



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 4th July 2011

Subject: Wellbeing Fund

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

Executive Summary

This report provides an updated position on the Outer North East Area Committee wellbeing revenue and capital budgets.

The report also informs the Area Committee about the wellbeing revenue allocation for 2011/12 and presents for approval new project proposals received since the last Area Committee meeting in March 2011.

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an updated position on the wellbeing revenue budget 2011/12 as well as the final position on the capital wellbeing.
2. It is to present information on new projects for which approval for the use of wellbeing funds is sought.

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. The amount of funding for each Area Committee is determined by a

formula based on 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area, as agreed by the Council's Executive Board. The Area Committees also have the balance of any revenue wellbeing budget which was allocated to them in previous years.

4. Alongside the wellbeing budget, ward councillors have access to other sources of local funding, such as Section 106, Ward Based Initiatives (WBI), Members Improvement in the Community and Environment (MICE). The use of this funding is discussed at ward member meetings as appropriate.

Wellbeing Revenue – available funding for 2011/12

5. The Council has agreed an allocation of wellbeing (revenue) budget across the ten Area Committees which includes a reduction on last year's allocation of £250k. The allocation to individual Area Committees is calculated using a formula based on 50% deprivation and 50% population. In February 2011 a new allocation of the Wellbeing funding to Area Committees was approved. The Outer North East allocation for 2011/12 is £112,000.
6. The Outer North East Area Committee manages its allocation by proportioning the amount between the three wards based on population. For the 2011/12 allocation, the split between wards is:
 - Alwoodley: £41,664 (based on pop. = 37.2%)
 - Harewood: £33,712 (based on pop. = 30.1%)
 - Wetherby: £36,624 (based on pop. = 32.7%).
7. Following the readjustment of wellbeing revenue resulting from a reporting error, the year end balance in 2010/11 consists of "Balance of Skips Budget" and "Balance of Small Grants Budget" for each ward, as recorded in Appendix 1 .
8. The current revenue financial position of the Area Committee is shown in Appendix 1. The format, in which this information is presented, has been approved by the Area Committee to list clearly the schemes approved (i.e. committed) in 2010/11 and which are still to be paid for in 2011/12.
9. The funding will be used to support the priorities in the Community Charter as agreed by the Area Committee in March 2011. Updates on spending and projects funded will be reported to the Area Committee on a regular basis.

New schemes for consideration

Small grants and skips – Harewood and Wetherby

10. In the past, all wards in Outer North East Leeds set aside amounts of money to be made available for small grants and skips. Small grants are used to support community and voluntary organisations with small amounts of money (max. £500) for schemes and projects to benefit the group and the community at large.

11. Skips are made available to members of the community and organisations free of charge for community clean-up days and environmental actions.
12. At the March round of ward meetings, Members in Harewood and Wetherby agreed to set up ward pots of money to be used for small grants and skips. Below, are the amounts agreed. Alwoodley ward will be consulted in July.

Wards	Harewood (£)	Wetherby (£)
Small grants	2,500	3,000
Skips	712	853

13. Community Charter priority: “Priorities for Communities”

Project: Promoting Partnerships
Organisation: Moor Allerton Elderly Care (MAEcare)
Amount: £6,694
Ward: Alwoodley ward

14. MAEcare is a voluntary organisation working with older people in Alwoodley and Harewood wards. It provides support, advice and runs activities for that client group. The funding will contribute towards developing activities which will build community cohesion by bringing the generations together; such as the indoor street party for the royal wedding in April; a sit down meal for a group of older people and pupils from Allerton High and regular cooking classes aimed at those living alone or recently widowed. Added to this, MAEcare works closely with local agencies such as the NHS through the District Nursing Team, GP practices, the Elderly Mental Health Team and other local voluntary groups (Northcall). East North East Homes and the Police are also key partners. Working with the Health Service is a priority. The church community at Moortown Methodist Church are actively supporting the development of community activities on their premises and the MAEcare partnership work will support this effort.
15. The total funding requested is £9,538. This is split between Alwoodley and Harewood on a proportional basis with Harewood’s share amounting to 25%, £2,294; £2,000 of which was already agreed at the March 2011 Area Committee meeting.
16. On 25th March 2011 at the ward member meeting, the Alwoodley councillors agreed to recommend a contribution of **£6,694**.
17. Main objectives:
 - Providing additional activities in the community for older people
 - Conducting consultation and surveys to establish the community’s needs and aspirations
 - Working with partners
 - Providing volunteering opportunities
18. Community Charter priority: “Priorities for Communities” and “Priorities for Health and Wellbeing”

Project: Northcall
Organisation: Northcall
Amount: £19,226
Ward: Alwoodley ward

19. This organisation provides a host of activities in the local community. The funding is requested to ensure continuation of work, such as community café and supper evenings, holiday play schemes for children, work and education programmes to assist with job search and close co-operation with Working Links, recruitment and support to volunteers who are the mainstay of the organisation as well as work with whole families. Ward members, at their meeting in March 2011 agreed to recommend the allocation of **£10,000** for Northcall. They undertook to review the funding situation later on in the year with a possibility of increasing their contribution.
20. Main objectives:
- Providing additional activities for the local community
 - Representing the interests of the local community
 - Providing volunteering opportunities
 - Working with partner organisations on behalf of the community
21. Community Charter priorities: “Priorities for Communities” and “Priorities for Health and Wellbeing”

Project: Central Heating
Organisation: St. Barnabas’ Church Hall Refurbishment
Amount: £5,966.53
Ward: Alwoodley ward

22. This funding is to contribute to the refurbishment of the church hall, which has so far included disabled access, new meeting rooms, kitchen and an accessible toilet with baby changing facilities. The total cost of the improvements is £71,853 and the Area Committee’s contribution would pay for a new, energy efficient central heating system. At the ward meeting in June 2011, members agreed to recommend a contribution of **£4,000** towards the scheme.
23. Main objectives:
- Creating a better environment for community members and groups using the hall
 - Encouraging a better and more frequent use of the hall
24. Community Charter priorities: “Priorities for Communities” and “Priorities for Health and Wellbeing”

Project: Burglary Action Plan, Trembler Alarms
Organisation: Neighbouring Policing Team
Amount: £975

Ward: Alwoodley

25. The Divisional Community Safety Partnership has produced a new Burglary Action Plan. Based on the intelligence, the focus is to be placed on the neighbourhoods of Roundhay, Alwoodley and Moortown (RAM). An action plan focuses on victims, location and offenders. One day of multi agency action is delivered every 2 weeks, targeting the top 25 streets. The action started on 7th April 2011 and will continue until 10th August 2011. It will be monitored via tasking meetings. £10K has been allocated by the North East Division for target hardening and £2k for trembler alarms. The funds have been transferred to CASAC who will deliver this element of the plan.
26. The RAM Neighbourhood Policing Team continue to visit the victims of burglary and offer crime prevention advice. The additional funding requested is to purchase 500 more trembler alarms at £1.95 each. Trembler alarms are small devices which, when stuck to doors or windows, detect and alert to an unwanted movement.
27. At the ward meeting in June 2011, members agreed to recommend to contribute **£500** towards the scheme.
28. Main outputs:
 - Prevention of burglaries
 - Increase in confidence
 - Development of better relationships with repeat and vulnerable victims
29. Community Charter priorities: "Priorities for Communities"

Project : Kitchen and Lighting Refurbishment
Organisation: Wigton Moor United Reformed Church
Amount: £5,776
Ward: Alwoodley

30. This scheme seeks to refurbish the outdated and dangerous coffee bar / kitchen with new fixtures and fittings as well as put down a new floor covering to prevent accidents on the old, uneven floor. Additionally, the grant would replace the existing church lighting.
31. The result of the discussion at the ward meeting on 2nd June 2011 was to defer the decision, pending further dialogue with the applicant.
32. Community Charter priorities: "Priorities for Communities"

Project: Cycle Shelter
Organisation: Scholes Elmet Primary School
Amount: £2,295
Ward: Harewood

33. The school have requested some assistance with funding of a bicycle shelter. Ward members agreed to contribute **£500** from MICE and encourage the school to fundraise for the remaining amount.

Project: 8 – 12 Summer Project
Organisation: Youth and Community Consultancy
Amount: £5,000
Ward: Harewood

34. The proposed project would cater for children of 8 – 12 and run for the 6 weeks of summer holidays. It would open at 8.00 a.m. with a breakfast club. The activities would include both, sport and arts and go on until 6.00p.m.

35. The application was rejected at the ward member meeting in March.

Project: Shadwell Fruit, Veg and Craft Show
Organisation: Shadwell Horticultural Society
Amount: £5,000
Ward: Harewood

36. The Horticultural Society applied to obtain funding to hire marquees, tents, chairs and show tables for its 65th annual flower, vegetable and handicrafts show. The show is usually attended by 1,000 people and is a popular day out for a whole family.

37. The application was rejected at the ward meeting in May.

Project: Off road motorcycles
Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount: £500
Ward: Harewood and Wetherby

38. Funding is sought to continue the use of the off road motorbikes within East and North East Leeds. The total cost of keeping the bikes on the road for a year is £6,000. The four Area Committees covering East and North East Leeds are being approached for funding. Based on the call profile for 2010, the following breakdown of wellbeing contributions is proposed:

Inner East	(39.4%), £2,500
Outer East	(39.6%), £2,500
Inner North East	(7.9%), £500
Outer North East	(13.1%), £500

39. Main outputs:
- Respond to calls around nuisance motorbikes;
 - Work in partnership with Parks and Countryside;
 - Arrest and take relevant enforcement action, confiscate illegal bikes.
40. Community Charter priorities: Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour;

Priority Neighbourhoods benefiting the rural areas.

41. Both, Harewood and Wetherby members rejected the application at their ward meetings in June, as both the wards already fund farm watch, the four wheel drive response vehicles.

Project: Wetherby Festival
Organisation: Wetherby Arts Festival
Amount: £1,500
Ward: Wetherby

42. The Wetherby Festival has been in existence since 1977. This year, it will take place between 20.10.11 and 30.10.11. It will provide entertainment for all the family in Wetherby and the surrounding area. It will be a showcase for the local talent as well as a platform for professional entertainers.
43. The grant will pay for printing and distributing of programmes to 11,000 + homes, businesses and tourist information offices.
44. Main outputs:
- Promotion of the Festival
 - Attracting new audiences into the town
 - Promotion of Wetherby as a cultural venue
 - Bringing local community together
 - Providing a platform for local talent
45. Community Charter priorities: "Priority for local Community", "Priority for Business and Culture".
46. At the June ward meeting, the councillors agreed to recommend to contribute **£750** towards the project.

Project: Barleyfields Radio Project
Organisation: Radio Tempo
Amount: £2,045.20
Ward: Wetherby

47. Ofcom granted Wetherby Community Radio a five year broadcasting licence on 11th September 2006 with the specific aim of involving the local community within Wetherby and the surrounding villages. A five year extension to the broadcasting licence has recently been granted. A group of 31 volunteers are currently assisting with the running of the station, either as presenters, interviewers or technical support staff.
48. The Barleyfields Radio Project was subsequently established in October 2008 in conjunction with Youth Services. Since then, Wetherby Radio Ltd has been actively assisting young people every Thursday evening at Barleyfields Youth Club with their media studies. The project has been a great success and it is hoped that this will continue throughout 2012 and beyond.

49. The three volunteers from the Radio Station who assist with the media studies training have been CRB checked and are fully committed to the project.
50. The Barleyfields Radio Project also attends special community events throughout the year in and around the Wetherby area e.g. 'Wetherby Christmas Lights Switch On', Police Open Days to conduct interviews and research which are broadcasted on Wetherby Radio.
51. Main outputs:
 - Involving young people with broadcast media
 - Providing radio broadcasting experience to young people
 - Providing an exciting outlet to develop interests and preventing anti-social behaviour
 - Providing young people with a platform to get involved in the life of the community.
52. Community Charter priorities: "Priority for local Community", "Priority for Business and Culture".
53. At the June ward meeting the councillors decided to recommend to award **£1,000** grant providing the Youth Services also contribute the other 50%.

Wellbeing Capital Funding 2011/12

54. There is no new capital wellbeing allocation in 2011/12. The Outer North East capital programme is now at an end. The balance shows a small amount left in the Wetherby ward allocation. A complete list of projects is in the appendix 2.

Projects in development

55. The projects in this section are those currently in development for potential use of any future allocation of wellbeing funding and for support in attracting other funding.
56. 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, external and internal sources of funding are also explored.
57. **Tree planting, Moor Lane – Harewood Ward:** 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.
58. It is suggested that this project is pursued through the ward meetings and next reported to the Area Committee if and when funding for it is identified.

Implications For Council Policy and Governance

59. Wellbeing funding is used to support the priorities set out in the Outer North East Community Charter which are agreed with the local communities of Outer North East and key stakeholders. The Community Charter supports the Vision for Leeds.
60. Decisions on wellbeing funding are delegated to the Area Committee from the Council's Executive Board, therefore they are subject to call in.

Legal and Resource Implications

61. The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking the decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of capital and revenue Wellbeing budgets within the framework of the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3D) and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.
62. Spending and monitoring of the Wellbeing budget is administered by the Area Management Team in accordance with the decisions made by this Area Committee.

Conclusions

63. The Wellbeing fund provides financial support for projects in the Outer North East area which help to deliver the priorities of the Community Charter.

Recommendations

64. The Area Committee is requested to:
 - Note the spend to date and current balances for 2011/12.
 - Agree to pursue Moor Lane tree planting scheme through ward meetings and report to the Area Committee on completion of the project.
 - Consider the following project proposals and where appropriate approve the wellbeing grant recommended by Members at their ward meetings:

MAEcare – promoting partnerships	£6,694
Northcall	£10k
St Barnabas central heating	£4k
Burglary reduction	£500
Wetherby Festival	£750

Barleyfields radio	£1k
Wetherby skips	£853
Wetherby small grants	£3k
Harewood skips	£712
Harewood small grants	£2,500

Background papers:

Area Functions Schedule Report July 2010

Report to Executive Board, 11 February 2011, Revenue Budget 2011/12 and Capital Programme.