

Area Committee Well Being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Project Name: Neighbourhood Wardens

Lead Organisation: Area Management

Project Summary:

To continue to support the work of the Neighbourhood wardens in the Farnley & Wortley ward, a contribution to the staffing cost is being requested to the Outer Area Committee.

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

Neighbourhood Wardens work for Leeds City Council and operate from within the Area Management Teams and are managed by the Community Safety Co-ordinators post.

Each Neighbourhood Warden is responsible for their own patch and carries out uniformed patrols within that area, making contact with local people and identifying issues which need addressing.

Wardens are also involved in planned activities, in conjunction with a variety of agencies, to encourage the regeneration of targeted areas.

Wardens deal with three main areas:

Environmental

Reporting of issues such as fly tipping, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, vandalism, repairs to street lighting and street furniture etc.

Arranging and contributing to community clean ups.

Awareness initiatives with local schools and community groups.

Contributing to enforcement initiatives with LCC environmental enforcement teams.

Crime / Anti Social Behaviour

Providing a visible uniformed presence within an area.

Supporting victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Involvement in preventative initiatives such as property marking and security advice.

Liaising with Police, PCSOs and ASB officers regarding problem areas and individuals.

Attending police briefing and multi-agency meetings

Community Support

Acting as a link for the community with service providers.

Encouraging community and residents groups and assisting with planned activities.

Carrying out talks and presentations to schools and local groups on a wide range of subjects.

Facilitating and publicising youth diversionary activities in association with local partners.

Acting as a link between minority groups and the local community.

Enabling access to relevant support groups and organisations.

Currently there are 6 Neighbourhood wardens plus a senior wardens post in West Leeds. The senior wardens post is based in the Farnley area. The funding of the Neighbourhood wardens in West consists of Neighbourhood Renewal funding, funding from the Inner Area Committee, West North West Leeds Homes and Stronger Safer Communities funds. To date there has been no cost to the Outer Area Committee for the 2 wardens who have been working in the Farnley & Wortley Ward over the last 3 years. We are currently reviewing the funding costs of Neighbourhood Wardens and to continue with the senior wardens post for a further 12 months, additional funding from the Outer area committee is being requested.

Project Cost (please indicate how much the project will cost, how much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue):

£6,359 to fund the senior warden costs of the Neighbourhood Warden post for 2009/10

Identify which geographic areas will benefit and which Area Committee (Inner or Outer) you are applying to:

Outer Area Committee

State who will receive the funding for this project:

LCC Public Reassurance account Regeneration Department