

**Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities)**

**Report to West (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November 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 and capital budget 2013/14;
  - An update on projects rolled forward from 2012/13;
  - Monitoring of projects approved in 2013/14;
  - Position statement on small grants and skips budgets;
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 and Capital Budget for 2013/14;
  - ii. Note the progress on the 3 schemes rolled forward from 2012/ 13;
  - iii. Note the monitoring of all schemes approved in 2013/14;
  - iv. Approve the grant application and commissioning process for the 2014/15 Wellbeing budget;

- v. Consider how to spend the new monies allocated through the capital receipts programme.

## **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 and capital budget and to provide monitoring information on projects that have been approved this financial year.
- 1.2 The report provides further information on the three projects that were paid for in 2012/13 but are still live - Aston Ginnel Project, Bramley Park floodlights and CASAC burglary reduction in Armley projects.
- 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 revenue ward Wellbeing budgets are:

Armley	<b>£12,553</b>
Bramley & Stanningley	<b>£1,926*</b>

#### **Deferred Project**

\* At the last Area Committee the Ganners Alleygating application was discussed (£1,890 Bramley & Stanningley). Ward Members proposed further discussions with local residents about the scheme. This scheme will now be included in the 2014/15 Wellbeing application round.

- 3.4 There is **£4,200** remaining in the Wellbeing Capital budget.
- 3.5 Details of quarterly monitoring returns provided by Wellbeing projects are set out in **Appendix 2**. It shows what progress has been made by projects to date to deliver the activity as agreed. Members are asked to note the content of the Wellbeing monitoring returns.

### **Youth Activities Fund**

- 3.6 In 2013/14, the Inner West Area Committee received a sum of £16,202 Youth Activity Funding. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17. This should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people in the decision making process. The balance of the Youth Activities Fund is **£8,052**. Monitoring of the activities previously funded is attached at Appendix 2.

### **Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips**

- 3.7 There has been 1 small grant application approved since the September Area Committee.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Halloween Party	Fairfield Community Centre	£200

- 3.8 There has been 1 skip request as detailed in Table 1

Table 1 – Skip approvals 25.08.13 – 23.10.13

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Broadleas Clean Up	1	£125

The balance of the small grant and skip budget at 23rd October 2013 was: £1491

### **New Wellbeing applications**

- 3.9 A project is currently being developed for fencing at Warrels Court to form a boundary between the housing and Bramley Baptist Church graveyard area. This is as a result of some ongoing issues around people cutting across the land and some anti social behaviour issues. A letter has been sent to Bramley Baptist Church with details of the proposals in order to get approval from the land owner.
- 3.10 Members have expressed an interest in exploring apprenticeship opportunities for inner west, with a view to allocating some wellbeing monies to support local initiatives. Please see Appendix 3 for details on possible options.

### **Wellbeing Budget – Capital Receipts Programme**

- 3.11 The establishment of a Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) was approved by Executive Board in October 2011. The key feature of the scheme is that 20% of each receipt generated will be retained locally for re-investment, subject to maximum per receipt of £100k, with 15% retained by the respective Ward – via the existing Ward Based Initiative Scheme - and 5% pooled across the Council and distributed to Wards on the basis of need.
- 3.12 Some receipts are excluded from the scheme and these are largely receipts that are already assumed to fund the Council's budget or are earmarked in some other way to previous or future spend.

- 3.13 Consideration has been given as to how to distribute the 5% element on the basis of need and options have been appraised. It was proposed to allocate the 5% element to Area Committees using the already established methodology that exists for allocation of funding (based on need) between Area Committees. This option results in larger sums being available within Areas to enable larger capital schemes to progress and as the Area Wellbeing capital fund is now largely exhausted, this funding stream would provide Area Committees with an on-going, albeit relatively small, source of capital funding.
- 3.14 Future allocations will take place on a quarterly basis following regular update reports to Executive Board.
- 3.15 At its meeting on 17th July 2013, the council's Executive Board approved that the existing 5% allocation from 2012/13 (£112.6k) and future CRIS receipts available for allocation across wards, be allocated to the Area Committees based on the existing Area Wellbeing needs based formula. The distribution of the 5% element to Area Committees using the Area Wellbeing methodology has resulted in the shares set out in table below:

2012/13 allocation

<b>Area Committee</b>	<b>Percentage Allocation</b>	<b>Area Allocation</b>
Inner South	12.50%	£14,070.76
Outer South	10.23%	£11,518.19
Outer East	10.31%	£11,607.81
Subtotal South & East		£37,196.76
<b>Inner West</b>	<b>7.61%</b>	<b>£8,567.67</b>
Inner North West	12.00%	£13,510.48
Outer West	8.59%	£9,666.28
Outer North West	8.96%	£10,086.17
<b>Subtotal West/ North West</b>		<b>£41,830.61</b>
Inner North East	9.00%	£10,140.70
Inner East	14.57%	£16,404.60
Outer North East	6.23%	£7,019.09
Subtotal East/ North East		£33,564.39
<b>Total – All Areas</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>£112,591.76</b>

- 3.16 In light of the capital monies noted above, Members are asked to consider using the capital receipts money towards any recently approved capital schemes that were funded through the revenue budget and are yet to be progressed. This would release previously committed revenue funding.

**2014/15 Wellbeing grant application process and commissioning round**

- 3.17 The Area Committee is asked to agree the process for receiving applications and commissioning projects for the 2014/15 Wellbeing revenue budget.

## The Proposed 2014/15 Process

1. An open application round to run from mid November until mid January. This will be advertised locally in the press, to previous applicants and to a wide network of community contacts. Members have indicated they may wish to commit approximately half of their budget through this process.
2. Following the close of the application round Officers will provide project summaries of all applications to Members with ward based meetings to be scheduled for late January. Information will be provided to Members including value for money and meeting the objectives of the business plan.
3. Members may wish to meet with project applicants which can be arranged in February.
4. A wellbeing workshop for all Members is planned for early March allowing Members opportunity for further discussion prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> March Area Committee.

With the remaining funding Members have the option to directly commission projects to meet priorities in the Business Plan or to consider further applications later in the year.

If Members would like to receive applications on a particular theme or subject within the Business Plan, for example, employability, please contact the Area Support Team.

## **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 and monitoring of projects approved this year. It also proposes a process for Wellbeing applications and commissioning for 2013/14.

### **6 Recommendations**

6.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- i) Note the balance of the Wellbeing Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2013/14,
- ii) Note the monitoring information for projects approved this year;
- iii) Approve the grant application and commissioning process for 2014/15.

### **7 Background documents**

- None