



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 22 March 2010

Subject: Well-Being Fund 2009/10

Electoral Wards Affected:

Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby

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

This report provides an overview of spending to date, and presents for consideration a number of new project proposals requesting funding.

The Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the spend to date for the 2009/10 financial year.
- Consider the project proposals in paragraphs 15 - 49 and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded.
- Note the awarding of small grants for each ward;
- Note the projects in development.

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide details of the area committee well being fund, and present new projects for consideration.

Background Information

2. Each of the ten Area Committees receives an allocation of revenue and capital funding to commission projects and offer grants to organisations in the local area. The amount of funding for each Area Committee is determined by a formula based on population and deprivation in each area which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.

Revenue

3. The Well-Being revenue allocation for 2009/10 is £143,220, an increase of just under 2% on last year's allocation.
4. Using the percentage measure of the total population of the outer area, the split between the three wards is £53,278 for Alwoodley ward (37.2%), £43,109 for Harewood ward (30.1%) and £46,833 for Wetherby ward (32.7%).
5. At the Area Committee meeting on 6 July, it was agreed that £20,000 of the Wetherby ward revenue allocation should transfer to Alwoodley Ward, and in return the £20,000 of the Alwoodley capital allocation should transfer to Wetherby Ward.
6. It was also agreed that £10,000 revenue should be transferred to capital for Harewood Ward.
7. A grant of £2,500 was previously awarded to Bardsey Parish Council for heritage street lighting; this grant is no longer required.

Additional Allocation

8. An extra £50,000 was made available by the Executive Board in 2007 for each Area Committee to fund two areas of strategic importance:
 - Carrying out reviews of conservation areas in their geographical area.
 - Introducing Residents' Only parking / extra parking provision in particular areas of concern.
9. Split between the three wards, the funding provided an allocation of £16,667 per ward. The Wetherby and Harewood ward allocation has been used to fund the conservation area reviews for 2008/9 and further funding was allocated from the wellbeing fund for conservation area reviews in 2009/10. The balance for Alwoodley ward remains unspent.
10. Table 1 in the appendix to this report shows the spend to date and current balance for the revenue budget.

Small Grants

11. In March 2007, the Area Committee agreed that a Small Grants Fund be set aside within the Well Being Revenue Budget allocation. The purpose of the

fund is to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of two grants of up to £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit.

12. For the current financial year, £9000 of revenue (£3000 per ward) has been earmarked for small grants.
13. Table 2 in the appendix to this report summarises the small grants approved to date for 2009/10.

Capital

14. The Area Committee also has a capital allocation. Table 4 in the appendix to this report sets out details of capital allocations for previous years, capital spend and current balances.

New Projects for Consideration

Revenue projects

Adel Mill Conservation Area, £6,000 (Alwoodley Ward)

15. Following the review of a number of conservation areas in 2008 and 2009, it is proposed to undertake further reviews in 2010. Adel Mill is an area of historic and archaeological interest. The Adel Mill site has a long history, and was originally a medieval corn mill; the proposed area would also take in the remains of a major Romano British Settlement which lies to the North of the Adel Mill complex. The review will be undertaken by the Council's conservation area team.
16. ADP Theme: Environment. Priority E6: Protect and improve the quality and sustainability of the built and natural environment.

ZEST Health for Life Summer Health and Wellbeing Project £1630. (Alwoodley Ward)

17. This is a summer holiday project aimed at communities living in the most disadvantaged areas of Meanwood and Moor Allerton, reaching families who do not normally engage with holiday provision or who do not use local facilities.
18. The grant will be used to organise three community Change 4 Life roadshow/fun days with a range of activities (one of which will be at Open House) and two family trip days. The total cost of the project is £2760. An application has also been made to the Inner North East Area Committee.
19. ADP Theme: Health and Wellbeing. Priority F1: Reduce the rate of increase in obesity and raise physical activity for all.

Maecare £7728 (Alwoodley and Harewood Wards)

20. Maecare are looking to employ a Partnership Development Worker for 10 hours per week from April 1st to the end of March 2011 to build upon existing links with other organisations, develop newly forming schemes, and to explore options for further pilots with new partners. This project will build on the partnership work already taking place including the intergenerational Golden Friends Scheme piloted with Alwoodley Primary School and the reminiscence sessions for people with dementia and their carers which have proved very successful.
21. ADP Theme: Harmonious Communities. Priority H8: Support the voluntary, community and faith sector to deliver priority service provision.

Northcall £33,161 (Alwoodley Ward)

22. Northcall Community Project provides a number of services and activities to assist families, with the aim of supporting local families into gaining skills for life and work, and to improve their economic situations. Northcall also delivers activities targeted specifically at children and young people and for older people and is working in partnership with ZEST, Working Links and Leeds City Council. Northcall is also a meeting place for local agencies such as East North East Homes, Cranmer Call, and Alderton Heights Tenants Association. There are also surgeries held by the Police and East North East Homes. Northcall is asking for a grant to enable to project to continue to offer service provision to March 2011. The total cost of the project will be £130,357.
23. ADP Theme: Harmonious Communities. Priority H8: Support the voluntary, community and faith sector to deliver priority service provision.

Open House £31,500 (Alwoodley Ward)

24. Open House is based on the Lingfield Estate and provides activities for the for the benefit of the local community, particularly residents in the Lingfield, Firtree and Queenshill Estates. Services include community café, computer and IT classes, computers, after school homework club, lunch club, social events, and provision for young people. The centre is also available for hire for events and activities. Open House is asking for a grant to cover costs to ensure the centre can continue to operate and to develop new activities to meet the recreational and social needs of the local community. run by volunteers at the centre on a regular weekly basis.
25. ADP Theme: Harmonious Communities. Priority H8: Support the voluntary, community and faith sector to deliver priority service provision.

North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership £1355 - Trembler Alarms (£975), Operation Buzzer (£380). (Alwoodley Ward)

26. This project is seeking funding for two ongoing initiatives, purchase of trembler alarms, and Operation Buzzer.

27. Trembler alarms are offered to residents as a preventative measure for burglary reduction. The alarms add another layer of security and provide reassurance to residents. Some incidents of attempted burglary have been recorded where the trembler alarms have been activated and the offender has been disturbed and made off. The alarms are distributed to residents by PCSOs who meet with householders, explain how to use the alarms and if necessary fit them. The cost of 500 alarms @ £1.95 each is £975.
28. Operation Buzzer is an initiative to combat the illegal sale of alcohol to under 18-year-olds. Funding of £880 is sought to enable further test purchasing operations to take place at local shops in the Roundhay Alwoodley Moortown Neighbourhood Policing Team area. An application has been made to the Inner North East Area Committee for £500 and £380 is sought from this area committee.
29. ADP Theme: Thriving Places. Priority G4: Create safer neighbourhoods by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

Yorkshire Dales River Trust. Returning Salmon to the River Wharfe, £2750, (Wetherby Ward)

30. Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (YDRT) is working in collaboration with the Environment Agency (EA) to enable salmon to complete their migration up the River Wharfe to the Pennine moorlands. The passage of salmon to its upland spawning ground was historically denied by the industrial development of Yorkshire, by pollution and by the construction of weirs on the river to generate industrial power. Fortunately pollution has been greatly reduced and the power source is no longer required, having been replaced by electricity. The physical obstruction of the weirs still remains and that at Boston Spa (Wetherby Ward) is considered the major hindrance to the salmon. Funding of the capital cost of a fish pass at the weir has been found by EA. YDRT will be financing the cost of providing and installing the necessary recording equipment that will count the numbers of ascending fish (salmon and other species such as lamprey & sea trout). This application is for interpretive signage to convey public information about the programme.
31. The estimated expenditure to be made by EA is £450k. YDRT estimate £15785 to be the total cost of the fish pass recording equipment and interpretation signage. An application to Grantscape (Caird Bardon-Landfill Communities Fund) has been made for £11600; YDRT will fund the Third Party Contribution and are applying for £2750 from the Well-being Fund to meet the cost of the signs and their erection.
32. ADP Theme: Environment. Priority E6: Protect and improve the quality and sustainability of the built and natural environment.

Leeds City Council, Parks and Countryside, Site Based Gardener £21,115 (Wetherby Ward)

33. This application seeks funding to ensure the continuation of a very successful project within Wetherby, the provision of on site gardeners dedicated to the management and maintenance of parks, gardens and open spaces.
34. The main output of this scheme is to ensure the continuation of engagement with members of the public rather than just employing staff to undertake horticultural and maintenance tasks and thereby continue to ensure that the service and the team play an important part in helping to enhance people's enjoyment of their parks and greenspaces. Reinstating park gardeners helps Leeds to contribute to PSA (Public Service Agreement) objectives that include crime reduction, reducing public fear of crime, increasing voluntary community engagement and the delivery of cleaner, safer and greener public spaces.
35. ADP Theme: Environment. Priority E6: Protect and improve the quality and sustainability of the built and natural environment.

Deepdale user groups rental support, £2000 (Wetherby Ward)

36. Deepdale Community Association lease two buildings from the council, which operate as community facilities serving Boston Spa. One of the two buildings, the East building, is being demolished to make way for a new Children's Centre. A number of groups and organisations currently using the East building have been offered a temporary let at Boston Spa Village Hall. The rental rates at Boston Spa Village Hall are greater than those at Deepdale.
37. The groups are being forced to move because of the demolition and construction works, therefore the Wetherby ward members have agreed to pay the differential in rent until the new children's centre is open.
38. ADP Theme: Harmonious Communities. Priority H7: Support to Voluntary, community and faith sector to deliver priority service provision.

Leeds City Council Youth Service, Outer North East Holiday Programme for children and young people aged 13 – 19. £17,415. (all wards)

39. The aim of this project is to increase provision for young people during school holidays (Summer, October half term 2010, February half term 2011), across the whole of the Outer North East area. The project will provide a variety of activities for young people aged 13-19 which will contribute to the young people's personal and social development whilst contributing to a reduction in youth related anti-social behaviour. Activities will include Kayaking, activity sessions at Herd Farm, caving, urban arts, football, dancing and dj-ing. Funding of £17,415 is required to pay for instructors, sports coaches, equipment, refreshments and transport.
40. ADP Theme: Health and Well Being. Priority F1: Reduce the rate of increase in obesity and raise physical activity for all.

Leeds City Council Community Sport, Summer 2010 activities for children aged 8 – 12, £8000. (all wards)

41. This aim of this project is to deliver multi-sport activity weeks for children aged 8 to 12 years. The activity weeks will be held at Wetherby Sports Association, Allerton High School, Boston Spa High School and Wetherby High School. A sports offered include tennis, football, cricket, basketball, netball, hockey, softball, rounders, handball, tchoukball, dodgeball, rock-it-ball, badminton, trampolining, table tennis, climbing, orienteering and rugby. Local sports clubs will be invited to deliver the sessions and promote their clubs as the PE staff in schools are keen to improve links between schools and local clubs. Funding of £8000 is required to pay for publicity and sports coaches. £1700 of this is to fund the activities for children in Alwoodley ward at Allerton High School, with the remainder to cover activities for children in Wetherby and Harewood Wards.
42. ADP Theme: Health and Well Being. Priority F1: Reduce the rate of increase in obesity and raise physical activity for all.

Community Planner £25,000 (Harewood and Wetherby Wards)

43. In September 2008 well being funding of £50,000 was approved to cover the costs of employing a Community Planning Officer for one year. The role of this post is to provide advice, guidance and support to the Area Committee and to Town and Parish Councils on planning matters.
44. Recruitment to the post took longer than expected, and an office did not take up the post until September 2009, thus current funding will cover the post until September 2010. Members are asked to consider if they wish to approve funding of £25,000 to continue the post until April 2011, and also to give an indication of whether they will wish to see this post to continue beyond April 2011 (subject to further well being funding being available).
45. ADP Theme: Environment. Priority E6 Protect and Improve the quality and sustainability of the built environment.

Capital projects

Shadwell Cricket Club, Construction of Cricket Club, £20,000 (Harewood)

46. Construction of a new cricket pavilion at the Club's recently developed new ground which will be for club and community use. The pavilion will incorporate changing rooms, showers, meeting/dining area, kitchen, double garage and storeroom.
47. The club have spent 6 years fundraising and developing the facility and have already invested £90,000 purchase of land, levelling the outfield, constructing the wicket and installation of temporary carparking and changing facilities. The club has over 150 members, the majority of whom are juniors (under 17).
48. The total constructions costs for the pavilion are £96,000 and the amount of well being applied for is £20,000.

49. ADP Theme: Harmonious Communities. Priority H3: Support activities to develop participation in sport and active recreation in the community.

Projects in Development

50. The following projects are in development. This means that the Area Management Team is working with an organisation to ensure that any proposal submitted is linked to one or more of the Area Committee priorities, that full application forms with appropriate information are submitted for each one, and that other funding sources which may be able to contribute to the project are also explored.

Tree planting, Moor Lane, £12,000 (Harewood Ward)

51. A project is being developed to plant 40 trees as part of environmental improvements on Moor Lane near Collingham Moor just off Wattle Skye. The path is well used by ramblers and walkers, and the tree line is visible from the surrounding area.
52. ADP Theme: Environment. Priority E5: to improve the condition and appearance of open/public spaces.

Graveyard at St Paul's Church, Shadwell £9,016 (Harewood Ward)

53. Shadwell Parish Council is seeking a funding contribution towards the costs of undertaking repair and refurbishment work to the graveyard to create a safe and attractive greenspace with seating. This will include resetting of loose headstones and refurbishment of the path and grassed areas. The main footpath route through the village crosses the graveyard and many residents and visitors pass through the area.
54. ADP Theme: Environment. Priority E5: To improve the condition and appearance of open/public spaces.

Bramham Sports Pavilion

Bramham Sports and Leisure Association £27,000 (Wetherby Ward)

55. This project aims to develop the playing field area in Bramham into a sports and leisure facility and, in phase 1, provide a multi purpose pavilion/clubhouse to host a variety of sports and a meeting area. The long term plans include senior and junior football pitches, an all weather service area, activity trail and bowling green. Planning permission has been obtained, initial funding secured and a programme is in place to raise the remaining funds. The total cost of the project is £290,000. This application is for a grant of £27,000 for the cost of the substructure and foundations.
56. ADP Theme: Harmonious Communities. Priority H3: Support activities to develop participation in sport and active recreation in the community.

Implications For Council Policy and Governance

57. Area Delivery Plans cover local priorities for well being spend and these are linked to the Leeds Strategic Plan outcomes and improvement priorities.

Legal and Resource Implications

58. The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of well being budgets within the framework of the Council's Constitution and in accordance with Local Government Act 2000.

Conclusions

59. The well-being fund provides financial support for projects in the Outer North East Area which support the priorities of the Area Delivery Plan.

Recommendations

60. The Area Committee is requested to:

- Consider the project proposals in paragraphs 15 – 49 and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded.
- Note the awarding of small grants and Environment fund grants for each ward;
- Note the projects in development.

Background Papers

Area Functions Schedule Report July 2009