

Report of the West North West Area Leader

Report to Inner North West Community Committee

Date: 17th July 2014

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Update and 2013/14 End of Year Monitoring Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood.		
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 North West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 and the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting. It also provides end of year monitoring for 2013/14.
2. The report provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.
3. The report also outlines proposals for the interim management of the Inner North West Wellbeing budgets, with the move of Kirkstall ward to the Inner West Community Committee.

Recommendations

The Inner North West Community Committee is asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 (**Appendix 1**).

- Note the content of the end of year monitoring returns for projects funded in 2013/14 (**Appendix 2**).
- Note the Wellbeing 2014/15 interim management arrangements as detailed in **3.4**.
- Note the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting (**Table 1** and **Table 2**).
- Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this (**Table 3**).

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 and includes the end of year monitoring returns for projects funded in 2013/14. The report highlights the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting. It also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.

2 Background information

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The Inner North West Community Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing funding is allocated in a fair and transparent way and that recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. To facilitate this process, a commissioning round is held which requires organisations to submit proposals for projects. Once the annual Wellbeing budgets are set by Executive Board and ratified by Full Council, the Area Committee meets to agree which projects will be supported in the year ahead. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Area Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.
- 2.3 Community Committees have received a reduced allocation to their Wellbeing Revenue Budgets for 2014/15 compared with that given in 2013/14. This gave the Inner North West committee an allocation of **£186,600**. Taking into account project underspends from 2013/14, the total fund available for new projects in 2014/15 was **£193,635**. This funding was committed to 27 projects, as listed in **Appendix 1** (paragraph 1.2).
- 2.4 In addition to revenue the Community Committee also receives an allocation of Capital funding. At the March 2014 meeting, the Inner North West committee had a total of **£38,800** to allocate. This funding was allocated to 5 projects, to run alongside the previously approved Sparrow Park project, as listed in **Appendix 1** (paragraph 2.1).
- 2.5 In 2014/15, the Inner North West Community Committee received a sum of £35,768 Youth Activity Fund. 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.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Wellbeing Budget Statement 2014/15 and Year End Monitoring for 2013/14
- 3.2 The latest Wellbeing Budget Statement for 2013/14 is included as **Appendix 1** to this report. This sets out the current budget position for Wellbeing projects showing the amount approved by the Community Committee and the value of funds spent to date. The Wellbeing Budget statement also outlines the current

budget position of those projects funded in previous years which still have funding left to spend.

- 3.3 Details of monitoring returns provided by Wellbeing projects funded in 2013/14 are set out in **Appendix 2**. It shows what progress has been made by projects to deliver the activity as agreed through the application process, which projects are now complete and which are still live. All projects are currently meeting the outputs as agreed in the project delivery statements. Members are asked to note the content of the Wellbeing monitoring returns.
- 3.4 2014/15 Wellbeing Interim Management Arrangements
- 3.5 Outlined below is the current position and rationale for handling wellbeing funds and projects this year and next financial year in relation to the Kirkstall ward. The principles behind managing the interim transfer of Wellbeing and Youth Activities Fund are:
- 3.6 **Wellbeing Large Grants** - Given that the majority of INW Wellbeing funding has already been allocated to projects, it is proposed that for the remainder of 2014/15 financial year, approved projects affecting Kirkstall should continue to be managed and monitored through the Inner North West Wellbeing Budget, with information provided on these projects for inclusion within both Inner West and Inner North West reporting mechanisms.
- 3.7 **Wellbeing Small Grants and Skips** – With relatively little committed as yet from this pot, it is proposed to transfer **£2,500** into the Inner West's Small Grants and Skips budget for the use of Kirkstall Members.
- 3.8 **Youth Activities Fund** - The amount of Youth Activities Funding available for allocation in 2014/15 was **£38,833** with an unallocated balance of **£20,342**. YAF funding was allocated upon the basis of the number of young people residing within each Ward. The Kirkstall element of YAF equates to 33.5% of the 2014/15 allocation. Applying this formula to the unallocated YAF balance, it is proposed to transfer **£6,814** of the unallocated amount to the Inner West YAF.
- 3.9 **Wellbeing and YAF 2015/16** - Once we have completed the dual reporting mechanism for the interim financial year of 2014/15, it is proposed that the Kirkstall elements of the Wellbeing Budget and the Youth Activities Fund be fully rolled in to the corresponding budgets for the new Inner West Community Committee.
- 3.10 **Project Underspends** - As INW Wellbeing Budgets have generally produced very little underspend at the end of each financial year, it is proposed that each of the four previous INW wards each receives 25% of any underspend from 2014/15 projects.
- 3.11 Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips
- 3.12 **Table 1.** below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been approved since the last meeting of the former North West (Inner) Area Committee. **Table 2.** outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting. Taking these into account, there is **£5,805** still available for allocation for Small Grants and **£1,099** still available for Skip Hire in the 2014/15 budget. The Community

Committee are asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants and skips that have recently been approved.

Table 1: Small Grant Approvals (27/03/14 – 01/07/14)

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Mango Tree at Meanwood	Musical Arc	£445	£445
Community Football Development	Woodhouse Football Club	£750	£750
Discover the UK	Leeds Sudanese Community Assoc	£500	Declined
Headingley Neighbourhood Plan	Headingley Devpt Trust	£500	£500
Leeds Gathering 2014: celebration of traditional Irish music, song & dance	Irish Arts Foundation	£500	Declined
Bringing People Together	Vandan Group	£750	£500

Table 2: Skip Approvals (27/03/14 – 01/07/14)

Location	Ward	Number of Skips	Amount Approved
Burley Top Comm. Assoc.	Kirkstall	1 + permit	£145.83
Hollin Lane Allotment	Weetwood	1	£130
Hawksworth Wood Action Day	Kirkstall	1	£ 125

3.13 Youth Activity Fund

- 3.14 In 2013/14, the North West (Inner) Area Committee received a sum of £35,768 Youth Activity Fund. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17. **Table 3.** below lists those projects currently agreed for Youth Activity Fund Support.

Table 3: Youth Activity Fund – Projects funded to date.

There have been no Youth Activities projects funded since last reported on 27th March 2014.

4 **Corporate Considerations**

4.1 **Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report. Local priorities are set through the Area Business Plan process and the commissioning round began with a communication to all Area Committee contacts.

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 Community 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 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 Area Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

4.4.2 In order to meet the Community Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Wellbeing 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 and mitigation are considered on all well-being applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The Inner North West Community Committee Wellbeing Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2012-13.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Inner North West Community Committee is asked to:

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7 **Background documents**¹ - None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.