

Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood

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For decision

Wellbeing Fund update

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Inner North West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activity Fund for 2016/17 and the current position of the small grants and skips pot.
2. The report also asks the Community Committee to approve the Wellbeing funding round process and timescales for the 2017/18 Wellbeing budget.

Recommendations

3. The Inner North West Community Committee is asked to:
 - Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17 (**Appendix 1**).
 - Note the current position of the small grants and skips pots and those small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting (**Table 1**).
 - Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this.
 - Agree the recommended application round process and funding priorities for 2017/18.

Background information

4. Community Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of 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.
5. The Inner North 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, an application 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.
6. This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing fund for 2016/17. The report highlights the current position of the small grants and skips pots and those small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting. It also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.

Main Issues

7. Wellbeing Fund

The Inner North West Community Committee received an allocation of **£109,850** for the 2016/17 financial year. Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2015/16, the total fund available for new projects in 2016/17 was **£111,922**. This funding has now been committed to 18 projects for 2016/17, as listed in **Appendix 1** (table 1.2).

There have been some adjustments to the wellbeing budget this financial year, as follows:

- Behno group – Every woman health group - £820 has been brought back into the Wellbeing pot as the group have been unable to recruit a sessional worker.
- Out of hours noise nuisance service – the original approval amount was for £9,000 in 2016/17. However, a £4,000 underspend from 2015/16 has been identified, the approval amount has therefore been amended to £5,000.
- Underspend from a previous Public Health combined Wellbeing project of £570, from 2015/16, has been brought into the Wellbeing budget for 2016/17.

At the time of reporting, there is **£14,527** in Wellbeing funds currently unallocated for 2016/17.

8. Small grants and skips

Table 1 below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been approved since the last meeting of the Inner North West Community Committee on 16 June 2016. No skips have been approved since the last meeting of the Committee.

Table 1: Small Grant Approvals (16/06/16 – 12/09/16)

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Parenting programme	Housing Leeds	£500	£500
School summer trip	Little London Primary School	£500	£500

There is **£6620** still available for allocation from the small grants and skips pot in the 2016/17 budget. The Community Committee is asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants that have recently been approved.

9. Capital Fund

In addition to wellbeing revenue the Community Committee also receives an allocation of capital funding. There is currently **£15,000** available for allocation (see Appendix 1, table 1.7)

10. Youth Activities Fund

For 2016/17, the Inner North West Community Committee received a sum of £21,350 Youth Activity Fund (YAF) monies. Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2015/16, the total funds available for new YAF projects in 2016/17 was **£27,345**. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17.

There are some YAF project updates specifically of note:

- ESNW Universal Activities - Project carried forward from 2014/15 - £1760 was originally allocated to this project and only £970 was spent, the £790 underspend has been returned to the Wellbeing pot.
- ESNW Summer Activities – Project carried forward from 2015/16 - £1305 was originally allocated to this project, with only £600 spent. The £705 underspend has therefore been returned to the pot.

Funding has now been committed to 6 projects for 2016/17, as listed in Appendix 1 (table 1.5). This leaves **£14,289** for allocation this financial year.

2017/18 Wellbeing Application Round

11. Members are asked to approve the method by which Wellbeing grants are approved for 2017/18. In previous years, this has been done through an open application process synced with the Inner West and Outer West Community Committees.

It is proposed that the application round follows the same process again, with applications invited between 28 October 2016 and 13 January 2017, for approvals at the March Community Committee meeting.

The proposed priorities below are also reflected in the Community Plan 2016/17 (see Appendix 1 of the Area Update report)

Inner North West Wellbeing fund priorities

1. Increase community activity and local residents' involvement in decision making
2. Work with our partners to improve services in our local neighbourhoods
3. Support activities that make people and places feel safer
4. Enhance the quality of our parks and public spaces
5. Develop and make better use of community assets
6. Support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired
7. Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities
8. Provide opportunities for people to get jobs, volunteer or learn new skills
9. Improve access and engagement in sport and cultural activities

The Communities Team will consult with Members before and during the process, bringing everyone together for a workshop to review all applications.

Members are asked to approve the process.

Corporate considerations

12. Consultation and Engagement

Local priorities were set through the Area Business Plan process and the 2016/17 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 also being taken into account.

13. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

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.

14. Council policies and City Priorities

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

15. **Resources and value for money**

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

16. **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

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

17. **Risk Management**

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

18. The Inner North West Community Committee Wellbeing Fund 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 2016/17 and asks Members to approve the application round proposals for 2017/18.

Recommendations

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