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## Report of the East North East Area Manager

### North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Subject: Well-Being Fund

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby

Ward members consulted

(referred to in this report)



#### 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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## Executive Summary

This report provides an updated position on the outer north east wellbeing revenue and capital budgets.

It also presents information on new project applications and projects under development, including the identification of alternative funding where appropriate and the request for the release of wellbeing funds for one application.

## **Purpose of this report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an updated position on the wellbeing revenue and capital budgets.
2. This report also presents an update on a number of project proposals including the successful identification of alternative funding and the request to approve the release of Wellbeing revenue budget for one application.

## **Background information**

3. Each of the ten Area Committees receive an annual allocation of revenue funding to commission projects and offer grants to organisations in the local area.
4. The amount of funding for each Area Committee is determined by a formula based on population and deprivation in each area as agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
5. The Area Committees also have the balance of any capital wellbeing budget that was allocated to them in previous years to agree new projects from.
6. Alongside wellbeing budget, ward councillors have access to other sources of local funding, such as Section 106, Ward Based Initiatives (WBI) and Members Improvement in the Community and Environment (MICE). The use of this funding is discussed at ward member meetings as appropriate. For a number of project proposals described in this report funding from those alternative sources has been agreed at ward member meetings.

## **Wellbeing Revenue – Available funding for 2010/11**

7. Following approval at the July Executive Board, the distribution of Wellbeing (revenue) budget across the 10 Area Committees is calculated using a formula based on 50% deprivation and 50% population. For Outer North East Area Committee this amounts to £127,586 for 2010/11.
8. The Outer North East Area Committee manages its allocation by proportioning the amount between the three wards based on population. For the 2010/11 allocation, the split between wards is:
  - Alwoodley: £47,462 (pop. = 37.2%)
  - Harewood: £38,403 (pop. = 30.1%)
  - Wetherby: £41,721 (pop. = 32.7%).
9. To add to this is the balance of uncommitted funding b/f from previous year. The ward balances (all overcommitments) are:
  - Alwoodley: £1,621 (b/f bal of £27,189 less commitments of £25,567)

- Harewood:           -£15,767                   (b/f bal of £19,198 less commitments of £34,966)
- Wetherby:           -£7,807                   (b/f bal of £21,640 less commitments of £29,447)

10. The resultant ward balances available to support new approvals in 2010/11 are:

- Alwoodley:         £49,084
- Harewood:         £22,636
- Wetherby:         £33,914

11. The current financial position of the Area Committee is shown in appendix A.

12. It was reported to the last Area Committee meeting that reports on the Wellbeing budget had been inflated by £50k in error since July 2009. The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods has met with the Chair and members of the Area Committee and given an undertaking that sufficient budget would be identified to honour the Wellbeing revenue commitments that have been made prior to this reporting error being rectified. The final budget will be adjusted to reflect these commitments and confirmed by the Director.

### **Capital – Available funding for 2010/11**

13. Appendix B shows information on the remaining capital funding for each ward in the Outer North East Area Committee area. This takes into account projects approved at September Area Committee. There were no new projects at agreed at the October Area Committee meeting.

### **Project Applications**

14. The following provides an update on project/activity proposals received by Area Management and what support has been secured/agreed to help the applicants progress their proposals.

#### **(a) Revenue projects**

##### ***Radio Tempo - Barleyfields Project: £1,109 (Wetherby Ward)***

15. This is a recent application received from a community radio station which has been granted another 5 years broadcasting licence to start at the expiry of the current one in September 2011.

16. Ofcom rules for community radio state that at least half of the funding must come from sources other than advertising. The total running costs for Radio Tempo are £5,000, half of that must be paid for by fundraising (e.g. grants and donations). The Area Committee's grant would provide a substantial contribution towards that amount. To complete the funding the organisation is seeking donations from others, e.g. local business.

17. Radio Tempo needs to be able to confirm with Ofcom the availability of match funding before the end of this financial year. The money needs to be credited to their budget early in the new financial year. The inability to do so would put the

organisation under severe pressure although it would continue to make all the effort to fundraise.

18. The grant will be used to work within Wetherby and surrounding villages. There are 21 volunteers running the station on a regular basis as presenters, interviewers or technical staff. The station has also been working with the youth services providing opportunities to young people in Barleyfields youth club every week since 2008. Young people attend all community occasions around the area such as Christmas lights switch-on and the Wetherby police station open day. They can also gain experience and accredited training in radio recording, editing and production skills.
19. Ward members expressed their support at their November ward meeting. The Area Committee is asked to consider approval of the application. If approved the amount will be included in the undertaking by the Director (Environment and Neighbourhoods) to honour commitments and in the future adjustment to the Wellbeing budget.
20. ADP Theme: *Things to Do* – to provide a range of sport and cultural activities for young people and their families in local venues.

***LCC Parks & Countryside - High Ash Drive Allotments: £5,000 (Alwoodley Ward)***

21. At the October Area Committee an application to contribute to the development of High Ash allotments was considered. It was agreed to defer the decision in order to clarify issues relating to access to the site as it was reported that the originally planned access point was now not possible. LCC Parks and Countryside staff are currently exploring a different access point.
22. At the Alwoodley ward member meeting in November, members agreed that the total cost of the scheme should be covered by a combination of Harewood Parish Council and local Section 106 funds. Confirmation has been received from the Parish Council and LCC officers managing Section 106 that sufficient funding is available for this. It is therefore confirmed that a Wellbeing budget contribution is not now required.

***ENE Homes - Bardsey Primary School Community Garden: £4,000 (Harewood Ward)***

23. An application has been received from ENE Homes (ENEH) in partnership with Bardsey Primary School for a scheme which would transform a large, unmanageable area at the front of the school into a community garden.
24. ENEH Area Panel have agreed a contribution of £4k towards the £8k scheme.
25. At the November Harewood ward member meeting it was agreed that the preference would be for alternative sources of funding to be found, such as an increased contribution from ENEH and/or a contribution from Green Leeds.
26. Confirmation has now been received that the ENEH Area Panel will fund the full £8k contribution.

***Harewood In Bloom - Winter Bedding and Planting: £337 (Harewood Ward)***

27. Harewood in Bloom group requested assistance with the purchase of winter bedding plants and bulbs. The aim is to provide Harewood with winter displays in its flowerbeds and planters. At the November Harewood ward meeting, councillors agreed to use ward MICE funding to assist the group.

***Thorner Parish Council - Bulbs for Thorner Village: £200 (Harewood Ward)***

28. Thorner Parish Council Green Team requested assistance with the purchase of bulbs for the village. The planting will be done by local volunteers and the whole village will benefit from the improved environment. At the November Harewood ward meeting, councillors agreed to use MICE funding to assist the group.

**(b) Capital projects**

29. There are no new capital project applications for consideration at this meeting.

**Projects in development**

30. The projects in this section are those currently in development for potential use of future Wellbeing funding and for support in attracting other funding.
31. Area Management staff work with organisations to ensure that any proposal submitted is linked to one or more of the Area Committee priorities, full application forms with appropriate information are submitted for each one and other sources are also explored.

**Revenue projects**

32. There are no projects currently under development for the potential use of wellbeing revenue funds.

**Capital projects**

33. There are two projects under discussion for potential future use of wellbeing capital funds. Both projects are situated in the Harewood ward and are therefore subject to discussion and agreement as to how they are best supported and developed at the Harewood ward member meetings.
34. ***Graveyard at St Paul's Church, Shadwell:*** This is a long standing proposal submitted by Shadwell Parish Council to seek assistance towards the costs of undertaking repair and refurbishment work to the graveyard to create a safe and attractive green space with seating. The project includes 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. Progress has been made on elements of the scheme with assistance from the local In Bloom group and the Community Payback team from Probation Services.

35. **Tree planting, Moor Lane:** Ward members have asked that a project is developed to plant 40 mature 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.

### **Implications for council policy and governance**

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

### **Legal and resource implications**

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

### **Recommendations**

38. The Area Committee is requested to:
- (a) Note the spend to date and current balances for the 2010/11 financial year for capital and revenue wellbeing budgets;
  - (b) Approve the award of £1,109 to Radio Tempo as match funding towards the renewal of their 5 year Ofcom licence in acknowledgment of their partnership work with Barleyfields Youth Club.
  - (c) Note the successes in identifying alternative funding for Wellbeing applications
  - (d) Note the capital wellbeing projects currently in development through ward member meetings.

**Background papers:** Area Functions Schedule Report July 2010