

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities)

Report to West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 4th September 2013

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley, Bramley & Stanningley		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Inner West Area Committee of:
 - The balance of the Inner West Wellbeing revenue budget 2013/14
 - A scheme deferred from the last Area Committee meeting
 - A project requesting a change to their approved scheme
 - Two new Wellbeing fund applications
 - Wellbeing Projects in development
 - Update on the Youth Activities Fund budget
2. The report also asks the Area Committee to approve the grant application and commissioning process for the 2014/15 Wellbeing budget.

Recommendations

3. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - i. Note the balance of the Wellbeing Revenue Budget for 2013/14,
 - ii. Consider the two new Wellbeing applications at 3.11, 3.12 and 3.13,
 - iii. Note the progress on the Ganners Alleygating scheme deferred from June 2013,

- iv. Note the projects funded via the Youth Activities Fund, and
- v. Approve the grant application and commissioning process for the 2014/15 Wellbeing budget.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on the current position of the Inner West Wellbeing revenue budget, and presents three new applications for consideration.
- 1.2 The report provides further information on the deferred Ganners Alleygating Scheme, and submits a request from Barca-Leeds to change the frequency they deliver the Activ-8 youth project at Bramley Baths.
- 1.3 The report also asks the Area Committee to approve a grant application and commissioning process for the 2014/15 Wellbeing revenue budget.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Area 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 at Full Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
- 2.2 Including carry forward, the 2013/14 Inner West Wellbeing budget was £141,229.

3 Main issues

3.1 Wellbeing Budget Statement 2013/14

- 3.2 The latest Wellbeing Budget Statement for 2013/14 is included as Appendix 1. It sets out the current budget and the projects approved to date.
- 3.3 The current balance of the ward Wellbeing budgets are:
Armley £14,688
Bramley & Stanningley £1,926*

* Decision pending on Ganners Alleygating application – (£1,890 Bramley & Stanningley).

- 3.4 There is £4,200 remaining in the Wellbeing Capital budget.

Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

- 3.5 Table 1 and Table 2 below outline the small grant applications and skip requests approved since 1st April 2013.
- 3.6 The balance of the small grant and skip budget at 21st August 2013 was: £1,998
- 3.7 Table 1 – Small grant approvals 01.04.13 – 24.08.13

Project Name	Organisation	Amount
Eric Atkinson Centre sign	Area Support Team	£100
Fairy Jobmother event crèche	Area Support Team	£203
New Wortley Community Centre CCTV	New Wortley Community Centre	£300
Making Bramley Bloom	Newlay & Whitecote RA	£300

Flat roof repairs	West Leeds Sports & Social Club	£300
Nuisance Bikes leaflet	West Yorkshire Police	£250
Covert cameras	Environment Locality Team	£490
Dog show engagement event	West Yorkshire Police	£250
Fairfield Funday	Barca-Leeds	£200
Farnley Academy Container Storage	Wortley Football Club	£300
Russian Winter	Russian Speakers Group for Children	£300

3.8 Table 2 – Skip approvals 01.04.13 – 24.08.13

Location	Number	Cost
Mistress Lane	1	£150
Ganners, Bramley	1	£150
Haley's Field Allotments	1	£150
Wythers Clean up	1	£124
Broadlea Clean up	1	£150
Langley Road, Bramley	1	£150
New Wortley Community Centre	1	£125
Aviaries & Salsburrys	2	£292
Bramley Community Centre	1	£125

Deferred Wellbeing projects

3.9 Ganners Alleygating Scheme - £1,890 – Community Safety

An application was submitted by Safer Leeds to part fund a fence and gates along a ginnel in the Ganners area of Bramley to prevent burglary and anti-social behaviour. Officers carried out formal consultation with neighbouring properties and a number of objections were lodged.

At the June Area Committee meeting, Members asked for more time to consult with local residents. West North West Homes have provided clarification on the land ownership issues raised during the consultation.

New Wellbeing applications

3.10 Since the last Area Committee, three new applications have been submitted for Armley ward. Project summaries are attached to the end of this report.

3.11 a) Calverley Gardens Grit Bin - £250

Residents at Calverley Gardens in Bramley have asked the council to supply a grit bin for the street. The location was inspected by Highways and does not meet the council's grit bin criteria.

Members have the option to purchase grit bins, however they must agree to meet the cost of filling the bins each year, which in 2012 was £75 per bin. The price of the bin, including grit, will be confirmed in October and is expected to be around £250.

Members are asked to consider the request to purchase a grit bin for Calverley Gardens and if approved, agree to the cost of filling the bin with salt each year.

Further information on this scheme is attached at Appendix 3.

3.12 b) Additional Litter Picker for Armley

The Environment Locality Team report to the June Area Committee, presented an option to purchase additional services for their area. Armley Ward Members asked that a proposal for an additional litter picker for Armley be considered at a future meeting.

The cost of the resource depends on whether holidays and sickness are covered. The proposals below are for a six month period from September 2013 to March 2014
1 day a week litter picker without cover - £2,058
With cover - £2,215

Further information on this scheme is attached at Appendix 4.

3.13 c) Mosaic feature for Armley Mills Garden

Hyde Park Source has been commissioned by Armley Mills to create a new garden on the site based on plants historically used to dye clothes. An application has been received to enhance the garden by creating a mosaic feature, built by local volunteers who will learn new skills in cement mixing, construction and mosaic making.

Hyde Park Source are requesting £3,240 towards the cost of creating the mosaic.

Further information and a full cost breakdown is attached at Appendix 5.

Youth Activities Fund

3.14 At the June Area Committee meeting, Members were informed about the new Youth Activities Fund budget delegated to Area Committees. The allocation was based on the number of young people aged 8-17 in the area, and the 2013/14 budget for the inner west is £16,202.

3.15 The delegation has a requirement for Area Committees to evidence consultation with young people before allocating funding to projects. During July, the Area Support Team and Children's Services organised three consultation sessions, one with the 13-17 age group and two with young people aged 8-12.

3.16 Over 50 young people participated in the consultation. They were asked what type of out of school activities they enjoyed, and were given examples of activities the Area Committee could fund during the summer holidays. The young people were pleased to be involved in the decision making, and their feedback directly influenced the projects put forward for approval.

3.17 Members were given feedback from the consultation, and a delegated decision was taken by the Deputy Chief Executive, Citizens & Communities, to fund the following activities:

£1,380 Bramley Baths – Six free fun swim sessions for up to 50 young people

£3,750 LCC Out of School Activities Team – Mini Breeze session on Armley Moor

£1,520 LCC Out of School Activities Team – Four Backyard Breeze sessions, two in Armley ward, two in Bramley & Stanningley ward

£1,500 LCC Parks & Countryside – Six two hour nature trail sessions, three in Bramley Falls Park, three in Armley Park

- 3.18 Cllr C Gruen, Inner West Area Lead for Children & Young People, has asked the Area Support Team to draft a consultation framework for the Youth Activities Fund to enable Members to allocate the remainder of the budget this financial year. This will be brought to a future General Purposes Sub Group for discussion.
- 3.19 The balance of the Youth Activities Fund is £8,052.

2014/15 Wellbeing application process and commissioning round

- 3.20 The Area Committee is asked to consider how to organise the process for receiving applications and commissioning projects from its 2014/15 Wellbeing revenue budget.

The 2013/14 Process

- 3.21 In 2013, the Area Committee introduced an open application round, widely publicised through the Yorkshire Evening Post, social media and our own database of local contacts.
- 3.22 The application window opened on 30th November and closed on 1st February, giving groups two months to submit their form. The Committee received a total of 36 applications totalling £244,518 which was £105,400 over the budget available.
- 3.23 Members met twice to discuss the applications:
4th February General Purposes Sub Group – Five applicants were invited to attend to speak to Councillors about their application. Projects invited were if they were asking for a large amount of funding or referred by a Ward Member.
- 3.24 4th March Wellbeing Workshop - Members and Co-optees met again at a workshop session to discuss all the applications and recommend those that should be put forward for approval at Area Committee. A pack containing summaries of all the projects was provided to Members a week before the meeting, and all Members were able to attend.
- 3.25 At the Area Committee meeting on 20 March 2013, 23 projects were approved and 6 were deferred. The deferred projects were determined at the May and June Area Committee meetings.
- 3.26 Members were asked to comment on the process, and asked for more time to discuss projects in ward briefings and together, more influence over the type of applications coming forward, and more detail in the project summaries.

The 2014/15 Process

- 3.27 Taking into account feedback from Members, it is proposed that the application window be brought forward by a fortnight to run from 18th November to 20th January.

- 3.28 In late November, officers from the Area Support Team will meet Members in ward briefings to consider the type of schemes they would encourage applications from. Appropriate organisations will then be sought to put a proposal together.
- 3.29 After the closing date, the Area Support Team will provide Members with detailed project summaries that will include a full financial breakdown, measurable outputs and links to the Business Plan. It is proposed that Members meet in ward groups to have a first look at the applications before coming together a week later at a General Purposes Sub Group to discuss all applications as last year.
- 3.30 The Area Committee is asked to approve the dates for the 2014/15 Wellbeing fund application round and agree to meet twice in ward groups and together at a General Purposes Sub Group to discuss the applications and make recommendations for approval at Area Committee.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Elected Members have been consulted on local priorities through the Area Business Plan. The 2013/14 commissioning round began with a communication to all Area Committee contacts and a press release.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion, and Integration. In addition, the Area 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.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Projects submitted to the Area 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 – 2030
 - City Priority Plan 2011 - 2015
 - Joint Health & Well-being Strategy
 - Children and Young People's Plan

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 Aligning the distribution of Area Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be achieved.
- 4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Risk implications are considered on all Wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

5 Conclusions

5.1 Wellbeing funding provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive improvements to services. The Area Committee has committed over £140,000 to projects already this year.

5.2 This report asks the Committee to note the current budget position, review the scheme deferred from June and consider the request to change the Activ-8 project frequency two new grant applications. It also proposes a timetable and decision making framework for the 2014/15 Wellbeing commissioning round.

6 Recommendations

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7 Background documents

- None