



**Report of: Jane Maxwell, East North East Area Leader**

**Report to: Inner North East Community Committee – Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay**

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## **Wellbeing Report**

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### **Purpose of this report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Inner North East Community Committee with details of its Wellbeing budget, including details of any new projects for consideration.

### **Recommendations**

2. This report provides Elected Members with an update on the current position of the capital and revenue budget for the Inner North East Community Committee
3. The report asks Elected Members to note the spend to date and current balances for the 2014/15 financial year and to note the proposed Wellbeing budget allocation for 2015/16, as approved by full council.
4. Members are asked to note the decision made in the Priority Setting Report 2015/16 presented to the Inner North East Community Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> March.
5. Consider the following project proposals and approve, where appropriate, the amount of Wellbeing Revenue from 2014/15 funding to be awarded:

Neighbourhood Support Officer (with a priority neighbourhood focus) - £26,700

Summer Holiday Activities - £30,000

Festive lights - £14,106

Community Engagement - £2000

Chapel Allerton Ward Pot- £10,000

Moorotwn ward Pot - £10,000

Roundhay ward pot - £10,000  
CCTV Chapeltown - £7500

## **Background information (2014/15)**

### **Revenue**

6. Each of the ten Community Committees receives an annual allocation of revenue funding. The amount of funding for each Community Committee is determined by a formula based on 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area, which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
7. It has been agreed that the revenue Wellbeing budget for this Community Committee for 2014/15 is £141,350. Carryover of both uncommitted and committed revenue funds from 2013/14 has also continued as well as any in year underspends. The total budget for 2014/15 is £207,833. It must be noted by the Community Committee that this figure includes schemes approved and ongoing from 2013/14 which are carried forward to be paid (£39,716.36). A full break down of spend can be found at Appendix A for more detail.
8. As agreed at the March 2014 meeting of the Inner North East Area Committee, once the agreed funding has been allocated to budget headings the remaining budget will be for large grants across the whole of the Inner North East.
9. Wellbeing fund applications are considered at Wellbeing Advisory Group meetings which have an elected member from each of the ward in the Inner North East Community Committee Area; Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay.

### **Ward Budgets**

10. As agreed at the March 2014 meeting of the Inner North East Community Committee each ward (Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay) were delegated a budget of £10,000 from the larger Wellbeing budget. This budget was for projects taking place at a ward level. Applications are subject to an approval process and may also include cross ward projects. More information can be found at **Appendix B**.

### **Small Grants**

11. In 2014/15 the Inner North East Community Committee had a small grants budget heading for community organisations to apply for a small grant. These grants were to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of one grant of up to £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit. This follows the delegated decision process outlined at paragraph 33.
12. Details of small grants that have been approved so far for 2014/15 are shown in **Appendix C**.

## **Community Engagement**

13. The Inner North East Community Committee approved an amount of £2,000 at its March 2014 meeting to spend on community engagement activities across the Community Committee boundaries.
14. The funds are to be spent on room hire, refreshment and stationary costs associated with community meetings and the annual volunteer thank you event. The expenditure to date against this budget can be found at **Appendix B**.

## **Capital Receipts Programme**

15. The establishment of a Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) was approved by Executive Board in October 2011. The key feature of the scheme is that 20% of each receipt generated will be retained locally for re-investment, subject to maximum per receipt of £100k, with 15% retained by the respective Ward – via the existing Ward Based Initiative Scheme - and 5% pooled across the Council and distributed to Wards on the basis of need.
16. Details of the current balance of Capital Wellbeing funding are shown in **Appendix D**. Future allocations will take place on a quarterly basis following regular update reports to Executive Board. As agreed previously by the Inner North East Community Committee.

## **Youth Activity Fund**

17. In March 2013 the Council's Executive Board approved a new allocation to the overall Community Committee budget ring-fenced for youth activities of £500k in 2014/15.
18. As a result, the budgets ring-fenced for youth activities allocated to the Community Committee was £51,760 in 2014/15. In 2015/16 the amount of YAF funds allocated to the Community Committee will be £51,760, which will be ratified by Full Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Details of the current balance of Youth Activity Fund (YAF) are shown in **Appendix E**.

## **Main Issues**

19. This report provides Elected Members with an update on the current position of the capital and revenue budget for the Inner East Community Committee.
20. Applications for funding, both revenue and capital, are included in the report for Member's consideration.
21. Members are asked to note the proposed Wellbeing budget allocation for 2015/16 as approved by full council.

## YAF Funding 2015- 16

22. In addition to the ring fenced budget of £51,760 to allocate on Youth Activities in 2015/16 the estimated underspend from the 2014/15 budget is £1284.84. This will provide an overall budget for the Youth Activities Fund of £53,044.84 in 2015/16. The allocation of budget has been calculated based on NHS population data of young people aged 8 – 17 living in the Inner North East Area Committee boundaries.

## Well Being Budget 2015-16

23. There is an estimated underspend of £6599.82 revenue remaining in this year's Wellbeing budget to be carried forward to 2015/16. If we also assume that the Community Committee is awarded £127,980 as referenced in the budget report that was approved by Full Council on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2015. The total budget for the Inner North East Community Committee for 2015/16, will be an estimated £139,509.35, subject to any future underspend. The Well-being advisory group have made the following recommendations for decision at the Inner North East Community Committee meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015. If all the projects highlighted in this report are funded today the remaining Wellbeing budget from the 2015/16 allocation will be £17,674. This will increase to £24273.82 when taking into consideration estimated underspend from the 2014/15 budget allocation.

## New Revenue Projects for consideration from 2015/16 budget

24. **Project:** Neighbourhood Support Officer (with a neighbourhood focus)  
**Organisation:** East North East Area Support Team  
**Wards Affected:** All wards  
**Amount applied for:** £26,700  
**Projected year of spend:** 2015/16  
Project Overview
- In previous years the Inner North East Community Committee has previously funded an approach to neighbourhood management across several priority neighbourhoods. Within the context of the 2015/16 budget and progress made to date members and officers have reviewed the current arrangements.
  - Propose to have one Area Support Officer (with a priority neighbourhood focus) working across priority neighbourhoods.
25. **Project:** Summer Holiday Activities  
**Organisation:** East North East Area Support Team  
**Wards Affected:** All wards  
**Amount applied for:** £30,000  
**Projected year of spend:** 2015/16  
Project Overview
- In previous years the Inner North East Community Committee has ring fenced £30,000 from the Wellbeing budget to fund young people's summer holidays activities.

- It is proposed that £30,000 is ring fenced in 2015/16 to supplement the Delegated Youth Activity Fund budget. The funds are to be used purely on summer holiday activities.

26. **Project:** Festive lights

**Organisation:** East North East Area Support Team

**Wards Affected:** All wards

**Amount applied for:** £14,106

**Projected year of spend:** 2015/16

Project Overview

- In previous years the Inner North East Community Committee has ring fenced funds from the Wellbeing budget to pay for festive lights across all three wards.
- It is proposed that £14,106 is ring fenced from the 2015/16 budget.
- It is proposed that the ring fenced budget is reviewed at the July meeting.

27. **Project:** Community Engagement

**Organisation:** East North East Area Support Team

**Wards Affected:** All wards

**Amount applied for:** £2000

**Projected year of spend:** 2015/16

Project Overview

- In previous years the Inner North East Community Committee has ring fenced funds to support the committee's community engagement activities. In the past this fund has been used to fund the volunteer thank you event and room bookings.
- Decision relating to the ring fenced community engagement budget often need to be taken using a delegated decision as set out in paragraph 33.

28. **Project:** Ward budgets

**Organisation:** East North East Area Support Team

**Wards Affected:** All wards

**Amount applied for:** £30,000

**Projected year of spend:** 2015/16

Project Overview

- In previous years the Community Committee has delegated a ring fenced budget for each individual ward (Chapel Allerton, Moorotown and Roundhay).
- This budget is to be used for local ward based projects and decisions discussed at ward member meetings. Decision relating to ward pots often need to be taken using a delegated decision as set out in paragraph 33.
- It is proposed £10,000 is allocated to Chapel Allerton Ward, £10,000 is allocated to Moortown Ward, £10,000 is allocated to Roundhay Ward. These budgets can also be utilised to fund cross border projects where appropriate.

29. **Project:** CCTV Chapel Town

**Organisation:** Safer Leeds/East North East Area Support Team

**Wards Affected:** Chapel Allerton

**Amount applied for:** £7500

## **Projected year of spend: 2015/16**

### Project Overview

- In 2012 the Inner North East Community Committee agreed to fund on going revenue costs for CCTV over 5 years.
  - A SLA was agreed and signed on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012.
30. The Wellbeing Advisory Group has recommended that the small grant budget heading that has existed in past years, ceases. The group recommend that all grant applications from the Wellbeing fund start at £500.

## **Corporate considerations**

31. Wellbeing funding is used to support the annual priorities agreed by Elected Members at the March meeting of the Inner North East Community Committee. The annual priorities support the Council's Vision for Leeds 2011 to 2030 and Best Council Plan 2013-17.
32. Youth Activity Funding supports the Children and Young People's plan outcome – 'Children and Young People Have Fun Growing Up'.
33. Sometimes decisions need to be made between formal meetings of the Community Committee and therefore the Area Leaders have delegated authority from the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) to approve spend outside of the Community Committee cycle. All delegated decisions are taken within an appropriate governance framework and must satisfy the following conditions:
- a. consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken;
  - b. a delegated decision must have support from a majority of the Community Committee Elected Members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a Community Committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors), and;
  - c. details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available Community Committee meeting for Members' information.
34. The Community Committee, supported by the East North East Area Support Team, has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of capital and revenue Wellbeing budgets (including the Youth Activity Fund) within the framework of the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3D) and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.
35. In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Community Committees are not eligible for Call In.
36. There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

## **Conclusion**

37. The Wellbeing fund provides financial support for projects in the Inner North East area which support the annual priorities of the Community Committee.
38. New capital funds have been transferred to the Community Committee via the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme.
39. The Youth Activity Fund (YAF) has been delegated to the Area Committee to fund universal activities for children and young people aged 8 – 17.

## **Recommendations**

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