

Report of: Area Leader, West North West

Report to: Inner West Community Committee

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For decision

Wellbeing Fund Update

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on the projects funded through the Inner West Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund budgets. It presents projects approved by delegated decision since the last meeting. It also asks Members to approve the application process for bids to the 2017/18 Wellbeing budget.

Members are asked to:

- a) Note the balance of the Wellbeing budget for 2016/17
- b) Note the projects approved by delegated decision listed at 4 and 5
- c) Consider the new 2016/17 projects listed at 7-9
- d) Consider whether any funding should be earmarked against the projects in development listed at 11-17
- e) Approve a top up to the small grants and skips budget at 29
- f) Note the balance of the Capital Fund at 30
- g) Note the balance of the Youth Activities Fund at 33
- h) Approve the application process for the 2017/18 financial year at 35

Main issues

Current position

1. Since March 2016, the Committee awarded grants totaling £116,314 to 33 projects following an open application round. The list of projects funded so far in 2016/2017 is presented at **Appendix 1**.

Wellbeing balances

2. The remaining balance available per ward for 2016/17 are as follows, which include the projects approved by DDN below:

Remaining Balances For 2016/17	
Armley	£10,395
Bramley & Stanningley	£18,941
Kirkstall	£21,620

Applications approved by delegated decision

3. Since the last meeting the following revenue applications have been approved by via Delegated Decision.
4. Hollybush Roundhouse - £4,000
Hollybush TVC received a grant towards their 'Roundhouse' project that will create a new community space at their base off Kirkstall Bridge.
5. West Leeds Credit Union - £1,200
Funding was awarded to West Leeds Credit Union to produce new leaflets, signage and back office books following their name change from 'Bramley Credit Union' reflecting the expansion of the area which they serve.

New Wellbeing applications

6. There are three new grant applications for Armley presented for consideration. If approved, the budget would be oversubscribed.
7. Poplars Fencing Scheme - £2,557
Housing Leeds are seeking £2,557 to match fund a Housing Advisory Panel grant to install fencing along the greenspace at Poplar Way in Armley ward to prevent access by

motorbikes and quad bikes that are causing a nuisance to residents and damaging the grass.

8. Armley Junktion Café - £1,000

Armley Junktion was the country's first 'Pay as You Feel' café which serves food otherwise destined for landfill. The organisation is in the process of refurbishing its base on Chapel Lane. They are seeking around £1,000 towards the cost of creating a new 'giving wall' and mural on the outside of the building. The 'giving wall' is a series of shelves and rails for people to leave donated clothing and goods for anyone to pick up. The shelving will have shutters and only be open when the building is. The mural will be created by East Street Arts.

9. Gotts Park Golf Club - £11,764

Gotts Park Golf Club would like to refurbish the Mansion House at Gotts Park to create a community café, meeting / event space with refurbished public toilets. £11,764 is requested to match fund a grant from Corbett Environmental Limited to complete the works.

Projects in development

10. There are seven projects in development that are being progressed by the Communities Team. If Members wish to earmark funding towards a particular project, it will be taken off the Wellbeing balance ahead of formal approval by DDN.

Armley Ward

11. Armley Mosaic

Seagulls would like to apply for around £5,000 to create a public art mosaic on the wall by Wilkinsons on Stanningley Road.

12. New Wortley Rise High Project

The successful Rise High Project, part funded by the Community Committee, has employed a worker to engage with residents in the New Wortley tower blocks and support them to overcome any issues holding them back such as mental illness, unemployment or social isolation. The post will be mainstreamed from April through a new contract, but funding for the current post ends in February. Barca are looking to make an application to the December Committee for around £2,000 to cover the break in service.

Bramley & Stanningley Ward:

13. Bramley Community Shop

Bramley Community Shop is seeking an additional £4,000 to support the operation until March 2017. The Communities Team has requested the current monitoring information and details on the future plans for the sustainability of the shop.

14. Fairfields Teatime Club

Consultation with parents at the Fairfield Funday showed that there is high demand for out of school activities in the area for primary age children. The Communities Team have approached Barca Leeds to look at the feasibility to run a 'teatime' club for ages 6-11 at the community centre. The cost for a year will be in the region of £6,000

15. Bramley Litter Bin project

Ward Members are looking at purchasing additional litter bins for the ward, subject to agreement from the Environmental Locality Team having the resources available to empty them.

16. Fairfield Toddler Group

The Bramley Our Place Neighbourhood Improvement Plan highlights support for parents as a key priority. The Communities Team is going to work with a group of young parents to trial a baby / toddler group at the Community Centre.

17. Foodbank Kitchen

Funding to buy a commercial kitchen for Oak Road Foodbank enable them to prepare fresh meals and use it to teach healthily cooking on a budget, as part of a Friday night youth café. This would be a joint project with Outer West. They are seeking £750 per Committee.

Kirkstall Ward

18. Queenswood TARA Orienteering

Queenswood Tenants and Residents Association would like to host orienteering sessions on fields nearby for all residents to participate in. They are currently seeking quotes from a number of providers.

19. Milford Sports Club Changing Rooms

Milford Sports Club suffered severe damage during the Boxing Day floods, the cost of which put back their plans to refurbish their changing rooms. A grant application will be submitted once the club has quotes for the works.

Small grants and skips

20. There have been nine small grants approved since the last meeting:

21. Armley Conversation Club - Communities Team WNW - £500

The Armley Conversation Club is a fortnightly open group for around 20 – 25 Eastern European residents to meet, learn English, and find out more about living in the UK. In addition to ESOL, participants have been given talks on a range of health issues including mental health and registering with a GP.

22. Broadleas Fun Day – Communities Team WNW - £500

Supporting the annual fun day for residents from the Broadleas estate.

23. Fairfields Fun Day – Communities Team WNW - £500

Supporting the new fun day on the Fairfield Estate.

24. Hawksworth Wood Fun Day & Dog Show – Communities Team WNW - £500

Fund a fun day and dog show on Saturday 13th August 2016 on Cragside Recreation ground to further raise awareness around dog fouling in the area.

25. Armley Library Fun Day – Communities Team WNW - £500

Fund family activities at Armley Library, during the Armley festival on Saturday 6th August.

26. Upgrading of back office systems - West Leeds & Bramley Credit Union - £449

Purchase a PC to run the newly upgraded accountancy package - ConAccess, in order to comply with new financial regulations.

27. VC stone Fred McNess unveiling event - Friends of a War Memorial for Bramley - £400
To pay for venue hire, refreshments and promotion literature for the Fred McNess VC commemorative stone unveiling event.
28. New Wortley Football Project - £500
To joint fund a 30 week football project in New Wortley run by Leeds United Foundation.
29. Friends of Armley Park - £500
Start up funding for the new group to produce publicity and host a community picnic in the park.
30. Armley Helping Hands Mosaic - £500
A joint project with Aspire, a charity helping people with learning disabilities, it will create an attractive mural designed by service users for the front of their base at Strawberry Lane Community Centre.
31. The balance of the small grants and skips budget at 23rd September was £340.
Members are asked to provide £1000 per ward to top up the Small Grants and Skips fund to enable further applications to be submitted to the end of the financial year.

Capital Wellbeing Balance

32. The current Inner West Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme balance is £21,600.

Youth Activities Fund

33. The Inner West Community Committee had a Youth Activities Fund budget of £55,941 for 2016/17. Since April fifteen projects have been funded at a total cost of £55,842 and are listed at **Appendix 2**.
34. Since the last meeting the following YAF application was approved by via Delegated Decision.
 - a) Continuation of the Woodbridges Youth Club - £5,938

35. The ward balances of the Youth Activities Fund are as follows:

Armley - £0

Bramley & Stanningley - £0

Kirkstall - £99

2017/18 Wellbeing Funding Round

36. 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, Inner North West and Outer West Community Committees.
37. 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 grant application round will also include bids to the Youth Activities fund.

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

The Community Committee aims to:

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

39. The Communities Team will consult with Members in ward groups before and during the process, bringing everyone together for a workshop to review all applications on week commencing 6th February 2017.

40. Members are asked to approve the process and indicate whether they would like to continue to split their Wellbeing and Youth Activities Fund allocation equally between wards as has been the preferred option for the last few years.

Corporate considerations

41. Consultation and engagement

Elected Members have been consulted on local priorities through the new Community Committee Plan.

Consultation with Young People will continue to identify potential projects for the Community Committee's Youth Activities Fund.

42. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

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

43. 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 achieved.

In order to meet the Community Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets.

44. Risk management

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

Conclusion

45. The Community Committee has invested its Wellbeing funding in a wide variety of projects within local communities. The majority of projects are progressing as planned with some very positive outcomes recorded. There is some underspend in 2016/17 which should be committed by December.
46. Early feedback indicates that the summer holiday projects funded through the Youth Activities Fund were a great success.

Recommendations

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