

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

**Report to:** Inner North West Community Committee  
(Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse and  
Weetwood)

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**For decision**

## **Inner North West Community Committee – Finance Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report provides the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2021/22.

### **Main issues**

2. Each Community Committee has been allocated a wellbeing budget (revenue and capital) and Youth Activities Fund which it is responsible for administering. The aim of these budgets is to support the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area and provide a range of activities for children and young people, by using the funding to support projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities.
3. A group applying to the Wellbeing Fund must fulfil various eligibility criteria, including evidencing appropriate management arrangements and financial controls are in place; have relevant policies to comply with legislation and best practice e.g. safeguarding and equal opportunities and be unable to cover the costs of the project from other funds.
4. Wellbeing funding cannot be paid retrospectively. An application form must be submitted and approved by the Community Committee before activities or items being purchased through wellbeing funding are completed or purchased.

5. The amount of wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council, taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
6. Capital (CRIS) injections are provided as a result of council assets being sold. 5% of the sale price (up to a maximum of £100k) of a council asset is pooled city-wide and redistributed to the Community Committee areas on the basis of deprivation. The Community Committee will receive a new capital injection every 6 months.
7. Each Community Committee has also been allocated a Community Infrastructure Levy budget. For each CIL contribution, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15-25% goes to be spent locally. The money will be vested with the local Town or Parish Council if applicable, or with the local Community Committee and spend decided upon by that body. This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund' and should be spent on similar projects to the Wellbeing Fund (capital).
8. All Inner North West Members were invited to a workshop on 7 November 2017 to consider how they would like to allocate the CIL Neighbourhood Fund in the INW area. As a result of these discussions, it is recommended that any funds raised through CIL are allocated in line with the current Wellbeing process; with the money to be pooled to be allocated across all three wards. Members agreed this recommendation.
9. Projects eligible for funding by the Community Committee could be community events; environmental improvements; crime prevention initiatives, or opportunities for sport and healthy activities for all ages. In line with the Equality Act 2010, projects funded at public expense should provide services to citizens irrespective of their religion, gender reassignment, marital status, race, ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability; the fund cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs; it cannot fund projects promoting political or religious viewpoints to the exclusion of others; projects must represent good value for money and follow Leeds City Council Financial Regulations and the Council's Spending Money Wisely policy; applications should provide, where possible, three quotes for any works planned and demonstrate how the cost of the project is relative to the scale of beneficiaries; the fund cannot support projects which directly result in the business interests of any members of the organisation making a profit.
10. Any request for funding would involve discussions with appropriate ward members. Where projects do not have support from the Community Committee and are not approved, applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if this is requested.
11. In order to provide further assurance and transparency of all decisions made by the Community Committee, any projects that are not approved will be reported to a subsequent Community Committee meeting.

12. Sometimes urgent decisions may need to be made in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of Wellbeing and Youth Activity budgets, and also regarding the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Committee. Concurrently with the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment to take such decisions.
13. The Community Committee has previously approved the following ‘minimum conditions’ in order to reassure Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework, with appropriate Member consultation and only when such conditions have been satisfied:
- consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken;
  - a delegated decision must have support from a majority of the community committee elected members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a community committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors); and
  - details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available community committee meeting for members’ information.

The Committee is invited to review the conditions previously agreed and consider whether any amendments are required, prior to agreeing such conditions for operation in the forthcoming municipal year.

14. Members are reminded that the necessary scrutiny of applications to satisfy our own processes, financial regulations and audit requires the deadline for receipt of completed applications to be at least five weeks prior to any Community Committee. Some applications will be approved via Delegated Decision Notice (DDN) following consultation with Members outside of the Community Committee meeting cycle.

### **Wellbeing Budget Position 2021/22**

15. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2021/22 was **£94,030** for the Inner North West Community Committee. **Table 1** shows a carry forward figure of **£29,679** which includes underspends from projects completed in 2020//21. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2021/22 is therefore **£123,709**.
16. It is possible that some of the projects may not use their allocated spend. This could be for several reasons, including the project no longer going ahead, the project not taking place within the dates specified in the funding agreement, or failure to submit monitoring reports. Due to this the final revenue balance may be greater than the amount specified in Table 1.
17. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining balance of **£1,323.98** A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Wellbeing Revenue 2021/22**

	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME:2021/22</b>	<b>£94,030</b>
<b>Balance brought forward from previous year</b>	<b>£29,679</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2021/22</b>	<b>£123,709</b>

	<b>£</b>
<b>Ward Projects</b>	
Small Grants and Skips	£3,000
Community Engagement	£3,000
COVID 19	£15,000
YAF Summit	£1,200
Wilderness on your doorstep	£7,350
Leeds City Academy Youth Worker Support	£7,893.60
Money Buddies & Room Hire Costs	£24,450
Luttrell Outdoors Experiences	£3,000
Woodhouse Moor Tennis	£1,064.99
Cardigan Centre Older Persons Commissioned Project	£11,860
Festive Lights	£12,500
Woodhouse Moor Bye Law Enforcement	£10,597
Woodsley Women's Project	£10,000
Big Clear Out 2021	£1,000
Infant Safer Sleeping Commissioned Project	£4,028
Poetry in primary schools	£2,100
Dress for Success	£500
Unorthobox	£500
Art Camp 3 Half Terms	£3,375
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£122,418.49</b>
<b>Balance remaining (Total)</b>	<b>£1,323.98</b>

**Covid Funding 21/22 £15,000 pot agreed £5,000 per ward**

<b>Little London &amp; Woodhouse</b>	<b>Headingley &amp; Hyde Park</b>	<b>Weetwood</b>
<b>£500 Woodsley Food Support</b>	<b>£500 Woodsley Food Support</b>	<b>£2,880 Asda Vouchers</b>
<b>£500 Little London Christmas Event</b>		
<b>£200 Single Parent Event</b>		
<b>Balance: £3,414.47</b>	<b>Balance: £4,500</b>	<b>Balance: £2,120</b>

**New Applications:**

**University ASB Dedicated Resource INW: £7,257.67**

This project will run over 3 years to complement the funding agreed by Leeds University and Leeds Beckett University focussed on reducing student related anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance and improving community cohesion. The University funding will provide a new hybrid vehicle, however the funding will not cover a number of operational and ongoing costs. The funding requested from the Inner North West Community Committee will cover a one-off grant of £4,641.67 which will pay for elements not covered by University funding. These

are, vehicle badging, Handset & contract, Body Cam and uniform costs. The funding will also cover year 1 of the ongoing costs £ 2, 616 which will pay for fuel for the vehicle the handset contract and radio. These costs have been significantly reduced.

**Inner North West Pedal Cycle Security: Funding Required £5840 . (This application has come from West Yorkshire Police.)**

This project will purchase 2,000 Selectamark products, these products are fitted to cycles at events and the code registered on the National Cycle Database. The funding would allow for 2,000 pedal cycles to be registered. 152 cycles have been reported stolen across the INW CC area over the past 12 months. WYP Digital Policing Department has enabled a secure portal on Officers' handheld devices, meaning if a stolen bicycle is recovered the Police can immediately identify the owner. Also, any Police Officer can scan a bicycle and determine ownership which is useful if someone is seen riding a bicycle believed to be stolen. The Police believe that a bicycle with this marking is less likely to be stolen and far more likely to be returned to the owner if it is recovered after a theft.

**Meanwood Valley Partnership Christmas Lights: Funding Required £ 1,500**

The grant requested is to help support the Meanwood Christmas Switch -On which is held annually. The event has grown and now attracts up to 2,000 local residents. Despite the attendance figures the amount collected in voluntary donations has fallen short of the amount required to run the event. Meanwood Valley Partnership has requested £1500 from both INW and INE community committees. Inner North East CC has already agreed in principle.

**Dance On- Yorkshire Dance: Funding Required £17,405**

The grant would pay for 3 Dance On Groups for over 55s to run for 1 year. These groups have funded from 2018 by Sport England.

Little London & Woodhouse Ward:

This groups meets at 3 St Peters Square and has 11 regular participants.

Weetwood Ward:

This group is run in conjunction with OPAL at the Welcome In with 21 regular attendees.

Headingley & Hyde Park Ward:

Weekly sessions at The Cardigan Centre run in conjunction with the Vandan Group with attendees from the Gujarati Community and has 22 regular attendees.

Each session lasts for one hour and is led by a Dance Tutor. Dace On groups are running across Leeds and applications have been made to the following community committees:

Outer North East, £5,779, Inner North East, £11,892, Inner South £23,114, Inner East, £12,192.

**Engagement in Green Spaces (Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse) The Conservation Volunteers, Hollybush Conservation Centre. Funding Required: £8,941.52**

The grant would be used to provide options for delivery of 24 sessions of environmental activities. These will be held between the Green Gym and the Green Gym for Women at Lovell Park Adult Social Care Hub. The sessions will be advertised through local community networks and organisations including Social Prescribers linked through the Woodsley LCP. The intention is to also work with Community Links CFO Activity Hub (project linked to Probation) and develop more links with the INW Elders Project.

**Hyde Park Unity Day: Funding Required £5,000**

The grant would be used to support this event which has not taken place for 2 years due to Covid restrictions. The event will take place in July or August and will be an inclusive community events aimed at all ages and groups. The event will include activities for children, tea dancing for older residents, art and music and local groups will be encouraged to take part. The event will be free to attend and all roles performed on the day will be voluntary. Costs include: First Aid, public liability insurance, onsite power, hire of marquees. Other funders have been approached including the National Lottery

### **Woodhouse Moor Tennis – Funding Required £ 1,480**

Following the successful launch last year of the tennis project, this grant would fund an LTA qualified tennis coach to deliver sessions on Woodhouse Moor from 27<sup>th</sup> April until 14<sup>th</sup> September on a weekly basis. 4-8 years, 4:30-5:30pm, 8+ 5:30-6:30pm, Adult session 6:30-7:30pm. All sessions will cost £2, as agreed previously. The funding will also pay for an additional hour per week for adults wishing to access tennis due to level of demand last year. All sessions will be for up to 10 players at a time. Funding will also cover 6 hours of taster sessions in 3 local schools, leaflets and facebook publicity.

### **Little London Family Funday – Funding Required £2,500 (HAP £2,500)**

The grant, alongside the HAP funding will support the Little London Family Funday which has not taken place for 2 years due to the pandemic. This event, due to take place in July will provide an opportunity for families and neighbours to come together alongside local community organisations and forge new connections to deliver community activities throughout the year.

### **Jungle Kids- Funding Required £1,000**

The grant would fund free places for disadvantaged children at the Jungle Kids Easter Holiday provision. The project provides activities indoors and outdoors and lunch for participants and takes place in Cookridge Village Hall.

### **Money Buddies – Funding Required £ 35,168**

The grant will cover the provision of the Money Buddy Service across the 3 wards for 12 months. The cost of the venue hire will need to be calculated separately. The Money Buddy Service is delivered from : These venue are not yet confirmed and can be amended if another is more appropriate or better placed.  
Woodhouse Medical Centre (LL&W)  
Heart Centre (H&HP)  
Meanwood Community Centre (W)  
St Paul's Church & Opal Alternately (W)

### **Delegated Decisions (DDN)**

18. Since the last Inner North West Consultative Community Committee consultative meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 There have been no decisions made by DDN.

### Monitoring Information

19. As part of their funding agreements, all projects which have had funding approved by the Community Committee are required to provide update reports on the progress of their project. These reports are so that the Community Committee can measure the impact the project has had on the community and the value for money achieved.

20. Monitoring information will be provided for the next committee meeting.

### Youth Activities Fund Position 2021/22

21. The total available for spend in Inner North West Community Committee in 2020/21 including carry forward from previous year, was **£28,091.07**

22. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of **£28,480** has been allocated to projects, as listed in **Table 2**.

23. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is a balance of £139.02 in the Youth Activity Fund. A full breakdown of the projects is available on request.

**Table 2: Youth Activities Fund 2021/22**

Income	£
Carried forward from previous year 2020/21	£7,274.77
New YAF budget allocation for 2021/22	£24,790
Schemes approved in previous year to be delivered this year 2020/21	£3,973.70
<b>Total available budget for this year 2021/22</b>	<b>£28,091.07</b>

Projects 2021	Amount Approved
Art Camp Eggstravaganza	£1,470.00
The Welcome Inn Youth Group	£8,855.00
Hyde Park Active	£4,000.00
Leeds Hyde Park Football Season 2021/2022	£4,000.00
Weetwood Youth Project	£1,435.00
INW Holiday Project	£2,020.00

Jungle Kids	£3,500
Super Summer Art Camp	£3,200
Total spend against projects	£28,480
<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>£139.02</b>

### **New Applications for YAF Funding:**

#### **Art Camp April 2022-March 2023 Funding Required: £ 10,890**

This project will encompass 6 Art Camps, Easter 2022, Spring Bank Holiday, Summer Holidays, October Half Term, Christmas, February Half Term 2023.

Each Camp held at Shire Oak Primary School will offer 10 places for the most disadvantaged children who would benefit most by attendance, to be decided by the Head Teacher in conjunction with the Head of Inclusivity.

All camps will offer a mixture of indoor and outdoor activities at which the children can learn a variety of new skills delivered by qualified staff.

#### **Weetwood Youth Project- Funding Required : £4,060**

This project will provide youth activities for 11-17 year olds 2 evenings per week Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm 46 weeks from April 2022 at the Welcome In in Tinshill.

The provision will be delivered solely by Leeds City Council Youth Services following changes to funding and the TUPE of staff from the Cardigan Centre. The funding will cover room hire for 46 weeks and £300 towards the purchase of resources.

### **Small Grants Budget & Skips 2021/22**

24. At the last Community Committee on 3 March 2021 ward members approved a budget of **£3,000**. There is currently a remaining balance of **£965.43** detailed in **Table 3**.

**Table 3: Small Grants & Skips 2021/22**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Organisation/Dept</b>	<b>Ward (s)</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Prince Philip Centre Friday PHAB Club	Prince Philip Centre PHAB Club	Headingley & Hyde Park Little London & Woodhouse Weetwood	£422.79
Irish Arts & Cultural activities in Headingley & Hyde Park 2021-22	Leeds Irish Arts Foundation	Headingley & Hyde Park	£500.00
Art Camp (June Half term)	Art Camp UK	Headingley & Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse	£560.00
Jungle Kids ( June Half term)	Jungle Kids Ltd	Weetwood	£375.00
Skip	Hollin Lane Allotments	Weetwood	£176.78
Summer Project	Jungle Kids	Weetwood	£500



Summer Project	Youth Movement Against Violence	Weetwood	£500
Carbon Free Street Fair	Zero Carbon Headingley	Headingley & Hyde Park	£500
Dance Project at Cardigan Centre	Commissioned Project	Headingley & Hyde Park , Little London & Woodhouse	£749
Skip	Ash Road Allotments	Headingley & Hyde Pak	£209.41
Skip	Hollin Lane Allotments	Weetwood	£176.78
<b>Totals</b>			<b>£4,669.76</b>
<b>Small Grant &amp; Skips Balance</b>			<b>-£0.00</b>

## Capital Budget 2021/22

25. The Inner North West has a capital budget of **£21,142.47** available to spend, as a result of capital injections. Members are asked to note the capital allocation in **Table 4**.

**TABLE 4: Capital 2021/22**

	£
<b>Capital Injection May 2021</b>	<b>£10,700</b>
Starting total	<b>£25,998.32</b>
Capital Injection October 2021	<b>£2,900</b>
Your Pantry at Meanwood Community Centre	£4,855.85
All Hallow Church	£7,000
Raynel Garth Lighting Project	£3,887.04
<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>£13,155.43</b>

## New Application for Capital Funding

### **Lovell Park View Fencing- Lovell Park Residents Association: Funding Required £1,700 (HAP funding £1,000 already agreed)**

The grant would be used alongside the agreed HAP funding to provide fencing at the back of houses and thus restrict access to the estate. The area currently opens onto a grass verge which is not secure and attracts ASB and crime.

## Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2020/21

26. The Community Committee is asked to note that as of June 2021 there is **£123,255.70** total available to the committee. There is currently a remaining balance of **£85,867.78** detailed in **Table 5**.

**TABLE 5: CIL 2021/22**

	£
<b>Budget as of May 21</b>	£123,255.70
St Mark's Woodhouse Ecological Survey	£1,387.92
All Hallows Church	£36,000
<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>£85,867.78</b>

**New Application for CiL Funding****Thornvilles Graffiti Project – Funding required £13,428**

This is a commissioned project working with Alison Gilliland and Carolyn Moss. The project makes up the first stage of the wider Hyde Park Graffiti Project which aims to improve the public realm in the area and increase community involvement to maintain the walls and clean any graffiti which appears. The first stage concerns the removal of graffiti from gable ends facing onto Hyde Park Road, the application of anti-graffiti coating and the commission of murals by a local artist.

**Corporate Considerations****Consultation and Engagement**

27. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report.

**Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

28. All wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

**Council Polices and City Priorities**

29. Projects submitted to the Community 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:

1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
2. Best City Plan
3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
4. Children and Young People's Plan
5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

**Resources and Value for Money**

30. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

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

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

## **Risk Management**

32. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

## **Conclusion**

33. The Finance Report provides up to date information on the Community Committee's budget position.

## **Recommendations**

34. Members are asked to note:

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b. Review of the minimum conditions (paragraph 13)
- c. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 27)
- d. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- e. Details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Table 3)
- f. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 4)
- g. Details of Community Infrastructure Levy (Table 5)