



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 25th June 2007

Subject: Well-Being Fund

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Ward members consulted
(referred to in this report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report contains details of projects commissioned since the last Area Committee meeting and also the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group on new project applications received. The Area Committee is asked to note the projects commissioned, and indicate if they are supportive of the new bids received.

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on projects that have been commissioned since the last meeting when this approach was agreed. It also presents proposals for consideration that have been received as grant applications rather than been commissioned to deliver an action from the Area Delivery Plan.
2. The Area Committee is requested to note the projects that are being commissioned to deliver specific actions in the Area Delivery Plan and ratify the amount of funding required.
3. In addition, the Committee is asked to consider if they wish to support the projects that have applied for funding outside of the commissioning process. The recommendations of the Well-Being Fund working group are included for these proposals to aid the Committee in decision making.
4. The report also updates the Committee on small grants approved since the last meeting, attached as appendix 1.
5. The Area Committee is also asked to note that an extra £50,000 has been made available by the Executive Board for each Area Committee to spend in 2007/08. The funding cannot be spent on projects that include on-going costs. The Executive Board has identified two areas of strategic importance that they would like the Area Committees to consider when deciding how to spend this money. They are:
 - Carrying out a Conservation Area Review of conservation areas in their geographical area
 - Introducing Residents' Only parking / extra parking provision in particular areas of concern.
6. It is suggested that members identify any possible schemes and discuss these with the Area Management Team at the next round of ward member meetings in order to progress the spending of this money.

Background

7. At the last meeting the Area Committee agreed to split the Well-Being Fund between the themes identified in the Area Delivery Plan 2007/08 and also set aside some of the funding for ward based projects. The Area Committee then agreed to take a commissioning approach with the theme funding in order that projects can be implemented that specifically deliver activities that will achieve one or more of the actions identified in the plan.

8. As was noted in the last Well-Being Fund report, the final allocation for 2007/08 and the close down of accounts for 2006/07 had not taken place when the report was prepared. As a result the final figure available to spend on revenue projects in 2007/08 is slightly less than the figure reported in March. Please see table below for the updated picture. Appendix 2 gives details of the projects approved in March.

Theme / Ward	Allocation	Allocated at March meeting
Chapel Allerton	10,000	
Moortown	10,000	
Roundhay	10,000	
Ongoing commitments (K Fund, small grants, community engagement)	35,317	35,317
Children & Young People	59,944	
Safer & Stronger Communities	50,000	13,000
Healthier Communities & Older People	28,399	
Economic Development & Enterprise	18,399	15,000
Total	£222,059	£63,317

9. Since the last meeting, the Area Management Team have been working with other departments and local voluntary organisations to work up projects that will deliver Area Delivery Plan actions. These are detailed below. The Area Committee is requested to ratify the amount of Well-Being Fund required to deliver each project.

Commissioned projects

Children and young people theme

Youth Service activities (INE.07.14.LG)

10. The Youth Service have developed proposals that will deliver on actions A1 and A3 in the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan. Specifically the Well-Being Fund will enable them to deliver holiday programmes throughout the 2007/08 academic year across all three wards. The funding will also be used to deliver a motorbike project targeting particular priority estates (Brackenwoods, Queenshills, Spencer Place area) aimed at young people identified as at risk of offending or causing anti-social behaviour. The programme has been implemented in Meanwood last year and has proved very effective. The final element of the Well-Being Fund will be spent on establishing cyber suites at the Mandela and Prince Philip Centres. All of these activities are in addition to Youth Service core delivery and will enable more young people to benefit from additional activities across inner north east.
11. The Youth Issues working group have discussed these activities and are supportive of commissioning the funding to the Youth Service. **Total to ratify - £17,400**

REEMAP Making the Difference programme (INE.07.08.LG)

12. REEMAP are identified in the Area Delivery Plan as a key voluntary organisation who can deliver on a specific action (A5) to raise educational attainment at GCSE level. They received funding in 2006/07 to deliver their programme targeting BME

young people and also providing support to their parents. This year the Well-Being Fund will be used to continue this work but with a new set of up to 157 BME young people. In addition this year's programme has two new elements – developing partnership work with Chapeltown 10-2 Club, and the White Rose project, which is targeting 10 young people from non BME background that are identified by their school as needing additional academic support to improve their attainment. REEMAP run their programmes in partnership with Carr Manor, Allerton Grange and Roundhay High Schools. **Total to ratify - £15,000**

Safer stronger communities theme

A tree management plan for Roundhay (INE.07.03.LG)

13. Developing a tree management plan for Roundhay is an identified action in the Area Delivery Plan (B7). Parks & Countryside with Area Management have worked up a project plan for a 12-16 week project surveying all the street trees within the Roundhay Conservation Area in order to map the location of the trees, identify tree protection issues, tree planning and management issues and to inform a maintenance and replanting programme. The bulk of the work will be undertaken by a Arboricultural student from an LCC recognised training college and will be supervised by Parks & Countryside staff. **Total to ratify £7,800**

Healthier communities and older people theme

Summer sports activities (INE.07.09.LG)

14. The Area Delivery Plan highlights action around the provision of sporting activities and working in partnership with voluntary sector sports clubs in the area to enhance provision. Community Sports have developed a project that targets 8-13 year olds and will run throughout the 2007 summer holiday. It will deliver sports and recreational activities at Thomas Danby, Ramgarhia Sikh Centre, Carr Manor High School and Scott Hall Sports Centre. The programme will target young people from across the area through working with existing sports clubs and local schools to advertise the sessions and encourage their members to attend. The Area Committee funded a similar project last summer which proved very successful. Inner East Area Committee are being approved to provide funding to cover half the costs of the sessions at Ramgarhia Sikh Centre, and Outer North East Area Committee for a small contribution towards the costs of running the sessions at Carr Manor High School as it is expected some children will attend who live in Alwoodley ward. **Total to ratify £8,735**

Non commissioned projects

15. The following projects were received as grant applications. The Well-Being Fund working group met and discussed the applications, their recommendations are contained below. The Area Committee is requested to consider each application and indicate if they support the amounts recommended by the working group.

Children and young people theme

Environmental summer playscheme (INE.07.07.LG) requesting £7,800

16. Meanwood Valley Urban Farm wish to run a summer playscheme for children aged 8-12 during the first three weeks of the summer holidays. The playscheme will focus on the environment. There will be a 50% discount on the £3 cost of taking part for all children from the LS7 postcode area to encourage children from Meanwood and

Chapelton in particular. They have secured some funding from the Playscheme grant.

17. **Recommendation:** They are a key local voluntary organisation and the programme targets a number of Area Delivery Plan actions under the children and young people theme. **Recommend - £7,800**

Safer stronger communities theme

Community fair & capacity building project (INE.07.12.LG) requesting £3,287

18. To bring together different faith communities in Moortown and Chapel Allerton wards. The Muslim women's group at the Iqra Centre would like to hold a community event jointly with the women's faith group from Stainbeck United Reform Church to offer a positive contribution to the community, breakdown barriers and challenge stereotypes. The day will include stalls, food and entertainment for children and provide an opportunity for bringing communities together. The event will be held at Carr Manor High School on Sunday 2nd September 2007.
19. The second element of the project is for the women's groups to jointly undertake capacity building work through training with the aim of bringing the women of the two communities closer and hopefully establish long term links.
20. **Recommendation:** The project meets the Area Delivery Plan action of community engagement and will foster cohesion between different communities. The working group would also recommend that the project make links with the Sikh Welfare Trust. **Recommend - £2,500 contribution**

Ward based projects

21. The Area Committee has set aside £30,000 for ward based initiatives in 2007/08. In order that these can be processed efficiently, it is suggested that the following process is used to approve the projects;
- Application received either via ward member suggestion or directly from an organisation. In these circumstances, if a project application is received that will only benefit residents living in one ward then the Area Management Officer will treat it as a ward based initiative
 - Application is circulated to relevant ward members
 - Ward members given 10 working days to respond with comments / approval / rejection
 - Area Committee is updated of all ward based projects approved through the Well-Being Fund report at the next Committee meeting
22. One ward based application has been received since the last Area Committee meeting. Because the above process has not been approved yet, the project has been to the Well-Being Fund working group for discussion and recommendation.

Chapel Allerton

Yorkshire Gold (INE.07.06.LG) requesting £5,000

23. RJC Dance, based at the Mandela Centre wish to develop a dance-drama that follows the real life stories of 3 African descendents and their links to Leeds in the 1800's. This is a local response to the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery. RJC Dance wish to inform young people (targeting black young people) of this past, the hidden associations of the characters with their anti-slavery activities, local burials places and for them to learn some acrobatic skills. The funding will be used to pay for Director costs, choreographer, writer, music and production costs. They have applied to other funding sources for £2,500 to make the full project cost of £7,500.
24. **Recommendation:** The project will meet a priority of the Area Delivery Plan to support projects that relate to the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery. The young people involved will all come from Chapeltown. **Recommend - £2,500 contribution**

Capital projects

25. The Area Committee has not split the capital fund by theme or ward. Therefore the Area Committee is requested to consider the following applications and indicate if they are supportive of approving the amounts suggested by the Well-Being Fund working group.
26. For information, at the March meeting the following projects were approved funding from the capital pot;

Project	Allocated
Gledhow Valley Path	10,120
North Leeds Cricket Club	15,000
7 Community Arts Centre	20,000
Total	45,120
Remaining	£224,880

Moor Allerton Sports & Social Club car park improvement works (INE.07.04.LG) requesting £12,000

27. The Centre has experienced a growth in usage with membership increasing by 70% over the last 3 years. The Centre is used by a variety of different groups including U3A group (activities include local history, music, outside speakers), Little Kickers under 5's football group, senior dancing, weight loss groups, dancing, ballet and bowls, bridge, snooker, table tennis and tennis. This growth in use has led to wear and tear on the fabric of the building and external areas. The car park requires extending and resurfacing of worn and unsafe areas. Up to 50 more people will be able to attend the Centre at any one time by extending the car park.

28. **Recommendation:** The groups who use the centre contribute towards achieving a number of Area Committee priorities. However, the working group were unable to reach agreement on a recommendation and so the full Area Committee is asked to discuss and agree any contribution. **Recommend – full Area Committee decision**
- ‘Room for all’ Lidgett Park Methodist Church (INE.07.05.LG) requesting £25,000**
29. The Church wish to improve their kitchen facilities, install new toilets and add storage to the part of the premises used by the community. Current groups who use the church are children’s groups (after-school, play centre, youth club, babies & toddlers, uniformed organisations). The total cost of the project is £140,000. The Church have so far raised £65,000 and expect other Methodist sources to contribute £12-15,000.
30. **Recommendation:** Although the activities hosted by the Church building contribute towards priorities of the Area Committee, the primary aim is to improve the facilities for existing users. The Church do hope to establish a luncheon club once the kitchen facilities have been improved. **Recommend - £7,000 contribution**
- Roundhegians Sports Association kitchen upgrade (INE.07.10.LG) requesting £2,544**
31. The Association are seeking a contribution towards a larger facilities improvement programme. The upgrade of kitchen facilities is needed to enable volunteers to deliver better quality catering to support sport activities (particularly rugby) but also to help promote wider use of the club for social and income generating purposes. The club draws membership from across the area and also involves schools (primary and high) in outreach sporting activities and rugby festivals.
32. **Recommendation:** The total cost of this phase of the project is £5,775. The club have fundraised the remaining monies. They have good links with schools across the inner area including Carr Manor and Roundhay High Schools. **Recommend - £2,544**
- Deen youth project (INE.07.15.LG) requesting £8,000**
33. The youth project is run by Deen Enterprises Community Association, based at the Islamic Centre in Chapeltown. The project provides sports activities for young people including badminton, table tennis, pool and indoor football. They are hoping to expand their project to include delivering a drugs programme and providing advice and guidance on training and employment initiatives. The project works in partnership with the Youth Service. They have recently been awarded £8,000 from the Channel 4 Secret Millionaire programme and wish to purchase a minibus to help deliver their programmes more efficiently.
34. **Recommendation:** A minibus would be a useful resource for other local voluntary groups and the Youth Service. Well-Being Funds could be approved to help purchase a bus, but this should be on condition that other organisations are able to hire the minibus when the Deen youth project are not using it. The working group also have some concerns that the organisation is trying to achieve too much for one project as their aims according to the application form are to improve school attendance, raising achievement, preventing anti-social behaviour, reducing crime , drugs programme and improving quality of life amongst other priorities. The project also currently only serves young people who attend the Islamic Centre and the working group would like to see the project benefiting all young people who live in the area. **Recommend – Full Area Committee decision**

Recommendations

35. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report and;
 - a) ratify the commissioned revenue projects
 - b) indicate if they support the amounts recommended by the working group for the non commissioned projects both revenue and capital
 - c) approve the process for approving ward based projects