

Report of the Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to Outer East Leeds Area Committee

Date: 20 March 2012

Subject: Outer East Area Committee Well Being Budget Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Garforth & Swillington Kippax & Methley Temple Newsam Cross Gates & Whinmoor		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

This report seeks to provide Members with:

1. A summary of revenue spend approved for 2011/12 and update on small grants approved.
2. Details of new projects to be agreed

Recommendations

3. Members of the Outer East Area Committee are requested to:
 - a) Note the position of the Well being Budget.
 - b) Note the Small Grants approved to date
 - c) Note progress relating to the Olympic Torch relay
 - d) Note progress relating to the continued funding of the gardening scheme and community payback scheme.
 - e) Confirm approval of the following project:
 - Garforth Parking Strategy - £5,000

1 Purpose of this report

This report provides Area Committee with:

- 1.1 An update on the Well being budget.
- 1.2 An update on the Small Grants Budget.
- 1.3 An update on the gardening scheme and community payback scheme
- 1.4 A recommendation to approve funding to support the Garforth parking strategy.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Well being budget allocation, which includes the carry over from 2010/11 provides a total budget of £220,000.
- 2.2 The budget had one commitment of £33,000 to fund the annual cost of its 11 Leedswatch CCTV cameras.
- 2.3 After funding projects that operate across the whole of the Outer East area the budget was then allocated evenly by ward against the priority themes of community engagement/involvement, services to young people and community safety/environmental action (tasking teams).

3 Main issues

3.1 Gardening scheme for the elderly and disabled

- 3.1.1 Area Committee agreed to continue funding a gardening service at the meeting held in February 2012. The project will be delivered by Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme.
- 3.1.3 The project is available to all residents who are OAP's or disabled where there are no family members in the household that are able to do this work. The gardening service will be available from April until October of 2012.
- 3.1.4 A target of 400 gardens being completed has been established and residents will be able to continue receiving the service after the first cut at an affordable price.
- 3.1.5 The project is now being promoted through the older persons networks and council key buildings such as community centres and one stop centres.

3.2 Probation Services – Community Payback

- 3.2.1 Area Committee agreed to fund this project in 2012/13 at its February 2012 meeting.
- 3.2.2 The team will continue to support projects initiated by community groups and Parish Councils. There will also be more emphasis on supporting some of the priority work

coming through the environmental delegation such as ginnel clear ups and community clean ups.

3.2.3 Where the team works on projects that require additional materials, such as renewing fencing, painting community centres etc, that cost will have to be met from the well being budget.

3.3 Small Grants and the Olympic Torch Relay

3.3.1 The small grants approved to date are detailed on **appendix 1**.

3.3.2 At the Area Committee meeting held in February Members agreed to use the remainder of the small grants budget to support project work in each of the 4 outer east school clusters to encourage projects around the Olympic torch relay scheduled to come to Leeds on the 24th and 25th of June 2012. Members also agreed that in some circumstances this could be topped up with funding that remained in each wards 'community engagement' allocation.

3.3.3 All 4 clusters have now been contacted and informed of the offer. They are now engaging with all schools to formulate projects related to the Olympic torch relay. The Seacroft/Manson cluster project will be a joint venture with inner east area committee as the cluster covers both areas.

3.4 Garforth Parking Strategy

3.4.1 The above parking strategy was reported to last meeting of area committee in February. Although the strategy was welcomed several Members felt the consultation had been premature and that local expectations had been raised without any funding having been allocated to the scheme.

3.4.2 Since then a number of meetings have been held with Highways and Aire Valley Homes Officers (AVH manage the garages that form an integral part of the scheme).

3.4.3 Across the city £40,000 has been allocated to support the work in 6 town and district centres and it's clear that the Garforth strategy is the most advanced in terms of solutions and consultation. However, in order to gain momentum it has been requested that the Area Committee and Aire Vally Homes fund the first stage of the project to demolish the garages on the LCC car park.

3.4.4 The cost of demolition, clearance, making good the tarmac and marking out bays is estimated at £8,000. Area Committee is requested to provide £5,000 towards this project subject to AVH funding the remainder of the cost. This would also be subject to this being the first phase of the project with highways meeting the cost of the remainder of the scheme from the aforementioned budget.

3.4.5 The strategy includes the following recommendations:

- convert 24 spaces to 4-hour spaces in either Main Street or Barleyhill Road car parks, the remaining spaces (128) to be converted to 2 hour spaces

- review signing, lining and traffic orders on Main Street (including zig-zag lines, location of bus stops and narrower running lanes) with a view to providing short stay parking of 30 minutes duration where-ever possible.
- review disabled parking provision in the public car parks and redistribute 4 spaces along Main Street
- Review the need for bus timing points on Main Street.
- Review resident parking areas to allow dual short-stay use, if appropriate i.e restricted parking for residents and traders.
- create additional parking areas (including motorcycle parking) where possible e.g. by enlarging Main Street car park (demolish the garages), reviewing car park layouts.
- Use Barley Hill Recreation Ground car park for traders.
- Encourage sustainable travel and efficient use of private car parks (including Town End and Gascoigne's within the business community.
- Complete a street audit of Main Street to support identified parking improvements.
- Continue with the existing parking management regime using comprehensive waiting restrictions but keep under review the possibility of introducing Pay & Display.
- Implement any changes / additions to signage to improve access to parking and information for visitors. .
- Set up regular car park inspection regime to identify the need for any improvements or maintenance.

3.4.6 This project supports the following priority of the Area Committee's Business Plan:

- Supporting work that helps town and district centres remain commercially active and vibrant

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for a contribution from the well being budget is secured at Area Committee.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 Community groups submitting a project proposal that requests funding from the well being budget have to have an equal opportunities policy and as part of the

application process, complete a section outlining which equality group(s) the project will work with, and how equality and cohesion issues have been considered.

4.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.3 The projects outlined in this report contribute to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies:

- Vision for Leeds
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Health and Well being City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 There is no new resource implications as a result of any projects detailed within this report. In all requests for funding from Area Committee applicants are asked to consider value for money during the application process.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 Legal implications as a result of this report will be reflected in any subsequent Funding Agreements and Contracts to Tender that arise from projects funded from the Well being Budget.

4.5.2 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are eligible for Call In.

4.5.3 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 All proposals requesting well being funding complete a section in the application process outlining the risks associated with the project and how they will be managed.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The report provides up to date information on the Area Committee's Well Being Budget and requests funding for one new project.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Area Committee is requested to confirm approval of the Well Being funds being used to support the following projects:
- Note the position of the Well being Budget.
 - Note the Small Grants approved to date
 - Note progress relating to the Olympic Torch relay
 - Note progress relating to the continued funding of the gardening scheme and community payback scheme.
 - Approve £5,000 towards the Garforth Parking Strategy

7 Background documents

- 7.1 Well Being Budget report to Outer East Area Committee – March 2011
- 7.2 Area Functions schedule report to Outer East Area committee – July 2011
- 7.3 Well Being report to Outer East Area Committee – 14 February 2012
- 7.4 Well Being report to Outer East Area Committee – March 2011.