

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities)

Report to Outer West Area Committee

Date: 04th June 2014

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley, Pudsey		
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
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

This report provides the Outer West Area Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15. The report provides the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been received or approved since the last meeting.

An update is provided on the Youth Activity Fund and those projects seeking support through this ring-fenced allocation.

Recommendations

The Outer West Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 (Appendix 1)
- Note the current position of the Small Grants and skips budget and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved or received since the last meeting (Table 1, 2 and 3)
- Note the budget position of the Capital Grants budget and those capital grants received (Table 4)
- Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and consider projects seeking funding (Table 5)

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 and those grants and skips that have been received or approved since the last meeting. It also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.

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 West Area Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing funding is allocated in a fair and transparent way and that recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. To facilitate this process, a Wellbeing workshop is held which requires organisations to submit proposals for projects. 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 In 2014/15, the Outer West Area Committee received a sum of £139,380 of Wellbeing revenue. After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2013/14 carry forward position, the Area Committee had **£161,158** of funding available for allocation. All of this funding was committed to 17 projects, as listed in **Appendix 1**.
- 2.4 The remaining capital budget available to the Area Committee is £26,471.
- 2.5 In 2014/15, the Outer West Area Committee received a sum of £46,435 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.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Wellbeing Budget Statement 2014/15
- 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 Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

3.4 **Table 1** below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been approved since the last Area Committee meeting and **Table 2** outlines applications received. **Table 3** outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

Table 1: Small Grant Approvals

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Approved
Pudsey Carnival	Pudsey Carnival Committee	£1000

Table 2: Small Grant received

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested
Training/Safety equipment for juniors and adults	Bramley Buffaloes Rugby League Club	£500 Appendix 2
Leeds Esprit Volunteer Continuing Professional Development (CPD)	Leeds Esprit Gymnastics Club	£300 Appendix 3

Table 3: Skip approvals

Location	Ward	Number of Skips	Amount Approved
Crimbles Allotment Site	Calverley & Farsley	1	£125

3.5 Wellbeing Capital

3.6 The remaining budget available in the Outer West Wellbeing Capital budget is **£26,471**. **Table 4** Outlines capital applications received.

Table 4: Capital Grants Received

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested
Bowling Shelters	Farsley Cricket & Bowling club	£780 Appendix 4
New Car Park Space	Housing Leeds Pudsey Area Housing Office	£4,650 Appendix 5

Youth Activity Fund

3.7 In 2014/15, the Outer West Area Committee received a sum of £46,435 Youth Activity Fund. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17. The Area Support Team is currently running a coordinated programme involving potential partners across OW to identify projects to be commissioned through the Youth Activity fund.

3.8 The current balance for the Youth Activities Fund is **£32,198**. **Table 4** below outlines the Youth Activity Fund applications that have been received.

Table 5: Youth Activity Fund Applications

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested
Resources to encourage local enterprise amongst youngsters	Wysoczanski Academy School of Performance	£1000 Appendix 6
Summer Fun Day	Farnley Cluster	£2,781 Appendix 7
Three Mini Breeze Sessions in all Outer West Wards	Outer West Cluster/Breeze	£11,250 Appendix 8
Total		£15,031

3.9 If members agree to the above projects in Table 5 the remaining budget for Youth Activity Fund for 2014/15 will be **£17,167**.

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 Wellbeing workshop 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 Wellbeing funding 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.
- 5.2 Applications for Wellbeing revenue funding totalling £201,308 have been received in 2014/15. Members have reviewed these applications and have recommended projects totalling £182,079 be considered for approval.
- 5.3 This report seeks the Area Committee's support for the applications recommended for approval for 2014/15.

6 Recommendations

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Background documents¹ - None

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.