

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 3 December 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 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 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:

Alwoodley Community Association	Extension of equipment storage facilities	£10,000
Slaid Hill in Bloom	Environmentally Friendly Planting	£1,419
West Yorkshire Police	Farmwatch Patrols	£6000
East North East Homes Leeds	Moss Syke verge improvements	£5000

Endorse the following wellbeing decision which was approved as a delegated officer decision due to the timescales for the project.

West Yorkshire Police Winter Crime Reduction
£2000 to be used to provide additional patrols in Wetherby Town Centre

3 Purpose of this Report

- 3.2 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.

4 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.
- 3.2 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 New schemes for consideration

3.2.1 In considering these applications members are asked to take into account timescales for the projects. If projects are continuing after 31 March 2013, members are asked to decide if the appropriate proportion of the grant should be set aside from the 2012/13 budget and carried forward, or be drawn from the 2013/14 budget. This is of course subject to confirmation of the wellbeing budget for 2013/14.

3.2.2 **Project:** Extension of equipment storage facilities
Organisation: Alwoodley Community Association
Amount: £10,000
Ward: Alwoodley

The construction of a new storeroom to augment an existing small storeroom which was built over 40 years ago. The additional space is required to accommodate sports and leisure equipment plus chairs. Equipment is currently stored in the main building, which takes up floor space and causes hazards for users of the building.

The total construction costs are £14,250, and the Association are seeking a grant of £10,000.

The project would run from December 2012 – January 2013.

Community Charter Priority: Communities

3.2.3 **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.

This funding is to cover the period from January to December 2013.

Community Charter Priority: Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

- 3.2.4 **Project:** Environmentally Friendly Planting in an urban area
Organisation: Slaid Hill in Bloom
Amount: £1,419
Ward: Alwoodley

Slaid Hill in Bloom are seeking a grant of £1,419 for shrubs, bedding plants, hanging basket plants, bark chippings, compost and the design and print of a newsletter. The planting will contribute to the continuous improvement of the environment at Slaid Hill parade and surrounding area. All the work is undertaken by volunteers.

If funding is approved the project will run from February to December 2013.

Community Charter Priority: Improving the Environment

- 3.2.5 **Project:** Verge Improvements, Moss Syke
Organisation: East North East Homes Leeds
Amount: £5,000
Ward: Harewood

Moss Syke in Scarcroft is a narrow cul de sac with limited parking. Local residents and their visitors park on the grass verges which are constantly churned up and muddy, or they park on the road leading in which creates access problems.

The purpose of this project is to remove the grassed areas in front of the properties and create car parking facilities.

The estimated total cost for the scheme from the Council's highways department is £25,000, it is anticipated that this can create between 10 and 12 spaces. The ENEHL Area Panel have agreed to contribute up to £20,000, but have asked for some alternative quotes to try and reduce costs.

This scheme can be completed by March 2013.

Community Charter Priority: Improving the Environment

3.3 Schemes delegated to the Area Committee chair for approval.

- 3.3.1 An application from Wetherby & Harewood Neighbourhood Policing Team for funding for a Winter Crime Reduction Plan was considered at the October Area Committee and was delegated to the Chair for a decision to allow for further discussions with the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector.
- 3.3.2 The Chair decided to award a grant of £2000 specifically for additional patrols in Wetherby Town Centre during the lead up to Christmas and through the New Year holiday period. The area committee is asked to endorse this decision. This project will be complete during the current financial year.

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 for this financial year.

Organisation / Department	Project	Total Project Cost	Grant Approved
West Yorkshire Fire Service	Operation Firefly – a scheme to highlight the location of vulnerable members of the community within their homes to Fire Fighters in the event of a fire	500.00	500.00
Festival of Sport	Fun family sports day at Allerton High School	1,000.00	500.00
Alwoodley in Bloom	Replacement wall for King Lane shops plus planting and adjacent landscaping	648.20	500.00
Scholes in Bloom	Plants for 110 hanging baskets	1,650.00	500.00
Bramham Community Action Group	Bramham Gala – provision of tables chairs and toilets	752.27	500.00
Thorp Arch Village Society	Bulb planting	100.00	100.00

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.

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 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

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8. Background documents¹

8.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12

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

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.