

Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood

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For decision

Wellbeing Update Report

Purpose of report

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.
2. The report provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund and seeks approval of remaining funding.
3. The report also asks the committee to note the decommissioning of the previously earmarked Community Development Work project and consider alternate use of this funding.

Recommendations

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 (**Appendix 1**).
- 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 funded projects (**Table 3**).
- Note the decommissioning of the previously earmarked Community Development Work project and consider alternate use of this funding.

Main issues

4. 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.
5. 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 Community Committee meets to agree which projects will be supported in the year ahead. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Community Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.
6. 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).
7. 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).
8. 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.

Wellbeing Budget Statements 2014/15

9. 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.

As agreed previously, for the remainder of 2014/15 financial year, approved projects affecting Kirkstall will 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.

Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

10. **Table 1.** below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been approved since the last meeting of the Inner North West Community Committee. **Table 2.** outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting. Taking these into account, there is **£4,174.80** still available for allocation for Small Grants and **£809** 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 (1/10/14 – 31/12/14)

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Vulnerable Children's Christmas Party	Barnardo's Safer Families	£260.00	£260.00
Therapeutic Art Workshops	Leeds Combined Arts	£497.20	£497.20

Table 2: Skip Approvals (1/10/14 – 31/12/14)

Location	Ward	Number of Skips	Amount Approved
Pathway between 75 – 77 Iveson Drive, LS16 6NQ	Weetwood	1	£130.00
Hollin Lane Allotment	Weetwood	1	£165.00

Youth Activities Fund

11. The 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. Please note, a sum of £6,814 has been transferred from the unallocated balance of the Inner North West Youth Activities Fund to Inner West for the use by the Kirkstall Ward. **Table 3.** below lists those projects currently agreed for Youth Activity Fund Support.

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

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Trapeze – Youth Aerial Project	Urban Angels	£2,335.00	£2,335.00
Holiday Activities	YMCA – Hawksworth Wood	£2,505.00	£2,505.00
Multi Sports Holiday Camp	LCC Sports & Active Lifestyles	£2,688.00	£2,688.00
INW Summer Mixtape 2014	Equilateral Media	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Woodhouse Kickboxing	Youth Point @ Cardigan Centre	£1,046.00	£1,046.00
Friday Night Project & Junior Youth provision	Leeds YMCA	£4,272.00	£4,272.00
Left Bank Skate	Left Bank Leeds	£3,645.00	£3,645.00
Leeds Rhinos Multi Sports Camp	LCC Sports & Active Lifestyles	£1,732.00	£1,332.00
Lazer Activities	Lazer Centre	£4,770.00	£4,770.00
Kids United	Better Leeds Communities	£1,988.00	£1,988.00
Boredom No More	Al Haqq Supplementry School	£4,950.00	£3,200.00

ESNW Universal Activities	ESNW Cluster	£955.00	£1,760.00
INW Hub Scrap Art Project	INW Hub Cluster	£400.00	£400.00
Lego & Minecraft Activities in Libraries	Leeds Libraries	£993.00	£993.00

Decommissioning of Community Development Work Project in Weetwood

12. At the North West (Inner) Area Committee held on 27th March 2014, it was agreed to earmark £14,000 to enable the continuation of the community development work project in Weetwood Ward if required. This project was assessed by Members and officers in November and it was agreed not to continue the project after the 2013/14 funding had run out. This means that the earmarked amount will be returned to the unspent Wellbeing fund.
13. Given the subsequent move of Kirkstall Ward and the agreed interim proposals that each of the four previous INW wards each receives 25% of any underspend from 2014/15 projects, it is proposed that £10,500 is returned to the Inner North West Wellbeing Budget and that £3,500 be transferred to the Inner West Wellbeing Budget, for the use of Kirkstall.
14. The committee is asked to note the decommissioning of this project and the return of this funding to Wellbeing as outlined above. The committee is also asked to consider how this funding could alternatively be spent.

Corporate considerations

a. Consultation and Engagement

15. Local priorities were set through the Area Business Plan process and the 2014/15 Wellbeing application round was advertised to all Community 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.

b. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

16. 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.

c. Council policies and City Priorities

17. 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

d. Resources and value for money

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

e. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

f. Risk Management

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

Conclusion

21. Wellbeing funding provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services.

22. Projects funded via the Wellbeing fund and Youth Activities Fund are presented in the attached appendices.

Recommendations

23. The Committee is asked to:

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Background information

- **None**