

**Report of the Area Leader – South East Leeds**

**Report to Outer East Leeds Area Committee**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Subject: Well Being Budget (Revenue) 2012/13**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
Garforth & Swillington		
Kippax & Methley		
Temple Newsam		
Cross Gates & Whinmoor		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

**Summary of main issues**

1. This report updates members on the Well Being Budget for Outer East in 2012/13 and how Area Committee decided to allocate the funds against specific work streams. It also seeks approval for new project work.

**Recommendations**

2. Members are requested to:

- a) Note the position of the Well Being Budget.
- b) Note the Small Grants approved to date
- c) Agree to fund a gardening service through Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme in 2013 and award £20,000
- d) Support a young sport coaching scholarship in Outer East and award £1,000.
- e) Support the distraction burglary project in outer villages and award £600.
- f) Note the cost increase for a dedicated 'community payback' service in Outer East.
- g) Note the information on Temple Newsam Park Run.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

1.1 This report reminds Members of the Well Being Budget allocated to Outer East in 2012/13 and how Area Committee agreed to allocate the funds against specific work streams. It also requests funding for specific projects in Outer East.

## **2 Background information**

2.1 The Well Being Budget allocated to Outer East for 2012/13 is £185,220. The carry over figure from 2011/12 is £35,873 providing a total budget of £221,093.

2.2 The budget had one commitment of £33,000 to fund the annual cost of its 11 LeedsWatch CCTV cameras.

2.3 At its May 2012 meeting, Area Committee agreed to set aside funding for:

- Dedicated Probation Services 'Community Payback' Team - £15,000
- Gardening service for the elderly and disabled - £20,000
- Small grants budget (up to £500 per project) for local community based projects - £10,000
- Older Persons' Event Week 2012 - £3,500
- Cricket coaching for young people - £5,000
- Skips - £5,000

2.4 The remainder of the budget has been used to focus on the priority work with young people, community safety and community engagement/involvement.

## **3 Main Issues – funding requests for new projects**

### **3.1 Gardening Service for the elderly and disabled**

3.1.1 Area Committee has funded a gardening scheme for elderly and disabled residents since 2004, initially through community service teams, then through Groundwork Leeds and more recently through Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme (SSGNS).

3.1.2 The project guarantees one free cut for eligible residents and after that stays in contact with residents and offers a follow up service at a rate of £13.50 per hour.

3.1.4 In 2012 the service carried out the following work between 1 April and 30 September::

- 442 gardens completed (this includes follow up gardening with a charge)
- 273 gardens completed with no charge (Area Committee funded work)
- 169 residents took up the offer of follow up work where they were charged

3.1.5 The table below breaks this figure down by ward.

	<b>TN</b>	<b>K &amp; M</b>	<b>G &amp; S</b>	<b>CG &amp; W</b>
Total gardens (includes where residents charged)	142	92	79	129
Total gardens where the service was free to the resident	70	53	49	101

3.1.6 The target for gardens completed free of charge was 400 and although this target has not been met the feedback from residents receiving the service has been very positive. The average cost per garden completed free of charge is £73.

3.1.7 Area Committee is requested to award £20,000 to fund this project. The project will be operational from April to September 2013 (inclusive).

3.1.8 This project meets the following priorities of the Outer East Area Committees Business Plan:

- Vulnerable members of the community are able to live independently at home for longer
- Neighbourhoods in Outer East are clean and attractive.

## **3.2 Young Sport Coaching Scholarship in Outer East**

3.2.1 This project, led by LCC Sport & Active Lifestyle Service, will deliver a coaching scholarship for young sport leaders aged from 17-25 years old in partnership with local sports clubs.

3.2.2 The Club Development Officer will identify young sport leaders from the local community who are actively involved in a local sports club and would like to gain formal qualifications in sport. Successful candidates will be provided with both financial and professional support in helping them achieve recognised sporting qualifications, and also by accessing professional mentoring opportunities through a Personal Development Plan (PDP) agreed to by both the candidate and the Club Development Officer.

- 3.2.3 The beneficiaries will be young people from the local community, the scholarship will not only provide personal development for each young leader, but also a steady stream of qualified sport leaders who will use their experience and knowledge by working for and supporting their own voluntary sport organisations. Following the success of the Olympics and fitting in with the Legacy of the Olympics, candidates will be able to use their skills to engage and inspire other young sports participants.
- 3.2.4 The scholarship will be promoted to local sports club, who will then identify young volunteers in their clubs who they think will benefit from accessing formal sporting qualifications, each candidate will be required to be refereed by their club.
- 3.2.5 Dependant on the number of applicants, the scholarship will use the funding to work with as many applicants as possible by providing financial support in accessing courses, as well as mentoring opportunities for each candidate through a PDP. Through the application process, the scholarship will identify the candidates whose aim is to use their qualifications to work as a volunteer in their local club.
- 3.2.6 The project will work across all 4 Outer East wards with Area Committee being asked to provide £1,000 from its Well Being budget.
- 3.2.7 This project meets the following priorities of the Outer East Area Committees Business Plan:
- Residents in Outer East have access to opportunities to become involved in sport and culture

### **3.3 Probation Services – Community Payback**

- 3.3.1 Area Committee has funded this project for several years with a contribution from its Well Being budget of £15,000 to provide a dedicated team in Outer East. The dedicated team of up to 7 probationers work 3 full days each as agreed in the Service Level Agreement.
- 3.3.2 The work of the team has primarily been environmental and included environmental clean up's with in bloom groups, Parish Councils and Leeds City Council; the team has provided support in clearing ginnels, clearing cemetery's, painting community centre's, painting fences, delivering newsletters, clearing snow in vulnerable locations etc.
- 3.3.3 Probation services have recently informed us that they can no longer provide this service at current costs. In order to provide a dedicated team for 3 days per week the cost will rise from £15,000 per year to £29,286 per year.
- 3.3.4 To provide a dedicated service for 1 day per week to cost to Area Committee will be £9,762.
- 3.3.5 This information is being brought to Area Committee to alert them to this increase. Further discussions will be ongoing with Probation Services to see what efficiencies can be made which would ensure that any reduction in service from 3 days to 1 day

would not mean that the output of the service is reduced by two-thirds. Further information will be brought to Area Committee in March 2013.

### **3.4 Distraction Burglary Project**

3.4.1 As part of the burglary reduction plan for Garforth/Kippax and the villages, bogus /distraction burglaries have been highlighted across the area as a vulnerability due to the high proportion of elderly and vulnerable residents.

3.4.2 The proposal is to carry out ten events at existing schemes and registered tenants groups to raise awareness and reduce opportunity of becoming a victim of bogus callers . This work will be in partnership with Aire Valley Homes.

3.4.3 Feel Good Theatre will be used to provide an interactive session, the neighbourhood policing team will also be present alongside the community safety co-ordinator and Aire Valley Homes. Each interactive session costs £60 each. A total of £600 is requested from area committee to run this project.

3.4.4 This project meets the following priorities of the Outer East Area Committees Business Plan:

- Residents in Outer East are safe and feel safe.

### **3.5 Temple Newsam Park Run**

3.5.1 At the December 2012 meeting of Outer East Area Committee it agreed to support the above event which will be held every Sunday morning at Temple Newsam and will provide a free 5K family run.

3.5.2 At that meeting Area Committee requested that a representative from Park Run attend the February 2013 meeting to discuss the project and answer questions. Members are reminded about the project with the information below.

3.5.3 The event will be advertised locally and details are available at [www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk).

3.5.4 The cost to set up the run is £6,000. Of this, £3,000 comes from the Parkrun budget via sponsors (Lucozade, Adidas, Sweatshop etc). They seek £3,000 match funding from local councils, grant bodies and other organisations. For Temple Newsam, they have secured £500 from Leeds Network Athletics and £250 from POCA, which leaves £2,250 to find.

3.5.5 The grant from Area Committee will cover:

- Barcode scanners £119.23 x3           £357.69
- Timing device                           £206.98
- Laptop/netbook                         £480.00
- Timing device driver for laptop     £102.00
- Bespoke computer software         £960.00

- Cones / tape / distance markers / signs / hi-viz jackets / clipboards (contribution towards £240) £141

**Total - £2,250**

3.5.6 After the initial start up costs this project will become self sustainable and there will be no need for any further contribution from Area Committee.

### **3.6 Small Grants**

3.6.1 The details of small grants received since April 2012 is detailed on **Appendix 1**.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for a contribution from the well being budget is secured at Area Committee.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 Community groups submitting a project proposal requesting funding from the well being budget have an equal opportunities policy and as part of the application process, complete a section outlining which equality group the project will work with, and how equality and cohesion issues have been considered.

4.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

### **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 The projects outlined in this report contribute to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies:

- Vision for Leeds
- Safer & Stronger Communities Plan
- Children & Young Peoples Plan
- Health & Well Being City Priority Plan

### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 There is no new resource implications as a result of any projects detailed within this report. In all requests for funding from Area Committee applicants are asked to consider value for money during the application process.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.5.1 Legal implications as a result of this report will be reflected in any subsequent

Funding Agreements and Contracts to Tender that arise from projects funded from the Well being Budget.

4.5.2 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are no longer eligible for call in.

4.5.3 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for call in.

#### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 All proposals requesting well being funding complete a section in the application process outlining the risks associated with the project and how they will be managed.

#### **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The report provides information on how the well being budget 2012/13 has been allocated against priorities identified in its Business Plan.

5.2 The report also requests that Area Committee consider a new position of Neighbourhood Improvement Officer.

#### **6 Recommendations**

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- Agree to fund the distraction burglary project on outer towns and villages - £600
- Note the information regarding Temple Newsam Park Run

#### **7 Background documents**

7.1 Well Being Budget report to Outer East Area Committee – May 2012

7.2 Well Being Budget report to Outer East Area Committee – July 2012

7.3 Area Functions schedule report to Outer East Area committee – July 2012

7.4 Well Being Budget Report to Outer East Area Committee – December 2012

<sup>1</sup> 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.