

**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 Fund and Youth Activities Fund Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report provides the Outer West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16 and the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting.
2. The report also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.

### **Main issues**

3. 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.
4. 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.

## Wellbeing Budget Statement 2015/16

5. Community Committees received a reduced allocation to their Wellbeing Revenue Budgets for 2015/16 compared with that given in 2014/15. This gave the Outer West Community Committee an allocation of **£126,290**. The Area Support Team are currently awaiting the carry forward figures from Leeds City Council finance and are in the process of setting up new wellbeing statements for 2015/16. A wellbeing statement will be circulated to members shortly and an update will be provided at the next meeting.
6. The Wellbeing commissioning round for 2015/16 received 26 applications for revenue funding totalling £168,733.66. These applications were assessed against the funding criteria for the Outer West Wellbeing Fund. Members reviewed the applications in detail at their Wellbeing Commissioning meeting on 16 March and agreed which projects should go forward for consideration at the Community Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

### Small Grants & Skips

7. 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 £6,645.00 still available for allocation for Small Grants and for Skip Hire in the 2015/16 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**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation /Department</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Pudsey 10k 25th Anniversary Charity Race	Pudsey Pacers Running Club	£720.00	£720.00
20th Anniversary Farsley Celtic Juniors and Vermelles exchange	Farsley Celtic Juniors u14's Football Club	£500.00	£500.00
Stone Wall Rebuild	Calverley Village Guide Association	£500.00 <b>(Appendix 1)</b>	
PHAB Leeds	PHAB Leeds	£83.11 <b>(Appendix 2)</b>	

**Table 2: Skips Approvals**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of Skips</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Crimbles Allotments	Pudsey	1	£135

### 2015/16 Wellbeing Capital Projects For Consideration

8. The remaining budget available in the Outer West Wellbeing Capital budget is £5,090. No applications have been received for capital projects.
9. Youth Activities Fund

In addition to those Wellbeing projects listed above, the projects listed in **Table 3** below have also been received for the Youth Activities Fund. Members reviewed the first 2 applications at their General Purposes Sub Group on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and requested further information. In 2015/16, the Outer West Community Committee has received a sum of £46,440 Youth Activity Fund. The remaining budget available in the Outer West Youth Activities Fund budget is **£13,906**. Table 3. below lists those projects received for Youth Activity Fund Support.

**Table 3: Youth Activities Fund Projects for Consideration**

Project	Project Applicant	Amount
Pudsey Global Gang	Leeds DEC	£1,560 (Appendix 3)
Schools Out, Armley Junior	Armley Juniors Project 4 Young People	£5,310 (Appendix 4)
Lazer Centre Summer Youth Activity Programme	Youth Service	£5,970 (Appendix 5)

Should the above projects be approved, this will leave **£1,066** 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.

**Recommendations**

17. 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 1 and 3** respectively for approval from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2015/16 and from the Youth Activities Fund allocation for 2015/16.

**Background information**

- None