

**Report of ENE Area Leader**

**Report to Inner East Area Committee**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 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**

1. This report provides members with an update on the current position of the capital and revenue budget for the Inner East Area Committee.
2. Applications 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:

Off Road Motor Bikes	£2,500
Ebor Gardens IT Suite – Top Up Costs	£3,565
Rigtons and Haselwoods Parking Solution	£7,500
Visit to Holocaust Centre, Newark	£250

**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 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 May 16<sup>th</sup> Area Committee the total budget for 2013/14 is £376,826.41. 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. The amount available for each ward to spend in 2013/14 is £36,653 plus a small amount of carry forward from 2012/13 (see appendix A for more details).
- 2.3 From the ward allocations the Area Committee agreed to set aside a pot for small grants and pot for the Tasking teams 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 Area Business Plan and 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 already 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.

### **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.

The following amounts were allocated in the Small Grant pots for 2013/14:

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

At the time of writing no small grants have been approved for 2013/14.

### **Community Engagement**

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

### **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 the expenditure to date under this heading are detailed in **Appendix C**.

### **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 are detailed in **Appendix D**.

### **3.0 New projects for Consideration**

3.1 **Project:** Off Road Motor Bikes  
**Organisation:** North East Police Division  
**Wards affected:** Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft

**Amount applied for:** £2,500

**Projected year of spend:** 2013/14

Project overview:

- This application is for funding to cover the lease costs to retain 2 off road motorcycles within the North East Police division for 12 months at a total cost of £5,670.
- The division will continue to fund costs such as fuel, specialist uniform and staff resources.
- The aims of the service are to reduce complaints of anti-social behaviour relating to nuisance motorbikes and noise, increase public confidence and contribute towards increased safety in green spaces and public places.

**Ward Member recommendations:** Ward members are supportive of the project. It contributes towards Best City..... for Communities.

3.2 **Project:** Ebor Gardens IT Suite – Top Up Costs

**Organisation:** LCC ENE Area Support Team

**Ward affected:** Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

**Amount applied for:** £3,565

**Projected year of spend:** 2013/14

Project overview:

- This project is for some additional costs to establish the Ebor Gardens IT Suite. The funding required covers the licence costs, new furniture for the facility and money to cover a plaque and catering for the opening event which is anticipated to take place in July 2013.
- The IT Suite will provide a massive benefit for the groups already using the facility and will hopefully generate new users to the facility.
- Inner East Area Committee and the GMB have funded the computer suite infrastructure costs and provision of the new machines.

**Ward Member recommendations:** Ward members are supportive of the project. It contributes towards Best City..... for Business.

3.3 **Project:** Rigtons and Haselwoods Parking Solution

**Organisation:** LCC ENE Area Support Team

**Ward affected:** Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

**Amount applied for:** £7,500

**Projected year of spend:** 2013/14

Project overview:

- For a number of years, residents of the Rigtons and Haselwoods area have raised concerns regarding parking issues caused by commuters either into Leeds city centre or hospital workers. Quite often, people are parking on pavements and street corners making the area very dangerous for both

pedestrians and drivers. The area also surrounds Ebor Gardens Primary School, where there has previously been a serious incident involving a car crashing into the fencing outside the school.

- A community consultation exercise has been undertaken with local residents living in the effected streets to find out how they'd like to see the issue being addressed. Two options were suggested to residents:  
Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)
  - The introduction of a permit holder only scheme
  - This would prevent commuter cars parking in the area without a permit.
  - This could effect parents picking up their children
  - The TRO would be enforced by the Council's Civil Enforcement OfficersWaiting Restrictions
  - Waiting restrictions to be put in place for limited parking times across the area
  - The introduction of waiting restrictions would not affect cars picking up children from the school
  - The waiting restrictions would be enforced by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers
- The first phase of the consultation with the Rigton's area has been completed. 113 addresses were contacted, with 45 responses being received. The results were that 27 people favoured the introduction of a TRO, with the remaining 17 wanting waiting restrictions to be put in place.
- Haselwood residents are currently being in the process of being consulted over this particular proposal.
- Residents have been made aware that there could be potential charges for parking permits introduced but the possible levels of charges have not been agreed as yet and are subject to public consultation.
- The project would be delivered by LCC Highways and the monitored by LCC Parking Enforcement.

**Ward Member recommendations:** Ward members are supportive of the project. It contributes towards Best City..... for Communities.

- 3.4 **Project:** Visit to the Holocaust Centre, Laxton, Newark  
**Organisation:** Council of Christians and Jews, Leeds Branch  
**Ward affected:** Killingbeck & Seacroft  
**Amount applied for:** £250 (from Small Grant pot)  
**Projected year of spend:** 2013/14

#### Project Overview

- The aim of the project is assist teaching staff of the David Young Academy Community Academy (DYCA) to promote inter-racial harmony and demonstrate the consequences of not doing so.
- The Group, including 40 students from the David Young Community Academy, will visit the Holocaust Centre at Laxton, Newark and this will be a full day's event. Guides will be provided at no additional cost.

**Ward Member recommendations:** Ward Members have asked that this Small Grant application be considered at the Area Committee meeting for further discussion.

## **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 Area Business and 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 Area Business Plan, Community 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 Support 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 wellbeing 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**

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## **7.0 Background documents**

None.