

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities)

Report to Outer North West Area Committee

Date: 6th June 2014

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth, Otley & Yeadon		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

This report provides the Outer North West Area Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing fund for 2014/15. 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 Outer North West Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing fund for 2014/15 (Table 1 and appendix 1).
- Consider and comment on the projects funded annually over the last 3 years detailed at appendix 2.
- Consider the Large Grant applications detailed at section 3.4 which have been received since the last Area Committee
- Consider the Youth Activity Fund applications detailed at appendix 3 which have been received since the last Area Committee
- Note the Wellbeing small grants that have been approved since the last meeting (Table 3)
- Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 (Table 4)

- Note the Wellbeing monitoring information provided at appendix 4

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing fund for 2014/15. 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.
- 1.3 The report also provides details of well-being projects the Area Committee has funded annually over the last 3 years at appendix 2.
- 1.4 Current monitoring information is provided at appendix 3.

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 Outer North West 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 Outer North West Area Committee operate a pre-sift process for Wellbeing 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 Members are advised of the new revenue Wellbeing allocation for the Outer North West Area Committee of **£140,672** for the financial year 2014/15. The Area Committee have previously agreed that this allocation is split equally by the 4 wards (£35,168 per ward).
- 2.5 After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2013/14 carry forward position, the Area Committee has **£167,299** of funding available for allocation. This figure does not include the Youth Activity Fund still available to spend.

- 2.6 At the request of Councillor G Latty attached at appendix 2 are details of Wellbeing projects the Area Committee has funded annually for the last 3 years.
- 2.7 In 2013/14, the Outer North West 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 and should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people
- 2.8 In 2013/14 The Outer North West Area Committee allocated £28,172 of Youth Activity Fund for young people's activities.
- 2.9 Members are advised of the new allocation of Youth Activity funding for the Outer North West Area Committee of **£56,470** for the financial year 2014/15.

3 Main issues

3.1 Wellbeing Budget Statement 2013/14 and Quarterly Monitoring

- 3.2 The latest Wellbeing Budget statement for 2014/15 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 below includes details of the revenue allocation for 2014/15, the carry-forward or overspend from previous years and the amount of well-being currently available to spend per ward.

Table 1 – Revenue

Ward	2014/15 allocation	2013/14 Carry forward / overspend	Available to spend
Adel & Wharfedale	£35,168	£26,121	£61,289
Guiseley & Rawdon	£35,168	- £2,123	£33,045
Horsforth	£35,168	£3,635	£38,803
Otley & Yeadon	£35,168	- £1,006	£34,162

3.4 Wellbeing Budget 2013/14 – Large Projects

The following projects have been received since the last Area Committee.

3.4.1 Nether Yeadon Conservation Area Appraisal

Delivery Organisation: Sustainable Development Unit, Leeds City Council
Amount requested: £5,000 (Guiseley & Rawdon)

The Conservation Team has requested funding to designate and appraise a new Conservation Area covering the area of special architectural and historical interest of Nether Yeadon. The work will help to guide development in the area in such a way as to protect its special qualities as a conservation area.

3.4.2 Small Grants

Delivery Organisation: Area Support Team (on behalf of the Area Committee).

Amount requested: £20,000 (£5,000 per ward)

Groups and organisations that apply or enquire about small grants are supported and given guidance on their application by the Area Support Team. In line with Leeds City Council financial regulations the small grants are monitored to ensure that expenditure is in line with grant approval. In 2013/14 a total of £15,472 was spent on small grants.

3.4.3 Community Skips Budget

Delivery organisation: Area Support Team (on behalf of the Area Committee)

Amount requested: £4,000 (£1,000 per ward)

The Skips Budget is to assist local groups who want to conduct community clean-ups in their area. A notional skips allocation of £4,000 has been incorporated into the Wellbeing budget each year since April 2004. In 2013/14 a total of £1,423 was spent on providing 9 skips.

3.4.4 Re-branding of area to Pool Riverside Park to include a Yorkshire Wildlife Survey

Delivery organisation: Pool in Wharfedale – Recreation Ground Management Committee.

Amount requested: £6,000 (Adel & Wharfedale)

The project will erect welcome signs (interpretation boards) at prominent areas to rebrand land as 'Pool Riverside Park' so that more villagers use the area for walking, jogging or exercising dogs. The group wish to do this in a way that enhances the riverside ecosystem, and makes the natural history and the history of the land more familiar to the villagers. Iconic images of the village will be used to promote the area.

3.4.5 Additional Litter Bins in Adel & Wharfedale
Delivery Organisation LCC - West North West Locality Team
Amount requested: £3,690 (Adel & Wharfedale)

Funding will be used to purchase and install 10 additional litter bins in the Adel & Wharfedale area in locations recommended by ward members and local residents.

3.5. Youth Activity Funding

3.5.1 The budget for the Outer North West Youth Activity Fund for 2014/15 is £57,350 which includes the new allocation of £56,470 and under spends from 2013/14.

3.5.2 The Children & Young Peoples sub group met on the 4th April and agreed a commissioning round for the new funding allocation with a decision making panel on the 25th April. Recommendations would then be brought to Area Committee on 6th June. These projects are listed at appendix 3.

3.5.3 Consultation with young people and children took place within a number of settings to help inform the type of projects to be funded. Projects that had been funded during 2013/14 from the Youth Activity Fund and had reapplied were considered. Young people were also invited to the decision making panel on the 25th April to discuss projects they had been involved in. A day was spent at Prince Henrys Grammar School, Otley in January considering ideas put forward from the 6th Form years. The clusters attend Children & Young People's sub group to inform on ideas coming through the school councils. The Youth Panel has met with young people and is building participation in the area.

3.5.4 Following conversations with members, Aireborough Extended Services was requested to bring 2 applications for funding to the sub group to be discussed.

3.5.5 It was agreed at sub group that the Youth Activity Fund would fund (subject to approval at Area Committee) 1/3 of the cost of the project with the remainder to be requested from the Wellbeing fund. This funding split was based on the ages attending the project. The majority of children would be under 8 with only 1/3 being 9 or above.

3.5.6 Aireborough Summer of Play
Delivery organisation: Aireborough Extended Services
Amount requested: £6,508 Wellbeing (Guiseley & Rawdon)
Amount requested: £3,256 Youth Activity Fund
Total amount: £9,764

Funding is requested to hold a number of family fun days to be based at Guiseley and Yeadon & Rawdon Children's Centres. Mobile play sessions will be 'turn up and play'. Activities will include den building, water play,

messy play, games, sports activities and the use of natural resources (where possible).

3.5.7 Otley Summer of Play

Delivery organisation: Aireborough Extended Services
 Amount requested: £2,398 Wellbeing (Otley & Yeadon)
 Amount requested: £2,000 Youth Activity Fund
 Total amount: £4,398

Funding is requested to hold a number of family fun days to be based at Otley Children's Centre. Mobile play sessions will be 'turn up and play'. Activities will include den building, water play, messy play, games, sports activities and the use of natural resources (where possible).

3.6 Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

3.6.1 In 2013/14 the Area Committee approved 26 small grants totalling £15,472. The underspend totalling £7,951 from the 2013/14 small grants budget has been repaid into the main well-being budget for each ward and is reflected in the carry forward figures at table 1.

3.6.2 Table 2 below details the small grants which have been approved since the last Area Committee meeting and will be paid from the 2014/15 small grant budget.

Table 3: Small Grant Approvals (13/03/2014-16/05/2014)

Project Name	Ward	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Otley Carnival 2014	Otley & Yeadon	£500	£500
Bands in the Park	Otley & Yeadon	£600	£600
Shelters at Tarnfield	Otley & Yeadon	£571	£571
PA System Yeadon Town Hall	Otley & Yeadon	£500	£500
Children's Gala and Lantern Parade	Guiseley & Rawdon	£1000	£1000
Refurbishment of Pool Heritage sign	Adel & Wharfedale	£500	£500

3.6.2 In 2013/14 the Area Committee approved 9 skips totalling £1,453. The underspend of £4,977 from the 2013/14 skips budget has been repaid into the main well-being budget for each ward and is reflected in the carry forward figures at table 1.

3.7 Wellbeing Budget – Capital Receipts Programme

3.7.1 As the Capital Programme is a 4 year rolling programme, existing funding will be rolled forward to 2014/15 under the current arrangements. Table 4 below provides details of the amount of capital available to spend in 2014/15 per ward.

Table 4 Capital

Ward	Allocation currently available
Adel & Wharfedale	£2,521
Guiseley & Rawdon	£2,521
Horsforth	£2,521
Otley & Yeadon	£5,021

3.7.2 In 2012, the Area Committee approved an interest free capital loan of £5,000 to Yeadon Cricket Club, repayable over 4 years. To date £2,500 has been repaid and this amount is reflected in the table above. The third instalment is due in February 2015.

4. Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 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 2011- 30
- 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 Outer North West 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 Outer North West Area Committee is asked to:

Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 (Table 1 and Appendix 1).

Consider and comment on the Wellbeing projects the Area Committee has funded each year for the last 3 years detailed at appendix 2.

Consider the large grant applications detailed at section 3.4 which have been received since the last Area Committee.

Consider the Youth Activity Fund applications detailed at 3.5 and in appendix 3.

Note the small grants that have been approved since the last meeting (Table 3).

Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 (Table 4).

Note the monitoring information provided at appendix 4.