

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 14 May 2013

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 Area Committee.
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 2013/14 financial year;
 - Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

Northcall	Northcall Community Centre	£19,273
Aberford and District Community Interest Company	A1/M1 Noise Abatement Study	£4,000

1. Purpose of this Report

- 1.2 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.

2. 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.
- 2.2 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

3.1.1 The allocation for the Outer North East Area Committee for 2013/14 is £112,000.

3.1.2 The Outer North East Area Committee manages its allocation by apportioning the amount between the three wards based on population¹. For the 2013/14 allocation, the split between wards is:

- Alwoodley: £41726 based on pop. = 22766 (37.25%)
- Harewood: £33656 based on pop. = 18363 (30.05%)
- Wetherby: £36618 based on pop. = 19979 (32.69%)

3.1.3 The current revenue financial position of the Area Committee is shown in Appendix A.

3.1.4 The funding is used to support the priorities in the Area Committee Business Plan as agreed by the Area Committee in March 2013. 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 2014, members are asked to decide if the appropriate proportion of the grant should

¹ Office for National Statistics 2011 Census

be set aside from the 2013/14 budget and carried forward, or be drawn from the 2014/15 budget.

3.2.2	Project:	Northcall
	Organisation:	Northcall Community Centre
	Amount:	£19,273
	Ward:	Alwoodley
<p>NORTHCALL provides a focal point for the community where people of all ages come to meet others and avoid isolation and learn new skills, which helps with self confidence, self esteem, employability, mental and physical health and community cohesion. They strive to provide programmes that work on building people's self confidence and reducing barriers to participating in wider society. Numbers of service users continues to grow year on year and some of the activities are inter generational, which improves community cohesion, tolerance and understanding.</p> <p>This year Northcall are proposing are to start an alternative educational programme for young people, which will generate more income and create jobs for people, as well as engaging young, local people and getting them involved in their community. This will be a full time term only programme for young people aged 14 – 16.</p> <p>The funding will be used to cover Freelance teachers/tutors, learner registration and management costs.</p> <p>The project will run from April 2013 – March 2014.</p>		
<p>Community Charter Priorities: Supporting Moor Allerton Partnership; Activities and services for children and young people; Training and job opportunities; Volunteering opportunities;</p>		

3.2.3	Project:	A1/M1 Noise Abatement Study
	Organisation:	Aberford and District Community Interest Company
	Amount:	£4000
	Ward:	Harewood
<p>Aberford CIC are proposing to undertake a noise abatement study to demonstrate the need to reduce the noise impact upon Aberford of the A1/M1 motorway. The proposal utilises a combination of technology to provide quantitative evidence and residents to provide qualitative evidence. The total cost of the project is £15000, which includes employment of noise monitoring consultants, hiring of specialist monitoring equipment, project management and evaluation, research and stakeholder meetings, report writing and production, development of research material and training volunteers. £10,000 has been secured from Awards for All and £1000 from Aberford Parish Council, leaving a balance of £4000.</p>		

	<p>The study will produce a full report with appendices setting out the impact of the road on the community and potential measures to improve the situation. One public meeting to present findings and develop a strategy for taking the proposals forward.</p> <p>The project will run from April – November 2013.</p>
	<p>Community Charter Priorities: Supporting town and parish councils; Improving the Environment</p>

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Area Committees now have an enhanced role in Community Engagement and have responsibility for overseeing and monitoring the work of the Area Support 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.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 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.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 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.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 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.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 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.

4.5.2 There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

4.5.3 Decisions on Well-being funding are delegated to the Area Committee from the Council's Executive Board therefore they are subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 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.

5. Conclusions

5.1 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.

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to:

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7. Background documents²

7.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12

7.2 Report to Executive Board, 15 February 2013, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2013/14

² 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.