



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

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

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

**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? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**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;

**Recommendations**

The Area Committee is asked to:

- Consider the new Wellbeing applications (3.7, 3.11)

**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 (3.7, 3.11).

**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 At the December Area Committee it was agreed that a delegated decision would be made by the Chair on how to spend the remaining Youth Activities Funding for 2013/14. Since that Committee the following decisions have been made:

Junior Jam – Drama in Broadleas & New Wortley	£900
Junior Jam – Kickboxing at Fairfield Community Centre	£450
Martial Arts at Lazer Centre	£600
Dance Instruction – Strawberry Lane Youth Club	£240
Barca - Varied Sports and Activities for 13 – 17 year olds	£900
Leeds Rhinos Rugby League half term camp at Stanningley RLFC -	£2,060
Leaflet printing to promote activities	£600
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5750</b>
<b>Remaining Youth Activities Funding</b>	<b>£802</b>

3.4 At the December Area Committee the Warrells Court fencing project was deferred pending further investigation into what materials could be used in a conservation area. Since that Committee a delegated decision has been made to approve £4,100 for the installation of a wooden fence.

3.5 This is **£100 remaining in the Area Committees capital budget**.

3.6 The current balance of the revenue ward Wellbeing budgets are:

Armley	<b>£13,898</b>
Bramley & Stanningley	<b>£ 4,271</b>

#### **3.7 Armley Festive Lights 2013**

The Area Committee approved £2950 towards the costs of the Armley Christmas Lights switch on event that took place in December 2013. Now that final invoices have been received for the event the total costs came in at £418 more than the budget available. The overspend was due to some unforeseen costs. Please could Members approve £418 in order to cover the additional costs.

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

3.8 There has been 1 small grant application approved since the December Area Committee as detailed below:

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Start Up of new Group	Rodley Village Community Group	£300
Aim For It	Revizit	£600

3.9 There have been three skip requests since the last Committee.

3.10 The balance of the small grant and skip budget at 28th January 2014 was **£35.50**

### **New Wellbeing applications**

3.11 The Area Committee is requested to put an additional £750 per ward into the small grants and skips budget.

### **Youth Activities Fund**

3.12 A children's board is in the process of being established. It is envisaged that this Board will form part of the continual process of engaging and consulting with children and young people in the area on how to spend youth activities funding. The board will also be engaged in looking at wider issues and other area priorities.

### **4.0 Wellbeing Commissioning Round 2014/15**

4.1 Applications have been received for financial year 2014/15. They are currently being summarised and checked and will be presented to Councillors at the special General Purposes Subgroup on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am.

## **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 an additional £750 per ward to the small grants and skips budget
  - iii) Approve the additional £418 spend for Armley Festive Lights project;

## **9 Background documents**

- None