

Report of the Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to Outer East Leeds Area Committee

Date: 15th May 2013

Subject: Well Being Budget (Revenue) 2013/14

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 provides details of the Well Being Budget available for Outer East in 2013/14. The report outlines commitments and suggests a number of funding streams for the year and asks Area Committee to consider new projects for funding.

Recommendations

2. Area Committee is requested to:
 - Allocate £5,000 for a small grants budget
 - Allocate £4,680 to hold older persons event week
 - Allocate £5,000 for skips
 - Allocate £10,000 to its 4 tasking teams (to be shared equally)
 - Allocate £21,235 for Christmas lights events
 - Allocate £1,000 for a communications budget
 - Agree that the balance of £121,656 be used to help fund projects that support its business plan priorities.
 - Award £1,000 to the Garforth Gala 2013
 - Award £7,500 to Temple Newsam Out of School Activities

- Award £7,000 to Cross Gates & Whinmoor Out of School Activities
- Award £8,000 to Neighbourhood Elders Team (NET)
- Award Garforth in Bloom £1,900

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides details of the Well Being Budget allocated to Outer East in 2013/14 and requests Area Committee agree to allocate the funds against specific work streams. It also requests funding for new projects.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Well Being Budget allocated to Outer East for 2013/14 is £185,220. The carry over figure from 2012/13 is £22,000 providing a total budget of £207,220.
- 2.2 The budget had one commitment of £33,649 to fund the annual cost of its 11 LeedsWatch CCTV cameras. This leaves a remaining balance of £171,571.

3 Main Issues

3.1 Small Grants Budget

- 3.1.1 Outer East Area Committee has always provided a small grants budget of £10,000 that supported local projects with a maximum grant of £500. In recent years this budget has regularly been under spent probably due to other grants available such as POCA (proceeds of crime act) and grants that support sports and arts.
- 3.1.2 This year it is recommended that the budget for small grants is reduced to £5,000.

3.2 Older Persons Events Week

- 3.2.1 In 2012 the cost of these 5 days of events and activities for older people was £3,900.
- 3.2.2 The event is organised by the South East Area Support Team with the dates/venues/activities etc agreed at the Older Persons sub-group. There are 4 older people's networks in Outer East with 3 of the groups wanting to continue to be involved in this event. However, HOPE (Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe Project for the Elderly) are proposing to hold an event for their area separate and additional to the events in the rest of Outer East. Having discussed this with Ward Members for Temple Newsam it has been decided that the best option would be to offer HOPE a grant that equates to one-fifth of the overall cost of the events week (£780) in order for that organisation to deliver this project.
- 3.2.3 Area Committee is therefore requested to approve £4,680 for Older Persons Week.

3.3 Skips

- 3.3.1 Area Committee is requested to allocate £5,000 for skips to be used by Parish Councils, in – bloom groups and any other community group involved in community clean up's. The skips are not available for individual households.
- 3.3.2 The process for authorising skip hire will be the same as in previous years where the authorisation is delegated to the Neighbourhood Improvement Manager.

3.4 Summer Cricket Coaching

- 3.4.1 This project will commission Yorkshire County Cricket Club to deliver 2 weeks of cricket coaching during the school summer holidays for children aged 7 to 15 years. The dates and venues have still to be agreed but in recent years Kippax and Whitkirk cricket clubs have been used.
- 3.4.2 Since the project started in 2005 attendance has steadily increased with an average of around 100 children attending each day in 2012.
- 3.4.3 Area Committee is requested to award £5,000 towards this project. The total cost of the project is nearer £7,000 and therefore each child will be charged £2 per day or £10 per week to attend.

3.5 Tasking Teams

- 3.5.1 Area Committee are requested to award £2,500 to each of its tasking teams to support their work mainly around the crime and grime agenda.
- 3.5.2 In previous years each tasking team has been allocated £10,000 but this budget has regularly under spent in recent years and has then been re-allocated to other projects.
- 3.5.3 This funding should be used to support small discreet project work at a local level. However, should an individual tasking team wish to submit a project proposal for a larger project where the cost is higher than £2,500 this still could be considered by Area Committee from the general Well Being Budget.

3.6 Christmas lights and switch on events 2013

- 3.6.1 The table below provides details of expenditure on Christmas lights and switch on events in 2012 and the costs for 2013. Area Committee is requested to approve the provisional sum of £21,235. Efforts will be made to obtain contributions from partners/businesses etc. and therefore the amount Area Committee is required to contribute may reduce.

Ward	Item	Information	Year	
			2012	2013

C&W	Cross Gates lamp post motifs x17	14 on Austhorpe Rd & 3 of the 6 on Station Rd	2,975.00	3,145.00
C&W	Cross Gates roundabout tree lights (2012 only)	7 sets in the deciduous trees	720.00	-
C&W	Cross Gates preparatory work for a cut tree on roundabout in 2013	Feeder pillar, control equipment and tree pot	2,466.16	-
C&W	Cross Gates cut Christmas tree for roundabout	15' tree	-	315.00
C&W	Cross Gates tree lights for the cut Christmas tree on the roundabout	1 set	-	255.00
C&W	Cross Gates living Christmas tree on the roundabout	7' tree planted on 4th April 2013	-	295.00
C&W	Cross Gates switch-on event	2013 is an estimate - to be off-set by fundraising	3,906.90	4,000.00
G&S	Garforth lamp post motifs	23 motifs on Main St	4,025.00	4,255.00
G&S	Garforth switch-on event	2013 cost is an estimate	3,899.70	4,000.00
G&S	Gt Preston Christmas tree	15' tree on Berry Ln	315.00	315.00
G&S	Gt Preston tree lights	1 set	240.00	255.00
K&M	Allerton Bywater Christmas tree	20' tree	630.00	630.00
K&M	Allerton Bywater tree lights	2 sets	375.00	400.00
K&M	Kippax switch-on event	A contribution	3,000.00	3,000.00
TN	Halton lamp post motifs	2 motifs on Station Rd by Paws for Thought shop	350.00	370.00

22,902.76 21,235.00

Note:

Lamp post motifs have increased from £175 to £185 this year.

3.7 Communications budget

3.7.1 Area Committee are requested to set aside £1,000 to create a communications budget. This budget will be used to pay the cost of room hire/refreshments etc for forums, tasking meetings, other community meetings etc. The figure of £1,000 is based upon spend for this type of activity in 2012/13.

3.8 Remaining budget

3.8.1 Subject to Area Committee approving the projects outlined in 3.1 to 3.7 this will leave a balance of £121,656 available to spend in 2013/14. Area Committee are requested to leave this as an open budget and not allocated against particular themes but consider projects based upon the merits of the proposal and the outputs/outcomes it will deliver against Business Plan priorities.

3.9 Applications for funding received since March 2013

3.9.1 **Garforth Gala.** Area Committee is requested to award £1,000 to Garforth & District Lions to support this event to be held on the 30th June 2013 at Gelebelands playing fields.

3.9.2 The total cost of the project is over £2,000 with the balance being met by the Garforth Lions from gate receipts and programme sales. The £1,000 from Area Committee will contribute towards the following:

- Portable wc hire
- Pipe band
- Skips
- Children's entertainers

3.9.3 **Out of School Activities programmes in Temple Newsam and Cross Gates and Whinmoor.** Applications have been received from LCC Youth Service to deliver the above programmes of work in 2013/14.

3.9.4 The projects will provide a range of diverse sessions for young people 13+ from Temple Newsam and Cross Gates & Whinmoor wards of the city. These will take place in community centres, schools, on the streets and on the Mobile Unit.

3.9.5 The sessions will include generic youth provision, project work, and targeted group work out of school. The programmes available will include activities that have a focus on: learning new skills, sports, arts, citizenship & youth participation as well as a range of trips and local workshops intended to provide young people with opportunities to make positive use of their leisure.

3.9.6 The overall aim is to work with young people around their personal and social development and to target young people who are the most vulnerable; those who are in danger of becoming 'looked after', those involved in, or could be, in anti social behaviour and young people not attending or poor attendees at school.

3.9.7 The programmes are developed to enable young people to mature and develop and they are included in all aspects of the planning the youth activities. There is a full programme of youth work delivery across the locality that takes place on evenings and some weekends. There is evidence of good partnership working and youth service work closely with both its clusters and voluntary sector partners.

3.9.8 All programmes are informed by a robust Outcome Based Specification and contribute to the five outcomes of Leeds City Council Children plan.

3.9.9 Area Committee are requested to support both project and award £7,000 towards the work in Cross Gates & Whinmoor and £7,500 toward the work in Temple Newsam.

3.10.1 ***Neighbourhood Elders Team – supporting luncheon clubs in Outer East towns and villages.***

3.10.2 Several months ago Ward Members in Kippax & Methley and Garforth & Swillington expressed concerns about the failings of some luncheon clubs in the area. At least 3 luncheon clubs have closed down in the last 12 months and there has been a number of problems relating to lack of volunteers, quality of food, payments not being made and disagreements with those using or providing the service.

3.10.3 A request was made to approach NET (Neighbourhood Elders Team) and to put in place something to address these issues and provide additional support to current luncheon clubs and help support new clubs. Their proposal is to appoint a member of staff to deliver the following:

- Net will offer dedicated 1:1 or group support by email, over the phone or through visiting the group in person
- Managing Finances Net will offer advice on financial issues, managing and preparation of funds and assisting with grant applications
- Recruiting Volunteers Net will help luncheon clubs to recruit volunteers, access NET's 'emergency volunteer pool' to help keep the clubs running smoothly. We can also provide support with volunteer management and other issues related to volunteering
- Insurance All lunch clubs must have appropriate insurance in place. Net will help and support each club so that it has comprehensive cover and ensure that they are covered for all their activities and that members are protected
- Health and Safety Lunch clubs must make sure that everyone handling food has adequate training and that records are kept to prove to inspectors. Net will help with food hygiene training.
- Safeguarding It is extremely important to consider the safety of members and volunteers who may be vulnerable due to age, mobility problems, mental health issues, illness or disability. Luncheon Clubs should be aware of best practice and what to do if someone reports a safeguarding issue. Net will advise about what the Luncheon club need to do, through training, to ensure that its members are as safe as possible.
- Co ordination Net will co ordinate the lunch clubs in our area. We will keep all groups in touch with one another, offering help and support with grant applications liaising with ASC etc. We plan to organise regular meetings in the community to bring together Lunch Clubs and offer training and advice from time to time.
- Reporting Structure Net will provide bi monthly reports at the area committee sub group meetings.

3.10.4 The total cost of the project is £8,000 with £7,254.73 in salary and the rest in general overheads. Area Committee is requested to support this project with an £8,000 contribution from its Well Being Budget.

3.11.1 *Planting borders around Town End in Garforth*

3.11.2 This project relates to a derelict piece of land at the top of Garforth Main Street that has been used and fallen into decay over a 13 year period. It is a prominent location in Garforth.

3.11.3 Officers of the Area Support Team have been negotiating with the owner of the land for several months and he has agreed that the land be used for parking which ties in neatly with the Garforth parking strategy. The area was cleared by community payback (probation services), it will be re-tarmaced and marked out by highways and the funds raised from parking charges will be given to local charities and community projects such as The Growing Zone.

3.11.4 The funding for this part of the project is for Garforth in Bloom to lay planting borders around the boundary of the site.

3.11.5 The cost of the materials £1,900 and Area Committee are requested to approve this funding from its Well Being Budget.

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
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Health and Well Being City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

- Regeneration 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 – March 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.