

Report of the Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to Outer East Leeds Area Committee

Date: 19th March 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. Area Committee is requested to:

- Approve £5,000 for Temple Newsam target hardening
- Approve £5,000 for Garforth Arts Festival
- Note the position regarding 'community payback'.
- Note small grants awarded in 2012/13.

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 new 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

3.1 Target hardening in Temple Newsam

3.1.1 After recent increases in burglary and shed break – in's in the Temple Newsam ward a project was supported at its tasking team to tackle both issues. Led by the Police and Temple Newsam Neighbourhood Watch the first aim is to improve bike and shed security by better securing the sheds using Ground Anchors. To provide 100 Ground Anchors the cost is £2249.00.

3.1.2 The properties where these devices will be installed were identified during the recent Operation Champion in the ward.

3.1.3 The second part of the project is to install 'fake TV's'. This new addition has been recommended to Neighbourhood Watches. These devices can be placed to shine an image replicating that of a TV onto a wall or curtains so that would-be thieves are dissuaded from entering the property. The advantage over TVs is they can be

positioned to shine the image onto easily seen surfaces. The cost of 100 fake TV's is £2091.60.

3.1.4 The properties where these devices will be installed will also be identified during Operation Champion.

3.1.5 This project meets the following priority of the Outer East Area Committees Business Plan:

- Residents in Outer East are safe and feel safe.

3.2 Garforth Arts Festival 2013

3.2.1 Garforth Arts Festival was first held in 2005 and Outer East Area Committee has always provided some financial support from it's well being budget. This year the Educational Project strand of the Festival will work with every single child in all of the 7 School Partnership Trust primary schools through participatory arts projects, including Music, Dance and Visual Art.

3.2.2 The Festival is an ambitious community festival managed by a charitable organisation, the School Partnership Trust. It aims to provide access to high quality arts education and cultural experiences for people in the ex-coalfield areas of East Leeds, a key focus of which is to engage children and young people.

3.2.3 This application seeks to create a range of participatory drama, dance, music and art projects for children in the area, forming part of the educational strand of the festival, as well as supporting core costs of the festival.

3.2.4 It will create the circumstance for new projects to take place, add capacity and invite professional practitioners to work with a variety of children and young people across the Outer East Area of Leeds, to enhance and enrich their learning.

3.2.5 Projects will be tailored to the needs and priorities of the individual schools, for example the FriiSpray digital art project entitled Great Big Paint will see each child create images using a cutting-edge digital art system, bringing together technology and visual arts. This is a priority the target schools wanted to explore. The images resulting from this project will be combined into an animated video which will then be screened around the town via display in public service buildings, businesses and onto buildings using high-power projectors.

3.2.6 One project "Anthem For Garforth" is a music composition project involving many of the children from the primary schools. There will be a massed performance of the piece at the festival involving all the children. The piece will also be recorded and used throughout the festival as an anthem that many of the children from the local community will feel proud of.

3.2.7 The Zulu Tradition project will see a company of Zulu dancers and musicians deliver workshops in each of the primary schools on traditional African drumming, dance and song, broadening the cultural awareness of the children. They will work with them to create a performance which will be showcased at the Garforth Arts Festival.

- 3.2.8 The culmination of the educational work each year is the festival period itself, which runs over two weeks at the end of June and the start of July. In 2012, over 20 events took place throughout this period, and brought together professional practitioners and artists, to perform alongside children and young people.
- 3.2.9 The festival addresses local social exclusion by providing community based participatory creative arts opportunities for children and young people and to help create a sense of pride and achievement in local communities and promote a positive image of the area. For individuals, the projects aim to build confidence and encourage team working and collaboration, whilst providing exciting learning opportunities through and in the arts.
- 3.2.10 The total cost of the project is over £120,000 with Area Committee requested to award £5,000 from it's well being budget. Other funding has come from Arts at Leeds, Youth Music, Arts Council England, School Partnership Trust, Leeds Inspired, Cultural Education Funding.
- 3.2.11 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
 - Provide a range of positive activities for young people across Outer East

3.3 Probation Services – Community Payback

- 3.3.1 At the Outer East Area Committee meeting held on the 12th of February 2013 it was reported that in order to provide a dedicated 'community payback' team for Outer East in 2013/14 the cost had risen from £15,000 to £29,500.
- 3.3.2 It was agreed that approaches would be made to Parish Councils and Aire Valley Homes to see if this project could be jointly funded in future years and then report this back to Area Committee.
- 3.3.3 **Aire Valley Homes (AVH).** Aire Valley Homes provide one dedicated team that is identical to the team funded in Outer East i.e. a team of 7 working 3 days per week. It is funded through the respective area panels and the team works across 3 Area Committee boundaries (inner south, outer south, outer east). Therefore effectively it works in outer east 1 day per week and works almost exclusively on AVH land. The cost to AVH to fund a team in 2013/14 has also risen from £15,000 to £29,500.
- 3.3.4 Having discussed this with the officer responsible for delivering this service in AVH it does not appear to be feasible to team up on this project.
- 3.3.5 **Parish Councils.** All Outer East Parish Council's have been contacted regarding the project and the cost increase with a request to consider providing £2,000 towards the total cost of the scheme. Further details on feedback should be available by the time Area Committee meets in March.

- 3.3.6 Area Committee are reminded to note that if it does not fund a dedicated team for the area the central 'community payback' team will still be available. It may mean however that any request for the service remains in a queue and that the teams are deployed by probation services rather than priority work being identified by the Area Support Team/Area Committee.
- 3.3.7 The issue was discussed at the Outer East Environmental sub-group held 28th of February 2013 where it was agreed to look into the Environmental Locality Team taking on the role of supervising the individuals on community payback. This may mean Area Committee funding some of the hours of a supervisor within the locality team but not paying any costs to probation services. At the time of writing this report no costs had been provided.

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 new requests for funding.

6 Recommendations

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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 – February 2013

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.