

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner North East Area Committee

Date: 18th June 2012

Subject: Well Being Fund Revenue Budget

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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

1. This report provides members with an update on the current position of the revenue budget for the Inner North East.
2. Applications made for funding are included in the report for members consideration.
3. The budget for 2012/13 has now been approved as £161,810, which is the same allocation as last year.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to note the contents of this report, and
5. Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:
 - Decide whether to approve £2937.50 to the Nuisance Motorcycles and Trembler Alarms
 - Decide whether to fund £4,500 towards the target hardening programme for East North East to be able to upgrade the door security of properties that are not in their ownership.
 - Decide whether to fund an Area Committee apprentice post, and if approved whether to fund it at minimum wage, this would require a contribution of £5,070 per year, or to offer a higher rate of pay such as the £120 per week offered by ENEHL, this would cost £6,240 per year.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The report provides members with an update on the current position of the Revenue Well Being Funding for the Area Committee and sets out applications made for consideration by the Area Committee.

2. Background information

- 2.1 Each of the ten Area Committees receives an allocation of revenue funding. 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.
- 2.2 It has been agreed that the revenue wellbeing budget for the Inner North East Area Committee for 2012/13, based on these calculation is £161,810. This is the same revenue budget that was allocated last year.
- 2.3 The Area Committee have nominated a representative from each ward to form a Well Being Member Working Group to consider applications made for funding and also receive feedback and evaluations regarding projects that have already been funded.
- 2.4 The Area Committee wellbeing fund is used to commission activity and projects to support the promises in the Community Charter. Applications are also accepted from organisations in the local area who can demonstrate that their project supports the Community Charter promises. These projects are monitored quarterly on progress, with a final evaluation taking place when the project is completed.
- 2.5 The current budget position for the Revenue Well Being Budget is provided at Appendix 1 for Members information.
- 2.6 Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community, these are approved by ward members.

3 New Applications for Consideration

3.1 Project - Nuisance Motorcycles £500 and Trembler Alarms

3.1.1 Off Road Motorcycles - £500

The total cost of the project is £6,000 and is split the same as last year as the analysis shows a consistent use of the service:

Inner East	£2,500
Outer East	£2,500
Inner North East	£500
Outer North East	£500
TOTAL	£6,000

- 3.1.2 West Yorkshire Police will contribute to the scheme by continuing to provide the running costs such as fuel, specialist uniform and staff resources.

3.1.3 Last year the project, along with LCC Parks & Countryside officers, successfully reduced calls about nuisance motorbikes 45% compared to the same period in 2010/11.

3.1.4 The local community is kept abreast of the good work as it is reported in the quarterly newsletter, which is hand delivered to every home in the area.

3.1.5 The unit also attends major events, including Operation Champions and attends schools and youth clubs to give preventative advice. The unit has been heavily involved in Miles Hill/Potternewton, where many tickets have been issued for defective tyres and speeding.

3.1.6 **Trembler Alarms - £2,437.50**

Last year the Area Committee approved £1,950 funding for trembler alarms in Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay wards, these areas are covered by two policing teams, Chapel Allerton and RAM.

3.1.7 The tremblers in the Chapel Allerton division were used as part of the Chapel Allerton burglary plan where they have been issued on a proactive basis. This has formed part of the target hardening initiative that has been running on Thursday evenings every 2 weeks. Funding for the other equipment has been secured from East North East Homes, as the original Safer Leeds stock has also run out. On average 2 tremblers are fitted to each property.

3.1.8 Feedback from residents has been positive and has provided them with reassurance. The alarms have also proven themselves in daily burglary statistics that show on several occasions the alarms have activated and deterred the burglar.

3.1.9 Most of the tremblers funded last year have now been used and therefore the Neighbourhood Policing Team would therefore like to request an additional 750 alarms to allow this vital work to continue. The trembler alarms are £1.95 each, making a total cost of £1462.50

3.1.10 In the RAM division the Trembler alarms have been used slightly differently as they are provided to victims of burglary on revisits by the PCSOs. Again they have been successful in deterring burglars and comments from residents illustrate that they are effective, easy to use and provides them with some reassurance that they won't become a repeat victim of crime.

3.1.11 During 2012 RAM had a total of 550 burglaries; Roundhay (145) Moortown (240) and Alwoodley (161). Based on these figures the Neighbourhood Policing team are requesting an additional 250 Tremblers per ward. At a cost of £1.95 each this works out at £487.50 per ward making a total of £975 for Roundhay and Moortown.

3.1.12 It is requested that the Area Committee make a decision on whether to fund the above amounts of £500 for Off Road Motorcycles and £2437.50 for Trembler Alarms to be administered by West Yorkshire Police.

3.1.13 **ALMO Target Hardening Programme - £4,500**

- 3.1.14 As per the ALMO target hardening report, included in the papers, over the past year East North East Homes have been undertaking a substantial home security upgrade programme. This includes changing Euro profile locks to ones that are more secure, fitting burglar alarms, security lighting and laminated glass.
- 3.1.15 Last year funding was also secured from Safer Leeds to work in partnership with the ALMO to secure those properties in burglary hotspots that were either owner occupied or private rented. Of this additional funding £7,500 was allocated to the Chapel Allerton ward.
- 3.1.16 This year the additional funding is no longer available for non-ALMO properties and therefore £1,500 is being requested from the Area Committee for each ward in the Inner North East to continue this work. This work would be undertaken on private or private rented properties where the resident(s) were identified as elderly and/or vulnerable.
- 3.1.17 The funding would only be used to purchase the secure Euro-profile locks for each property and the labour costs would be picked up by East North East Homes Leeds under their current contract with CASAC.
- 3.1.18 The Area Committee is requested to make a decision on whether to fund this project. If agreed the money would be transferred to East North East Homes Leeds for them to administer.

3.1.19 Area Committee Sponsored Apprenticeships - £5,070 or £6,240

- 3.1.20 In January 2009, a statutory duty was placed on public sector organisations to offer apprenticeships to young people and adults. The East North East (ENE) Area Leadership Team (ALT) at its January 2012 meeting, considered information relating to increased levels of unemployment within East North East Leeds, as well as employment support services. The ALT discussed how they could contribute to this agenda and how services could work better together locally to maximise these opportunities for local residents.
- 3.1.21 Apprenticeships were one of the opportunities discussed. Partners within the ALT made a commitment to considering how they might be able to support the development of an apprenticeship within their own organisation. It is now suggested that this approach could be rolled out across all ten Area Committees to demonstrate commitment to addressing the worklessness agenda and reducing NEETs city wide. This approach also follows on from the Leeds Apprenticeship Challenge, a business campaign launched in February 2011 to achieve 100 pledges to take on an apprentice from 100 new employers in 100 days.
- 3.1.22 The public sector accounts for some 20% of the national workforce, but employs less than 10% of all apprentices. Leeds City Council offered 120 apprenticeships last year. If each Area Committee were to sponsor an additional apprentice, this could on its own offer an 8% increase on apprenticeships offered by the Council. It is suggested that it may be appropriate for each Area Committee to fund the costs of an apprentice in Business and Administration to be based within the Area Support Team. However, the opportunities for skills development could be enhanced by offering experience and learning within partner organisations such as

the Police, NHS and community sector. This would also spread the supervisory input between partners over the lifetime of the apprenticeship.

3.1.23 Further information on the practicalities an apprenticeship and other information is included in the report that went to Area Chairs in March attached at Appendix 2.

3.1.24 Attached at appendix 3 is a potential model for Area Committee sponsored apprenticeships. It illustrates two possible models for an apprentice to gain experience across partner organisations.

3.1.25 The Area Committee is requested to decide whether to fund an Area Committee apprentice post, and if approved whether to fund it at minimum wage, this would require a contribution of £5,070 per year, or to offer a higher rate of pay such as the £120 per week offered by ENEHL, this would cost £6,240 per year.

3.2 2012/13 budget

3.2.1 We now have confirmation of the new allocation of revenue wellbeing funding for 2012/13, which is £161,810. This is the same amount of revenue funding as the Inner North East Area Committee received last year.

3.2.2 The Area Support Team have also done some work on projects which have come in under budget or are no longer going ahead. Below are the new figures for this financial year showing the amount of funding left in each of the area pots.

Funding / Spend Items	Chapel Allerton Ward Pot	Moortown Ward Pot	Roundhay Ward Pot	Area Wide
Balance b/f from 2011-12	8,308.97	13,839.41	23,597.70	55,124.93
Schemes Approved from 2011-12 budget to be spent in 2012-13	6,341.53	3,859.98	16,800.00	29,087.25
Amount of b/f budget available for new schemes 2012-13	1,967.44	9,979.43	6,797.70	26,037.68
New Allocation for 2012-13	10,000	10,000	10,000	131,810
Total available for new schemes in 2012-13	11,967.44	19,979.43	16,797.70	157,847.68
Remaining Balance Unallocated	8,667.44	19,979.43	16,797.70	35,501.68

3.2.3 Attached at Appendix 1 is a full breakdown of wellbeing funding for 2012/13 and amounts already allocated, including ward pot funding.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 The local community and VCFS groups are consulted and the well being fund grant process is shared with them via the community engagement strategy and events that are attended. In addition feedback is provided via the Community Charter. Consultation on the priorities within the Community Charter is undertaken on an annual basis and shapes the priorities which the Well Being Fund is used to deliver.
- 4.1.2 The Well Being Member Working Group considers the applications for funding and makes a recommendation for the Area Committee to consider.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 Well Being Funding is used to ensure that inequalities within the local area are addressed through local projects and schemes and equality impact assessments carried out where necessary.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The Well Being Fund projects seek to contribute to the City Priorities by improving the local area and addressing inequalities in the Inner North East.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 All applications to the wellbeing fund are requested to get three quotes for the work to make sure it is good value for money.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and;
- Decide whether to approve £2937.50 to West Yorkshire Police.
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6 Background documents

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12