

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 10th July 2013

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth, Otley & Yeadon	<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 the North West (Outer) Area Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14, and notes those projects agreed for support from the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14.
2. It also highlights the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

Recommendations

The North West (Outer) Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14 (Appendix 1).
- Note the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14 and notes those projects agreed for support from the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14. It also highlights the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Area Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of Area Wellbeing Funding. The amount of Wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by the Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
- 2.2 Members are advised that the new revenue well-being allocation for the Outer North West Area Committee is £160,940 for the financial year 2013/14. The Area Committee have previously agreed that this allocation is split equally by the 4 wards (£40,235 each). The allocation has been based on the 2010/11 formula of 50% population and 50% disadvantage. The carry forward of uncommitted well-being funds from 2012/13 will continue.
- 2.3 Currently the Outer North West Area Committee operate a pre-sift process for well-being fund applications. This involves discussions with appropriate ward members for that particular project, in the context of the current areas priorities. Where projects do not have support from all three ward members, they are not progressed. All applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if helpful. In order to provide further assurance and transparency to all applicants, where schemes do not garner support these will be reported to a subsequent area committee meeting for noting.
- 2.4 After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2012/13 carry forward position, the Area Committee has **£201,731** of funding available for allocation in 2013/14.
- 2.5 No additional Capital Wellbeing was allocated to the Area Committee in 2013/14. However, Area Committees can continue to commit capital resources if they still have uncommitted funds available from previous allocations.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Wellbeing Budget Statement 2012 -13 - The latest Wellbeing Budget Statement for 2013-14 is included as Appendix 1 to this report. This sets out the current budget position for Wellbeing projects showing the amount approved by the Area Committee and the value of funds spent to date. The Wellbeing Budget statement also outlines the current budget position of those projects funded in previous years which still have funding left to spend.

3.3 Well-being Budget – Large Projects

3.3.1 National Citizens Service project for young people

Delivery organisation: Youth Services
Amount requested: £2,130 (£533 per ward)

Youth Service are recruiting young people to the National Citizens Service (NCS). It is aimed at 16 and 17 year olds. The ethos is to develop a more cohesive society by mixing participants of different backgrounds. It will support a more engaged society by enabling young people to work together to create and carry out social action projects in their local community.

Participants are expected to contribute £50 fee however Youth Service are aware of families who are struggling at the moment and want to be able to offer subsidised places to those that can show need.

A grant for Outer North West will support subsidised places and also contribute towards the cost of the scheme in total.

3.5 Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

- 3.5.1 **Table 1.** below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been approved since the last Area Committee meeting. **Table 2.** outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting. Taking these into account, there is **£21,256** available for allocation for Small Grants and **£5,439** still available for Skip Hire. The Area Committee are asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants and skips that have recently been approved.

Table 1: Small Grant Approvals (01/06/13 – 02/07/13)

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Ward	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Information Leaflet – Nuisance Bikes (Withdrawn by applicant)	West Yorkshire Police	A&W	£250	£0
The Leeds Gathering 2013	Irish Arts Foundation	O&Y	£200	£200

Table 2: Skip Approvals (01/06/13 – 02/07/13)

Location	Ward	Amount Approved
Henshaw, Yeadon	Otley & Yeadon	£124

3 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 The Area Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report. Local priorities are set through the Area Business Plan process.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Area Committee Wellbeing process is currently being reviewed citywide, which will include undertaking a new Equality Impact Assessment to ensure the Wellbeing process continues to comply with all relevant policies and legislation.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Projects submitted to the Area Committee for Wellbeing funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 - 2030
- City Priority Plan 2011 - 2015
- Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Children and Young People's Plan

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 Aligning the distribution of Area Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all well-being applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The North West (Outer) Area Committee Wellbeing Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2013-14.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The North West (Outer) Area Committee is asked to:

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Background documents¹

- None

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.