

Report of: Jane Maxwell, East North East Area Leader

Report to: Outer North East Community Committee – Alwoodley, Harewood & Wetherby Wards

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For Decision

Outer North East Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund budgets

Purpose of report

1. The report provides Members with an update on the current position of the Outer North East Community Committee's budgets and sets out applications for Wellbeing Revenue Funding and Youth Activity Funding for consideration by the Community Committee.

Main issues

2. Wellbeing Revenue – the amount of revenue funding for each Community Committee is determined by a formula based on 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area.
3. The allocation for the Outer North East Community Committee for 2017/18 is £70,380. The Community Committee apportions this budget between the three wards on a population basis (Source: 2011 Census).
4. Capital Wellbeing – this is allocated through the council's Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS). 20% of receipts generated are retained locally up to a maximum of £100,000 per capital receipt. 15% is retained by the ward as additional Ward Based Initiative (WBI) funding and 5% is pooled across the Council and transferred to the Community Committees on the basis of need.
5. Of this pooled CRIS funding the Outer North East Community Committee receives an allocation of 6.1%. Currently the Outer North East Community Committee has **£31,400** in its Capital Wellbeing budget. A further explanation on capital funding and eligible schemes is attached at **Appendix A** for Members consideration.
6. Youth Activity Fund (YAF) – this funding is determined by the number of children and young people aged 8 – 17. The allocation for the Outer North East Community

Committee for 2017/18 is £32,490. The committee apportions this budget between the three wards using the 8 – 17 year old population figures (Source: GP Data 2012).

7. More detailed information about the spending against the 2017/18 budget is available in the appendices to this report. (**Appendix B** – Wellbeing Revenue; **Appendix C** - Youth Activity Funding).

Wellbeing Funding

Current Wellbeing budget position

8. A year end reconciliation of the Wellbeing budget has been completed and taking into account carry-forward figures, the current position for June 2017 is highlighted below:

Ward	Total carry forward (including schemes from 2016/17 to be paid for in 2017/18)	Total budget remaining (2017/18 allocation plus unallocated carry forward less new approvals)
Alwoodley	£24,377	£14,432
Harewood	£21,115	£33,081
Wetherby	£22,521	£31,250

9. The following five Wellbeing applications are for consideration by the Community Committee from the 2017/18 budget:

Ward(s)	Organisation	Project	Total cost	Amount applied for
Wetherby	Boston Spa Parish Council	Replacement Gas Boilers at Boston Spa Village Hall	£16,374	£8,187
Wetherby	SingletrAction (Wetherby Bike Trails)	Wetherby Bike Trails – The Devil’s Toenail	£20,000	£5,000
Wetherby	Wetherby Arts Festival	Wetherby Arts Festival 2017	£38,562	£2,000
Wetherby	Wetherby Town Council	Tour in the Town	£3,086	£2,000
Wetherby	Wetherby Riverside Bandstand Trust	Wetherby Riverside Bandstand events 2017	£3,500	£1,000

Youth Activity Fund

Current Youth Activity Fund budget position

10. The year-end reconciliation of the Wellbeing budget and Youth Activity Fund has been completed and taking into account carry-forward figures, the current position for June 2017 is highlighted below:

Ward	Carry forward (including schemes from 2016/17 to be paid for in 2017/18)	Total budget remaining (2017/18 allocation plus unallocated carry forward less new approvals)
Alwoodley	£7,150	£7,696
Harewood	£11,047	£10,976
Wetherby	£9,747	£24,377

Delegated Decisions

11. The following 10 applications have been approved since the Outer North East Community Committee held on 20th March 2017.

Ward(s)	Organisation	Project	Total cost	Amount applied for	Amount approved for
Alwoodley	Chabad Lubavitch Youth Organisation	Summer Schemes	£8,000	£3,000	£1,500 (Youth Activity Funding)
Alwoodley	Leeds Rugby Foundation	Leeds Rhinos Summer Camps	£5,915	£3,500	£2,500 (Youth Activity Funding)
Alwoodley	Alwoodley Park Methodist Church	Disabled toilets	£7,000	£7,000	£2,000
Alwoodley	Royal British Legion	Leeds Cambridge Initiative	£3,000	£1,500	£1,500
Harewood	Scholes Village Hall	Scholes Gala Climbing Wall	£1,210	£550	£550 (Youth Activity Funding)
Harewood	Barwick Maypole Trust	Climbing Wall	£750	£750	£750 (Youth Activity Funding)
Harewood	Scarcroft Junior Cricket Club	Outreach project	£4,580	£2,790	£2,790 (Youth Activity Funding)
Harewood	Shadwell Tennis Club	Increasing Young People's	£1,950	£1,950	£1,900 (Youth

		Participation in Tennis 2017			Activity Funding)
Harewood	Residents of Wayside Mount	Wayside Mount Bridleway Enhancement	£17,025	£5,675	£2,837.50
Harewood	Shadwell Tennis Club	Renovation & Repainting of 2 Tennis Court Playing Surfaces	£6,720	£5,720	£4,000

- a. These approvals were made under the delegated authority of the Director for Communities and Environment due to the need for a financial decision (Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund) to be made before the next scheduled Committee round. Ward Members have been consulted and were supportive of the applications highlighted in paragraph 11.
- b. As agreed at June 2016 meeting (Minute No. 17v) of the Outer North East Community Committee, in order for a delegated decision to be enacted, all three Ward Members must unanimously agree to support an application either at a Ward Members meeting or via email.

Conclusion

12. The Wellbeing Fund programme supports the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of a Community Committee area by funding projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities. A group applying to the Wellbeing fund must fulfil various eligibility criteria including evidencing appropriate management arrangements and finance 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.
13. Projects eligible for funding 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, 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.
14. The report has set out the current budget position, applications recently approved through delegated decisions in consultation with Ward Members and funding applications for the Community Committee's consideration.

Recommendations

15. The Community Committee is asked to:

- a. Note the current budget position for 2017/18;
- b. Consider the five Wellbeing Revenue applications set out at paragraphs 9 and approve, where appropriate, the amount of grant to be awarded;
- c. Note the 10 applications that have been approved since the Community Committee met in March 2017 under the delegated authority of the Director of Communities and Environment.
- d. Re-confirm their 'minimum condition' that all three Ward Members must give their unanimous approval – via email or via a Ward Member meeting – for a delegated decision to be approved.
- e. Consider the draft Community Committee priorities attached at **Appendix D** and amend and/or approve as appropriate.