

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 3rd July 2012

Subject: Well-being Fund

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report provides members with an update on the current position of the capital and revenue budgets for the Outer North East Area Committee.
2. Applications made for funding are included in the report for members' consideration.
3. Monitoring information from previously funded projects is included for information.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to:

- Note the spend to date and current balances for the 201/13 financial year;
- Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

Organisation	Project	Amount
West Yorkshire Police	Off Road Motorcycles	£500
Safer Leeds	Trembler Alarms	£487.50
Leeds City Council	Treetops Community Centre	£1500
Lingfield Tenants & Residents Assoc	Open House	£10,000
Aberford and District Parish Council	Jubilee Field	£7000

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 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 Well-being budget which was allocated to them in previous years.
- 2.2 Alongside the Well-being 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.

3. REVENUE PROJECTS

3.1 Well-being Revenue – available funding for the current financial year (2011/12)

The allocation to individual Area Committees is calculated using a formula based on 50% deprivation and 50% population. The Outer North East allocation for 2012/13 is £112,000.

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%).

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 2011/12 and which are still to be paid for in 2012/13.

The funding is used to support the priorities in the Area Committee Business Plan as agreed by the Area Committee in March 2012. Updates on spending and projects funded will be reported to the Area Committee on a regular basis.

3.2 Project monitoring

Projects in receipt of a wellbeing grant are required to provide monitoring reports to show that the funding was spent in accordance with their original grant application. Appendix 2 provides monitoring details for projects which have received funding during the previous financial year. Further information will be provided at the September area committee.

3.3 New schemes for consideration

3.3.1 **Project:** Off Road Motorcycles
Organisation: West Yorkshire Police, NE Division
Amount: £500
Ward: Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby

This application is for a contribution to funding to cover the lease costs to retain 2 off road motorcycles within the North East Police division for 12 months at a total cost of £ 6,000. The division will continue to fund costs such as fuel , specialist uniform and staff resources. The aims of the service are to reduce complaints of anti social behaviour relating to nuisance motorbikes and noise, increase public confidence and contribute towards increased safety in green spaces and public places. It achieves this by:

- Respond to calls around nuisance motorbikes;
- Work in partnership with Parks and Countryside off road bikers;
- Arrest and take relevant enforcement action;
- Confiscation of illegal bikes;

The breakdown of costs is based on the analysis of demand for the service, and is as follows:

Inner East - £2,500
Outer East - £2,500
Inner NE - £500
Outer NE - £500

Priority: Communities

3.3.2 **Project:** Trembler Alarms
Organisation: Safer Leeds (Roundhay, Alwoodley, Moortown tasking)
Amount: £487.50
Ward: Alwoodley

Trembler alarms are provided to victims of burglary on revisits by the PCSO's in the Roundhay, Alwoodley, Moortown (RAM) tasking area. Feedback from residents is that they have deterred burglars and they are effective, easy to use and provide some reassurance that they won't become a repeat victim of crime

During 2012 RAM had a total of 550 burglaries broken down Roundhay (145) Moortown (240) Alwoodley (161). Safer Leeds would like to continue

to provide trembler alarms during 2013.

The application is for funding to purchase 250 alarms per ward @ 1.95 each, total £487.50 per ward. Therefore an application has been made to Inner North East Area Committee for £975 and Outer North East for £487.

Priority: Communities

3.3.3 **Project:** Treetops Community Centre
Organisation: Leeds City Council
Amount: £1500
Ward: Alwoodley

The Area Committee is asked to approve a further sum of £1500 to continue the arrangement for paying volunteer expenses to a keyholder who opens up for users of Treetops Community Centre who are not keyholders themselves. This arrangement was put in place in January 2012 and has proved to be very successful.

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3.3.4 **Project:** Open House
Organisation: Lingfield Tenants & Residents Association
Amount: £10,000
Ward: Alwoodley

Lingfield Tenants & Residents Association have submitted a proposal to the Council to take over the lease of 79/81 Lingfield Drive, known as Open House. They propose to run the centre for the local community, continue to provide the existing services from there which are the youth service, CAB, and over 50s group. They are also hoping to expand the activities to include a community café.

This application was originally presented to the March Area Committee. Members agreed to earmark £10,000 for support for Open House, however the decision on this application was deferred until the business case from Lingfield TRA and any other prospective tenants had been assessed. For further information on the current position regarding Open House refer to the separate report to this area committee.

Priority: Children, Communities, Health and Wellbeing, Better Lives

3.3.5 **Project:** Jubilee Field – Community Recreational Facility, MUGA¹ and Tennis Court
Organisation: Aberford and District Parish Council
Amount: £7000

¹ Multi use games area

Ward: Harewood

This project is to carry out enhancement work on an area of land, including some dilapidated tennis courts and a grassed area, which has been redundant and inaccessible for some years. The MUGA and Tennis Court are part of phase 1 of the project. The total cost of phase 1 including access path, carparking and fees is £107,000. A contribution from the wellbeing fund is sought towards the cost of installing benches, litter bins, signage and soft landscaping. A bid has also been submitted to grantscape and the Parish Council has earmarked capital reserves for the project. The facility will be known as Jubilee Field and will be available for the whole community to use.

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3.4 Small grants and skips

3.4.1 Each of the wards has a pot set aside for community groups to apply into for small grants and skips. The following small grants have been agreed since the March 2012 area committee:

3.4.2 Festival of Sport for Leeds 17 £500

to be held at Allerton High School on 21 July, organised by local residents with the support of Alwoodley Parish Council. The event is to promote local sporting organisations and to provide a fun sports day for all ages.

3.4.3 Scholes Hanging Baskets £500

Scholes in Bloom have purchased 110 hanging baskets that have a reservoir in them which reduces watering from three times a week to twice. The grant is a contribution towards the cost of plants.

3.4.4 Great North Road logs

To purchase large logs to restrict access to two areas of land on Great North Road between Aberford and Micklefield. The land is frequently used by travellers and has also been fly tipped extensively.

This project aims to prevent vehicle access to the land, and reduce fly tipping, thus improving the quality of the local environment.

4. Well-being Capital Funding 2011/12

4.1 There is no new capital Well-being allocation in 2012/13. The Outer North East capital programme is now at an end.

4.2 There is a balance of £3,284 in the capital allocation, split between Alwoodley, £3000 and Wetherby, £284.

4.3 A complete list of the area committee's capital funded projects is listed in appendix 2.

5 Corporate Considerations

5.1 Consultation and Engagement

5.1.1 Area Committees now have an enhanced role in Community Engagement and have responsibility for overseeing and monitoring the work of the Area Management Team in relation to local engagement activities. The priorities in the Area Committee business plan which the wellbeing supports are arrived at through consultation with ward members and the local communities they serve.

5.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

5.2.1 Well-being funding is used to ensure that inequalities within the local area are addressed through local projects and schemes. All projects funded by Well-being 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.

5.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

5.3.1 Well-being funding is used to support the priorities set out in the Outer North East Area Business Plan which supports the Vision for Leeds.

5.4 Resources and Value for Money

5.4.1 Spending and monitoring of the Well-being budget is administered by the Area Support Team in accordance with the decisions made by this Area Committee.

5.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

5.5.1 The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of capital and revenue Well-being budgets within the framework of the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3D) and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

5.5.2 There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

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

5.6 Risk Management

5.6.1 All Well-being 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.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 The Well-being fund provides financial support for projects in the Outer North East area which help to deliver the priorities of the Area Committee business plan.

7. Recommendations

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8. Background documents²

- 8.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12
- 8.2 Report to Executive Board, 10 February 2012, Revenue Budget 2012/13 and Capital Programme.

² 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.