

Report of West North West Area Leader

Report to Outer North West Community Committee

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Wellbeing Fund Update Report

For Decision

Purpose of report

1. This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing fund for 2015/16. The report also shows the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.

The report also asks Members to review the minimum conditions as set out in paragraph 25 of this report which relate to the need for delegated decisions to be taken between formal Community Committee meetings, consider whether any amendments are required and approve such conditions for operation in 2015/16.

Main Issues

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.
3. Currently the Outer North West Community Committee operate a pre-sift process for Wellbeing fund applications. This involves discussions with appropriate ward members for that particular project, in the context of the current areas priorities. Where projects do not have support from all three ward members, they are not progressed. All applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if helpful. In order to provide further assurance and transparency to all applicants, where schemes do not garner support these will be reported to a subsequent Community Committee meeting for noting.

4. Members are advised of the new revenue wellbeing allocation for the Outer North West Community Committee of £127,450 for the financial year 2015/16. The Community Committee have previously agreed that this allocation is split equally by the 4 wards (£31,862 per ward)
5. After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2014/15 carry forward position, the Community Committee has £135,840 of funding available for allocation. This figure does not include the Youth Activity fund still available to spend.
6. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activities for young people age 8 – 17 and should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people.
7. Members are advised of the new allocation of Youth Activity funding for the Outer North West Community Committee of **£56,470** for the financial year 2015/16. The Community Committee has £57,856 of funding available to allocate for the financial year of 2015/16. This figure includes underspend from the 2014/15 budget.

Wellbeing Budget Statement 2015/16

8. The latest Wellbeing Budget Statement for 2015/16 is included at Appendix 1 to this report. This sets out the new well-being allocation for 2015/16 and includes carry forward from 2014/15. The Wellbeing budget statement also outlines the current budget position of those projects funded in previous years which still have funding left to spend.
9. Table 1 below includes details per ward of the total revenue available for allocation in 2015/16 including any carry-forward from previous years, and the amount of Wellbeing currently available to spend per ward.

Table 1 – Revenue

	Adel & Wharfedale	Guiseley & Rawdon	Horsforth	Otley & Yeadon
2015/16 allocation	£31,862	£31,862	£31,862	£31,862
2014/15 carry forward /overspend	£16,456	-£8,623	£258	£301
Allocation available to spend	£48,318	£23,239	£32,120	£32,163

Details of new projects for consideration

10. Small Grants
 Delivery Organisation: Area Support Team (on behalf of the Community Committee)
 Amount requested: £20,000 (£5,000 per ward)

The Small Grants Budget is to assist groups and organisations that apply or enquire about small grants are supported and given guidance on their application by the Area Support Team. In line with Leeds City Council financial regulations the small

grants are monitored to ensure that expenditure is in line with grant approval. In 2014/15 a total of £13,595 was spent on small grants.

11. Community Skips Budget

Delivery organisation: Area Support Team (on behalf of the Community Committee)
Amount requested: £4,000 (£1,000 per ward)

The Skips Budget is to assist local groups who want to conduct community clean-ups in their area. A notional skips allocation of £4,000 has been incorporated into the Wellbeing budget each year since April 2004. In 2014/15 a total of £1,410 was spent on providing 9 skips.

12. Heritage Lighting

Delivery organisation: City Development
Amount requested: £1,760 (Guiseley & Rawdon)

Funding is requested to replace two existing street lighting lanterns with Heritage style lanterns on Mount Pleasant, Guiseley.

13. Otley Leeds Play Network

Delivery organisation: Leeds Play Network
Amount requested: £2,430 (funding will be split 50/50 between Wellbeing and Youth Activity funding. £1,215 is requested from Wellbeing funding and £1,215 is requested from Youth Activity funding) (Otley & Yeadon)

Funding is requested to continue the development of community cohesion events that bring together and support families from across a large geographical cluster during the summer holidays.

14. Aireborough Leeds Play Network

Delivery Organisation: Leeds Play Network
Amount requested: £5,040 (funding will be split 50/50 between Wellbeing and Youth Activity funding. £2,520 is requested from Wellbeing funding and £2,520 is requested from Youth Activity funding) (Guiseley & Rawdon)

Funding is requested to continue the development of community cohesion events that bring together and support families from across a large geographical cluster during the summer holidays.

15. Bramhope Festive Lights

Delivery organisation: Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council
Amount requested: £2,200 (Adel & Wharfedale)

Funding is requested to install control equipment to enable the display of eight Festive motifs in the central area of Bramhope during the Festive season.

16. LS16 Community Centre

Delivery organisation: Older People's Action in the Locality (OPAL)
Amount requested: £7,500 (Adel & Wharfedale)

Funding is requested to contribute to the costs of refurbishing the former Bedford Arms pub which will be renamed Leeds 16 Community Centre.

17. Counselling for Parents & Carers in Aireborough
Delivery organisation: Aireborough Children's Centre in partnership with Aireborough Extended Services
Amount requested: £3,200 (Guiseley & Rawdon)

Funding is requested to provide funding for Counselling to support parents of children 0 - 19 in Aireborough with the aim of improving outcomes for their children.

Youth Activity Funding

18. The budget for the Outer North West Youth Activity Fund for 2015/16 is £57,856 which includes the new allocation of £56,470 and underspend of £1,386 from 2014/15.
19. The Children's Services & Family Health sub group held a decision making workshop for the new funding allocation on 24th April. The panel considered a total of 26 applications and recommended 22 projects for approval. These recommendations totalling £48,027 were approved at the Community Committee on 20th May. The remaining balance of Youth Activity Fund is £9,829.
20. Consultation with young people and children took place within a number of settings to help inform the type of projects to be funded. The Youth Panel met on 23rd April and considered all the potential applications. The young people made recommendations on all the applications to the Children's Services and Family Health sub group. Young people were also consulted on the types of activities they would like to see in their local area at the workshop held at Trinity University in January.

New projects to approve

21. SK8 Safe Tuition Programme
Delivery Organisation: SK8 Safe Ltd
Amount requested: £680
22. ONW Summer Activities Programme
Delivery Organisation: Tenant & Community Involvement – Leeds City Council
Amount requested: £2,050

Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

23. In 2014/15 the Community Committee approved 22 small grants totalling £13,595. The underspend totalling £2,257 from the 2014/15 small grants budget has been repaid into the main well-being budget for each ward and is reflected in the carry forward figures at table 1.
24. In 2014/15 the Community Committee approved 9 skips totalling £1,410. The underspend of £2,090 from the 2014/15 skips budget has been repaid into the main well-being budget for each ward and is reflected in the carry forward figures in table 1.

Table 2 below details the skips approved since the last meeting. This figure will be deducted from the 2015/16 skip allocation.

Table 2: Skip Approvals (01/04/2015 – 8/06/2015)

Location	Ward	Number of skips	Amount approved
Arthington Village Hall	Adel & Wharfedale	1	£125
Kirk Lane Allotments	Guiseley & Rawdon	1	£175

25. Wellbeing Budget – Capital Receipts Programme

As the capital programme is a 4 year rolling programme, existing funding will be rolled forward to 2015/16 under the current arrangements.

Table 3 below provides details of the amount of capital available to spend in 2015/16 per ward.

Table 3 Capital

	Adel & Wharfedale	Guiseley & Rawdon	Horsforth	Otley & Yeadon
Allocation currently available	£2,521	£2,521	£2,521	£5,021

In 2012, the Community Committee approved an interest free capital loan of £5,000 to Yeadon Cricket Club, repayable over 4 years. To date £3,750 has been repaid and this amount is reflected in table 4. The final instalment of £1,250 is due in February 2016.

26. Delegated Decisions

Sometimes decisions will need to be made between formal meetings of the community committee and therefore the Area Leaders will have delegated authority from the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities). At the first Community Committee meeting in 2014/15, this Committee approved the 'minimum conditions' subject to the inclusion of *'where an Elected Member did not agree with a matter for delegated decision then this should be deferred to the next meeting of the Community Committee'*. The establishment of the following minimum conditions was to provide reassurance to Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework and only when such conditions have been satisfied:

consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken;

a delegated decision must have support from the Elected Members represented on the Community Committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a Community Committee to individual Wards, the relevant Ward Councillors), however should an Elected Member not agree with a matter for delegated decision then this should be deferred to the next meeting of the Community Committee', and;

details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available community committee meeting for members' information.

Given that the Community Committee has now been in operation for a year, the Committee is invited to review the conditions previously agreed and consider whether any amendments are required, prior to agreeing such conditions for operation in the forthcoming municipal year.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

28. 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.

Council policies and City Priorities

29. 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 2011 – 30
 - Leeds Strategic Plan
 - Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
 - Children and Young People's Plan
 - Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
 - Regeneration City Priority Plan

Resources and value for money

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

In order to meet the Community Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

Risk Management

32. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on well-being applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusions

33. The Outer North West Community Committee Wellbeing Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to service. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2015-16

Recommendations

34. The Outer North West Community Committee is asked to:
- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16 (Table 1)
 - Consider the Wellbeing large grant applications detailed at sections 10 to 17 and the Youth Activity Fund applications detailed at sections 21 to 22 which have been received since the last Community Committee
 - Note the skips that have been approved since the last meeting (Table 2).
 - Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16 (Table 3).
 - Members are asked to review the minimum conditions as set out in paragraph 26 of this report which relate to the need for delegated decisions to be taken between formal Community Committee meetings, consider whether any amendments are required and approve such conditions for operation in 2015/2016

Background Information

None.