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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 **£33,300** in its Capital Wellbeing budget. A further explanation on capital funding and eligible schemes is attached at **Appendix A** for Members consideration.
6. At the September meeting of the Community Committee, Members agreed to split this funding allocation equally between the three Wards. An allocation of **£11,100** per Ward.

7. On the 21st October 2015 the council's executive board approved a process for the allocation of CIL in Leeds. Any planning application approved prior to the 6th April 2015 do not qualify for a CIL contribution. As part of this payment schedule, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% for administration and 15-25% goes to a Community Committee or the relevant Town or Parish Council. This 15-25% of the CIL receipt (25% if there is an adopted neighbourhood plan, 15% if there isn't) is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund'. In the absence of a Town or Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Fund element of CIL is allocated to the Community Committee.
8. In the case of the Outer North East Community Committee the committee's CIL Neighbourhood Funding stream is only generated by receipts from the part of Alwoodley Ward that isn't parished. All other parts of the Outer North East area are parished and thus the CIL Neighbourhood Fund will be paid directly to the geographically relevant Town and Parish Council.
9. The Current CIL Neighbourhood Fund balance for the Outer North East Community Committee is highlighted in the table below:

	CIL Invoiced				CIL Collected			
Community Committee	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
Outer North East	0.00	£140,462	£154,169	£294,632	0.00	£37,551	0.00	£37,551

10. 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).
11. 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

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

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	£ 8,448
Harewood	£21,115	£ 32,081
Wetherby	£22,521	£ 27,250

13. The following 13 Wellbeing applications are for consideration by the Community Committee from the 2017/18 budget:

Ward(s)	Organisation	Project	Total cost	Amount applied for	Ward Member recommendation
Alwoodley	Leeds City Council Parks & Countryside	Northwest Leeds Country Park & Green Gateways Trail	£1152.78 £4272.78	£1152.78 £4272.78	Deferred pending more information.
Alwoodley	Leeds Jewish Housing Association	Burton Mews CCTV	£1,242.85	£1,242.85	To be confirmed.
Harewood	Bardsey Bowling Club	New Machinery Shed and electrical upgrade	£2,091	£2,091	To be confirmed.
Harewood	Barwick & Elmet and Scholes Parish Council	Barwick & Scholes Allotments	£10,000	£10,000	To be confirmed.
Harewood	Collingham with Linton Parish Council	Collingham with Linton Christmas Village Project	£9,480	£6,900	To be confirmed.
Harewood	Leeds City Council Highways Services	X 3 Speeds Indication Device (SIDS)	£8,490	£8,490	To be confirmed.
Harewood	Scholes Bowling Club	Essential Bowling Club Equipment	£745.20	£745.20	To be confirmed.
Harewood	Thorner Parish Council	Thorner Playground equipment	£72, 375	£15,295	To be confirmed.

		refurbishment			
Harewood	LCC Highways Services	Thorner Lane & Weardley Lane improvement works	£6,500	£6,500	To be confirmed.
Wetherby	Leeds City Council Parks and Countryside Service	Quarry Hill Surfacing Works	£5,000	£4,000	Supported - £4,000 contribution.
Wetherby	Wetherby In Support of the Elderly (WISE)	Activities for WISE	£4,000	£3,600	Refused – Lack of information forthcoming despite repeated requests.
Wetherby	Boston Spa Parish Council	Replacement Gas Boilers at Boston Spa Village Hall	£16,374	£8,187	Supported - £4,000 contribution.
Wetherby	SingletrAction (Wetherby Bike Trails)	Wetherby Bike Trails – The Devil’s Toenail	£20,000	£5,000	Supported - £5,000 contribution.

Youth Activity Fund

Current Youth Activity Fund budget position

14. 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 December 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	£ 11,150
Wetherby	£9,747	£ 20,144

15. The following Youth Activity Fund application is for consideration by the Community Committee from the 2017/18 budget:

Ward(s)	Organisation	Project	Total cost	Amount applied for	Ward Member Recommendation
Wetherby	Tempo FM – Wetherby Community Radio Limited	Professional Interviewing Skills & Training (Purchase of equipment – capital spend)	£8,777	£8,777	To be confirmed.

Delegated Decisions

16. The following application have been approved since the Outer North East Community Committee held on 11th September 2017.

Ward(s)	Organisation	Project	Total cost	Amount applied for	Amount approved
Alwoodley	Leeds City Council Parks & Countryside Service	Thackrah Court Tree works	£810	£810	£810

- 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

17. 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 (Outlined in **Appendix D**). 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.

18. 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.
19. 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

20. The Community Committee is asked to:
- a. Note the current budget position for 2017/18;
 - b. Note the CIL Neighbourhood Fund balance for the Outer North East Community Committee as highlighted in paragraph 8.
 - c. Consider the 13 Wellbeing Revenue applications and one Youth Activity application set out at paragraphs 9 and 11 and approve, where appropriate, the amount of grant to be awarded;
 - d. Note the application that has been approved since the Community Committee met in September 2017 under the delegated authority of the Director of Communities and Environment.