

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 8 July 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:

Project	Organisation	Amount applied for £	Ward
Northcall	Northcall Community Centre	19,273	Alwoodley
Festive Lights	Alwoodley Parish	4795	Alwoodley

	Council		
Shadwell War Memorial	Shadwell Parish Council	710.50	Harewood
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Site allocations consultation	Leeds City Council	5181.65	Harewood Wetherby
Wellbeing grant acknowledgement signs	Leeds City Council	150	Alwoodley Harewood Wetherby
Peripatetic Street Cleansing Service	Leeds City Council	10,000	Alwoodley Harewood Wetherby

- Ratify the following decision taken via officer delegation.

Site allocations consultation	Leeds City Council	5181.65	Harewood Wetherby
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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 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 applied for:	£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>		

¹ Office for National Statistics 2011 Census

	<p>Area Committee priorities: Health and Wellbeing, Business, Children and Young People, Supporting communities</p>
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3.2.3	Project:	Alwoodley Festive Lights
	Organisation:	Alwoodley Parish Council
	Amount:	£4795
	Ward:	Alwoodley
<p>The aim of the project is installing a variety of Christmas lights at the junction of King Lane and The Avenue.</p> <p>This will provide an illuminated area of the Parish at a time of year when daylight hours are at their shortest. It is intended that there will be a "switching on" ceremony and this will provide a focus for local residents who may be feeling isolated at this time of year — particularly older residents who may be living with dementia, or deprivation. The illuminations are to be secular and will enliven the local area and produce a sense of well-being. The grant will be used to fund the initial set-up costs, including the installation of the fixed brackets on seven lamp columns and the hire of seven motifs for the first year's display. The subsequent cost of hiring the motifs from Leeds Lighting will be born by the Parish Council.</p>		
<p>Area Committee Priorities: Health and Wellbeing, Business, Children and Young People, Supporting communities</p>		

3.2.4	Project:	Shadwell War Memorial renovation
	Organisation:	Shadwell Parish Council
	Amount:	£710.50
	Ward:	Harewood
<p>Renovation of the village war memorial in time for the centenary of the start of the first World War. The work includes cleaning, re-pointing and re-cutting the lettering to ensure the names of the soldiers who died during the two world wars do not erode away. Should funding be approved, the work will be undertaken straight away in July 2013.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £1421.</p>		
<p>Area Committee Priorities: Supporting Communities</p>		

3.2.5	Project:	Linton Lane 30mph
	Organisation:	Leeds City Council
	Amount:	£4000
	Ward:	Harewood

	This project is to introduce a 30 mph speed limit for Linton Lane. The work will be undertaken by Highways during this financial year. Wellbeing funding required is £4000.
	Area Committee Priorities: Planning, Communications and Transport

3.2.6	Project:	Wetherby Festival 2013
	Organisation:	Wetherby Arts Festival
	Amount:	£2000
	Ward:	Wetherby
	<p>The Wetherby Festival aims to provide live entertainment over 9 days and evenings in October at a number of different venues in and around Wetherby. The entertainment is varied and covers music, in a number of different genres, art, drama, literature, comedy and activities for children.</p> <p>The Festival aims to stimulate local interest in a variety of live entertainment events, promote good community relationships and make people aware of what Wetherby can provide to enhance the lives of its inhabitants.</p> <p>The grant would cover publicity costs, and contribute to venue hire. It will ensure that ticket prices are kept as reasonable as possible and that some of the events can be provided free of charge.</p> <p>The estimated total cost of the project is £15,000.</p>	
Area Committee Priorities: Supporting Communities, children and young people		

3.2.7	Project:	Wetherby Annual Events
	Organisation:	Wetherby Town council
	Amount:	£4000
	Ward:	Wetherby
	<p>£3000 is sought to enable Wetherby to continue in the tradition of having Christmas Lights in the town. These do add atmosphere and bring Christmas cheer and visitors to the town. The grant would to cover the costs of purchasing new set pieces and refurbishment of some of the lights and Christmas trees, plus services for a qualified electrician and electrical installations.</p> <p>£1000 is sought towards the annual Community Bonfire and Firework display which provides the local community with an event that they are able to attend as a family group without the need for transport. This is held in a very accessible location actually in the town and most attending come on foot. The grant would cover security, first aid provision, cost of Traffic Orders and hire of radios.</p>	

	Community Charter Priorities: Supporting Communities, children and young people

3.2.8	Project:	Barleyfields Radio Project
	Organisation:	Wetherby Community Radio Limited
	Amount:	£1000
	Ward:	Wetherby
	<p>The Barleyfields Radio Project was established in October 2008 in conjunction with the Leeds Youth Services. Since then Wetherby Community Radio Ltd has been actively assisting young people every Thursday evening at Barleyfields Youth Club with their media studies. The project has been a great success and it is hoped that this will continue throughout 2013 and beyond. The three volunteers from Wetherby Community Radio Ltd assist with the media studies training.</p> <p>Grant funding is sought to allow the station to stay within the Ofcom regulations for matched funding from sources other than advertising. The station is now successful in attracting sufficient advertising income to sustain itself throughout its licence period. However, it is unable to obtain sufficient 'matched' funding from other sources. The Ofcom regulations are strictly enforced and the trustees of Wetherby Community Radio Ltd are committed to meeting all the requirements of the Ofcom licence in full.</p>	
Community Charter Priorities: Children and Young People		

3.2.9	Project:	Site allocations communication
	Organisation:	Leeds City Council
	Amount:	£5181.65
	Ward:	Harewood and Wetherby
	<p>The Council is undertaking a citywide public consultation exercise to seek the views of the people of Leeds on initial issues and options for the Site Allocations Development Plan Document. The exercise will run from 3rd June – 29th July. The Harewood and Wetherby ward members intend to write to all residents in their ward to ensure that they are aware of the consultation, and take the opportunity to put forward their views. There are approximately 16000 residents in the two wards.</p> <p>Wellbeing fund will be used to cover the second class postage costs, which are £5181.65.</p> <p>Given the timescales, this funding has been approved via the officer delegation process. The area committee are asked to ratify the decision.</p>	
Community Charter Priorities:		

	Supporting communities
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3.2.10	Project:	Wellbeing grant acknowledgement signs
	Organisation:	Leeds City Council
	Amount:	£150 (£50 per ward)
	Ward:	Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby
<p>The area committee members have asked for wellbeing grant which supports building projects to be acknowledged with a sign on the building. These signs will be procured from Leeds City Council city signs. The cost per sign is £16. It is proposed that small budget of £50 per ward is set aside to cover the cost of these signs.</p>		
<p>Community Charter Priorities: Supporting communities</p>		

3.2.11	Project:	Peripatetic Street Cleansing Service
	Organisation:	Leeds City Council
	Amount:	£10,000
	Ward:	Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby
<p>Details of this proposal are in the Environmental SLA report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods. The funding will be split between all three wards, Alwoodley - £4000, Harewood - £4000 and Wetherby - £2000.</p>		
<p>Community Charter Priorities: Supporting communities</p>		

3.3 Small grants and skips

3.3.1 Each of the wards has a pot set aside for community groups to apply into for small grants and skips. The following small grants have been agreed for this financial year.

Organisation / Department	Project	Total Project Cost £	Grant Approved £
Leeds Jewish ex-servicemans' and womens' association	Cost of transport to two remembrance services in London	1500	500
Thorner Girl Guides	Bookcase, books and floor cushions for Cosy Book Club	500	500
Leeds Youth Service	Barleyfields Youth Club – purchase of sports and leisure equipment	500	500

3.3.2 Appendix B provides details of the remaining balances for the small grants and skips pots, plus the other pots of funding which were set aside, Treetops Community Centre, and Community Engagement.

3.4 Project monitoring

Projects in receipt of a wellbeing grant are required to provide monitoring reports to show that the funding was spent in accordance with their original grant application. Appendix C provides monitoring details for projects which have received funding during the previous financial year.

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 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.

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

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 for 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.