



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 11th December 2006

Subject: 2006/07 Well-Being Fund

Electoral Wards Affected:

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

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This report on the 2006/07 Well – Being Fund presents a number of new project proposals requesting funding support. The Area Committee is asked to consider these proposals and indicate if they wish to support each one with the funding requested.

Background Information

1. In April 2006, the Committee agreed that the allocation for 2006/07 should continue to be informally split between wards on the basis of population. Combined with underspend from the 2005/06 allocation, the allocation for 2006/07 is detailed below.

	Population (census 2001)	Revenue allocation 06/07	06/07 Total including carry forward
Alwoodley	22,616	£49,932	£49,932
Harewood	18,255	£40,486	£40,486
Wetherby	19,879	£44,534	£95,628
Total		£134,952	£186,046

2. Details of revenue funded projects in 2006/07 are set out on a ward basis in the table below.
3. As a point of reference the table below no longer includes the Wetherby DPPO extension as the extension will not be taking place at this time, as reported at the last Area Committee meeting in October. In addition to this the table below no longer includes the Northcall Family Worker's grant allocation as they have informed the Area Management Team that they have sourced alternative funding.

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Project - revenue	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Small Grants fund	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
Moor Allerton Elderly Care	£28,843	£6,126	
Lingfield Open House	£10,000		
Boston Spa in Bloom			£2,000
Community Gardener			£17,800
Wetherby Community Radio			£5,000
Environment Fund		£5,000	£5,000
Consultation Fund	£333	£333	£333
Scholes in Bloom		£2,000	
Thorner Ford		£750	
Wetherby Christmas Lights			£3,000
WISE Gardening Service		£2,000	£2,000
Total Spent	£44,176	£21,209	£40,133
Allocation	£49,932	£40,486	£95,628
Remaining	£5,756	£19,277	£55,495

5. In addition, the Committee has a three year (2004/05 – 2006/07) capital allocation of £257,261. As agreed at the October 2004 Committee meeting, this allocation has been split informally into £80,000 per ward with the remainder held as a contingency.

6. Members are requested to note that this financial year is the last year of the three year capital allocation. Further to earlier guidance the Area Management Team have been informed that the Area Committee Well-Being capital allocations in the capital programme are not time limited. These funds will not be lost at the year end, the balance of Well-Being capital allocations will roll forward to future years for you to allocate as appropriate.
7. However, Members are requested to consider the benefits of progressing schemes to fully commit the budget this year, given that it was a three-year capital programme.
8. Final details of the capital funding balance to date is presented in the table below for information on a ward basis.

Project - capital	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Bramham playground			£2,000
Wetherby in Bloom			£9,000
Thorner over 55's		£21,500	
Moortown RUFC	£7,500		
Shadwell La Community Centre	£25,000		
The Zone – sports facility	£4,800		
The Zone – kitchen	£3,750		
Cranmer Bank fencing	£3,925		
24 Hour Automatic Number Plate Recognition			£4,150
Slaid Hill in Bloom	£1,777		
Aberford Playground		£10,000	
Environment Fund		£10,000	£10,000
Boston Spa Millennium Garden			£10,000
Walton Bus Shelter			£3,250
Total Spent	£46,752	£41,500	£38,400
Allocation	£85,754	£85,754	£85,754
Remaining	£39,002	£44,254	£47,354

Small Grants

9. In July 2004, 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. Two grants of £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit.

Harewood and Wetherby Environmental Fund

10. In July 2006, the Area Committee agreed that a new Harewood and Wetherby Environment Fund be set aside within the Well Being Revenue and Capital Budget allocation. The purpose of the fund is to support projects that will enhance the local environment in the two wards.
11. The closing date for the last round of Environmental Fund applications was the 24th October 2006. The fund is to be split between the Harewood and Wetherby wards.
12. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the Harewood and Wetherby Environmental Fund applications considered.

Revenue projects for consideration

Harewood

Bardsey Woodacre Oak – ONE.06.49.LG - £10,000

13. The aim of the scheme is to protect the landmark oak at Bardsey Woodacre Green. The oak is very large and has bats nesting in it. The roots are being compacted by cars mounting the kerb and need to be protected to ensure the future viability of the tree.

The scheme will excavate the land around the oval to allow for concrete paving blocks to be installed. The oval will be re-kerbed to match the existing kerb heights. A birdsmouth fence will be erected around the oval to protect the land and tree.

The total cost of the scheme is £13,500; a grant of **£10,000** is requested with Leeds North East homes contributing £3,500.

Area Delivery Plan Reference: This project could be linked to the wider objective of 'Improving the Environment', as although this project is not listed as a specific action in the Area Deliver Plan, tree planting is a priority and therefore has links to this action.

Wetherby

Wetherby Police Patrols – ONE.06.53.LG - £3,500

14. This project will provide Wetherby town centre with Police Reassurance Patrols to combat public order offences, alcohol-free zone offences, drink related crime and other offences. The aim of the project is to allow local citizens and pre-Christmas revellers to enjoy a safe environment in the town centre without fear of being confronted by drunk or offensive individuals.

The extra patrols will provide Wetherby with four Police Constables working Friday and Saturday nights from the 1st December until the 23rd December. In addition to two mounted officers for three evenings on the 8th, 9th and 15th of December. These officers will be exclusive to Wetherby and will not be allocated to any other part of the city during their shift.

The total cost of the scheme is £6000; a grant of **£3,500** is requested with West Yorkshire Police contributing £2,500.

Area Delivery Plan Reference: This project could be linked to the wider objective of 'Community Safety', and although this project is not listed as a specific action in the Area Deliver Plan, it could be linked to targeting Anti-Social Behaviour hotspots, and the outcomes related to reducing incidences of anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.

Capital projects for consideration

Alwoodley

Moortown Methodist Church – ONE.06.43.LG - £10,000

15. Moortown Methodist Hall is used by a variety of groups associated with the Moor Allerton estates. Funding is requested to contribute to the cost of renovating and replacing the toilet facility, provision of a fire door and replacement of storage radiators. The current toilets are very old and do not comply with DDA requirements, the oil filled radiator in the hall does not sufficiently heat the hall in the winter and the new fire door will be installed in the main hall. Many users of the hall are elderly and in its present condition these users are forced to wear outdoor coats during their luncheon clubs and coffee mornings.

Moortown Methodist Church have requested a grant of **£10,000** towards the costs of undertaking this work, the Methodist Church have indicated that they would be willing to contribute a further £10,000 to complete the total works.

Area Delivery Plan Reference: This project could be linked to the wider objective of 'Improvement to Village Facilities, Parish Halls and Community Centres', although this project is not listed as a specific action in the Area Deliver Plan.

Harewood

East Keswick Village Hall Improvements – ONE.06.39.LG

16. East Keswick village hall is the only non-denominational meeting place in the village. The hall is well used by nineteen regular groups as well as private bookings for parties and functions. Facilities at the hall include a sports hall, meeting room and kitchen.

The village hall's management committee would like to expand the services on offer to address community needs identified in the East Keswick Parish Plan. New facilities will include a stage for drama performances, a new room for the youth club, a computer suite, additional storage and a refurbished kitchen, bar and toilets. Currently, potential users are being turned away as the hall is fully booked and cannot meet their storage requirements.

The total cost of the refurbishment is £199,650. A loan of £70,000 has been provided by the Parish Council, grants totalling £95,000 have been awarded, and £25,000 has been raised from village residents. The Management Committee is requesting a grant of up to **£50,000** to complete the scheme.

Area Delivery Plan Reference: This project is identified as an action in the Area Delivery Plan, under the objective 'Improvement to Village Facilities, Parish Halls and Community Centres'. The action being to 'Investigate options for improvements to East Keswick village hall'.

Projects in development

17. 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, and that full application forms with appropriate information are submitted for each one.

Harewood Ward

Spear Fir Ford – ONE.06.37.LG

18. Spear Fir Ford is located on Spear Fir, between Bardsey and Wike. A number of repairs have been identified which will upgrade the historic ford and make it an attractive feature of the countryside.

The proposed work is to remove the stone slab forming the bridge, reconstruct the abutments, put back the bridge slab, replace the concrete posts and paint the tubular handrails, reinstate the footpaths to both sides of the bridge and the stone setts to the ford and install stone kerbs leading up to the ford.

The total cost of the work is likely to be in the region of £22,900.

Barwick Village Hall – ONE.06.50.LG

19. Barwick Village Hall is used by a variety of groups; the main users are young people and the elderly. The grant request is to replace the roof, as it has been leaking and on inspection by several Roofing Contractors the roof supports are rotten and a new roof is required as a matter of urgency. The main outcome will be that the Village Hall can continue to be a community building serving the community.

Unless this work is carried out the hall may need to close which would be a great loss to the village as most of their users are local. This is due to the fact that the leak is also causing the parquet floor to lift.

Initial estimates indicate that the cost of the roof replacement is likely to be in the region of £10,000 - £12,000.

Wetherby

Boston Spa Village Hall – ONE.06.02.LG

20. Boston Spa village hall is a well used community facility used by a number of community groups in the village.

The existing kitchen is too small for the hall's needs and can only be used for service food prepared off the premises. This has means that the hall is not booked for parties and other fundraising activities such as a supper dance cannot be organised.

The management committee would like to extend the kitchen, providing space for food preparation and washing up. The total cost of the extension is likely to be around **£25,000**.

Barleyfields Community Centre Refurbishment

21. Since the closure of Jak's Youth Bar in Wetherby town centre, the Youth Service has been looking for opportunities to encourage more young people to participate in their activities. A proposal has been made to improve the Barleyfields community centre to provide a youth focused meeting space and additional facilities for the young people to enjoy.

Ideas for the upgrade include providing a computer room and asking young people to design and paint a mural for their meeting room.

Strategic Design Alliance Feasibility Study Deepdale Community Centre

22. In order to progress the review of Deepdale community facilities it is requested that Well Being Funds are considered to enable the undertaking of both an Options Appraisal and a Feasibility Study by the Strategic Design Alliance.

It will cost approximately **£4000** for an Options Appraisal, which will provide an initial footprinting of the area, a list of possible options around building design, and cost estimates. Further to this it will cost approximately **£10–12,000** for a Feasibility Study, to provide a much more thorough survey which includes full architectural design plans and ground surveys to check that the land can be built on. The costing estimates will also be more accurate.

Recommendations

23. The Area Committee is requested to:
 - a: Consider the project proposals in paragraphs 13 through to 16 and indicate if they are to be funded through the 2006/07 Well- Being Fund.
 - b: Note the projects in development.