



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Outer West Area Committee

Date: 17th December 2010

Subject: Outer West Area Committee Well-Being Budget

Electoral Wards Affected:

Calverley & Farsley
Farnley & Wortley
Pudsey

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in 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

Executive Summary

The report provides the Area Committee with an update on the amount of capital and revenue funding available via the Area Committee Well-being budget for wards in the Outer West area. It also seeks approval for new projects commissioned by the Area Management Team.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The report provides members with an update on the current amount of capital and revenue funding available via the Area Committee Well-being budget for wards in the Outer West area. It also seeks approval for new projects commissioned by the Area Management Team.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Members will be aware that the Outer West Area Committee has received an annual allocation of Well Being Funding for capital and revenue projects from April 2004/05 to April 2009/10. This has amounted to £1,062,050 Revenue and £589,071.00 Capital. This funding has been used to finance a number of projects approved by Area Committee and which have been summarised in previous reports.

2.2 Following on from the July Area Committee meeting the remaining wellbeing funding available to allocate is

- Revenue: £ 80,622.08
- Capital: £ 66,146.83

2.3 The Committee may remember that in September 2009 they agreed to fund the provision of a Leafblower for £3,700 (to be used by Streetscene) to be used across the area. Unfortunately, Area Management have discovered that the leafblower was never actually acquired by Streetscene, and therefore, Area Management have instructed them to carry out this request as soon as possible.

3.0 Applications for Funding

3.1 Seven applications for well being funding have been submitted for the Area Committee's consideration as detailed in the list below (see appendices 1 - 9).

Commissioned Project	Amount requested for 2010-11		Appendix
	Revenue	Capital	
Summer Bands	£3,000		1
Town Centre Manager	£25,000		2
Farnley & Wortley Noticeboards	£2,054		3
CASAC Burglary Reduction		£10,000	4
New Farnley Village Design Statement	£3,432.49		5
Community Environmental Support Officers	£10,135.71		6
Bagley Lane traffic scheme		£10,600	7
Lidget Hill Lay -by		£20,000	8
New Farnley Community Centre		£2,300	9
TOTAL	£43,622.20	£42,900	

3.2 The Area Committee needs to be aware that following on from the October Area Committee, where it agreed in principle to provide a contribution towards the shortfall in Community Environmental Support Officers funding, due to the in-year government cuts, on the understanding that any unspent capital or revenue balances from the wellbeing budget would be carried over, Area Management have made enquiries with the Head of Finance for Environments and Neighbourhoods. Unfortunately, Finance were not able to give this commitment, and consequently the Area Committee will need to re-consider its in principle support, in light of this.

3.3 If all five of these applications are approved the remaining funds would be:

Revenue: £ 36,999.88
 Capital: £ 23,246.83

4.0 Small Grants, Community Consultation and Engagement and Skips Budget.

- 4.1 Since the last Wellbeing report to the Area Committee on 15th Oct 2010, one small grant application has been approved, this was for the following projects:

Project Name	Organisation Name	
Pudsey Carol Concert	Leeds International Music Season	
TOTAL	£400	

This leaves a balance of £10,850.40 in the small grants budget for 2010-11.

- 4.2 Only one request for a skip has been received for Houghside Gardens thus leaving £1,580.00 in the skips budget for the remainder of 2010-11.

5.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

Member Consultation

- 5.1 Well Being projects are derived from Outer West Leeds Area Management's Area Delivery Plan and developed via consultation with Area Committee Members. This plan helps to fulfill the Council's Corporate Plan objectives by aiming to create better neighbourhoods and confident communities.

6.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 6.1 The financial resource implications of well-being projects will be processed via the Area Committee's Well-being budget. Staff resources will be provided by Area Management and partner agencies.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The projects outlined in this report aim to:

- Improve the quality and value for money of Council service delivery
- Improve the quality of democracy and find new ways to facilitate citizen participation in local government through the development of links between Ward Members and their communities
- To co-ordinate policy and service delivery between the local service providers

8.0 Recommendations

8.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) comment upon and, where appropriate, approve Well Being funding for new projects (see appendices 1 - 9);
- b) comment upon and where appropriate approve funding allocated to small grants, skips and community engagement and consultation;

Background Papers:

none