

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access & Performance)

Report to Outer West Area Committee

Date: 18th January 2013

Subject: Wellbeing Commissioning 2013-14 and Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey, Farnley & Wortley	<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 information on processes adopted by other Area Committees for commissioning Wellbeing projects.
2. The report also asks the Area Committee to consider Wellbeing priorities for 2013/14.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Consider a process for Wellbeing commissioning for 2013/14, including the requirement for a supplementary workshop to be held in February/March 2013.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report considers the process by which Wellbeing funding is spent by the Outer West Area Committee and provides details on how other Area Committees commission projects for their area.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Area Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of Area Wellbeing Funding. The amount of Wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed at Full Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area. The formula used to allocate funding to each Area Committee, was revised in 2010/11 from a formula based on 25% deprivation and 75% population to one based on 50% deprivation and 50% population.
- 2.2 The Outer West Area Committee seeks to ensure that the Wellbeing fund is managed in the most transparent, structured and efficient way possible.
- 2.3 In comparison the Inner West and Inner North West Area Committee's aim to ensure recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. To facilitate this process, a commissioning round is held prior to the financial year and the Area Committee meets to agree which projects will be funded in the year ahead.

3 Main issues

Wellbeing Budget Statement 2012/13

- 3.1 The latest Wellbeing Budget Statement for 2012/13 is provided in the Wellbeing report. This sets out the current budget position for Wellbeing projects showing the amount approved by the Area Committee and the value of funds spent to date.

2013/14 Wellbeing Funding Commissioning and Priorities

- 3.2 In an effort to ensure that limited funds are targeted at the areas where they are needed most, the Area Committee is asked to consider how it wishes to express its priorities for Wellbeing Funding to perspective applicants for the year ahead.
- 3.3 Having reviewed the priorities from recent years, the following set of priorities is suggested to be offered to Wellbeing Fund applicants for 2013/14. These priorities link to the current Area Committee Business Plan.

THEME	PRIORITIES
Sustainable Economy and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide opportunities for people to access jobs or learn new skills.</i> • <i>Make better use of our community buildings.</i> • <i>Support the regeneration of local district centres.</i>
Safer and Stronger Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fight crime and antisocial behaviour, with a particular focus on reducing burglary rates.</i> • <i>Consult local people about changes that may affect their lives and support them to get involved in local decision making.</i> • <i>Develop strong network of community groups so they are able to contribute to improving their neighbourhoods.</i> • <i>Support volunteering within our local communities.</i> • <i>Improve the local environment including parks and open spaces and streetscape.</i>
Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities.</i>
Children and Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide opportunities for children and young people to access out of school activities.</i>
Housing and Regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Improved public service co-ordination ensuring that services work together with local residents to improve our most deprived neighbourhoods.</i> • <i>Ensure that the public are informed of planning issues as they relate to the Inner North West.</i>

3.4 Should the Area Committee agree these priorities, they will be included in the guidance note to applicants. Applicants could be advised that there are limited funds available and that projects which help to achieve these priorities will score more favourably on assessment.

3.5 Commissioning Round Process

3.6 To facilitate the distribution of Area Committee Wellbeing, a commissioning round is proposed to take place with the following key milestones:

- Area Committee recommended to approve wellbeing priorities and details of the proposed commissioning round.
- Commissioning round begins. All previous applicants and Area Committee and forum contacts to be informed. A press release be produced announcing the launch of the commissioning round.
- Commissioning round ends. Deadline for all Wellbeing Funding applications to be received.
- Members briefing to review Wellbeing funding applications.

- Area Committee meets to agree Wellbeing Funding allocations.
- Letters written to successful applicants requesting them to complete funding agreements and project delivery statements. Letters written to unsuccessful applicants inviting them to receive feedback.
- All funding agreements returned by successful applicants. Projects begin implementation of project activity.

3.7 There may be the requirement for a supplementary Area Committee meeting to be held in an effort to ensure projects are able to begin within agreed timescales.

3.8 It should be noted that at the point of writing this report, it is unclear what level of funding will be available for the Area Committee to recommend allocation at its March meeting.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 The Area Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report. Local priorities are set through the Area Business Plan process and the commissioning round would begin with communication to all Area Committee contacts.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Area Committee Wellbeing process is currently being reviewed citywide, which will include undertaking a new Equality Impact Assessment to ensure the Wellbeing process continues to comply with all relevant policies and legislation.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 Projects submitted to the Area Committee for Wellbeing funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- 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 Aligning the distribution of Area Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

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 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all well-being applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The Outer West Area Committee Wellbeing Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services. This report informs members on the Wellbeing programme for 2012/13 and seeks approval to consider the commissioning process for 2013/14.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to:

- Consider the Wellbeing funding priorities for 2013/14.
- Consider a process for Wellbeing commissioning for 2013/14, including the requirement for a supplementary workshop to be held in February/March 2013.

7 Background documents¹

- None

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.