

Report of ENE Area Leader

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 16th May 2013

Subject: Wellbeing Fund

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	Killingbeck & Seacroft Gipton & Harehills Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	
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

This report provides an overview of spending to date, and presents for consideration a number of new project proposals requesting funding.

Recommendations

- 1) To consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

Lark in the Park	£1,000
BRH litter bins	£1,660.50
Haselwood Dene Underpass	£3,619.23
Youth Services Tradex Sports project	£3,750

Purpose of this report

- 1.0 The purpose of this report is to provide the Area Committee with details of its well being fund spend, including details of new projects for consideration.

Background information

- 2.0 Each of the ten Area Committees receives an allocation of revenue funding. The amount of funding for each Area Committee is determined by a formula based on 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area, which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
- 2.1 It has been agreed that the revenue wellbeing budget for the Inner East Area Committee for 2013/14, based on these calculations is £261,760. This is the same revenue budget that was allocated last year. Carryover of uncommitted revenue funds from 2012/13 has also continued, and added to this the additional underspend as reported at June Area Committee the total budget for 2012/13 is £364,606.98. It must be noted by the Area Committee that this figure includes schemes approved and ongoing from 2012/13 which are carried forward to be paid.
- 2.2 As agreed at the March 2013 meeting, once the agreed topsliced projects are removed the remaining budget will be split three ways between the wards. Including this additional carry forward figure, the amount available for each ward for spend in 2013/14 is £38,203.55.
- 2.3 From the ward allocations the Area Committee agreed to set aside a pot for small grants and pot/s for Tasking teams, these pots are as follows;

Killingbeck & Seacroft

Small grants	£5,000
Tasking	£6,000

Gipton & Harehills

Small Grants	£5,000
Gipton Tasking	£4,500
Harehills Tasking	£4,500

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

Small Grants	£2,000
Tasking	£9,000

- 2.4 Wellbeing fund applications are considered at the relevant Ward Member meetings, where possible, for Members recommendations to the Area Committee prior to the meeting.
- 2.5 The Area Committee Wellbeing fund is used to commission activity and projects which support activities in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans which in turn support the overarching priorities of the Community Charter, and the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan. Applications are also accepted from organisations in the local area who can demonstrate that their project supports these priorities. These

projects are monitored quarterly on progress, with a final evaluation taking place when the project is completed.

- 2.6 **Appendix A** to this report shows projects approved in 2013/14. It also shows projects approved in 2012/13 which were carried forward for spend in this financial year. It will be submitted to the Area Committee for Members reference. It is unavailable at the time of writing due to end of year financial reconciliation being currently completed.

Small Grants

- 2.8 Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of two grants of up to £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit. These are approved by Councillors outside of the Area Committee meeting and are funded from a small grant pot set aside by ward members from their ward allocation. Details of spending for small grants will be included with this report as Appendix B in future

There are the following amounts remaining in the Small Grant pots:

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£2,000
Killingbeck & Seacroft	£5,000
Gipton & Harehills	£5,000

Community Engagement

- 2.9 The Area Committee approved an amount of £3,000 at its March 2012 meeting for spend on Community Engagement activities. There is £3,000 remaining in the Community Engagement pot
- 2.10 The funds are to be spent on room hire, refreshment and stationary costs associated with community meetings. Details of spend to date against this budget will be detailed in an appendix to this report.

Crime and Grime Tasking

- 2.11 Each of the priority neighbourhoods in the Inner East Area has a multi-agency tasking team which focuses on tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental problems. Ward members have set aside a portion of their ward allocation to support the work of these teams, this pot is managed by the Area Support Team. Details of spend to date under this heading will be appended to this report, no spend has been made as yet.

Project Monitoring Update

- 2.12 Projects which are awarded wellbeing funding are required to submit project monitoring returns giving details of what the project has achieved. Project updates will be appended to this report for future meetings.

3.0 New projects for Consideration

- 3.1 **Project:** Lark in the Park
Organisation: Friends of East End Park
Ward affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Amount applied for: £1,000
Projected year of spend: 2013/14

Lark in the Park is a one day event for all the community to attend. The event will provide a number of activities for all the family to participate in. All the activities are free in order to encourage as many families and young people as possible to attend. The event is planned to take place on Saturday 20th July between 11.30am and 3.30pm in East End Park.

The event will provide DJ and art workshops, sporting activities, circus skills classes, musical performances, food stall and community stalls providing information about activities going on in the neighbourhood.

Ward Member recommendations: Ward members are supportive of the project. It contributes towards Best City..... to live

- 3.2 **Project:** BRH litter bins
Organisation: ENE Locality Team
Wards affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Amount applied for: £1,660.50
Projected year of spend: 2013/14

In response to requests made at recent BRH Community Leadership Team meetings Ward Councillors would like to support provision of a number of new litter bins in the area and there is no provision made for new litter bins in the core budget of the Environmental Locality Team.

The new style litter bins have two Perspex pockets, where posters advertising community and resident activities can be inserted. So, for example, if there is a local residents group in the area, they can put details on their next meetings in the bin pockets.

This grant would purchase 9 bins to be placed in agreed locations throughout the ward. They will be included on the core litter bin emptying routes.

Ward Member recommendations: Members are in favour of the scheme, it supports the city and Area Committee priority Best city... for communities.

- 3.3 **Project:** Haselwood Dene Underpass.
Organisation: Seagulls Re-Use
Ward affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Amount applied for: £3,619.23
Projected year of spend: 2013/14

The aim of this project is to improve the appearance of Haselwood Dene underpass by involving as many people from the local community as possible. This will include painting the exterior of the underpass, walls and hand rails; Working with a group of

up to 8 local volunteers to paint the interior of the underpass; and working with a variety of groups of local people to create a mural inside the underpass.

Ward Member recommendations: This project was instigated by local ward members and supports Best City... to live

- 3.5 **Project:** Tradex Sports Project
Organisation: LCC Youth Services
Wards affected: Gipton & Harehills
Amount applied for: £3,750
Projected year of spend: 2013/14

To continue the twice weekly provision for young people at the Muslim Cultural Society building in Harehills. The project is focused around sport, in particular football and badminton, but dependent upon young peoples preferences they are able to also use the multi sports facilities for other activities. The sessions attract up to 40 or 50 young people a night.

Ward Member recommendations: Ward Members are supportive of the project and would like to fund it in full, but would also like to look at the opportunity of the Youth Activity Fund, when more details are available, to see if some of the costs can be supplemented through this. The project contributes towards Best City For Children & Young people.

Corporate Considerations

4.0 Consultation and Engagement

In order for ward members to make an informed decision on wellbeing spending they are provided with details of the projects and the opportunity to discuss them at ward member meetings. The Neighbourhood Managers are also consulted to assess how the project supports the relevant Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

4.1 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

All projects funded by wellbeing 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.

4.2 Council Policies and City Priorities

Wellbeing funding is used to support the priorities set out in the Inner East Community Charter which are agreed with the local communities of Inner East and key stakeholders. More detailed action plans, Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) are prepared for each priority neighbourhood. Both the Charter and the NIPs support the Vision for Leeds.

4.3 Resources and Value for Money

Spending and monitoring of the Wellbeing budget is administered by the Area Management Team in accordance with the decisions made by this Area Committee.

4.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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.

There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

4.5 Risk Management

All wellbeing 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.

5.0 Conclusions

The well-being fund provides financial support for projects in the Inner East Area which support the priorities of the Community Charter and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

6.0 Recommendations

The Area Committee is requested to:

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7.0 Background documents ¹

None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works