

Report of West North West Area Leader

Report to Outer North West Community Committee

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Finance Update Report

For Decision

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing fund for 2017/18, and the current position of the Small Grants and Skips pot, and the small grants and skips which have been approved since the last meeting.
2. This report also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund and the Youth Activity Fund projects which have been approved since the last meeting.

Main Issues

3. The Wellbeing Fund Large Grant 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 equality and diversity; and be unable to cover the costs of the project from other funds. 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 (including Trans), marital status, race, ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability; under the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities. Funding for projects specifically

targeted at certain groups is allowed under the Equality Act provided there is a clear evidence base for doing so (such as activities to promote women's health through sport projects or a project targeted at people with hearing impairments, or one for new migrants to help them integrate); further advice on these can be given on a case by case basis if required. 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.

4. Community 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 Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.

5. The Outer North West Community Committee operates a pre-sift process for Wellbeing fund applications. This involves discussions with appropriate ward members for that particular project in the context of the current area 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 Community Committee meeting for noting.

6. Budget Statement 2017/18

The Budget Statement for 2017/18 is included at Appendix 1 to this report. The statement details the overall budget position of all Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund projects funded in the current financial year as well as those funded in previous years which still have funding left to spend.

7. Wellbeing Revenue

The Outer North West Community Committee has a Well-being allocation of £97,660 for the financial year 2017/18. The Community Committee have previously agreed that this allocation is split equally by the 4 wards (£24,415 per ward)

8. After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2016/17 carry forward position, the Community Committee has £93,513 of funding available for allocation. This figure does not include the Youth Activity Fund still available to spend.

9. Table 1 includes details per ward of the total Wellbeing revenue available for allocation in 2017/18 including any carry forward from previous years, and the amount of Wellbeing Fund currently available to spend per ward.

Table 1 – Wellbeing revenue

	Adel & Wharfedale	Guiseley & Rawdon	Horsforth	Otley & Yeadon
2017/18 available balance (inc b/f and new allocation)	£43,470	£24,453	£47,217	£24,998
Allocated to projects in 2017/18	£9,022	£14,377	£12,338	£22,888
Money from previous years returned to the pot.	£0	£0	£12,000	£0
Current funds available to spend	£34,448	£10,076	£46,879	£2,110

10. At the Community Committee on 19th June 2017, Cookridge Methodist Church were awarded £3,000 Wellbeing funds towards the Church Hall Toilet Refurbishment. The Methodist Church have withdrawn their Wellbeing application as enough funds were raised through fundraising events therefore the £3,000 remains available to spend.
11. At the Community Committee on 3rd February 2014, Housing Leeds were awarded £12,000 Wellbeing funds towards a parking scheme at Broadgate Lane, Horsforth. This project did not go ahead and the funds have been returned to the pot for reallocation. These amounts are reflected in the table above.
12. New Wellbeing Large Grant projects for consideration
13. Featherbank Zebra Crossing

Delivery Organisation	Highways
Revenue funds requested	£6,000 (H)
Previous Wellbeing funding received	15/16 and 16/17 - £27,400 various SID schemes 13/14 – £2,488 Coppice Woods 20mph Scheme
Details of match funding	None
Project details	Featherbank Lane (close to its junction with Featherbank Avenue) has an existing road hump on a key route to the local primary school; following consultation it is proposed that the crossing facility be upgraded to a zebra crossing.

14. Target Hardening Additional Funds

Delivery Organisation	Care & Repair
Revenue funds requested	£2,000 (A&W), £500 (O&Y)
Previous Wellbeing funding received	16/17 - £6,000
Details of match funding	Resident contribution on individual cases.
Project details	The funding will allow Care & Repair to continue to help target harden properties and safeguard vulnerable and older residents who might otherwise become victims of crime.

15. Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

Table 2 below details the amounts available for allocation on small grant and skips for 2017/18, the amount allocated this financial year and the remaining balances. There is currently £11,627 available for allocation on small grants and skips.

16. **Table 2 – Small Grant & Skip remaining balances (at 31/08/17)**

	Adel & Wharfedale	Guiseley & Rawdon	Horsforth	Otley & Yeadon	Total
Available for allocation 2017/18	£7,390	£3,038	£3,291	£3,582	£17,301
Total allocated 2017/18	£1,074	£613	£1,314	£2,673	£5,674
Available to spend	£6,316	£2,425	£1,977	£909	£11,627

17. Table 3 below details the small grants and skips approved since the last community committee meeting.

18. **Table 3 – Small Grant & Skip approvals (25/05/17 – 31/08/17)**

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount approved
Horsforth Gala	Horsforth Gala Committee	Horsforth	£528 (to be cancelled)
Slabbering Baby Interpretation Board	Parks & Countryside	Adel & Wharfedale	£355
7th RadhaRaman Folk Festival	RadhaRaman Society/ Saudha	Otley & Yeadon	£100
Yeadon Lights Switch On 2017	Communities Team	Otley & Yeadon	£130

19. Youth Activity Funding

20. The budget for the Outer North West Youth Activity Fund for 2017/18 is £45,870. At the June meeting Members were advised that projects totalling £44,148 were approved by Delegated Decision following a workshop on 20th April 2017, leaving a remaining balance of £1,723 to spend on Youth Activities.

21. Since the last Community Committee meeting, 1 further Youth Activity Funded projects was approved by Delegated Decision. This is detailed in Table 4 –

Table 4 – Details projects approved since the last Committee

Project	Organisation	Amount approved by Delegated Decision
Rawdon Skateboard Coaching	Sk8 Safe	£770

22. The Outer North West has £954 remaining available to spend in the Youth Activities Fund.
23. Wellbeing Budget – Capital Receipts Programme
24. At its meeting on 17th July 2013, the council’s Executive Board approved that future CRIS receipts available for allocation across wards, be allocated to the Community Committees based on the existing area wellbeing needs based formula.
25. As the capital programme is a 4 year rolling programme, existing funding will be rolled forward to 2017/18 under the current arrangements.
26. Table 5 below provides details of the amount of capital available to spend in 2017/18 per ward including the new allocation.

Table 5 Capital Remaining Balances

	Adel & Wharfedale	Guiseley & Rawdon	Horsforth	Otley & Yeadon
Allocation currently available	£22,970	£12,616	£27,970	£12,245

27. **Corporate Considerations**

Consultation and Engagement

28. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report. Local priorities are set through the Community Committee Plan process and the commissioning round began with a communication to all Community Committee contacts.

Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

29. All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Community 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.

Council policies and City Priorities

30. 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:
 - Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
 - Leeds Strategic Plan
 - Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
 - Children and Young People’s Plan
 - Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
 - Regeneration City Priority Plan

Resources and value for money

31. Aligning the distribution of Community Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

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

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusions

34. The Outer North West Community Committee Wellbeing Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to service. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2017/18.

Recommendations

35. The Outer North West Community Committee is asked to:
- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2017/18 (Table 1) and attached at appendix 1.
 - Consider the new Wellbeing large grant applications detailed at sections 13 - 14.
 - Note the small grants and skips remaining budget (Table 2) and those small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting (Table 3).
 - Note the current budget position for the Youth Activity Fund for 2017/18 and the Youth Activity Fund project that has been approved since the last meeting (Table 4)
 - Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2017/18 (Table 5).

Background Information

None.