



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 23rd June 2008

Subject: Update on Projects Funded by the Well-Being Fund in 2007/08

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Roundhay
Moortown

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

The report informs the Area Committee of outcomes and outputs of projects that have received revenue and capital Well-Being funding over the past financial year and asks members to note the contents.

Purpose Of This Report

1. This report is to provide an update to the Area Committee of the outcomes and outputs of projects that have been supported by the Well-Being Fund over the past year (a breakdown of the revenue and capital spend is provided in appendix 1).

Feedback from the Wellbeing Fund Large Grants Projects

Chapelton THI – INE.07.02.LG

2. £15,000 was awarded towards the project development costs of the Chapelton Townscape Initiative in March 2007. The aim of the project is to improve the physical appearance of Chapelton, tackle negative perceptions of the area and attract new investment. Funding has been secured for the project and a project team has been set up. The focus will be the lower Chapelton Road area with grants available for residents in Victorian and Edwardian properties. A press release has been sent out and a website will be set up for people to access information on the project. It is hoped a heritage group will be set up so local residents can monitor designs. The first major expected to be complete is 101-117 Chapelton Road in 2009/10.

Tree Management Project - INE.07.03.LG

3. £7,800 was awarded towards the cost of a Tree Management Survey for Roundhay. The purpose of the survey was to map the location of trees in the targeted area, identify tree protection and succession strategies and inform maintenance and re-planting programmes. So far 45% of streets with trees have been surveyed and 24% have been mapped and evaluated. 6% of the trees surveyed have been found to be hazardous and require action within 6 weeks. The project was not completed by the end of March 2008. The funding has been rolled over to this financial year and the forestry team are keen to complete the project but staffing and resource problems are so far preventing this.

Car Park Extension and resurfacing Project – INE.07.04.LG

4. £12,000 was awarded in June 2007 for the extension and resurfacing of Moor Allerton Sports and Social Club car park. The work was completed on 20th July last year at a total cost of £17,120.77. The improvements have benefited all sections of the club with the AGM meeting showing an increased number of younger members. Coaches can now park at the venue and the Leeds branch of the University of the Third Age have travelled to the centre with 200 members as a result.

Room for All (Lidgett Park Methodist Church) – INE.07.05.LG

5. £7,000 capital was granted towards building three new toilets which are more accessible, the improvement of catering facilities and the addition of storage for users' equipment in the part of the premises where most childrens' and community activities take place. Urgent parts of the work has already been carried out and £23,500 has been spent so far of a total estimated cost of £140,000. The main part of the work is due to start at the end of June to be completed in two months. The project will improve and extend the facilities available to existing user groups and make the premises more available for new users.

RJC Dance – INE.07.06.LG

6. A grant of £2,500 was awarded to RJC Dance to fund a project called Yorkshire Gold. The aim of the project was to involve young people in the creation of a dance drama about three African descendants in response to the 200th Anniversary of the abolition of Slavery. The project has so far failed to secure funding from other sources and therefore very little work has been carried out on the project, with the grant so far unspent. More information has been requested along with revised deadlines, but it is estimated that it may take months to secure funding.

Environmental Summer Play scheme (Meanwood Valley Urban Farm) – INE.07.07.LG

7. £7,800 was awarded to fund a programme of activities for young people aged 8-12 years during the first 3 weeks of the summer holidays. The grant enabled Meanwood Valley Farm to publicise the scheme and to provide a concessionary rate to parents from the priority areas of Chapel Allerton. The scheme was well attended but the concessionary rate was still too high for some parents to send their children every day. Meanwood Valley Urban Farm would hope that in the future they can concentrate on increasing provision for play schemes in the LS7 area.

Making the Difference Programme – INE.07.08.LG

8. £15,000 was awarded to the Making the Difference programme in June 2007. The aims of the project were to provide After-School Curriculum Support to Key Stage 4 students to enhance their GCSE attainment in Mathematics, Science, English and Community Languages, to emphasise issues relating to community cohesion and citizenship and to encourage participation of young people in positive activities. The GCSE SUCCESS class has been doubled to 6 groups due to high demand from students who live in Roundhay, Harehills and Chapeltown. There are currently 110 students registered for the GCSE SUCCESS classes and on average 75-85 students attend every Wednesday. In a report for the SAT SUCCESS group the students rated the programme 8.5 out of 10.

Summer Sports Activities – INE.07.09.LG

9. £8,735 was awarded to fund four weeks of sports and recreational activities for 8-13 year olds in North East Leeds.

Roundhegians Sports Association Kitchen Upgrade – INE.07.10.LG

10. £2,544 capital was granted towards the costs of upgrading kitchen facilities at the Memorial Ground. The grant has been spent on purchasing a cooker for the kitchen. As a result better quality meals have been served on senior match days when there is a choice of 2-3 healthy dishes for visiting teams and club members and on Sundays when Youth Rugby volunteers prepare light meals for 60-100 children and parents. The meals have received positive feedback with visiting teams now staying in the bar to socialize which helps the clubs finances as well as fostering goodwill.

Chapeltown Stage Productions Bicentenary Project – INE.07.11.LG

11. This application was withdrawn due to similarities with other projects. The Area Committee suggested they makes links with other projects before applying for funding in the future.

Community Fair (IVS) – INE.07.12.LG

12. £2,500 was awarded towards the cost of a community fair which aimed to bring together different groups and faiths in the Moortown area. Approximately 200 people attended from a variety of faiths, ages and ethnicity. People who attended the event said they had enjoyed the day and liked the multi-faith nature of the Fair. The young people involved in the organisation gained leadership and organisational skills. All of the grant was spent on the event.

Leeds Reach - Education Support Programme – INE.07.13.LG

13. This application was withdrawn as the bid was too focused on the running costs of the organisation. They were encouraged to apply for funding for a specific project.

Youth Service Part 1 – INE.07.14.LG

14. £17,400 was approved to fund holiday activities across the three North East Inner wards. Aims of this project included a motorbike project and funding broadband in cyber suites at the Mandela and Prince Philip Centre.
15. Two new youth workers have been appointed and will be deployed in the Meanwood area to engage with young people on the streets. In Chapel Allerton 172 young people have attended 32 different activities ranging from go karting , aerial extreme and a theme park visit. Of these, WBF was used to pay for 8 activities and to provide transport to a further 13. In Roundhay and Moortown 136 young people have attended 11 different activities including swimming, skating and bowling. A total of 76 young people has so far used the cyber suites regularly and 36 young people have so far participated in the Bumpy Motorbike Programme. Roundhay have brought 12 young people for ‘taster’ sessions.

Deen Associates – INE.07.15.LG

16. £8,000 capital was awarded to Deen Enterprises towards the cost of a minibus. The purpose of the minibus was for community use and the group have started taking young people to Herd Farm and football matches for days out. Deen Enterprises also plan to talk to Youth Services about hiring the minibus out and they are in the process of signing an agreement with the Islamic centre for use of the minibus for outings every week for older people. The amount of young people attending the Deen Enterprises sessions has reached 50 and the minibus will allow them to go on further outings in the summer.

North Leeds Bowling Club – INE.07.16.LG

17. This application was withdrawn due to delays in the planning process and club committee changes.

(Ward Pot) Kids Day Out – INE.07.17.LG

18. £950 was approved to fund the cost of 3 coaches to take 150 children from Meanwood Junior Play Scheme to Flamingo Land during the summer holidays in 2007. The grant for the project was spent on the coach which cost £1,050.00. The Project benefited the Meanwood, Chapeltown, Harehills & Scott Hall areas by providing a reasonably priced school holiday for children aged 5-12 years old with positive and interactive activities. As a result of this children and parents at each play scheme have identified the need for more organised school holiday day care for children across the Chapel Allerton ward.

Leeds Reach - Sport Curriculum – INE.07.18.LG

19. A grant of £4,917 was awarded to Leeds Reach towards costs of running sports sessions for young people who have been excluded or are about to be excluded from school. So far 30 young people have had access to a professional basketball and self defence coach. The grant has helped to subsidise payment of this as well as pay for block bookings of the Scott Hall sports hall twice a week. Twenty-five young people have received Duke of Edinburgh awards for 'physical education' and a further 25 have received certificates of attendance for self defence. These activities have increased participation, self esteem and team work for the young people involved.

Woodhouse Cricket Club – INE.07.19.LG

20. £6,000 was granted to Woodhouse Cricket Club to fund the building of a fence on the boundary of Meanwood Road to increase safety for the children and young people who use the club. To date planning permission has been granted for the fence and Leeds City Council are currently selecting a contractor who they will pay directly. Once completed it is hoped the fence will improve the aesthetic appearance of Meanwood Road as well as improving safety for the cricket club.

KICK – INE.07.20.LG

21. This project was granted £3,000 revenue to teach Karate, citizenship and life skills to young people aged 11-16 years with the aim to divert young people from crime and boost their self-esteem whilst providing them with valuable life skills. A course has been set up at Stainbeck United Reform Church with 33 students on the programme with an average attendance of 20 students a week. The project has had a positive impact on local crime and the Home Office and Department for Children, Schools and Families are currently monitoring the programme as a potential solution to gang culture.

Sugarwell Hill Entrance (Groundwork Leeds) – INE.07.21.LG

22. A grant of £5,000 was awarded to fund the development of Sugarwell Hill to make it more accessible from Potternewton Crescent for users with child buggies, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. All of the well-being fund grant has been spent on improving the appearance of Potternewton Crescent, the installation of access control to deter motorcycle usage and the creation of artwork features for the entrance, designed by 21 local schoolchildren, which will give them a sense of pride and ownership in the area. It is envisaged that the entrance into Sugarwell Hill will encourage people to access Sugarwell Hill and beyond, potentially linking communities on the Farm Hills below and Scott Halls to the East.

(Ward Pot) Mandela Centre – INE.07.22.LG

23. £1,530 capital was approved to fund the development of the Chapeltown Young Peoples 10 – 2 club which is for young people aged 13 – 19 years. The funding has enabled the club to refurbish and redecorate the cyber suite in their new base at the Mandela Centre in September 2007. The cyber suite comprises 10 work stations with seating where users can access up to date ICT equipment during the daytime and evening from 10.00am until 8.00pm. The space is ideal for group training and will allow the expansion of partnership working with schools and give support to new and existing groups. The funding has enabled the club to extend weekend opening times and increased the potential to work with other users of the Mandela Centre.

Lifeforce – INE.07.23.LG

24. Lifeforce applied for £6,701 to fund a project to involve young people in their business. This application was rejected due to similar organisations and projects in the North East Area.

Volunteer Thank You Event – INE.07.24.LG

25. This project was granted £700 to fund the organisation of the fourth volunteer thank you event to recognise the achievement of the voluntary sector in the North East Area. 65 people attended and community organisations were given the opportunity to promote their groups as well as communicate with other organisations from across the North East Area.

Northern School of Dance – INE.07.25.LG

26. A grant of £2,608 was awarded to fund *Reach*, a weekly dance class for students of all ages and abilities at Carr Manor School. The start of the project was postponed from January 2008 to April 2008, in order for the project to coincide more appropriately with both partners' (NSCD and Carr Manor School) school term activities and to enable participants maximum cross-over with the Yorkshire Young Dancers scheme. 10 weekly workshops will take place with a final performance at the Riley Theatre at NSCD on 5th July. So far three workshops have taken place with 22 attendees of which 15 have attended previous workshops. The majority of the attendees are male between the ages of 11 and 14. So far there has been reported a lot of enthusiasm towards the workshops and the performance in July.

Mediation Leeds – INE.07.26.LG

27. A grant of £843 was awarded to the neighbourhood conflict resolution project to fund mediation for tenants in privately rented or owner occupied houses who are having disputes with their neighbours. During the period of funding Mediation Leeds received 3 enquiries with no service level agreement with East North East Homes, all from the Chapel Allerton Ward. Seven parties benefited from access to a free service and just over 4 hours of mediation time. The community benefited from access to a free mediation service to resolve disputes and improve communication between the parties.

Friends of Wykebeck Valley Woods – INE.07.27.LG

28. £7,000 was approved to fund the construction of a bridge across the Wyke Beck. The bridge will open up the area for pedestrians, bikes, pushchairs and wheelchairs. The

preliminary design work has been carried out and it is hoped that the bridge will be installed this summer subject to negotiations with the Lupton Estate, which are ongoing and are being handled by the Council's own legal department.

Oakwood Farmers Market – INE.07.28.LG

29. Roundhay Environmental Action Project was granted £1,184 to introduce a two monthly farmers Market at Oakwood Clock. £1,102 has been spent so far. The first two farmers markets took place in March and between 400 and 800 people have attended each market with 17 local farmers and producers selling their produce. The market also has an sustainable living stall. Local people now have better access to fresh, healthy, locally produced food and have a better understanding of issues of sustainability and food production. The market has also made a contribution to the regeneration of the Oakwood area with local traders reporting an increase in trade on the days of the market.

Chapel Allerton Conservation Area Review – INE.07.29.LG

30. £7,000 was granted to fund the completion of a Conservation Area Review document covering Chapel Allerton village. The review worked in partnership with the CANPLAN community group who are undertaking a Village Design Statement covering Chapel Allerton village. Work started on 7 April and fieldwork and documentary research was largely completed by 2nd May. A rapid survey was carried out and three of these character areas were considered to be of sufficient historic significance to be included in the conservation area and it is proposed that the conservation area boundary be amended to fully include them. The proposed boundary alteration will be open to public consultation in June and July and all properties affected by the boundary change will receive a flyer inviting them to comment on the proposals.
31. The existence of an up-to-date conservation area appraisal will provide greater protection against inappropriate development and help to prevent the demolition of locally valued buildings.

Meanwoodside Conservation Area Review – INE.07.30.LG

32. £7,000 was granted to fund the completion of a Conservation Area Review document covering Meanwoodside (East) (Moortown ward only). The review worked with the Meanwood Valley Partnership and Meanwood Village Society community groups to complete the review. So far documentary research and a rapid survey has been carried out using English Heritage guidance on Conservation Area Appraisals and the area classified into character areas. Any proposed boundary alteration will be open to public consultation by early July and all properties affected by the boundary change will receive a flyer inviting them to comment on the proposals. At the moment it is believed there will be very little, if any alteration made to the conservation area boundary. Ward councillors and Meanwood Village Association have been contacted but have so far received only one gesture of interest.

Recommendations

33. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.