

Report of ENE Area Leader

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 21st June 2012

Subject: Wellbeing Fund

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	Killingbeck & Seacroft Gipton & Harehills Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 provides an overview of spending to date, and presents for consideration a number of new project proposals requesting funding.

Recommendations

- Approve the amount members have agreed to allocate from their ward budget towards a Small Grant pot and Tasking pots for their wards.
- Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

Lincoln Green Computer Suite	£5,519
Police Off Road Motor Cycles	£2,500
Songo Drumming Project	£1,700
Mums doing it R way	£1,000
Seacroft Tasking ASB reduction	£4,677
Body & Soul Project	£6,958
ENEHI target hardening	£4,500

Purpose of this report

- 1.0 The purpose of this report is to provide details of its well being fund spend to the Area Committee, including details of new projects for consideration.
- 1.1 The report details decisions made at ward member meetings regarding how much of their ward budget members would like to allocate to a Small Grant pot and Tasking pots for their ward.
- 1.2 The report also provides members with information on action taken by the Area Support Team in response to the delegation to March 2012 Area Committee by Paul Radcliffe.

Background information

- 2.0 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 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area, which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
- 2.1 It has been agreed that the revenue wellbeing budget for the Inner East Area Committee for 2012/13, based on these calculations is £261,760. This is the same revenue budget that was allocated last year. Carryover of uncommitted revenue funds from 2011/12 will also continue and at the March 2012 meeting it was reported that this carry forward figure is £18,308.01, however this did not include the amount of budget within the topslice which was unallocated.
- 2.2 Further to this, a city wide internal audit of the Area Committee wellbeing funds has been taking place since January 2012 and has recently concluded. It has found that the Inner East Area Committee had an additional underspend (which is included in the figures set out in the budget summary at **Appendix A**) previously this has been shown within the top sliced budget, but not allocated to projects. This figure is included in the amount carried forward into the 2012/13 budget. This means that the total budget for the Inner East Area Committee for 2012/13 is £410,868. It must be noted by the Area Committee that this figure includes schemes approved and ongoing from 2011/12 which are carried forward to be paid.
- 2.3 As agreed at the March meeting, once the agreed topsliced projects are removed the remaining budget will be split three ways between the wards. Including this additional carry forward figure, this increases the amount available for each ward for 2012/13 (as set out in appendix A) and leaves a balance within the area wide budget of £5,000 for contingencies.
- 2.2 At its March 2012 meeting the Area Committee agreed to split the wellbeing budget three ways between the wards. From that ward allocation members were recommended to set aside a pot for small grants and pot/s for Tasking teams. These decisions have been discussed at ward member meetings and members have agreed the following

Killingbeck & Seacroft

Small grants	£3,000
Tasking	£12,000

Gipton & harehills

Small Grants	£3,000
Gipton Tasking	£6,000
Harehills Tasking	£6,000

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

Small Grants	£2,000
Tasking	£10,000

Community Engagement £1,072 (This money will be added to the Community Engagement pot for spend specifically in BRH)

- 2.3 Wellbeing fund applications are considered at the relevant Ward Member meetings, where possible, for Members recommendations to the Area Committee prior to the meeting.
- 2.4 The Area Committee wellbeing fund is used to commission activity and projects which support activities in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans which in turn support the overarching priorities of the Community Charter, and the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan. Applications are also accepted from organisations in the local area who can demonstrate that their project supports these priorities. These projects are monitored quarterly on progress, with a final evaluation taking place when the project is completed.
- 2.5 Appendix A to this report shows spend to date and current balance of the revenue budget for Members information.

Small Grants

- 2.6 Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of two grants of up to £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit. These are approved by Councillors outside of the Area Committee meeting and are funded from a small grant pot set aside by ward members from their ward allocation. Details of spending for small grants are included in Appendix B.

Community Engagement

- 2.7 The Area Committee approved an amount of £3,000 at its March 2012 meeting for Community Engagement. Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Members have since agreed to allocate an additional £1,072.75 to this pot to be spent on activity in their ward. There is no spend this financial year under this heading.

Crime and Grime Tasking

- 2.8 Each of the priority neighbourhoods in the Inner East Area has a multi-agency tasking team which focuses on tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and

environmental problems. Ward members have set aside a portion of their ward allocation to support the work of these teams, this pot is managed by the Area Support Team. There is no spend this financial year under this heading.

Project Update

- 2.9 Projects which are awarded wellbeing funding are required to submit project monitoring returns giving details of what the project has achieved. As projects agreed at the March meeting from the 2012/13 budget have only just commenced there are no updates at this time.

3.0 New projects for Consideration

- 3.1 **Project:** Lincoln Green Computer Suite
Organisation: ENE Area Support Team
Ward affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Amount applied for: £5, 519

As recommended by the Inner East Community Centres Working Group this project is to re-establish an IT suite at Lincoln Green Community Centre in order that Job Shop sessions can be established. It is anticipated that a number of other groups, following the Richmond Hill Community Centre model, will also be able to use the suite, such as Youth Services and IT classes for older people.

ENEHL have provisionally agreed to match fund the same amount, dependent upon Area Committee agreeing their share. LCC Corporate ICT services will provide 10 computers free of charge, this funding is required to establish the infrastructure for them.

- 3.1.1 **Ward Member recommendations:** Ward members and the Community Centre working group support the application. It supports Charter priorities to promote our community centres to increase their usage and provide job advice and information through job shops.

- 3.2 **Project:** Police off Road Motorcycles
Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Ward affected: All
Amount applied for: £2,500

This project is to continue the current provision that the Area Committee funded in 2011/12. 3rd quarter reports show that response from the motorcycles was evenly spread throughout the Inner East and that officers responded to a number of calls using the bikes where they wouldn't have been able to catch the criminals without them.

Outer East Area Committee is also being asked for £2,500 and the Inner North East and Outer North East Area Committee's are being asked for £500 each, to reflect the usage of the bikes in the different areas.

3.2.1 **Ward Member Recommendations:** Supports Neighbourhood Improvement plan priorities to reduce crime and ASB.

3.3 Project: World Music Mini Fest
Organisation: Songo Drumming Project
Ward affected: All
Amount applied for: £1,700

The World Music Mini-Fest will be a music event in East Leeds involving both community and semi-professional music/dance groups from different cultures for a local audience.

The aims are:

- To provide a platform for local community music and dance groups involving people of different ages and genres, to perform alongside more accomplished performers
- To celebrate the rich diversity of multi-cultural Leeds and break down barriers between communities
- To give local community music groups a platform to widen their audience, network with other arts groups and recruit new members
- To expose people to types of music they are not familiar with
- To provide an opportunity for people with low income to experience a high quality and varied cultural event

The event will be held in Harehills but aimed at an audience from all of Inner East Leeds.

3.3.1 **Ward member recommendations:** The application was received too late for the project to be discussed at ward member meetings.

3.4 Project: Mums Doing it R way
Organisation: IGEN
Wards affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft
Amount applied for: £1,000

This project is to run a peer support group for targeted young Mums. It will support them with activities that will further support their abilities to tenancy manage their properties and raise their children such as; learning to cook, organising their household, personal safety and confidence building.

The group has 12 young people already identified and committed to attending, the project has also been advertised across the network of East North East Leeds to encourage referrals. The group will be ongoing with a continuous roll of young people attending when they are ready to engage.

3.4.1 **Ward Member recommendations:** Supports Area Committee priorities for health & wellbeing and children & young people.

3.5 Project: Seacroft Tasking Youth outreach work
Organisation: ENE Area Support Team
Ward affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft
Amount applied for: £4,677

This is a partnership project from the agencies delivering services in Seacroft. Residents in the area have identified that there is a need for detached youth work in Seacroft in the evenings, in addition to current provision, to reduce ASB. The project will consist of

- An Attendance team working mornings on school days targeting the persistent absentees in the cluster (funded by Extended Services)
- Health Bus three times a week (joint partnership with Igen Intensive Support, Youth Service, Health and Extended Services)
- Detached Youth Work on school day evenings in the Ward linked into Police/ASB tasking (2 workers per night managed by Extended Services jointly funded by Safer Leeds)

The total project will cost £25,000

3.5.1 Ward Members Recommendations: Seacroft Tasking team and ward members are in support of the project. It supports Charter priority; “The council, police, health, housing providers and other organisations will work together as a team to tackle the problems identified in our communities”

3.6 Project: Body & Soul project
Organisation: Womens Health Matters
Ward affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft
Amount applied for: £6,958

This piece of work aims to reduce the sexual violence, intimidation, coercion and abuse experienced by girls and young women in East Leeds. The project will start by delivering a 12 week rolling programme of sessions in Alston Lane and / or Dennis Healey Community Centre in Seacroft

The programme involves a series of sessions including direct risk and resilience work and provides explicit sexual health information. The project will use a Protective Behaviours approach, developing resilience in individuals through work on intrinsic, intuitive factors

3.6.1 Ward Member recommendations: Ward members are supportive. Supports the Charter promise to offer women training and support in improving their mental and physical health

3.7 Project: ENEH Cross ALMO Target Hardening
Organisation: ENEHI
Wards affected: All
Amount applied for: £4,500

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Delegation to March Area Committee from Mr Paul Radcliffe.

- 3.8 At its meeting on 22nd March 2012 a delegation was received by Mr Paul Radcliffe as detailed at point 89 of the minutes. Mr Radcliffe was interested in establishing creative arts workshops in the area. The Area Committee advised that he speak to community activists in the area to establish support for his project and in due course would look at an application for funding.
- 3.8.1 Mr Radcliffe attended the special Area Committee meeting in May to speak to the Committee regarding any updates and it was requested by members that action taken by the Area Support Team to advise and assist him be reported back to the subsequent meeting.
- 3.8.1 After the March meeting Mr Radcliffe was contacted by the Area Support team by email and approached at public meetings to offer any advice or assistance. Due to other commitments Mr Radcliffe was not able to progress his idea at that time, but following contact from the Area Support team again in May has informed us that his plans have now changed.
- 3.8.2 Mr Radcliffe has been asked to direct a creative arts project in Leeds city centre but would like as many schools and creative arts groups as possible from LS9 to take part. He has asked for any assistance we can offer with this. Sarah May, Neighbourhood Manager for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill has provided him with a list of all of the creative arts groups in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill and put him in touch with the Cluster manager for the ward to liaise with her regarding school participation.

Corporate Considerations

4.0 Consultation and Engagement

In order for ward members to make an informed decision on wellbeing spending they are provided with details of the projects and the opportunity to discuss them at ward member meetings. The Neighbourhood Managers are also consulted to assess how the project supports the relevant Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

4.1 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

All projects funded by wellbeing monies must demonstrate:

- Equality and diversity issues have been considered in the planning of the project;
- How equality and diversity issues have shaped the project delivery;
- The impact of the project will be on different groups;
- how the project will promote good community relations between different groups and how barriers that might prevent their involvement will be overcome.

4.2 Council Policies and City Priorities

Wellbeing funding is used to support the priorities set out in the Inner East Community Charter which are agreed with the local communities of Inner East and key stakeholders. More detailed action plans, Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) are prepared for each priority neighbourhood. Both the Charter and the NIPs support the Vision for Leeds.

4.3 Resources and Value for Money

Spending and monitoring of the Wellbeing budget is administered by the Area Management Team in accordance with the decisions made by this Area Committee.

4.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking of 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.

There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

4.5 Risk Management

All wellbeing funded projects must demonstrate that they have identified any potential risks for the project and what action would/will take to avoid or minimise

them. Details of the risk assessments individual projects are available from the author of this report.

5.0 Conclusions

The well-being fund provides financial support for projects in the Inner East Area which support the priorities of the Community Charter and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

6.0 Recommendations

The Area Committee is requested to:

Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

Lincoln Green Computer Suite	£5,519
Police Off Road Motor Cycles	£2,500
Off the Streets	£4,376
Mums doing it R way	£1,000
Burglary Reduction Project	
Body & Soul Project	£6,958

7.0 Background documents

Report to Inner East Area Committee, 23 June 2011, Area Committee Roles 2011/12

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