

**Report of East North East Area Leader**

**Report to Inner North East Area Committee**

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Subject: Wellbeing Fund Revenue Budget 2013/14**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay	<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 wellbeing revenue budget for the Inner North East.
2. Applications made for funding are included in the report for member's consideration.

**Recommendations**

3. Members are asked to note the contents of this report, and
4. Consider the following project proposal and approve the working group recommendations where applicable:
  - Agree to fund £1,240 towards the Lime Tree Community Project
  - Agree to fund the £2,000 requested for Gledhow Cricket Club improvements
  - Make a decision on the New World Steel Pan Orchestra
  - Agree to fund the £2,500 requested for the Leeds Islamic Centre
  - Agree to fund the £2,875 requested for the Chapel Allerton Arts Festival
6. Note the current budget position.

## **Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The report provides members with an update on the current position of the revenue Wellbeing funding for the Area Committee and sets out applications made for consideration by the Area Committee.

### **1 Background information**

- 2.1 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 population and deprivation in each area which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
- 2.2 It has been agreed that the revenue wellbeing budget for the Inner North East Area Committee for 2012/13, based on these calculation is £161,810. This is the same revenue budget that was allocated last year.
- 2.3 The Area Committee have nominated a representative from each ward to form a Wellbeing Member Working Group to consider applications made for funding and also receive feedback and evaluations regarding projects that have already been funded.
- 2.4 It should be noted that at the last wellbeing working group on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 no ward member from the Roundhay ward was able to attend and so the recommendations below are from the Chapel Allerton and Moortown representatives only.
- 2.5 The Area Committee wellbeing fund is used to commission activity and projects to support the promises in the Community Charter. Applications are also accepted from organisations in the local area who can demonstrate that their project supports the Community Charter promises. These projects are monitored quarterly on progress, with a final evaluation taking place when the project is completed.
- 2.6 The current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing budget is provided at Appendix 1 for Members information.
- 2.7 Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community; these are approved by ward members.

### **3 Main Issues - New Applications for Consideration**

#### **3.1 Lime Tree Community Project- £4,582 (+VAT)**

- 3.1.1 This project is to create an area of community greenspace In Moortown. A small number of eco houses will be built to fund the land purchase but 80% of the land will be retained as greenspace.
- 3.1.2 The intention is that the greenspace will include;
  - A community sports facility with dual use for the school during the week in term time
  - Play space, wildlife trails and sports provision for Moortown Primary School
  - Create wildlife habitats (wetland, woodland, nature trail, wildflower meadows) for the whole community to enjoy

- Resolve the drainage problems of the site through a Sustainable Urban Drainage Project
- Provide community greenspace and allotments, seating and a footpath network

3.1.3 The application to the Area Committee is to fund site investigations and tree and habitat surveys. These are necessary for detailed design proposals to be drawn up which will enable the group to approach national funding bodies for the cost of the whole project.

3.1.4 The Wellbeing working group recommended that the full amount of £4,582 be ring-fenced for the project, but with the condition that the group approach the property developer for the landscape architect costs, once these are agreed then the remainder of the grant be returned to the Area Committee. The intention being that only £1,240 (plus VAT) would need to be released from the grant to cover the tree and habitat surveys.

### **3.2 Improvements of Cricket facilities- £2,000**

3.2.1 The aim of this project is to develop new sporting facilities at Gledhow Cricket Club by building a two lane outdoor artificial cricket practice area incorporating two nets and galvanised steel cages

3.2.2 The Cricket Club was established in 2011 in response to a need in Harehills. Over 70 young people were attending twice weekly community cricket sessions but there was no local cricket club that the young people could join. So the community group CATCH, in partnership with West Yorkshire Police, established two junior teams at Gledhow Cricket Club.

3.2.3 The teams have expanded and the club is now attracting young people from Roundhay and Chapeltown, it has also received an award for 'Building partnerships' and been recognised by the ECB who are wanting to use it as a national template for increasing participation in grass roots cricket, especially those in disadvantaged or deprived communities.

3.2.4 The new cricket nets are needed as they are struggling to accommodate the number of young people who want to play cricket, a number of training sessions have had to be disbanded as there aren't the facilities for all of them to be able to take part.

3.2.5 The Inner East Area Committee has approved a grant of £10,000 towards the project and the Inner North East Area Committee has been requested to contribute £2,000.

3.2.6 The wellbeing working group recommended that this project is funded for £2,000 with the condition that the group links in with Hillcrest and Brackenedge primary schools to encourage the children to attend the club.

### **3.3 New World Steel Pan Orchestra- £8,320**

3.3.1 This project aims to work with BME young people aged between 5-19 to teach them how to play the steel pans, develop their musical talents and teach them the history

and learning of the culture of the steel pan instrument in a fun and relaxed academic, social and personal style.

- 3.3.1 The project will operate a referral system for agencies like the police and Social care services.
- 3.3.2 The wellbeing working group requested that the Area Support Team assist the applicant in approaching East North East Homes, LCC Extended Services and identifying other funding sources to see if they would be willing to match fund the project. They recommended that the application be discussed at Area Committee for a decision, once the requested information is available.

#### **3.4 Leeds Islamic Centre- £2,500**

- 3.4.1 This project is to raise awareness of the prevention of chronic diseases and provide a friendly and social atmosphere for elderly people. They will provide services, in partnership with Leeds City Council's Adult Social care team, including physical activities and advice on healthy dietary issues.
- 3.4.2 As the Leeds Islamic Centre is on the border between Chapeltown & Harehills £2,500 has been applied for from both the Inner East and Inner North East Area Committees
- 3.4.3 The Wellbeing working group recommended that £2,500 be approved for the project, if the Inner East also approves the same.

#### **3.5 Chapel Allerton Arts Festival**

- 3.5.1 The Chapel Arts Festival has been running since 1998 and is run and managed by local volunteers and entirely funding via 'bucket collections' and other fundraising. Collections made at the previous year's festival fund the current year's festival in its most basic form, but the group would like to expand on this and provide good quality, fun and educational activities for children and young people to take part in.
- 3.5.2 In order to allow the festival to be self-sustaining and actively involve as many members of the community as possible they have requested funding to recruit volunteers for future festivals and send a number of current volunteers on training. The training will equip them with the skills to build large temporary structures on site, which will be a piece of art for all of the community to add to during the festival. Training the volunteers ensures that they don't need to pay external agencies to build this for them either this year or in the future.
- 3.5.3 They have also requested funding to provide high quality, community led, and engaging creative experiences for families in the Methodist Hall and offer more events and activities mid-week for older people who may be put off by the large crowds on the weekend.
- 3.5.4 The Wellbeing working group recommended that the Area Committee fund this project for the full £2,875 requested.

#### **3.4 Wellbeing Budget 2013/14**

3.4.1 The Inner North East Area Committee last year did well in spending or allocating most of its 2012/13 budget. Carried forward to this year that wasn't spent was:

- Chapel Allerton Ward Pot - £2,145.71
- Moortown Ward Pot - £9,770.81
- Roundhay Ward Pot - £3,691.96
- Area Wide - £5,804.88
- Total - £21,413.36

3.5.1 The allocation of revenue wellbeing funding for 2013/14 is again £161,810. This is the same amount of revenue funding as the Inner North East Area Committee received last year.

3.5.2 Below are the new figures for this financial year showing the amount of funding left in each of the area pots.

Funding / Spend Items	Chapel Allerton Ward Pot	Moortown Ward Pot	Roundhay Ward Pot	Area Wide	Total
Balance b/f from 2012-13	<b>3,745.71</b>	<b>12,400.81</b>	<b>7,038.58</b>	<b>41,464.88</b>	64,649.98
Schemes Approved from 2012-13 budget to be spent in 2013-14	1,600.00	2,630.00	3,346.62	35,660.00	43,236.62
Amount of b/f budget available for new schemes 2013-14	<b>2,145.71</b>	<b>9,770.81</b>	<b>3,691.96</b>	<b>5,804.88</b>	21,413.36
New Allocation for 2013-14	10,000	10,000	10,000	131,810	161,810.00
<b>Total available for new schemes in 2013-14</b>	<b>12,145.71</b>	<b>19,770.81</b>	<b>13,691.96</b>	<b>137,614.88</b>	<b>183,223.36</b>

3.5.3 Attached at Appendix 1 is a full breakdown of wellbeing funding for 2013/14 and amounts already allocated, including ward pot funding.

## 4 Corporate Considerations

### 4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 The local community and VCFS groups are consulted and the well being fund grant process is shared with them via the community engagement strategy and events that are attended. In addition feedback is provided via the Community Charter. Consultation on the priorities within the Community Charter is undertaken on an annual basis and shapes the priorities which the Well Being Fund is used to deliver.

4.1.2 The Wellbeing Member Working Group considers the applications for funding and makes a recommendation for the Area Committee to consider.

### 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 and equality impact assessments carried out where necessary.

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

4.3.1 The Wellbeing Fund projects seek to contribute to the City Priorities by improving the local area and addressing inequalities in the Inner North East.

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

4.4.1 All relevant applications to the wellbeing fund are requested to get three quotes for the work to make sure it is good value for money.

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

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

### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

### **4.7 Conclusions**

4.7.1 The above groups have applied for funding to the Inner North East Area Committee and the Area Committee is asked to consider its budget and whether it would like to fund the applications.

## **5 Recommendations**

5.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report, and

5.2 Consider the following project proposal and approve the working group recommendations where applicable:

- Agree not to fund the Happy Toddlers Happy Families project.
- Agree to fund £8,500 towards the Opening Doors project.
- Make a decision on the Trembler Alarm funding.

## **6 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12

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<sup>1</sup> 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.