

Monitoring returns on wellbeing projects

Project: World Music Mini Fest	
Lead organisation: Songo Drumming Project	Wellbeing Funding: £1,700
Over 250 people attended the event on 7 th October 2012. The aims were met as follows:	
<p>The local community groups that performed were:</p> <p>Katz & Co - this is a local dance school run on a voluntary basis in a studio in The Anglers Club. 20 young people aged 7 to 15 years performed contemporary dance, their parents attended the event and were thrilled about the opportunity for their children to perform for such a large audience; they also stayed to watch the rest of the show.</p> <p>Jacki Carol & her dad Joe – this duet from Harehills played Irish music</p> <p>MT – a Zimbabwean solo singer from East End Park accompanied himself on the keyboards</p> <p>Harmony – a local ethnically mixed community choir with over half the singers from African origins, combined with Free Range, a mainly white choir</p> <p>Songo Drumming Project – a drumming group involving people from West Africa, Southern Africa, Greece, Iraq, Mexico and England, which operated from its base in Harehills</p> <p>The semi-professional groups were all Leeds based:</p> <p>Lamin's African Roots – blues, jazz and African reggae</p> <p>Mestisa – songs from several Latin American countries</p> <p>Love Society – jazz band with 6-piece South African choir</p> <p>The performers and audience formed a wonderful multi-cultural gathering, drawing in local white East Leeds residents (about half the audience), Latin Americans, Africans and African Caribbeans. To promote the event to local audiences, several community groups were given complimentary tickets for their members and were enthusiastic participants in the audience.</p> <p>Katz & Co, Harmony and Songo Drumming Project all had the opportunity to promote themselves and encourage new people to join. Several enquiries from prospective new members were received on the day, including one from a young man with Downs Syndrome who was inspired to want to learn drumming.</p> <p>The event was inclusive for younger children, who joined in dancing to various groups and enjoyed the face-painter.</p>	

Projects which have underspent or not completed.

Project: Oz Box	Lead Organisation: Deen Enterprises
Amount approved: £2,365	Amount returned: £2,365 to Gipton & Harehills ward pot
<p>The Area Committee approved funding for this project on 22nd March 2012. The project was to run sessions of a new cage based martial arts sport, in order to channel the aggression of those involved in inter racial tensions in Chapeltown & Harehills, diverting them away from more negative behaviour.</p> <p>Despite repeated attempts at contact since the application was approved the Area Support Team have been unable to speak to the applicant. The paperwork relating to the grant has not been signed and it is unlikely that the applicant has been able to start the project. A further letter has been sent advising that the Area Committee will have to rescind the grant if contact is not made with the Area Support Team, again, we have heard nothing in response, so it is recommended that this funding be returned to the Gipton & Harehills ward pot.</p>	

Project: Kitchen at Henry Barren Centre	Lead organisation: Area Support Team
Amount approved: £4,000	Wellbeing Funding: £4,000
<p>This project is to develop the kitchen at the Henry Barren Centre into a Community Café run by a local community group. It has not developed as quickly as hoped due to an unsuccessful bid to Jimbos fund for the remainder of the funding but the group are confident that this can be overcome and are currently writing a Business Plan for the project, as requested by Jimbos. This means that the project is unlikely to spend this financial year so Members are recommended to reallocate this funding for this financial year.</p>	

Project: Harehills Dispersal Order	Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount approved: £2,450	Amount returned: £1200 to Harehills Tasking Pot
<p>This project was approved during the 2011/12 financial year from the Harehills Tasking pot. The funding was to cover the additional policing required for the Dispersal Order which was in place over summer 2011 after a successful application by the Council and West Yorkshire Police (WYP). This funding was carried over for spend into this financial year and has been reported to Area Committee as a carried forward project due to the money not having been claimed by WYP.</p> <p>After discussions with WYP it has become apparent that not all of the over time scheduled was carried out due to Officers needing to be redeployed to Chapeltown in the wake of the shooting of Gavin Clark, so it is recommended that the remaining £1,200 be returned to the Harehills Tasking pot for spend on other Crime and Grime issues in the neighbourhood.</p>	

Project: Summer Holiday programme	Lead Organisation: Area Support Team
Amount approved: £30,000	Amount returned: £2,500 to Killingbeck & Seacroft ward pot
	Amount returned: £1,302.28 to Gipton & Harehills ward pot
	Amount returned: £2,622.78 to BRH ward
<p>At 22nd March Area Committee members approved £10,000 from each ward pot, to be matched by funding from the Extended Services Clusters, as part of a joint project to provide summer holiday activities throughout the 6 week holidays.</p> <p>The aims of this joint project were to ensure best value for money by pooling resources and expertise, reducing the duplication of funding and to ensure local activities were available in each of our neighbourhoods for all young people, to provide them with opportunities and to divert them away from more negative behaviour.</p> <p>A full 6 week programme was provided in each neighbourhood. This included dance and cheerleading sessions, football on open green spaces in each neighbourhood, graffiti art, film making and play schemes for younger children. Young people attending each session were asked to provide feedback on the activity provided and 91% of the young people rated the activities as good or very good. Partners are hoping to build on this success by commissioning even more activities to ensure that there is something for all young people in each neighbourhood on every day of the holidays in 2013.</p> <p>There are some lessons to be learnt from this year, one of which is the timescales given to plan the programme. Providers were invited to apply to the Summer Holidays pot if they would like to provide activities, this did produce some good applications but a number were not offering either enough value for money, or an activity which could be held locally. This produced a delay as we then had to directly commission local providers to fill the programme gaps. For 2013 we intend to start the process much earlier and directly commission what ward members and partners, in consultation with young people, would like to see.</p> <p>The time delay this year has meant that although a full and successful programme was provided, we were unable to commission as many activities as we would have liked. This has resulted in an underspend of the amount committed by Area Committee, as detailed above. It is</p>	

recommended that this be returned to the respective ward pots for reallocation.

Project: Garden Gang	Lead Organisation: Avalon Group
Amount approved: £10,000	Amount returned: £5,000 to be split 3 ways between the ward pots

A grant of £10,000 was awarded as part funding towards an £86,000 project, from all three wards in 2011/12. The project was originally scheduled to last for 12 months ending in July 2012. The aim was to employ a local skilled person as a gardener/ trainer and train up to 6 local unemployed people, per week, who would each undertake a 30 day placement. The applicant also intended to link the trainees with local businesses to move them into trainee positions, they were working in partnership with ENEHI and IGEN.

In February 2012 the Area Committee was informed that the start date of the project had been delayed due to the applicant having to apply for ASDAN accreditation in order to deliver the training. They had employed a local person as a gardener/ trainer, who was then sent on the accreditation training, but the placement portion of the project did not commence until March 2012. This meant that the new end date of the project would be March 2013.

50% of the grant (£5,000) was paid in 2011/12 on receipt of the scheduled monitoring reports which provided information on the recruitment and training of the local skilled person. Monitoring on the progression of the project was then due in August 2012, when this was not forthcoming the Area Support Team made efforts to contact the applicant and have now been informed that the project was cancelled in July 2012 due to a lack of trainees. This is attributed to the fact that the young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) in the area did not aspire to work in gardening, and there was no incentive for them to take part in this project as it was unpaid. This was despite IGEN and ENEHI both committing to and making every effort to refer young people known to them who are NEET.

As a result, the remaining 50% of the grant has not been paid and this is recommended to be returned to the Area Committee split three ways between the ward pots.