



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 5th July 2010

Subject: Well-Being Fund

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 review of projects funded during 2009/10;
- Note the spend to date and current balances for the 2010/11 financial year;
- Consider the project proposals in paragraphs 12-19 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 well being fund to the Area Committee, including a review of projects funded during 2009/10 and details of 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.

Review of projects 2009/10

3. During 2009/10 well being funding totalling £457,000 was allocated to a range of projects in the Outer North East Area. £200,000 of this served as match funding for projects. The amount of other funding secured by organisations for these projects was £450,000.
4. Appendix 1 of this report provides details a summary of projects and what they have been able to achieve through receiving support from the Area Committee.

Well being 2010/11

Revenue

5. The Well-Being revenue allocation for 2010/11 is £143,221, with no increase from 2009/10.
6. 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%), £43,110 for Harewood ward (30.1%) and £46,833 for Wetherby ward (32.7%).
7. Taking into account the carry forward figure from the previous years and funding committed to projects at the March 2010 Area Committee, the current balance for each ward is Alwoodley £29,772, Harewood £36,539 and Wetherby £30,134.
8. An additional allocation of £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 allocation for Harewood and Wetherby wards has been spent, but the balance for Alwoodley ward remains unspent.

Small Grants

10. Community organisations can apply for a small grant 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.
11. Appendix 2 to this report shows the spend to date and current balance for the revenue budget.

Capital

12. The capital allocation for 2009/10 was cut by 10%. For 2010/11 an amount of £20,000 capital has been allocated to each area committee. Split three ways this is £6667 per ward. Appendix 3 to this report sets out details of the current balances for the capital allocation.

New Projects for Consideration

Revenue projects

Aberford Masterplan 2010-2020

Aberford and District Parish Council (Harewood Ward) £5000

13. Aberford and District Parish Council want to produce a comprehensive successor to the Parish Plan for the period 2010 – 2020. This Plan is now being viewed as being a Masterplan for the village, recognising the need to take a serious look at both revising our policies for the village, as well as developing strategic projects and proposals for the Parish over the coming 10 years.
14. The Parish Council recognises that dealing with some of these issues will require technical support and beyond this we intend the process to be fully inclusive of the whole community and are intending to engage consultancy support to enable this process to be undertaken.
15. The cost of developing this masterplan, including consultancy fees is £10,000, and Aberford Parish Council is seeking well being funding of £5000.
16. ADP Theme: Harmonious Communities.

Capital projects

A58 Road, Wetherby, Environmental Improvements (Wetherby Ward) £6850

17. This application is for funding to erect 160 linear metres of knee rail fencing along with a maintenance gate on land at Leeds Road Wetherby. The purpose is to prevent unauthorised vehicles accessing the site and causing damage to the land.
18. The land is owned by Leeds City Council. This fencing will stop unauthorised access to the land and illegal camping which causes problems

for the local community and impacts on the local environment. The total cost of the fencing is £6850.

19. ADP Theme: Thriving Places.

Projects in Development

20. 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)

21. 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.

22. ADP Theme: Environment.

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

23. 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.

24. ADP Theme: Environment.

Bramham Sports Pavilion

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

25. 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.

26. ADP Theme: Harmonious Communities.

Implications For Council Policy and Governance

27. 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

28. 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

29. 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

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Background Papers

Area Functions Schedule Report July 2010