

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.

Recommendations

2. The Inner North West Community Committee is asked to:
 - Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17 (**Appendix 1**) and any Wellbeing fund applications and consider whether to move £2,000 from the small grants and skips pot back into the Wellbeing budget for large grants.
 - 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.
 - Note the project monitoring document attached at **Appendix 2**.
 - Consider the request from Weetwood Members to allocate Wellbeing funding on a ward basis.

Background information

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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

6. 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 19 projects for 2016/17, as listed in **Appendix 1** (table 1.2).

Since the last meeting, the following information regarding Wellbeing projects is of note:

- Speed Indication Devices – Final spend on this project was £23,060. The Community Committee had allocated £25,000 to this project. This therefore amounts to an underspend of £1,940, which has been returned to the pot.
- Diwali event – The Hindu Temple requested £3,953 in Wellbeing monies to hold a Diwali event at the Town Hall. This request was approved by Members on 15 November 2016.

The Committee has also received a Wellbeing application for £6,500 for the cleaning of Headingley war memorial. Due to a number of queries that have been raised, Members are asked to consider this application at Committee.

At the time of reporting, there is **£13,610** in Wellbeing funds currently unallocated for 2016/17.

7. 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 22 September 2016.

- Table 1: Small Grant Approvals (22/09/16 – 06/12/16)

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Sanskar Activity Project	Sanskar Group	£495	£330

- **Table 2** below outlines those skip grant applications that have been approved since the last meeting of the Inner North West Community Committee on 22 September 2016.

- Table 2: Skip Approvals (22/09/16 – 06/12/16)

Location	Organisation /Department	Amount Approved
Cardigan Centre	Cardigan Centre	£140
Autumn Ave and Terrace	Community clean up	£280
Cardigan Centre	Cardigan Centre	£420
Hyde Park Close and Rillbanks	LCC	£240
Cardigan Centre	Cardigan Centre	£140

- There is **£5070** 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.
- It is recommended that **£2,000** of this budget be returned to the Wellbeing large grant pot, making **£15,610** available for allocation. This would leave the amount of money available for allocation for Small Grants and Skips as **£3,070**.

8. Capital Fund

In addition to wellbeing revenue the Community Committee also receives an allocation of capital funding. There is currently **£14,200** available for allocation (see **Appendix 1**, table 1.7)

9. 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.

On 14 November an invitation for YAF applications was sent to organisations to attract applications for February half term and Easter 2017 projects. The closing date for this application round was 2 December. These applications will be sent for consideration to a meeting of the Inner North West Children and Young People's sub group meeting in January 2017.

- **Table 3** below outlines those YAF applications that have been approved since the last meeting of the Inner North West Community Committee on 22 September 2016.

- Table 3: YAF Approvals (22/09/16 – 06/12/16)

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Code, Craft, Create at Christmas	LCC Libraries	£986.00	£986.00
Half term all sports camp	ACEs Camps	£2905.00	£2905.00

To date, funding has been committed to 8 projects for 2016/17, as listed in Appendix 1 (table 1.5). This leaves **£11,310** for allocation this financial year.

Allocation of Wellbeing funds

10. The Community Committee has received a request from Weetwood Members to consider an alternative method of allocating Wellbeing Fund monies. The request is to split Community Committee funding between the three wards and for allocation to be decided on a ward by ward basis. The committee is asked to consider this request and make a decision on whether it wishes to continue to allocate funding under the current arrangements or consider applications on a ward basis.

Corporate considerations

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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

14. **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.

15. **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.

16. **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

17. 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.

Recommendations

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