

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner East Community Committee
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills,
Killingbeck & Seacroft

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For decision

Inner East Community Committee - Finance Report

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 2024/25.

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. The Inner East Community Committee area has no Parish or Town Councils. This means that the money for the Inner East will be administered by the Inner East Community Committee. It was agreed at Inner East Community Committee on the 25th September 2019 that CIL monies for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft would be split equally three-ways.
9. Until the UK left the European Union, the EU's State Aid rules controlled how UK and discretionary EU funding was provided to enterprises and entities that engage in economic activities. Now the UK has left the EU, it is no longer bound by the State Aid rules and has developed its own domestic subsidy control regime, The Subsidy Control Act 2022. As the Subsidy Control Act 2022 has potential implications for the Community Committees as funding bodies, a 'subsidy control' assessment will be undertaken on all funding requests received by the Community Committees.
10. 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 age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation; 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.

13. 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 Community Committee. Alongside the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities and Environment to take such decisions.
14. 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 the following 'minimum conditions' have been satisfied:
- a. consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken;
 - b. 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;
 - c. details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available Community Committee meeting for members' information.
15. 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 2024/25

16. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2024/25 was **£141,636.00**.
17. **Table 1** shows a carry forward figure of **£219,769.72** which includes underspends from projects completed in 2023/24. **£135,858.10** represents wellbeing allocated to projects in 2023/24 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2024/25 is therefore **£225,547.62**. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.
18. 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.
19. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is currently a remaining balance of **£97,712.00**. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1 and is available on request.

TABLE 1: Wellbeing revenue 2024/25

	£
INCOME: 2024/25	£141,636.00
Balance brought forward from previous year	£219,769.72
Balance allocated to projects brought forward from previous year	£135,858.10
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2024/25	£225,547.62

Ward Projects	£225,547.62	Ward Split		
		Burmantofts & Richmond Hill £76,446.57	Gipton & Harehills £94,619.80	Killingbeck & Seacroft £54,481.25
2024/25 Small Grants & Skips	£19,027.81	£8,104.16	£5,887.83	£5,035.82
Community Engagement	£1,600.00	£400.00	£800.00	£400.00
Tasking	£7,500.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£1,500.00
Bonfire Night Activities	£4,000.00		£4,000.00	
Active Seacroft	£10,000.00			£10,000.00
Event Management and Coordination of LITP & BCF	£16,750.00	£16,750.00		
Community Participation & Learning Programme	£1,040.00	£1,040.00		
Gipton Together Holiday Club	£2,000.00		£2,000.00	
Over 60s Club	£4,460.00			£4,460.00
Seacroft Pantry and Kentmere Kitchen	£12,000.00			£12,000.00
GG Young Women's Wellbeing	£5,005.00			£5,005.00
Sunday Youth Club	£7,280.00		£7,280.00	
BST Boxing Equipment	£5,000.00	£5,000.00		
Kidz Klub Wellbeing Activities	£7,332.86	£5,499.65	£1,833.21	
Shantona Youth Club	£5,000.00		£5,000.00	
Warm Welcome Space	£2,000.00	£2,000.00		
Ebor Gardens Junior Equipment	£5,000.00	£5,000.00		
Community Engagement Activities & Support to the Wider Community	£5,339.95	£314.86	£525.09	£4,500.00
Public Space CCTV Cameras	£5,000.00	£5,000.00		
G&H Christmas Events	£2,500.00		£2,500.00	
Totals	£127,835.62	£52,108.67	£32,826.13	£42,900.82
Balance remaining (Total/Per ward)	£97,712.00	£24,337.90	£61,793.67	£11,580.43

Youth Activities Fund Position 2024/25

20. The total available for spend in Inner East Community Committee in 2024/25, including carry forward from previous year, was **£71,715.29**.

21. The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of **£45,921.60** has been allocated to projects, as listed in **Table 2**.

22. The Community Committee is also asked to note that there is a remaining balance of **£17,793.69** in the Youth Activity Fund. A full breakdown of the projects is available on request.

TABLE 2: Youth Activities Fund 2024/25

	£
INCOME: 2024/25	£49,657.00
Balance brought forward from previous year	£55,292.49
Balance allocated to projects brought forward from previous year	£33,234.20
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2024/25	£71,715.29

Projects 2024/25	£71,715.29	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill £33,392.66	Gipton & Harehills £17,473.51	Killingbeck & Seacroft £20,849.12
Breeze in the Park 2024	£15,200.00	£7,600.00	£3,800.00	£3,800.00
Cross Green Healthy Holidays	£4,500.00	£4,500.00		
DAZL Inner East Dance 2024	£5,648.00	£3,994.00		£1,654.00
Kentmere Community Youth Theatre	£3,583.60			£3,583.60
Seacroft Community Youth Activities	£9,990.00			£9,990.00
Gipton and Harehills Bilal Centre Provision	£7,000.00		£7,000.00	
Project Youth – Nanu Girls Youth Club	£5,000.00		£5,000.00	
Inner East Youth Summit	£3,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Total spend against projects	£53,921.60	£17,094.00	£16,800.00	£20,027.60
Remaining balance per ward	£17,793.69	£16,298.66	£673.51	£821.52

Small Grants & Skips 2024/25

23. The Inner East Community Committee approved a Small Grants and Skips budget.

Members are asked to note the Small Grants and Skips allocation broken down by ward and summarised in Table 3.

TABLE 3: Small Grants 2024/25

Project	Organisation/Dept	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	Gipton & Harehills	Killingbeck & Seacroft
Beyond LS14, A LGBTQ short film	The Hangout			£1,000.00
Leeds Summer DalesBus	Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company	£333.33	£333.34	£333.33
BSA Trips for Older Aged Residents	Burmantofts Senior Action CIO	£900.00		
Young People Healthy Relationships Campaign	HATCH Domestic Violence and Abuse Sub Group	£1,000.00		
A Day at the Seaside 2024	Gipton Childrens Centre - Family Services		£500.00	
Harehills Youth Group	Leeds Youth Services		£367.16	
LACON 2024	Nigerian Community Leeds	£1,000.00		
Community Remembrance and Reflection Garden	Yorkshire Air Ambulance		£233.67	£233.67
Richmond Hill Youth Club	Leeds Youth Services	£300.00		
Burmantofts Community Friends	Burmantofts Community Friends	£150.00		
Nowells Away Day	Nowells Community Group	£635.00		
Young People Healthy Relationships Campaign	HATCH Domestic Violence and Abuse Sub Group		£1,000.00	
Leeds Barrio Fiesta	Filipino Leeds Community	£1,000.00		
Empowerment Experience	ThatName Woman			£700.00
PHAB	PHAB	£109.83	£219.66	£768.82
Sensory Garden	Gipton South Children's Centre		£2,000.00	
IE Youth Provision	Leeds Youth Services	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
East Side Story	East Side Story			£1,000.00
Eritrean Trip to Scarborough	Amal Eritrean Community Leeds	£780.00	£234.00	
Bilal Youth Club	Leeds Youth Services	£296.00		
Nowell Mount Replacement cooker	Leeds Community Spaces	£600.00		
Total spend against projects		£8,104.16	£5,887.83	£5,035.82

Capital Budget 2024/25

24. The Inner East Community Committee has a capital budget of **£26,742.78** available to spend, as a result of new capital injections. Members are asked to note the capital allocation broken down by ward and summarised in **Table 4**.

TABLE 4: Capital 2024/25

	£	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	Gipton & Harehills	Killingbeck & Seacroft
Starting totals	£31,842.78	£9,091.01	£9,885.04	£12,866.73
Height control barrier – Cross Osmondthorpe Lane	£5,100.00	£5,100.00		
Balance remaining (per ward)	£26,742.78	£3,991.01	£9,885.04	£12,866.73

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2024/25

25. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is **£85,892.94** total payable to the Inner East Community Committee with **£85,892.94** currently available to spend. The breakdown is detailed in **Table 5**.

TABLE 5: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2024/25

Name of project	Total amount	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	Gipton & Harehills	Killingbeck & Seacroft
Starting Position 2024/25	£71,852.78	£8,324.74	£23,362.01	£40,166.03
Injection May 2024	£14,040.16	£4,680.06	£4,680.05	£4,680.05
Public Space CCTV Cameras	£4,000.00			£4,000.00
BRH Christmas	£3,453.00	£3,453.00		
Height control barrier – Cross Osmondthorpe Lane	£5,100.00	£5,100.00		
G&H Christmas	£15,000.00		£15,000.00	
Total:	£27,553.00	£8,553.00	£15,000.00	£4,000.00
Remaining Balance:	£58,339.94	£4,451.80	£13,042.06	£40,846.08

Projects for consideration and approval

26. There following projects are presented for Members' consideration:

27. **Project Title:** Connected Seacroft

Name of Group or Organisation: LS14 Trust

Total Project Cost: £20,000.00

Amount proposed from Wellbeing: £4,000.00

Wards covered: Killingbeck & Seacroft

Project Description: The Seacroft Connected project is the set up of a comprehensive digital community hub to enhance social connectivity, support mental health and wellbeing, and promote social inclusion within Seacroft. The funding will support the build of an integrated virtual platform that centralises information on local resources, supports social interaction, and facilitates easy access to critical services and activities for residents, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups.

Community Committee Priorities:

- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce social isolation
- Improving mental health
- Building strong, cohesive communities
- Reducing financial hardship

28. **Project Title:** Gipton Square refurbishment of the play area

Name of Group or Organisation: LCC – Climate, Energy & Green Spaces(CEG)

Total Project Cost: £51,779.87

Amount proposed from Wellbeing: £37,237.59

Wards covered: Gipton & Harehills

Project Description: The grant will be used as match funding towards the refurbishment of the playground at Gipton Square. The work will see a new roundabout, see saw, double bay swing, junior multi-unit, communication board, playground markings paint the swings, the embankment slide, and spinner unit. Remove vegetation around the cobbled mounds re point where needed, and repair steps.

Community Committee Priorities:

- Reduce health inequalities, promote healthy lifestyles, reduce social isolation, improve social skills,
- Provide activities for young people and give them a voice and influence.
- Improve the local Environment.

29. **Project Title:** Iconic Fatigue

Name of Group or Organisation: Polite Rebellion

Total Project Cost: £56,020

Amount proposed from Wellbeing: £1,000.00

Wards covered: Gipton & Harehills

Project Description: Iconic Fatigue is a disability led arts project working with people living with Chronic Fatigue, Long Covid, and other fatigue related conditions. The project works with participants to hear their story, and responds to it by working with professional designers to create bedding and wallpaper that speaks to their experience of chronic illness. Participant stories, bedding, and wallpaper, will then become part of a three month visual art exhibition in Leeds - raising awareness of Chronic Fatigue for the general public. The participants also get a set of bedding that represents their story as an original artwork to use in their home.

Community Committee Priorities:

- Reducing health inequalities and social isolation of people living with chronic illness.
- Raising awareness of these conditions within the community and improving mental health.

30. **Project Title:** Denis Healey Centre – Wall Mural

Name of Group or Organisation: Killingbeck & Seacroft Localities Team

Total Project Cost: £2,000.00

Amount proposed from Wellbeing: £2,000.00

Wards covered: Killingbeck & Seacroft

Project Description: The project is the installation of an artwork mural on the side of the Denis Healey Centre, in Killingbeck & Seacroft ward. This installation aims to improve the public realm in the neighbourhood through the introduction of creative spaces which celebrate the local area and improve the vibrancy and welcoming nature of the building.

Community Committee Priorities:

- Building strong, cohesive communities

31. **Project Title:** Killingbeck & Seacroft Litter Pickers

Name of Group or Organisation: Safer, Stronger Communities

Total Project Cost: £500.00

Amount proposed from Wellbeing: £500.00

Wards covered: Killingbeck & Seacroft

Project Description: Funding to the amount of £500.00 will be used for the purchase of litter picker sticks.

The new sticks will support the efforts of the Seacroft Wombles Litter Pick community group that engage in clean up activity across the ward of Killingbeck & Seacroft. This group provide an essential service in driving improvements to the area, and maintaining greenspace and communal spaces.

Community Committee Priorities:

- Improve the local Environment

32. **Project Title:** Empowering East Leeds 2024/25

Name of Group or Organisation: Connecting Crossgates

Total Project Cost: £20,000.00

Amount proposed from Wellbeing: £7,600.00

Wards covered: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill (£800), Gipton & Harehills (£400), Killingbeck & Seacroft (£6,400)

Project Description: The grant will be used as a contribution towards the multiple projects that Connecting Crossgates are running in the community.

Community Committee Priorities:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Resilient Communities
- Child Friendly City
- Good Growth & Best City for Business
- Making Leeds the 'Best City' to Live In & Best City for Communities

Delegated Decisions (DDN)

33. Since the last Community Committee on the 19th September 2024, the following projects have been considered and approved by DDN:

- a) None

Declined Projects

34. Since the last Community Committee on the 19th September 2024, the following projects have been declined:

- a) None

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

36. 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

37. 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

38. 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

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

Risk Management

40. 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

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

Recommendations

42. Members are asked to note:

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- c. Details of the Small Grants Budget (Table 3)
- d. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 4)
- e. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5)
- f. Funding proposals for consideration and approval (paragraphs 27 - 32)
- g. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 33)