

**Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal**  
**Outer West Area Committee**

**Project Name:** Participatory Budgeting

**Lead Organisation:** West North West Area Management Team

**Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project):**

The project will be delivered by West North West Area Management Team.

**Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities, why the project is needed and links to key priorities):**

In order to reach a wider range of participants through community engagement through innovative involvement techniques, it has been proposed to introduce Participatory Budgeting (PB) on a pilot basis in Outer West Leeds. Implementation of a PB project would be informed by the evaluation of the two projects run in Drighlington and the Broadleas estate.

Initially residents would be invited to 'support sessions' where the concept of PB would be explained and they would then be helped to develop project ideas, submit applications and prepare for 'Decision Day'. Applications would be appraised, using pre-agreed criteria. There would need to be agreement on whether applications would be accepted from partner agencies as well as community groups. Attendees would be invited to take part in the voting process, with scoring based on value for money, achievability, and benefit to the community.

**Outcomes (summarise the main outcome/output/benefit the project will achieve):**

The scheme will promote community engagement and community involvement in local decision making. It would also result in projects offering community benefits, although the specific detail of these cannot be identified at this stage.

**Project Cost**

**How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)**

The Outer West Area Committee is requested to allocate £20,000 to support this project.

This would be available for community led projects and would also cover administration, venue and publicity costs.

**Identify which geographic areas will benefit:**

The Swinnow estate is proposed as a pilot for PB in Outer West during 2009/10. This would enhance the work of the Area Management Team to build capacity on the Swinnow estate to ensure a sustainable future for the community centre.

It is suggested that the Gamble Hill and/or Heights area could be targeted in 2010/11. However, this will be subject to review.