

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 22 October 2012

Subject: Well-being Fund Budgets

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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 budget for the Outer North East.
2. Applications made for funding are included in the report for member's consideration.

Recommendations

3. 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 £
East Keswick Wildlife Trust	Elliker Fields	2,500
Grange Park Sports Club	New clubhouse	15,000
Wetherby Methodist Church	Reaching Out	£6000
West Yorkshire Police	Farmwatch Patrols	£6000
	Winter Crime Reduction	£3500

1 Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 The report provides members with an update on the current position of the revenue and capital 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.
- 2.1 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 (2012/13)

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 2012/13 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 and includes the schemes approved (i.e. committed) in 2011/12 and which are to be paid for in 2012/13, together with schemes approved in the current financial year.

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 New schemes for consideration

- 3.2.1 **Project:** Elliker Fields
Organisation: East Keswick Wildlife Trust
Amount: £2500
Ward: Harewood

East Keswick Wildlife Trust have the opportunity to purchase a field on the edge of the village. This will connect several acres of land overlaying the magnesian limestone on the east side of the village comprising woodland, wild flower rich pastures, marshland, scrub and an old limestone quarry to create a new nature reserve known as 'Elliker Fields'. The fields are particularly valuable to wildlife as they lie on Magnesian Limestone. The acquisition of the fields by the Wildlife Trust will:

- prevent the land being developed
- provide a "wildlife corridor" connecting other reserves that we manage.
- conserve this rich and varied landscape for the enjoyment of future generations
- provide a locally convenient area for community based outdoor activities

At the time of writing this report, £18,000 through local fundraising. The total costs are £25,000 and the Trust has until the end of October to raise the funds.

Community Charter Priority: Improving the environment;

- 3.2.2 **Project:** Shadwell Library Repair and Refurbishment
Organisation: Shadwell Independent Library
Amount: £10,000
Ward: Harewood

Leeds City Council is planning an asset transfer of the Shadwell Library building and contents to the local community. A 99 year lease from Leeds City Council has been agreed in principle and the details are due to be finalised by the end of October. At the initiative of Shadwell Parish Council, a company limited by guarantee has been formed to expand the library and to create community activities within the 199-year-old building in the centre of the village.

Improvements and restorations are required for these aims to be achieved. The building needs to be made water-proof and to be provided with adequate heating. Damp proofing will be achieved by an internal membrane system, and the roof will be re-built. Appropriate new guttering will be required for this category 2 listed building. The electrical system will be upgraded. The heating system will also be upgraded and additional thermal insulation installed. In addition some security and access problems need correction such as new fire and security alarms and installation of a disabled toilet with baby changing facilities. Redecoration will be required once this work has been done.

A later second phase will include making safe the currently unusable internal

balcony, and installing new bookshelves and other furniture.

The project aims to benefit the whole population of Shadwell and surrounding areas, especially the young with a book group and informal leisure activities. It will also provide a flexible space for community activities such as meetings, displays, presentations, music recitals, book clubs and a cinema club. Outside licensed premises, Shadwell has no commercial facilities for hot drinks and snacks and it is hoped that this can be provided as a community facility. It is expected that about 600 people per year will directly benefit from activities run by Shadwell Independent Library (footfall about 6,000), with many others involved in activities run by other groups.

The total cost of the project is £56,468, and the organisation are seeking a grant of £10,000 from the area committee.

Community Charter Supporting Town & Parish Councils;
Priorities: Supporting local events;

- 3.2.3 **Project:** Wetherby & Harewood NPT Winter Crime Reduction Plan
Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount: £3,500
Ward: Harewood and Wetherby

Christmas Reassurance Patrols are intended to prevent anti-social behaviour brought on by excessive alcohol consumption leading to crimes of disorder, assault and damage within Wetherby ward during the lead up to Christmas and through the New Year holiday period. Highly visible foot patrols by regular and special constables will enhance the foot patrols by beat Community Support Officers within Wetherby Town Centre. Increased visits will be made to licensed premises within the town and surrounding villages to provide visible and ready support to designated premises supervisors who will be encouraged to promote responsible drinking within their establishments. The officers will link in with Leeds Watch CCTV Control to provide a rapid deployable resource to intervene early in any rowdy or anti social behaviour on the streets throughout the peak drinking hours.

The voluntary availability of special constables is unpredictable as it must be appreciated that their time is given freely and is governed by their regular work and family commitments. This grant application is based on the cost of securing additional regular police officers from officers who would not otherwise be on duty. They will be dedicated to these patrols and thereby ensure that resources remain visible at a time of year when more people are in the town, socialising or passing through. It is intended that the presence of uniformed officers will enhance a public perception that local provision is in place to keep the peace and maintain a sense of well being in the town.

Any funds which remain beyond 31/12/12 would be used for the provision of additional visible patrols through the villages to tackle opportunistic thefts from vehicles, a crime type which has seen an increase so far this year.

Community Charter Priority: Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

- 3.2.4 **Project:** Wetherby & Harewood NPT Winter Crime Reduction Plan
Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount: £6000
Ward: Harewood and Wetherby

The Farmwatch patrols deliver policing support to the village and farming communities of Wetherby & Harewood. These patrols are staffed entirely by members of Wetherby & Harewood Neighbourhood Police Team who have developed effective community links and have meaningful knowledge of prevailing crime types, related legislation and active offenders.

This local knowledge is essential to the efficacy of these patrols. It maximises impact and delivers practical benefits for the time and funding which additional general policing could not.

Two Landrover 4 x 4 vehicles continue to be provided by; Ripon Farm Services and Hesco Bastion. The commercial companies have donated the vehicles and cover the service costs and road tax. These vehicles exist beyond the West Yorkshire vehicle fleet provision for this area of North east Leeds. Without the external provision, the support which is currently being provided to the farming industry and rural communities could not be delivered with the same effectiveness. This aspect of local policing regularly attracts positive appreciation from those communities and helps maintain high levels of confidence in the services delivered by Wetherby & Harewood Police Team with the acknowledged support of the elected ward councillors.

Funding is sought to cover the costs of fuel and tyres (£2000) plus the cost of additional duty hours (£4000) to periodically extend the hours the existing workforce at specific times of the year, spring and autumn, when the agriculture industry is vulnerable to poaching, equipment theft and crop damage.

Community Charter Priority: Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

- 3.2.5 **Project:** New clubhouse
Organisation: Grange Park Sports Club
Amount: £15,000
Ward: Wetherby

This project is to build a new club house to support the transition of Grange Park into a multi sports club with 8 changing rooms to Sport England standard for male and female use, a physio/first aid room, training room, 200% larger club house and new kitchen.

The total cost of the new facility is £560,000. Grant applications have been submitted to Sport England, Rugby Football Union, Football association and the English Cricket Board.

This equates to £440,000 leaving a shortfall of £120,000. £45,000 has already been raised by clubs and a further £50,000 fundraising is projected

for the next 12 months. Applications have also been submitted to WREN, Caird Bairdon and Biffa, leaving a shortfall of £15,000 which the club are seeking from the area committee.

Community Charter Priority: Promoting healthy lifestyles; supporting local events and activities;

- 3.2.6 **Project:** Reaching Out Project
Organisation: Wetherby Methodist Church
Amount: £6000
Ward: Wetherby

The Methodist Church offers a modern, flexible, sustainable multi purpose building for community and social needs in Wetherby town centre. Activities and services using the building include Wetherby Town Council, Wetherby and District U3A, Leeds Advocacy, Wetherby News, Zumba classes, and support groups.

The chairs in the Main Hall and Meeting Hall are in poor repair and the church is seeking a grant of £6000 to purchase 150 chairs and a storage trolley.

Community Charter Priority: Supporting local events;

3.3 Small grants and skips

- 3.3.1 Each ward has small grant fund of £3000 set aside for community groups to apply into for small grants and skips. The following small grants have been approved during 2012/13.

Project	Amount awarded	Ward
Festival of Sport	£500	Alwoodley
Scholes in Bloom	£500	Harewood
Bramham Gala	£500	Wetherby

3.4 Project monitoring

- 3.4.1 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.
- 3.4.2 Wetherby Community Radio LTD (Tempo FM) were granted funding of £1000 for their Barleyfields Radio Project. There will be a presentation from this organisation on this project at the area committee meeting.

4. Well-being Capital Funding

- 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 £1,304 in the capital allocation, split between Alwoodley, £1020 and Wetherby, £284.

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 fund 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 East North East 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 Decisions on Well-being funding are delegated to the Area Committee from the Council's Executive Board therefore they are subject to 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

7.1 Members are asked to:

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8. Background documents¹

8.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12

¹ 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.