

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities)

Report to West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 18th December 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;
 - Position statement on small grants and skips budgets;

The report also asks the Area Committee to consider:

Approve the exchange of the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme monies to revenue;

Proposals for new Wellbeing projects;

To make a delegated decision on the Youth Activities Fund

Recommendations

The Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the balance of the Wellbeing Revenue and Capital Budget for 2013/14 and consider the exchange of the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme monies to revenue;
- Consider the request for an additional £1,200 contribution to the small grant and skips budget at 3.9
- Consider the new Wellbeing applications at 3.11 – 3.14
- Authorise the Chief Officer, Citizens and Communities to take delegated decisions in relation to commissioning projects for the remainder of Youth Activities Fund 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 and capital budget.
- 1.2 The report also asks the Area Committee to consider new Wellbeing grant applications.

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	£12,553
Bramley & Stanningley	£1,926

- 3.4 The balance of the Area Committee's capital budget is **£23,084** (£4,200 existing balance plus £18,884 from the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme).

- 3.5 Due to the pressure on the Area Committee's revenue budget, Members may wish to capitalise £18,884 of previously approved capital schemes that have been committed but not spent from the revenue budget. The following schemes could be capitalised:

Bramley War Memorial - £10,000 approved, £9442 capitalised.
Aston Ginnel Closure - £7,485 approved, £7485 capitalised
Clyde Walk Green Improvements - £5395 approved, £1957 capitalised

This would release £9,442 revenue into each ward pot.

- 3.6 If the Area Committee approves the transfer of the above schemes from revenue to capital, the Wellbeing budgets would be as follows:

Armley	£21,995
Bramley & Stanningley	£11,368
Joint capital budget	£ 4,200

Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

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

Project Name	Organisation	Amount
Mini Police Uniforms	West Yorkshire Police	£250

3.8 There has been 2 skip request as detailed in Table 1

Table 1 – Skip approvals 23.10.13 – 04.12.13

Location	Number	Cost
New Wortley Community Centre	1	£125
Bardens and Cedars Clean Up	2	£300

The balance of the small grant and skip budget at 5th December 2013 (including pending approvals) was: £191

3.9 In order for the Area Committee to continue to receive small grant applications this financial year, an additional £1,200 is requested from the Wellbeing revenue fund (£600 each ward) to top up the small grants and skips budget.

New Wellbeing applications

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

3.11 a) Warrells Court Fencing

Residents at Warrells Court have raised concerns about people cutting through the area into the back of the graveyard and related incidences of anti social behaviour and criminal damage. There was originally a fence in situ installed by the developers that bought the land from the church. The fence has since come down and the Wellbeing application is for capital funding to install a new fence.

Further information is attached at Appendix 2.

3.12 b) Apprenticeship Scheme

Members have expressed an interest in exploring apprenticeship opportunities in the area and a number of options have been considered.

Further information is attached at Appendix 3.

3.13 c) POMOC – Support for Eastern European Advice Sessions

This £2000 application is to secure the continuation of the project based at Armley One Stop Centre working with people from Eastern European backgrounds providing them with information, advice and guidance. POMOC now wish to expand their work to develop a women's group to focus on health matters. Also to support additional ESOL classes for the Roma community and target other work such as introducing this community to sports facilities, the Saturday night project in Armley and library services so that they can meet other people and form friendship groups.

Further information is attached at Appendix 4.

3.14 d) Breeze Out of School Activities Service – Saturday Night Project

In March, the Area Committee provided £4,000 towards the junior and senior weekly sessions at Armley Leisure Centre from April 2013 to March 2014 with an extended break over the summer. Around 80 young people attend the sessions each week, and due to high demand, the summer break did not begin until June. This has left a funding shortfall, and the project is due to end on 8th February.

Breeze are asking for an additional £3,000 contribution to continue the sessions as planned until the end of March. Further information is attached at Appendix 5.

Should Members wish to fund the project, they could decide to fund all or part of it through the Youth Activities Fund, although that would reduce the number of new sessions able to be offered through this budget as described below.

Projects In Development

3.15 There is currently one project in development:

3.16 Bramley Elderly Action Shop

Bramley Elderly Action is a charity supporting older people to live independently. The organisation is developing a project to take a lease on an empty shop in Bramley Shopping Centre to open a multi-purpose charity shop, information hub and Credit Union contact point.

Bramley Elderly Action are hoping to open the shop in February / March and are expected to apply for a three year Wellbeing fund commitment in the region of £12,500 in the first year and a reduced amount for the subsequent years.

Youth Activities Fund

3.17 In 2013/14, the Inner West Area Committee delegated a Youth Activities Budget of £16,202. This funding is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people aged 8-17. This should be allocated with the involvement of children and young people in the decision making process. Following investment in summer holiday activities, the balance of the Youth Activities Fund is **£8,052**.

3.18 To ensure that young people are at the heart of the process, Children's Services have been asked to establish a Children & Young People's Board to support the Area Committee in the administration of the Youth Activities Fund. The Board will be representative of young people across the two wards and target age group. The process of recruiting to the Board is about to begin, and it is hoped the young people will be able to attend the March Area Committee.

3.19 The remaining balance of the Youth Activities Fund must be spent by 31st March 2014. It is proposed that the Area Support Team and partners undertake informal consultation with young people in the four priority neighbourhoods as soon as possible, and commission a range of activities based on their feedback. Members will be provided with information on the consultation and project proposals, and asked to approve a range of schemes to be delivered.

- 3.20 As funding decisions will need to be taken before the next meeting, the Area Committee is asked to approve a delegated decision process in order that the Chief Officer, Citizens and Communities can authorise expenditure on projects approved by Ward Members as described in 3.14.
- 3.21 A full report on the commissioning of the 2014/15 Youth Activities Fund will be presented to the Area Committee in March. It is hoped that members of the new Children & Young People's Board will also be in attendance.

4.0 Wellbeing Commissioning Round 2014/15

- 4.1 An email has been sent out to all local groups and organisations that the Area Support Team have contact with including previous Wellbeing applicants, informing them that the application process for 2014/15 is now open. The deadline for applications is Monday 20th January.

5 Corporate Considerations

5.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.1.1 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.
- 5.1.2 Consultation with Young People will continue to identify potential projects for the Area Committee's Youth Activities Fund.

6 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 6.1 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.

6.2 Council policies and City Priorities

- 6.2.1 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

6.3 Resources and value for money

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

6.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

6.5 Risk Management

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

7 Conclusions

7.1 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.

8 Recommendations

8.1.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- i) Note the balance of the Wellbeing Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2013/14;
- ii) Approve the exchange of the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme monies to revenue (3.5);
- iii) Approve an additional £1,200 contribution to the small grants and skips budget
- iv) Consider the new applications for Wellbeing funding (3.11 – 3.14);
- v) Authorise the Chief Officer, Citizens and Communities to take delegated decisions in relation to commissioning projects for the remainder of the Youth Activities Fund budget.

9 Background documents

- None