

Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal
Inner West Area Committee

Appendix 4

Project Name: The Inner West Home Support Service

Lead Organisation: Bramley Elderly Action (BEA)

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

In partnership with Armley Helping Hands and Stanningley & Swinnow Live At Home Scheme, Bramley Elderly Action will help local older people by providing a Home Support service across the inner West Leeds area.

This service will be delivered through:

- Opening a drop-in at a vacant unit in Bramley Shopping Centre – this prominent location will also be used by other local agencies (e.g. Bramley Credit Union and Bramley Library) to contact the increasing number of people that use the centre.
- Staffed surgeries across the area – held in a range of locations including Strawberry Lane Community Centre and Atlanta Street Complex.
- Telephone contact – promoted by all three Neighbourhood Network Schemes, with referrals from individuals and agencies e.g. Leeds Mental Health Trust, West North West Homes, Leeds Social Services, PCSO's.
- Home visits – for people unable to access the service otherwise.

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

Brief description of the main activities:

The Inner West Leeds Home Support Service will supplement the support provided by all three neighbourhood Network Schemes operating within the Inner West. This will be done in a range of ways including:

- help with suitable rehousing and home improvements,
- arranging for home security and heating improvements,
- increasing access to benefits and grants,
- help with debt management and access to Bramley Credit Union
- publicising scams, liaising with PCSO's,
- locating and signposting to trusted tradespeople.

Why the project is needed:

Over the last three years, BEA's Home Support Service has helped people to be suitably and safely housed. In this time we have compiled considerable evidence of the need for the service.

From discussions with our sister schemes across the area we believe there is an additional need across the area and that the Inner West Leeds Home Support Service would supplement the good work already being done.

Links to key priorities:

The project links to the Inner West Area Delivery Plan (ADP) under the Health & Well Being and Stronger Communities themes and the key indicators that this project would deliver are as follows:

- **Improved psychological, mental health, and learning disability services for those who need it, by providing the Neighbourhood Network Schemes with**

additional capacity to enable more older people to receive the support they need to live independently at home.

- **Reduce the number of people who are not able to adequately heat their homes** by reducing the number of people in fuel poverty e.g. through increasing the uptake of grants, energy saving devices, modifications and by helping people to get suitably rehoused.
- **Increase financial inclusion in deprived areas** by working with the Bramley Credit Union to improve financial inclusion e.g. by co-ordinating and staffing the use of the Bramley Shopping Centre drop-in.
- **Reduce crime and fear of crime** by providing people with a range of information, ideas and equipment to keep their homes secure.

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

Please see above.

In addition, we believe that by making the service Inner West wide, we will increase the impact and quality of the service, as well increase the sustainability of the work. It should also expand and develop working partnerships between the participating agencies.

Project Cost. Please indicate how much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)

- The total cost of the project is approximately £30,000 this includes a full time salary, office, admin, management and other add ons.
- Up to the 31st May, BEA's Home Support service was part funded by Garfield Weston Foundation. BEA is currently funding the service from reserves. We have identified the Safer Homes Fund as a potential future funder.
- BEA, Armley Helping Hands and Stanningley & Swinnow Live at Home Scheme will provide a range of 'payments-in-kind' such as additional staff time / meetings space and management.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

Bramley & Stanningley Ward and the Armley Ward

How much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue)

Revenue:

530 hours of Home Support Workers time @ £17 (salary plus add ons) = £9,000

Who will be in receipt of the financial order. (name of the organisation and contact details)

Bramley Elderly Action,
230 a Stanningley Road
Leeds.

Approved

Date

Not Approved

Date