Active Lifestyles
Total cost:	£4462.20
Amount applied for:	£4462.20
Ward:	Alwoodley
<p>The football sessions will be delivered at Allerton High School on Wednesdays evenings (6.30pm – 8.30pm) targeting children and young people aged 8 – 17 year olds.</p> <p>Children and young people have the opportunity to take part of some informal football sessions where they will be able to develop their social, physical and mental characteristics among other children and young people living in the area within a safe environment.</p> <p>This will enable the children and young people to share common bonds with each other, increase fitness levels, and learn from each other which will be very beneficial for the children and young people as they are growing up.</p> <p>The funding will be used to pay for football coaches and premises hire.</p>	

Project:	Holiday Activity Programme
Organisation:	Elmet Partnership of Schools and Services (EPOSS)
Total cost:	£66,115.12
Amount applied for:	£10,293.00
Ward:	Harewood and Wetherby
<p>EPOSS plans to provide its children and young people will a variety of activities during school holidays throughout the year (except for Spring Bank Holiday and Christmas Holiday). The total cost of the programme is £66,115.12; EPOSS are seeking a contribution of £10293.00 towards the cost of these from the Youth Activity Fund.</p>	

The programme offers all young people of EPOSS the opportunity to engage in a variety of sports and arts activities to encourage children and young people to live a healthy lifestyle and develop an interest in the arts. The programme includes:

10 weeks of full activity programme with 2 to 3 different activities each day to choose from.

On average 8 different activities each holiday are provided (Street Dance, Trampolining, Basketball, Cooking, Arts & Crafts, Athletics, and Archery & Fencing. During the summer this figure rises to 14 different activities. (Bikeability, Arts & Crafts, Drama Workshop, Summer Sports Camp, Pottery workshop, Cooking School, Fashion and Textiles Camp, Street Dance, Athletics, Basketball, Mini Ninja Camp, Trampolining, Archery and Fencing.

Activities are delivered by sub-contracted official approved providers and run between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm, with sessions of between 2 and 5 hours. They take place in schools or Children's Centres given in kind.

Administration and transport for children and young people who need it is provided by EPOSS.

Project:	Racketball at Collingham
Organisation:	Collingham & Linton Squash & Racketball Club
Total cost:	£970
Amount applied for:	£485
Ward:	Harewood
<p>The club are proposing to run a 3 month (13 week) introductory session to Racketball aimed at 8 – 17 year olds. The sessions will be for 1 hour either on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Each session will accommodate up to 12 children and young people, utilising 3 courts at Collingham & Linton Squash and Racket ball club. The application is for funding for the costs of coaches, equipment and court hire.</p>	

Project:	Wetherby District Scouts (Explorer Scouts)
Organisation:	Duke of Edinburgh Award / Chief Scout's Award / Queen's Scout Award
Total cost:	£937
Amount applied for:	£699
Ward:	Harewood and Wetherby
<p>This application is to support the expansion of the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Scheme within the area. The scheme is offered to 120 young people through Explorer Scout Units based in Wetherby, Scholes, Boston Spa, Bramham and Bardsey.</p> <p>Leaders are all qualified Scout Leaders with many years experience of running the DofE scheme.</p> <p>The DofE Award gives all young people aged 14-24 the chance to develop a sense of adventure gain skills for life and work, fulfil their potential and have a brighter future. The Scouting awards build on these with further challenges aimed at developing Young People's awareness of International and Environmental issues</p>	

and Values.

For the expedition aspect of the award most of the training is completed at weekly meetings, but there is also a training camp planned for the beginning of April. Most Explorer Scouts attend units local to where they live, and for camps the parents normally arrange to share lifts, but transport arrangements can be made to ensure everyone is able to participate.

This application is for funding to the purchase of more tents and stoves so that more young people can participate at the same time.

Project:	Barleyfields Radio Project
Organisation:	Wetherby Community Radio Ltd (Tempo FM)
Total cost:	£3211.60
Amount applied for:	£3000
Ward:	Wetherby
<p>The Barleyfields Radio Project was established in October 2008 in conjunction with the Leeds Youth Services. Since then Wetherby Community Radio Ltd has been actively assisting young people each week either at the Barleyfields Youth Centre or at the new training studio in the Tempo FM studios, with their media studies. The project has been a great success and it is hoped that this will continue throughout 2014 and beyond. Three volunteers from the Radio Station assist with the media studies training.</p> <p>The application is for funding to pay for the licences required for running this project.</p>	

Project:	Academy Rugby at Wetherby RUFC
Organisation:	Wetherby RUFC Junior Section
Total cost:	£2,527
Amount applied for:	£927.08
Ward:	Wetherby
<p>Funding is sought towards the cost of starting a rugby academy at Wetherby to engage with 15-17 year olds and hopefully achieve the club's main aim of getting more people in to rugby at that age group and importantly keep rugby being played. It is statistically proven that this is the age range where most young people drop off playing rugby and it is a major area of concern for the RFU and for our club.</p> <p>The academy will do more to engage with the young people to encourage them to play as they are growing in to young adults. In addition Academy players are moving in to 'senior' rugby so need different training kit for tackling, speed and agility and lifting.</p> <p>The application is for funding to purchase the training equipment.</p>	

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 The Area Committee is 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.