



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 10th September 2007

Subject: 2007/08 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. There is a separate report elsewhere on this agenda dealing with the additional £50,000 allocated to each Area Committee by the Executive Board.

Background

6. At the March 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 to implement projects that specifically deliver activities to achieve one or more of the actions identified in the plan.
7. Appendix 2 details the projects commissioned and approved by the Area Committee so far this year.
8. 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.

Revenue commissioned projects

Children and young people theme

Leeds REACH (INE.07.18.LG)

9. Leeds REACH provide support to young people aged 11-16 who have been excluded or are about to be excluded from school. The project uses workshops and recreation activities to aid young people's personal development and to assist them to continue their academic education where possible. This specific project is to develop a sports curriculum and run sports activities that will contribute towards the achievement of a Duke of Edinburgh award. The sessions will take place at Scott Hall Sports Centre. The Well-Being funding will pay for the hire of the centre and sports coach costs. REACH work with young people who attend schools in inner

north east (Carr Manor, Roundhay, Allerton Grange) and who are referred to the project by the schools. The project will deliver against action A4 in the Area Delivery Plan. **Total to ratify £4,917**

Non commissioned projects

10. 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

Karate for Inner City Kids (INE.07.20.LG) requesting £3,000

11. Karate for Inner City Kids is an innovative gang resistance education and training programme that has run as a pilot through the Academy of Kushinkai Karate. This application is to expand the programme and work with Carr Manor and Allerton High School, and specifically young people aged 11-16 who attend these schools and live in the inner north east area. The programme uses karate as a gateway to learning and a means to tackle anti-social behaviour, gang culture and criminality. This application is to contribute towards the cost of two 12 week courses to commence in September 2007. The total project cost is £12,600, match funding has been secured from the Royal Armouries, MICE contributions and private funding.
12. **Recommendation** - The project will contribute toward the achievement of actions A1 and A7 in the Area Delivery Plan. **Recommend - £3,000**

Capital projects

13. 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.

North Leeds Bowling Club (INE.07.16.LG) requesting £16,102

14. North Leeds Bowling Club are applying for Well-Being funds to cover the costs of disabled toilets and disabled access to the pavilion with a new concrete wheelchair ramp. The Club is situated on the edge of Soldier's Field in Roundhay Park. 90% of their members come from the north east inner area, with the majority of these over 50 years old. The Club have not currently applied for funding from elsewhere although are looking at other funding options. They have previously received an £8,000 grant from the Area Committee in 2004/05 for security fencing.
15. **Recommendation:** The working group feel a contribution would be appropriate, however the club should be encouraged to find match funding from other sources if possible. The club should make contact with Resourcing the Community and Voluntary Action Leeds for support in accessing other sources of funding.
Recommend - £6,102

Woodhouse Cricket Club Fencing (INE.07.19.LG) requesting £11,692

16. The club are based on Woodhouse Ridge on the Meanwood Road side, which is just inside the north east inner area. They are requesting funding to cover the cost of fencing along the length of the pitch on Meanwood Road, which has fallen into disrepair. The club is well used with two cricket teams, four junior rugby teams and two adult rugby teams. Headingley Hawkes provide the training for the junior teams. The majority of members come from the Meanwood estates and Carr Manor area. Local schools also use the facilities. They have approached local businesses for sponsorship without success, and have not applied anywhere else for funding.
17. **Recommendation:** The club provide a base for a number of teams who draw membership from Beckhill, a priority neighbourhood and other estates in Meanwood. They have not received funding from the Area Committee previously and their activities contribute towards action A7 in the Area Delivery Plan. **Recommend - £6,000**

Groundwork Leeds Sugarwell Hill entrance feature (INE.07.21.LG) requesting £5,000

18. The project aims to fully open access to Sugarwell Hill from Potternewton Crescent. Door to door consultation on the estate has taken place and a scheme has been drawn up which will provide much better access for users with buggies, wheelchairs and motorised mobility aids. The work will involve planting three trees, creating a 32 metre footpath and a K barrier to restrict motorbike access. The total cost of the project is £12,000, Groundwork have secured ERDF funding to cover the rest of the costs.
19. **Recommendation:** The scheme is part of a wider set of improvement projects in the area and has been very much community led. **Recommend - £5,000**

Recommendations

20. 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

Small Grants approved since the last Area Committee meeting

INE.07.02.SG – New World Steel Orchestra Steel Pan Tuning

The New World Steel Orchestra was established in 2004 and they have 60 young people who meet and practice on a Wednesday evening and at the weekends. They perform regularly to the public with a diverse repertoire including jazz, western classical, church, reggae and calypso. In addition to the music tuition and practice they provide youth workers who deliver a youth development programme. During down time from tuition, the youth workers deliver a variety of activities around such issues as good citizenship, healthy living and community cohesion.

The orchestra use steel pan instruments which needed re-tuning in preparation for its involvement in the celebrations to commemorate both the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade and the establishment of the City of Leeds, which are taking place this year. They applied for a grant towards the cost of a steel pan tuner who will work altogether for 6 days (8 hours each) at a cost of £30 per hour.

The group were awarded £480 towards the total costs of £1440 (2 other Area Committees also gave £480).

INE.07.03.SG – Leeds Reach Interactive Website

Leeds Reach is a voluntary organisation that targets young people (11-16yrs) of African/Caribbean heritage from the Chapel Allerton area who have been excluded or are about to be excluded from mainstream statutory schooling in Leeds. The project uses workshops and recreation activities to aid young people's personal and interpersonal development through difficult periods in their lives – assisting them to continue their academic education and complete the positive development of their personalities.

They applied for funding to develop an interactive website which will illustrate the activities within the project as well as providing up to date information regarding developments and evaluation reports. Young people will be both consulted and involved in the design of the website which will allow Leeds Reach to better publish its work. The website will also include interview, research and contact us sections as well as a good news section which will encourage other local projects to forward information so we can cascade this to other site users.

The group were awarded £500 to go towards the production of the website – costs included Website Designer (£500), domain name (£75) and staff time (£245).

INE.07.04.SG – Gledhow Towers Tenants & Residents Association Landscaping

Gledhow Towers TRA is a newly formed group which was established in March 2007. The group are working towards improving the environment and conditions for all tenants and residents who reside in the multi-storey tower block. The committee members meet every 6 weeks and will be holding 4 public meetings per annum. They also hope to hold a funday in the near future.

Members from the group have recently cleared an area at the side of the car park that was overgrown and full of rubbish. The group want to landscape the area creating a pleasant

community garden feature which would give the residents the opportunity to take pride in and appreciate where they live.

The group were awarded a grant of £500 to pay LCC Parks and Countryside to remove some large tree stumps (the group have tried to remove these themselves) and to provide the group with plants and shrubs that they can plant themselves.

Well-Being Fund 2007/08 current position**Revenue:****Children & Young People**

REEMAP	15,000
Youth Service	17,400
Meanwood Urban Farm summer playscheme	7,800
Total	40,200
Budget	65,000
Remaining	24,800
Remaining if recommendations in this report are accepted	16,883

Safer & Stronger Communities

Sound of Steel Event	1,000
Roundhay Neighbourhood Design Statement	10,000
Moortown Community Fair	2,500
Roundhay Tree Management project	7,800
Total	21,300
Budget	36,917
Remaining	15,617

Healthier Communities & Older People

Summer sports activities	8,735
Total	8,735
Budget	28,399
Remaining	19,664

Economic Development & Enterprise

Chapelton Townscape Heritage Initiative	15,000
Total	15,000
Budget	18,399
Remaining	3,399

Ongoing commitments

Grant / K Fund Worker	25,317
Small Grants allocation	5,000
Community engagement	5,000
Total	35,317

Ward pots

Chapel Allerton

Yorkshire Gold – RJC Dance production	2,500
Total	2,500
Budget	10,000
Remaining	7,500

Moortown and Roundhay wards both allocated £10,000 each, no projects yet allocated funding.

Community Safety 2006/07 *

Skip hire for North Park Avenue Allotments	85
Skip hire for Mandela centre	256
Large Skip for Scott Hall Community Clean-up Day	85
Skip for Roundhay Park Allotments	85
Skips for Scott hall and Shelbrooke Mount	436
Skip for Meanwood allotments - 5th April - 11 April	85
Skip hire for Methleys/Zermatt's	200
Skip 41 Roundhay Avenue	100
Total	1,332
Budget	8,898
Remaining	7,566

Capital (07/08 – 09/10):

Gledhow Valley Path	10,120
North Leeds Cricket Club	15,000
7 Community Arts Centre	20,000
Moor Allerton Sports & Social Club car park	12,000
Lidgett Park Methodist Church	7,000
Roundhegians Sports Association kitchen upgrade	2,544
Deen minibus project	8,000
Total	74,664
Budget	270,000
Remaining	195,336
Remaining if recommendations in this report are accepted	178,234

* Community safety pot is the underspend from last year's project, some of which was set aside for 'Pride in where you live' expenditure (skips, small environmental expenses as raised in the Joint Tasking meetings).