

**Report of: The West North West Area Leader**

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

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**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**For decision**

## **Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund Allocation Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Outer West Community Committee of:
  - The Wellbeing Budget available for allocation in 2015/16.
  - The Youth Activities Fund budget available for allocation in 2015/16.
  - Those projects for consideration and approval from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2015/16.
  - Those projects for consideration and approval from the Youth Activities Fund allocation for 2015/16.

### **Recommendations**

2. The Community Committee is asked to:
  - Note the available Wellbeing Budget and Youth Activities Fund for allocation in 2015/16.
  - Consider the projects listed at **Table 2 and 3** for approval from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2015/16
  - Consider the projects listed in **Table 4** for approval from the Youth Activities Fund allocation for 2015/16.

## Main issues

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The 2015/16 Wellbeing allocation for the Outer West Community Committee has now been approved by Full Council and as such the meeting of the Outer West Community Committee on 25th March 2015 will consider revenue applications for 2015/16 and provide notification for successful projects to proceed with delivery.
4. In addition, the Outer West Community Committee receives a sum of Youth Activity funding. 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.
5. All applications received by the Outer West in respect of funding via the Wellbeing fund and Youth Activities Fund are presented in the attached **Appendix 1**.
6. Wellbeing

Community Committees have received a reduced allocation to their Wellbeing Revenue Budgets for 2015/16 compared with that given in 2014/15. This gives the Outer West Community Committee an allocation of **£126,290**. Taking into account project underspends from 2014/15, the total fund available for new projects in 2015/16 is **£149,949.42**. The details of this calculation are set out in **Table 1** below:

**Table 1: Wellbeing Revenue Budget**

<b>2015/16 OW Revenue</b>	<b>Amount</b>
OW Revenue Allocation 2015/16	£126,290.00
Unallocated budget from 2014/15	£7,125.37
Underspend from Large Grant	£15,873.00
Underspend from Small Grants Pot & Skips	£661.05
<b>Budget Available for Allocation</b>	<b>£149,949.42</b>

## 7. 2015/16 Wellbeing Revenue Projects For Consideration

The Wellbeing commissioning round for 2015/16 received 26 applications for revenue funding totalling £168,733.66. These applications have been assessed against the funding criteria for the Outer West Wellbeing Fund and are listed at **Table 1**. Members are to review the applications in detail at their Wellbeing Commissioning meeting on 16 March and agree which projects should go forward for consideration at the Community Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**Table 2 Wellbeing Revenue Projects For Consideration**

Project	Project Applicant	Amount
Summer Bands	Leeds International Concert Season	£3,000.00
Small Grants & Skips	WNW Area Support Team	£8,000.00
Communication & Engagement Budget	WNW Area Support Team	£2,000.00
Neighbourhood Improvement Programme	WNW Area Support Team	£3,000.00
Pudsey Christmas Lights	Leeds Lights / Leeds Events	£10,000.00
Farsley Christmas Lights	Leeds Lights / Leeds Events	£5,000.00
Calverley Christmas Lights	Project 200 / Leeds Events	£1,000.00
Farsley Festival	Farsley Community Initiative	£2,500.00
Pudsey in Bloom	LCC Parks & Countryside	£3,000.00
Farsley in Bloom	LCC Parks & Countryside	£2,500.00
Calverley in Bloom	LCC Parks & Countryside	£2,500.00
Farnley in Bloom	Lancastrian School Room	£1,000.00
Cow Close Community Corner	Armley Juniors Project 4 Young People	£11,153.00
Site-based Gardener	LCC Parks & Countryside	£12,123.54
CCTV maintenance & Monitoring	Leeds Watch	£30,000.00
Partnership Tasking Meetings	West Yorkshire Police	£7,200.00
Speed Indication Device (SID)	West Yorkshire Police	£3,000.00
Leeds Juniors FC	Leeds Juniors FC	£5,000.00
Street Dancing	Swinnow Community Centre	£2,700.00
Summer Holiday, Targeted Provision	Leeds Youth Service	£3,300.00
Hawthorn United over 50's Walking FC	Hawthorne Surgery	£2,564.52
Gardening for Wellbeing - TCV	Hollybush Conservation Centre	£4,245.00
Pudsey Wellbeing Centre		£30,777.60
Money Buddies	Hollybush Conservation Centre	£2,130.00
Football and Your Future	Street League	£1,040.00
Business Support Local	Ahead Partnership	£10,000.00

In addition to the projects listed above members are asked to consider a proposal from BARCA for Community Development in the priority neighbourhoods in Farnley & Wortley i.e. the Heights and the Bawns. BARCA are already looking to recruit a

Community Development worker for Armley (Inner West) to undertake some work with the Eastern European Community.

The proposal is to create a fulltime post, split between the Inner West and the Outer West Community Committee. The Worker would work part time in Armley and part time in Heights and Bawns (18.5 hours in Inner West and 18.5 hours in Outer West)

BARCA are seeking £7,936 from the Outer West Community Committee to take this proposal forward, and if Members are supportive, they may use funds previously set aside to undertake Community Development work in the priority neighbourhoods. Currently there is £15,873 still unspent from this project.

A breakdown of funding is listed below;

**Locality:** £15,000  
**Inner West:** £7,936  
**Outer West:** £7,936 requested

#### 8. 2015/16 Wellbeing Capital Projects For Consideration

Three applications for Capital Funding were received for this commissioning round totalling £13,460.00 and are listed in **Table 3**.

**Table 3 Wellbeing Capital Projects for Consideration**

Project	Project Applicant	Amount
Farnley Falcons Changing Room Conversion	Farnley Falcons ARLFC	£6,305.00
Dawson's Corner Notice Board	Dawson's Corner Tenant Association	£1,155.00
New Clubhouse for Rodley Cricket Club	Rodley Cricket Club	£6,000.00

Should the above projects be approved, this will leave **£1,690.12** of Wellbeing Capital funding available for allocation in 2015/16

#### 9. Youth Activities Fund

In addition to those Wellbeing projects listed above, the projects listed in **Table 4** below have also been received for the Youth Activities Fund. Members will review the applications in detail at their Wellbeing Commissioning meeting on 16 March and agree which projects should go forward for consideration at the Community Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015. In 2015/16, the Outer West Community Committee has received a sum of £46,440 Youth Activity Fund. Combining this with £190.75 which has been unallocated from the 2014/15 budget, there is currently **£46,630.75** available for allocation.

**Table 4: Youth Activities Fund Projects for Consideration**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Applicant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wild in the woods	The Conservation Volunteers	£768
Pudsey Global Gang	Leeds DEC	£1,560
Wild West at Pudsey Park	LCC Parks & Countryside	£4,000
Breeze Friday Night Project	LCC Breeze Team	£9,845
Schools Out, Armley Junior	Armley Juniors Project 4 Young People	£5,310
Multi Sports Camp	Pudsey Cluster	£1,180
Summer Holiday Activities	Farnley Cluster	£3,105

Should the above projects be approved, this will leave **£20,862.75** of Youth Activity funding available for allocation in 2015/16.

## **Corporate considerations**

### **a. Consultation and Engagement**

10. Local priorities were set through the Area Business Plan process and the 2015/16 Wellbeing application round was advertised to all Community Committee contacts. The Youth Activity Fund application rounds are promoted through the Breeze Culture Network and local providers, with consultation from children and young people being taken into account through the Youth Engagement Panels.

### **b. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

11. 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**

12. 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**

13. 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**

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

#### **f. Risk Management**

15. 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**

16. Wellbeing funding provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services.

17. All applications received by the Outer West in respect of funding via the Wellbeing fund and Youth Activities Fund are presented in the attached **Appendix 1**.

### **Recommendations**

18. The Committee is asked to:

- Note the available Wellbeing Budget and Youth Activities Fund for allocation in 2015/16.
- Consider the projects listed in **Table 2 and 3** a total of £168,733.66 (Revenue) and £13,460.00 (Capital) respectively for approval from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2015/16.
- Consider the projects listed in **Table 4** totalling £25,768 for approval from the Youth Activities Fund allocation for 2015/16.

### **Background information**

- **None**