



Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner East Community Committee

Date: 17th July 2014

Subject: Wellbeing Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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? 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 Elected Members with an update on the current position of the capital and revenue budget for the Inner East Community Committee.
2. Applications for funding, both revenue and capital, are included in the report for Member's consideration

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

1. Note the spend to date and current balances for the 2014/15 financial year;
2. Consider the following project proposals and approve, where appropriate, the amount of Wellbeing Revenue funding to be awarded (See section 3 for more details):

EMMAN TV Studio Equipment	£7,500
4 th RadhaRaman Folk Festival	£5,400
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Money Buddies Project	£1,065
Men's Room Project	£1,000
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3. Consider the following project proposals and approve, where appropriate, the amount of Wellbeing Capital monies to be granted from each Ward (See section 4 for more details):

N/a

4. Consider the following proposals and approve, where appropriate, the amount of Youth Activity Fund monies to be granted from each Ward (See section 5 for more details):

Leeds Somali Youth Project	£4,640
Seacroft Play Scheme	£3,050
Children & Young Peoples Day	£2,500
Shantona OIL Project	£1,610

Purpose of this report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Committee with details of its Wellbeing fund spend, including details of new projects for consideration.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Each of the ten Community Committees receives an annual allocation of revenue funding. The amount of funding for each Community Committee is determined by a formula based on 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area, which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
- 2.2 It has been agreed that the revenue wellbeing budget for this Community Committee for 2014/15 is £236,800. Carryover of both uncommitted and committed revenue funds from 2013/14 has also continued as well as any underspends. The total budget for 2014/15 is £325,658. It must be noted by the Community Committee that this figure includes schemes approved and ongoing from 2013/14 which are carried forward to be paid (£81,133).
- 2.3 As agreed at the March 2014 meeting of the Inner East Area Committee, once the agreed topsliced projects are removed the remaining budget will be split three ways between the wards. The amount available for each ward to spend in 2014/15 is £33,505 (see **Appendix A** for more details).
- 2.4 Wellbeing fund applications are considered at the relevant Ward Member meetings, wherever possible, for Elected Members recommendations prior to the Community Committee meeting.

Small Grants

- 2.5 Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of one grant of up to £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit. These are approved by Councillors outside of the Community Committee meeting and are funded from a small grant pot set aside by Elected Members from their Ward allocation.
- 2.6 Details of small grants that have been approved so far for 2014/15 are shown in **Appendix B**.

Community Engagement

- 2.7 The Inner East Community Committee approved an amount of £3,000 at its March 2014 meeting to spend on community engagement activities. This allocation is split equally between the three Wards.
- 2.6 The funds are to be spent on room hire, refreshment and stationary costs associated with community meetings. The expenditure to date against this budget is **£79**.

Crime and Grime Tasking

- 2.7 Each of the priority neighbourhoods in the Inner East area has a multi-agency tasking team which focuses on tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental problems. Ward members have set aside a portion of their Ward allocation to support the work of these teams; this pot is managed by the Area Support Team. Details of the expenditure to date under this heading are shown in **Appendix C**.

Project Monitoring Update

- 2.8 Projects which are awarded wellbeing funding are required to submit project monitoring returns giving details of what the project has achieved. Project updates are detailed in **Appendix D**.

Capital Receipts Programme

- 2.9 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.
- 2.10 Details of the current balance of Capital Wellbeing funding are shown in **Appendix E**. Future allocations will take place on a quarterly basis following regular update reports to Executive Board. As agreed previously by the Inner East Community Committee, all new allocations are to be divided equally between the three Wards.
- 2.11 Details of current applications for this funding pot are highlighted from section 4 onwards.

Youth Activity Fund

- 2.12 In March 2013 the Council's Executive Board approved a new allocation to the overall Community Committee budget ring-fenced for youth activities of £250k in 2013/14 and £500k in 2014/15.
- 2.13 As a result, the budgets ring-fenced for youth activities allocated to the Community Committee were £34,162 in 2013/14 and £68,323 in 2014/15. As agreed previously by the Community Committee, all new allocations are to be divided equally between the three Wards. Details of the current balance of Youth Activity Fund are shown in **Appendix F**.
- 2.14 Details of current applications for this funding pot are highlighted from section 5 onwards.

3. New Revenue Projects for Consideration

- 3.1 **Project:** Studio Equipment
Organisation: Eastern Media Arts and Network (EMAAN)
Wards affected: Gipton & Harehills
Amount applied for: £7,500
Projected year of spend: 2014/15
Project overview:
- This not for profit media organisation are requesting a contribution from the Community Committee's Wellbeing fund towards buying equipment for their fledgling studio.
- 3.2 **Project:** 4th RadhaRaman Folk Festival
Organisation: RadhaRaman Society
Wards affected: Gipton & Harehills
Amount applied for: £5,400
Projected year of spend: 2014/15
Project overview:
- This application is to help with costs for a two-day festival of traditional Bengali folk music.
- 3.3 **Project:** On Street Project – Hot Spot Detached Team
Organisation: Seacroft & Manston Cluster
Wards affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft
Amount applied for: £3,870
Projected year of spend: 2014/15
Project overview:
- This funding would be used to support a mobile detached team working in the hotspot areas as identified from the Killingbeck & Seacroft Crime Tasking Group.
 - The team will comprise of staff from extended services and youth services to work two nights per week, three hours per night during term time throughout the ward.
- 3.4 **Project:** Greenacres Brighter Gardens

Organisation: Greenacres Care Home
Wards affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Amount applied for: £1,200
Projected year of spend: 2014/15

Project overview:

- This funding would be used to pay for garden furniture to be used and enjoyed by care home residents.

3.5 **Project:** Money Buddies

Organisation: Ebor Gardens Advice Centre
Wards affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill and Gipton & Harehills
Amount applied for: £1,065 (to be split between both wards)
Projected year of spend: 2014/15

Project overview:

- Leeds Money Buddies is a scheme made up of volunteers who provide a handholding service in order to empower members of the public wishing to maximise their income.
- The project is 'dovetailed' in that it will train volunteers to become Money Buddies, and during that process the Money Buddies will gain skills in various administration duties and reception duties which will increase their knowledge, skills and confidence and will better position them for gaining future paid employment.
- This particular application is to fund one Money Buddy to be based at the Compton Centre.

3.6 **Project:** Men's Room Project

Organisation: Space2
Wards affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft
Amount applied for: £1,000
Projected year of spend: 2014/15

Project overview:

- Space2 currently run two groups – a safe space for men with acute needs, particularly around mental health and isolation and a modular programme addressing employability skills, health awareness, volunteering opportunities and building social networks.
- This funding would allow for the continuation of these projects.

3.7 **Project:** Eid Alfefer Event

Organisation: Syrian Community of Leeds
Wards affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill and Gipton & Harehills
Amount applied for: £990
Projected year of spend: 2014/15

Project overview:

- This is a planned day-long celebration event to mark the end of Ramadan in 2014, specifically the 30 days of fasting. The event is not exclusive to the Syrian Muslim community as invites will be offered to the Afghan, Sudanese and Swahili communities as well as non-Muslim Syrians and the wider community.
- The Wellbeing contribution to this project would be used to pay for food, drink, venue hire (either St Aidan's Church in Harehills or St Agnes Church in Burmantofts) and the hire of a bouncy castle and a candy floss machine.

4. New Capital Projects for Consideration

4.1 None submitted.

5. New Youth Activities Fund Projects for Consideration

5.1 **Project:** Leeds Somali Youth Project
Organisation: Leeds Somali Youth
Wards affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Amount applied for: £4,640
Projected year of spend: 2014/15

Project overview:

- This funding application relates to a proposal for a year-long football project specifically targeting young people from the Somali community in Leeds.

5.2 **Project:** Seacroft Play Scheme
Organisation: Health for All
Wards affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft
Amount applied for: £3,050
Projected year of spend: 2014/15

Project overview:

- This proposal is for a two week play scheme aimed to take place in the Denis Healy Centre in Seacroft.

5.3 **Project:** Children's and Young Peoples Day
Organisation: LCC Area Support Team
Wards affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft
Amount applied for: £2,500
Projected year of spend: 2014/15

Project overview:

- This proposal is for a children's and young people's day to be held on the village green in Seacroft.
- The day will cater for ages 0-19 and deliver different leisure activities, support for young people who have received their GCSE results as well as healthy snacks.

5.4 **Project:** Shantona O.I.L Go Kart project
Organisation: Shantona
Wards affected: Gipton & Harehills
Amount applied for: £1,610
Projected year of spend: 2014/15

Project overview:

- This 4 day project will enable 8 young ladies from the Harehills area to work with 2 stroke engines and build a Go Kart.
- The aim of the Project is to build self-esteem and self-worth, and open up the young ladies understanding of what opportunities are available to them. The Project will enable the young ladies to have a taster session where they will learn valuable transferable skills.

6. Corporate Considerations

6.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1.1 Community 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 approved by the Inner East Area Committee in March 2014 should guide Wellbeing spend as well as consultation with Elected Members.
- 6.1.2 Proposals are being developed to involve young people in the decision making process for the Youth Activity Fund via a dedicated Youth Panel for the Inner East area. In the interim both the Area Support Team, Elected Members and the council's Youth Offer Team have undertaken consultation with young people to inform the spending of Youth Activity Fund monies in 2014/15. A series of meetings have also been held with Elected Members and statutory partners to discuss applications on a case-by-case basis.
- 6.1.3 A further funding round for the remaining Youth Activity Fund is anticipated to be advertised in late August/ early September 2014.

6.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 6.2.1 Community Committee funding is used to ensure that inequalities within the local area are addressed through local projects and schemes. All projects funded by the Community 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.

6.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 6.3.1 Wellbeing funding is used to support the priorities agreed by Elected Members at the March 2014 meeting of the Inner East Area Committee. Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) are prepared for each priority neighbourhood. The priorities and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans support the Council's Vision for Leeds 2011 to 2030 and City Priority Plan 2013 -15.
- 6.3.2 Youth Activity Funding supports the Children and Young People's plan outcome – 'Children and Young People Have Fun Growing Up'.

6.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 6.4.1 Spending and monitoring of the Community Committee's budgets is administered by the Area Support Team in accordance with the decisions made by the Community Committee.

6.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 6.5.1 The Community Committee has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of capital and revenue Wellbeing budgets

within the framework of the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3D) and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

6.5.2 The Community 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.

6.5.3 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Community Committees are not eligible for Call In.

6.5.4 There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

6.6 Risk Management

6.6.1 All projects funded by the Community 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.

7. Conclusions

7.1 The Wellbeing fund provides financial support for projects in the Inner East area which support the priorities of the Community Committee and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

7.2 New capital funds have been transferred to the Community Committee via the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme.

7.3 The Youth Activity Fund has been delegated to the Area Committee to fund universal activities for children and young people aged 8 – 17.

8. Recommendations

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9 Background documents¹

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¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.