

**Report of the West North West Area Leader**

**Report to Inner West Community Committee**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Subject: Wellbeing Update 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, Kirkstall		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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. This report provides the Inner West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund 2014/15 which has been revised for the new Community Committee boundary. The report outlines the current balance of the small grants and skips budgets including those small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting.
2. An update is provided on the Youth Activities Fund and the delegated decisions taken to allocate funding for summer holiday provision.
3. The report also presents two new large grant applications for consideration.

**Recommendations**

1. Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2)
2. Note the current position of the Small Grants and skips budget and those small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting, and agree an upper limit for new small grant applications for 2014/15.

3. Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and projects funded through a delegated decision.
4. Consider the two projects deferred from the March 2014 Inner West Area Committee meeting presented at 3.10
5. Consider the two new Wellbeing applications presented at 3.14

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report provides Members with the new budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 following the creation of the new Community Committee. It also presents two new large grants for consideration.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.2 Community 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 by Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
- 2.3 In 2014/15, the former Inner West Area Committee received a Wellbeing revenue budget of £123,670. After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2013/14 carry forward position, the Area Committee had £191,605 of funding available to allocate. The majority of this funding was committed in March 2014 to 25 projects, as listed in **Appendix 1**.
- 2.4 The new Inner West Community Committee was established at full council on 16th June 2014. With the creation of the new Inner West Community Committee, the Wellbeing budget of the former Inner North West Area Committee has been reviewed, and projects relating to Kirkstall Ward are listed at **Appendix 2**. As the former Inner North West Area Committee allocated its total large grant budget to projects in March 2014, there is no available balance for large grants transferring into the Inner West Community Committee budget during 2014/15. There will however be funds transferring into the new Committee's small grants and skips pot, and the Youth Activities Fund budget, details of which are outlined later in this report.

The unallocated revenue budget for each ward is as follows:

**Armley Ward: £33,246**

**Bramley & Stanningley Ward: £12,206**

**Kirkstall Ward: £0**

**Total: £45,452**

- 2.5 The Inner West Community Committee has no available Capital Wellbeing or Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme at this time.

### **3 Main issues**

#### **3.1 Wellbeing Budget Statements 2014/15**

3.2 The latest Wellbeing Budget Statement, detailing all projects currently funded for 2014/15, is included as **Appendix 1** covering Armley and Bramley and **Appendix 2** for Kirkstall.

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

3.4 A sum of £2,500 will be transferred into the Inner West Wellbeing small grants and skips budget from the Inner North West Wellbeing budget.

3.5 This gives a total balance of the small grants and skips budget at 1st July 2014 as: £8,593

3.6 The Community Committee is asked to confirm the approval process for small grants and skips, and set a limit for small grant requests.

3.7 The current small grant approval process is that a summary of the application is circulated to all Committee members with a two week deadline for comments. If a Member declines the application or queries cannot be resolved via email, the application is referred to the full Committee for a decision.

3.8 The former Inner West Area Committee set a small grant application limit of £300, and the former Inner North West Area Committee had a limit of £500. The Community Committee is asked to set an upper limit for small grant applications.

3.9 The table below outlines small grant and skip approvals since 25th March 2014.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation /Department</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
New equipment	Bramley Buffaloes	£300
Training courses	Esprit Gymnastics	£300
Skips	4 approved	£500

#### **3.10 Projects deferred from the March 2014 Inner West Area Committee meeting**

3.11 At the Inner West Area Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Members deferred a decision on two Wellbeing applications for Bramley & Stanningley Ward:

#### **3.12 1) AIM Education Playful Parents & Back to Sports Leaders £7,710 Bramley & Stanningley Ward**

AIM Education applied for funding for two projects, one to support young parents build a positive family unit through play and education, the second is a project to encourage young people not in employment, education or training to become sports leaders. The application was deferred pending a match funding decision

from the Outer West Area Committee, who declined the application. A summary of the project is at **Appendix 3**.

3.13     **2) Burglary Other and Number Plate Theft Initiatives  
£3,000 split Armley and Bramley & Stanningley wards**

Community Safety originally requested £5,000 towards the purchase of shed alarms and car security number plate kits. The application was deferred as Members requested a contribution from West Yorkshire Police. A summary of the project is at **Appendix 4**.

3.14     New Wellbeing Applications

3.15     **1) Revisit Programme - LCC Youth Service - £1,800**

The Youth Service is requesting £1,800 to fund a programme to support up to 30 vulnerable and challenging young people. The programme will be delivered in three ten week blocks themed around health, relationships and crime. A summary of the project is attached at **Appendix 5**.

3.16     **2) Ley Lane summer activities – Ley Lane working group - £1,960**

The Ley Lane area of Armley is a priority area for the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Community Safety following an increase in reported drug dealing and youth nuisance. A multi-agency working group has been established to support local residents to report crime and identify actions to address these issues.

The group is seeking £1,960 for Leeds City Council's Breeze team to run four outdoor multi-media and games sessions to engage with young people and provide positive activities to deter anti-social behaviour. The sessions will be attended by the police, Leeds Anti-social behaviour team and youth offending team who will work towards building productive relationships with the local youths. A full project summary is attached at **Appendix 6**.

3.17     Youth Activities Fund

3.18     The 2014/15 budget for the Inner West Area Committee's Youth Activities Fund was £32,400. Bramley cluster agreed to contribute towards to the Youth Activities Budget for projects in Bramley and Stanningley Ward plus the Wythers in Armley Ward.

3.19     An additional sum of £6,814 will be transferred from the unallocated balance of the Inner North West Youth Activities Fund for Kirkstall Ward.

3.20     The Youth Activities Fund must be allocated in consultation with young people. Over the past year, the Area Support Team and Ward Members consulted with more than one hundred 8-17 year olds through schools, youth groups and community events. Children's Services have attempted to establish a regular Children & Young People's Panel for the Inner West, however there has little progress made, and work is underway to review how these meetings can be better promoted and made easier for young people to attend.

3.21 In March and April, the Inner West and Inner North West Area Committees ran an open application process for organisations seeking funding to run activities over the summer holidays and into the autumn term. Both Committees requested that the funding be allocated via delegated decision in consultation with Ward Members and Area Committee Chairs. **Appendix 7** lists all the projects approved this year so far.

3.22 The unallocated Youth Activities Fund balances by ward are as follows:

**Armley - £0**

**Bramley & Stanningley - £6,215**

**Kirkstall - £6,814**

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 Local priorities were set through the Area Business Plan process and the 2014/15 Wellbeing application round was advertised to all Area Committee contacts. The Youth Activity Fund application rounds were promoted through the Breeze Culture Network and local providers. Feedback from young people was presented to Ward Members and the Bramley Cluster steering group alongside the Youth Activities Fund applications.

### **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 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 Community 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
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

4.4.1 Aligning the distribution of Community Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

### **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 and mitigation 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 forward improvements to services.
- 5.2 Projects funded via the Wellbeing fund and Youth Activities Fund are presented in appendices 1-4.

## 6 **Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to:
1. Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2)
  2. Note the current position of the Small Grants and skips budget and those small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting, and agree an upper limit for new small grant applications for 2014/15.
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## 7 **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.