

**Report of Deputy Chief Executive**

**Report to Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**Subject: Well-Being Fund Report**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley Bramley & Stanningley		
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 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**

1. This report outlines the inner West revenue budget position for 2012/13, and provides monitoring information on projects funded in 2011/12.

**Recommendations**

2. Members are asked to:
  - i) Note the feedback from projects funded in 2011/12 and;
  - ii) Note the current Well-being revenue budget position for the current financial year.
  - iii) Consider the application for a community notice board presented at 3.19.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is update Members on the Area Committee's Well-being budget.
- 1.2 The report also provides monitoring information on the Well-being funded projects completed during the last financial year 2011/12.
- 1.3 It also presents a new Well-being fund application for a notice board on Armley Town Street.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The Well-being revenue budget for 2012/13 is £136,710. At its meeting in March 2012, the Area Committee decided to nominally split its budget between the two wards, and approved projects totalling £128,843.
- 2.4 The 2011/12 the Area Committee approved funding for eleven large projects totalling £131,410. Monitoring information has been provided by nine projects, all of which achieved their expected outcomes.

## **3 Main issues**

### 2011/12 Monitoring – Large Grants

- 3.1 Below is a summary of the large projects funded by the Area Committee in 2011/12 and the outcomes they achieved.
- 3.2 IW.10.07 – Police Off Road Bikes  
West Yorkshire Police : £1,500  
The police off road bikes team worked with Leeds City Council Parkswatch Officers dealing with complaints across greenspaces. In the final quarter of 2011/12 the team issued 8 verbal warnings, 18 Fixed Penalty Notices and 1 seizure. A dedicated phone number is now in place for the team and has been publicised widely.
- 3.3 IW.11.01 – Summer Bands in the Park  
Armley Town Centre Manager : £1,200  
Four events were held, split between Armley and Bramley. The Lightcliffe Brass Band performed at Armley Fun Day and the Easter Event on Armley Moor, and both benefited from good weather and large audiences. A steel pan band played at Bramley Park in June and August but unfortunately it rained on both occasions.
- 3.4 IW.11.02 – Town Centre Manager  
Leeds Ahead : £23,00  
The Armley Town Centre manager delivered a number of projects to support local businesses and promote the area. These included:
  - Empty shops initiative to reduce voids to 10% lower than the national average.
  - Events programme in partnership with the local residents' groups organising a Christmas lights switch on and family fundays.
  - Alert box scheme to support retailers increased satisfaction with the police's response to calls for help

- Keep Armley Tidy project with local schools
- Shop Local campaign and business forum

- 3.5 IW.11.03 – Inner West Sports Provision  
LCC Sports Development : £3,563  
Summer sports sessions were set up in partnership with local sports organisations. These included 75 young people on a gymnastics programme, 56 joining a Leeds United football session and 322 participating in summer camps at Ryecroft Primary school. In total 623 school children benefited from this project. Four young sportsmen from the Inner West area also completed the Leeds Coaching Scholarship, funded by the grant, and are now volunteering in their local communities.
- 3.6 IW.11.04 – I Love West Leeds Festival  
I Love West Leeds Festival Committee : £18,000  
Two primary schools took part in the festival, Holy Family in New Wortley and Raynville in Bramley. Outdoor film screenings were programmed for New Wortley, Raynville, HMP Leeds and Farnley, but unfortunately due to bad weather only the event at the prison went ahead. The Festival Day held at Bramley Falls Park was the biggest ever, with an estimated 3000 people attending.
- 3.7 IW.11.05 Armley Sports Project  
LCC Youth Service : £3,563  
Thirty sessions of football coaching were held at Armley Sports Centre between April and November, including twelve run by Leeds United Football Club. 26 people accessed the project and around 40 others participated without formally registering. The sessions have been funded for a second year, and continue to be very popular.
- 3.8 IW.11.06 Lazer Centre Improvements  
LCC Youth Service : £2,000  
Final monitoring has not been submitted, but it is understood that the work was carried out as per the application, and the improved facilities are being enjoyed by young people from across the inner West area.
- 3.9 IW.11.08 Armley Community Funday  
Armley Community Funday Committee : £1,500  
The Armley Community Funday was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The weather was fine, and an estimated 3,500 – 4,000 people attended. The mix of stalls was very good, including representatives from the voluntary and faith sectors. A survey on the day showed that 88% of stalls and 93% of visitors were satisfied with the event.
- 3.10 IW.11.09 Litter Bins Bramley Falls Wood Park  
LCC Parks & Countryside : £1,140  
Three litter bins were installed within the boundary of Bramley Falls Wood Park. Newlay and Whitecoates Residents' Association were consulted on the positioning of the new bins. The bins are well used and there is less litter around the park area.
- 3.11 IW.11.12 Community Centre Consortium  
BARCA Leeds : £41,000

The Business Facilities and Social Enterprise Manager supported New Wortley and Fairfield Community Centres to become much more sustainable. Both centres have increased bookings and the social enterprises have grown impressively.

3.12 IW.11.13 Bramley Baths

LCC Sports Development : £37,800

The funding supported an additional 20 hours opening per week following Council budget cuts that reduces opening hours by almost two thirds. This, enabled schools to continue to use the facility and provided longer opening hours for the general public, including access to the gym, steam room, activity room and some classes. The number of visits per hour compared with the same period in 2010 increased by 63%. The project helped the baths became a viable prospect for a community asset transfer, which was approved by Executive Board in May 2012 and expected to be completed by September the same year.

3.13 IW.11.14 CASAC Burglary Reduction

CASAC Leeds : £1,000

Final monitoring information has not been provided for this project.

Small Grants

3.15 The Area Committee set aside a budget of £4,500 for small grants in 2011/12, and funded twelve projects from royal wedding parties to community hanging baskets. All projects were completed satisfactorily, and £710 was carried forward into the new financial year.

Skips

3.16 The skips budget for 2011/12 was £800. Two skips were provided for community use. The remainder of the skips budget has been rolled forward into a joint small grants and skips budget for 2012/13.

2012.13 Wellbeing Revenue Budget

3.17 At its meeting in February, the Area Committee approved sixteen grants as shown in the table below.

3.18 The Area Committee chose to informally split the budget between the two wards. Currently Armley ward has £6,215 remaining and Bramley & Stanningley ward has committed all its budget.

Project Name	Organisation	Armley	Bramley & Stanningley	Total
Broadleas CCTV	Leedswatch		£1,784	£1,784
Bramley Baths	LCC Sports		£27,720	£27,720
Community Ctr Consortium	Barca-Leeds	£30,000	£5,000	£35,000
Police Off Road Bikes	West Yorks Police	£750	£750	£1,500
Armley Festive Lights	Leeds Lights	£1,750		£1,750
I Love West Leeds Festival	ILWL Festival Ltd	£5,000	£5,000	£10,000
Small Grants & Skips	Area Support Team	£2,000	£2,000	£4,000

Inner West Events Budget	Area Support Team	£5,000	£2,500	£7,500
Armley Sports Project	LCC Youth Service	£2,250		£2,250
Summer Sports & Coaching	LCC Sports	£1,250	£1,250	£2,500
Environmental Clean-Ups	Probation	£3,000	£3,000	£6,000
NEET Reduction Project	Igen	£3,375	£3,375	£6,750
Target Hardening	CASAC	£3,000		£3,000
Bramley Floodlights	Parks & Countryside		£16,000	£16,000
Saturday Night Project	PAYP (LCC)	£3,000		£3,000
Community Hanging Baskets	Armley CRT	£1,800		£1,800
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£62,175</b>	<b>£68,378</b>	<b>£130,553</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>£6,215</b>	<b>£11</b>	

### New Well-being Application

#### 3.19 **Armley Notice Board**

##### **Amount requested: £2,350**

Local residents, through the Armley Fun Day Committee, have asked if the Council could provide a notice board on Armley Town Street for community use. The Area Support Team has consulted with Ward Members and is seeking to agree the following to ensure the viability of the project:

- § Planning permission for advertising (if required)
- § Permission from Highways
- § Responsibility for maintenance
- § Responsibility for updating notices

#### 3.20 Since April seven small grants have been approved and are listed below.

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|----------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Community hanging baskets     | £300 | Armley Common Right Trust     |
| 2. Firefly safety stickers       | £500 | West Yorkshire Fire Service   |
| 3. Raynville Primary health fair | £150 | Raynville Primary School      |
| 4. Walking leaflets              | £300 | West Leeds Walking Group      |
| 5. School football coaching      | £250 | Wortley Football Club         |
| 6. Leeds Gathering               | £500 | Irish Arts Leeds              |
| 7. Jubilee church illumination   | £300 | St Bartholomew's Church Leeds |

The balance of the small grants and skips budget is £2,790.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 The Area Committee receives regular updates on the Well-being budget through the Well-being Budget Report.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 All Well-being funded projects are considered prior to their submission to Area Committee for their impact on Equality and Diversity and Cohesion and Integration.

### **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 Small grant applications submitted to the Area Committee for funding support are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities. Area Management's work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 The small grant programme outlined in this report is resourced by Area Support Team staff

4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well-Being budgets.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.5.1 This report is the report of the Area Leader for West North West Leeds who has delegated responsibility to action decisions in accordance with Area Management's work programme in accordance with part 3 of the Council's Constitution in relation to Area Committee Functions.

4.5.2 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.

4.5.3 This report is not eligible for call in.

### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all Well-being applications.

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1 There is £6,215 remaining in the revenue budget for Armley ward this financial year. Bramley and Stanningley ward's allocation is fully committed. A new Well-being application for a community notice board on Armley Town Street is presented for consideration.

5.2 Projects funded through the Area Committee's 2011/12 Well-being revenue budget achieved their stated objectives and provided positive outcomes for the local area. Two projects did not provide monitoring information ahead of the report deadline, and these will be followed up.

5.3 Most projects approved from the 2012/13 Well-being revenue budget are progressing well, and the remaining schemes will be progressed over the summer.

## **6 Recommendations**

6.1 Members are asked to:

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### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author