

Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Outer West Community Committee – Calverley & Farsley; Farnley & Wortley; Pudsey

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For decision

Wellbeing Update

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Outer West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 and the current position of the small grants and skips pots and those small grants and skips that have been approved or received since the last meeting.
2. The report provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund (YAF) and seeks approval of remaining funding.
3. The report provides an update on the Wellbeing Capital Fund and seeks approval of funding.
4. The report also updates the Community Committee with progress of the commissioning process and timescales for the 2015/16 Wellbeing budget.

Recommendations

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 (**Appendix 1**).
- Note the current position of the small grants and skips pots and those small grants and skips that have been approved or received since the last meeting (**Table 1** and **Table 2**).
- Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and approve those projects received (**Table 3**) to allocate the remaining YAF balance for this financial year.
- Note the current position of the Wellbeing Capital Fund and approve those projects received (**Table 4**).
- Note the progress made with the commissioning process and timescales for the Wellbeing commissioning round for 2015/16 and agree to hold ward briefings if required, prior to the Wellbeing commissioning meeting.
- Agree the Wellbeing funding priorities for 2015/16.

Main issues

5. Community 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.
6. The Outer West Community 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 commissioning round 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 Community Committee meets to agree which projects will be supported in the year ahead. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Community Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.
7. Community Committees have received a reduced allocation to their Wellbeing Revenue Budgets for 2014/15 compared with that given in 2013/14. This gave the Outer West committee an allocation of £139,380. Taking into account project underspends from 2013/14; the total fund available for new projects in 2014/15 was £161,158. This funding was committed to 17 projects, as listed in Appendix 1 (paragraph 1.2).
8. In addition to revenue the Community Committee also receives an allocation of Capital funding. At the March 2014 meeting, the Outer West committee had a total of £26,680 to allocate. The remaining capital budget available to the Community Committee is £17,971.
9. In 2014/15, the Outer West Community 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.

Wellbeing Budget Statements 2014/15

10. The latest Wellbeing Budget Statement for 2013/14 is included as **Appendix 1** to this report. This sets out the current budget position for Wellbeing projects showing the amount approved by the Community 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.
11. Since the last Community Committee meeting an application was approved on 22 December 2014 for The Real Boy – Domestic Violence Project in Schools. The amount approved for this project was £2,350. The Community Committee agreed to use funding from underspend of the 2013/14 Welfare Reform Wellbeing project. The Welfare Reform Project underspent by £3,690.37 and this funding was returned to the Wellbeing large grant pot.

12. As reported at the last Community Committee CASAC Burglary Reduction ceased to exist on Tuesday 9th September. The Community Committee had set aside £10,000 towards a target hardening scheme run by CASAC. As agreed the funds have now been returned to the Wellbeing large grants pot.

Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

13. **Table 1.** below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been received or approved since the last meeting of the Outer West Community Committee. **Table 2.** outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting. Taking these into account, there is **£661** still available for allocation for Small Grants and for Skip Hire in the 2014/15 budget. The Community Committee are asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants and skips that have recently been approved.

Table 1: Small Grants Received and / or Approved

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Diversionary Project	Outer West Tasking Group	£500	£500
Vulnerable Children's X-mas party	Barnardos Safer Families	£160	£160

Table 2: Skip Approvals

There have been no skips approved since the last meeting.

Youth Activities Fund

14. In 2014/15, the Outer West Community 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 remaining budget available in the Outer West Youth Activities Fund budget is **£17,807**. **Table 3.** below lists those projects received for Youth Activity Fund Support.

Table 3: Youth Activity Fund – Projects funded to date.

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Easter Holiday – Sports Camp (Appendix 2)	Farnley Cluster	£1,427	To Be Approved
Multi Spots Activities (Appendix 3)	Sports & Active Lifestyle	£ 3,440	To Be Approved
Wild in the Woods (Appendix 4)	The Conservation Volunteers	£768	To Be Approved
#BreezeGames Pre summer programme (Appendix 5)	The Breeze Team	£10,500	To Be Approved
Pudsey Global Gang (Appendix 6)	Leeds DEC	£1,560	To Be Approved
Wild West at Pudsey Park (Appendix 7)	Leeds City Council	£4,000	To Be Approved
Breeze Friday Night Project (Appendix 8)	Pudsey cluster	£9,845	To Be Approved

15. The Community Committee are asked to consider and approve the above projects, in order to allocate the remaining YAF balance for this financial year.

Wellbeing Capital

16. The remaining budget available in the Outer West Wellbeing Capital budget is **£17,971**. **Table 4.** below lists those projects received or approved since the last meeting of the Outer West Community Committee.

Table 4: Wellbeing Capital Fund.

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Woodhall Road Fly tipping Prevention Project	West & North West Leeds Locality Team	£350	£350
Bike Restriction, West Royd Park (Appendix 9)	LCC Parks and Countryside Public Rights of Way	£2,700	To be Approved
Lounge Refurbishment, Pudsey Bowling Club (Appendix 10)	Pudsey Bowling & Table Tennis Club	£5,721	To be Approved

17. The Community Committee are asked to consider and approve the above projects.

Wellbeing Application and Commissioning Process update 2015/16

18. Members are asked to note the process for Wellbeing Fund applications and commissioning to run for the 2015/16 financial year.

19. A date has already been set for the Wellbeing Commissioning workshop which is the 26 February. Taking into account feedback from last year's commissioning workshop, the Area Support Team would like to offer members the opportunity to have ward briefings prior to the commissioning workshop. This will give Members the opportunity to consider and comment on applications before the commissioning workshop.

20. The commissioning round is proposed to take place with the following key milestones:

- **1st December 2014:** Commissioning round begins. All previous applicants, Community Committee and forum contacts will be informed. A press release will be produced announcing the launch of the commissioning round.
- **31st January 2015:** Commissioning round ends. Deadline for all Wellbeing Fund applications.
- **26th February 2015:** Members briefing to review all applications and recommend those that should be put forward for Community Committee approval.
- **25th March 2015:** Community Committee meets to approve 2015/16 Wellbeing Fund allocations.
- **1st April 2015:** All successful applicants notified and organisations begin implantation of project activity.

21. In an effort to ensure that projects are able to begin spending funds in April, applications put forward to the Community Committee for approval will be notified prior to the meeting.

22. It should be noted that at the point of writing this report, it is unclear what level of funding will be available for the Community Committee to allocate at the March meeting. Should an announcement on Wellbeing allocations to Community Committee by Full Council not be forthcoming in time for the 25th March Community Committee, then it will be recommended that the Community Committee postpone its decision on Wellbeing allocations until the next available meeting.

2015/16 Wellbeing Funding Commissioning Priorities

23. In an effort to ensure that limited funds are targeted at the areas where they are needed most, the Area Support Team have reviewed the priorities from recent years and the following set of priorities have been suggested for the Wellbeing Fund in 2015/16.

<i>PRIORITIES</i>
• Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities
• All children and young people have access to out of school activities
• Provide opportunities for people to get jobs, volunteer or learn new skills
• Provide opportunities and facilities to enable local people to access and engage in sport and cultural activities
• Make better use of our community buildings
• Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
• Engage with local communities to strengthen community activity and involvement in local decision making
• Improve the local environment and our parks and open spaces
• Improve public service co-ordination working together with local residents to improve our most deprived neighbourhoods

24. The Community Committee is asked to note the dates for the 2015/16 Wellbeing fund applications round and agree to hold ward briefings if required, prior to the Wellbeing commissioning meeting to be held on 26 February 2014. The committee is also asked to agree its Wellbeing priorities for 2015/16.

Corporate considerations

a. Consultation and Engagement

25. Local priorities were set through the Area Business Plan process and the 2014/15 Wellbeing application round was advertised to all Community Committee contacts. The Youth Activity Fund application rounds were promoted through the Breeze Culture Network and local providers. Feedback from young people was presented to Ward Members and the Bramley Cluster steering group alongside the Youth Activities Fund applications.

b. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

26. All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the 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.

c. Council policies and City Priorities

27. Projects submitted to the Community 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

d. Resources and value for money

28. Aligning the distribution of Community Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

e. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

29. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

f. Risk Management

30. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all Wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusion

31. Wellbeing funding provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services.
32. Projects funded via the Wellbeing fund and Youth Activities Fund are presented in the attached appendices.

Recommendations

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Background information

- None