

**Report of: Area Leader, West North West**

**Report to: Inner West Community Committee**

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**For decision**

## **Wellbeing Fund Update and Monitoring Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on the projects funded through the Inner West Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund budgets. Members are asked to consider projects deferred from the March meeting and four new Wellbeing fund applications.

Members are asked to:

- a) Note the balance of the Wellbeing budget for 2015/16
- b) Consider the deferred projects listed at 5
- c) Consider the new applications listed at 9-12
- d) Note the Youth Activity Fund projects approved by delegated decision listed at Appendix 6

## Main issues

### Current position

2. The Community Committee received a Wellbeing revenue allocation of £158,690. Including carry forward from 2014/15, the Committee had a total budget of £210,546 for 2015/15 which was nominally split between the three wards as follows:

Armley: £80,220

Bramley & Stanningley: £67,269

Kirkstall: £63,062

3. In March 2015, the Committee awarded grants totalling £141,107 to 31 projects following an open application round. The list of projects funded so far in 2015/16 is presented at Appendix 1.

### Wellbeing balances

4. The remaining Wellbeing balances available per ward for 2015/16 are as follows:

Remaining Balances For 2015/16	
Armley	£39,895
Bramley & Stanningley	£13,497
Kirkstall	£16,046

5. At the last Community Committee meeting, a number of projects were deferred pending further consideration. Members have been provided with further information on the projects, and the Committee is asked to agree the following recommendations:

- a) Bramley Shopping Centre – Security Radios £2,033: Purchase ten security radios to deter shoplifting.  
Recommendation: Decline
- b) Bramley Community Shop – Running costs £12,000: Support for the community shop and advice centre  
Recommendation: Approve £10,000
- c) Burley RUFC - Security Fencing £2,497: Erect fencing along the boundary to stop pedestrians cutting through  
Recommendation: Defer pending further negotiations with the Kirkstall Forge site and rugby club

- d) Ebor Gardens Advice Centre – Money Buddies £3,195: Continuation funding for three volunteer debt and financial support workers  
 Recommendation: Approve £1,065 each Armley, Bramley, Kirkstall
- e) Housing Leeds - Broadlea Grove CCTV £6,600: Match funding for six years monitoring costs.  
 Recommendation: Housing Leeds has covered the first year, if Members wish to support the project, they can approve in principle £6,600 from 2016/17.

6. The total value of the deferred projects are as follows:

Armley: £1,065

Bramley & Stanningley : £21,698

Kirkstall: £3,562

### **Capital Wellbeing Balance**

7. The Community Committee receives Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) allocation

The current Inner West CRIS balance is £20,900.

### **New Wellbeing Applications**

8. Four new applications are presented for consideration.

9. Youth Service Targeted Summer Activities (£934 for Bramley & Stanningley and Kirkstall, and £1,433 for Armley)

The Council's geographically targeted youth service is seeking £3,300 towards the cost of summer holiday activities for the young people they support and resources for the Armley youth participation group held twice a month at the Lazer Centre. Young people benefitting from the trips will come from each of the three wards therefore the split will be £934 for Bramley & Stanningley and Kirkstall, and 1,433 for Armley. A more detailed summary of the project is at Appendix 2.

10. BARCA Young People's Counselling Service (£4,099 Bramley and £4,099 Armley)

Barca Leeds are seeking £8,198 (split £4,099 Bramley and £4,099 Armley) to continue a 1:1 service for young people age 11+ who are at risk of self harm, harm to others, child sexual exploitation, domestic violence or suffering poor emotional or social wellbeing. Many of the young people do not meet the threshold for TAHMS or CAMHS counselling through the NHS, but have been referred through schools or youth service providers to help them stay in school and make positive lifestyle choices. A more detailed summary of the project is attached at Appendix 3.

11. Ley Lane Greenspace Footpath (Armley £3,500)

Over the last nine months, a working group of officers and residents have overseen a range of improvements on the Ley Lane greenspace in Armley including new football pitches and posts, youth activities and the installation of green gym equipment. Further consultation with residents has taken place and the next area they would like to see improvements on is the footpath through the field which is currently in a poor state with potholes and trip hazards. Parks and Countryside have estimated the resurfacing cost

at £5,000 and are willing to provide £1,500 match funding if the Committee can contribute the remaining £3,500. A summary is attached at Appendix 4.

12. Ley Lane CCTV Camera (Armley £10,000)

Residents at Ley Lane report high levels of anti-social behaviour and crime including drug dealing, nuisance bikes and youth nuisance. A request was made to the Housing Advisory Panel for funding to install a CCTV camera linked to the LeedsWatch network and replacement fencing around the greenspace. The Panel has awarded £66,934 towards the scheme and are requesting a contribution of £10,000 from the Community Committee towards the final cost of the scheme which includes some monitoring costs for the first five years. A summary is attached at Appendix 5.

13. **Small grants and skips**

There have been two small grants approved since the last meeting:

Craggside Rec Dog Show

A small grant of £500 was awarded towards the hire of inflatables at a community event and dog show on Craggside Rec in Hawksworth Wood.

Fairfield Environment Day

A small grant of £500 was awarded for the community event towards the cost hiring a bouncy castle and purchasing plants to give away as an incentive for residents to participate in a gardening competition organised by Housing Leeds.

The balance of the small grants and skips budget at 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 was £11,375.

14. **Youth Activities Fund**

The West North West Area Support Team opened a joint Youth Activities Fund commissioning round for summer term / holiday provision on behalf of all four community committees.

The Inner West area received ten funding applications which were given to young people at the local youth engagement groups for their feedback. Ward Members were invited to attend a workshop to discuss the applications, and due to the late scheduling of this Community Committee meeting, it was agreed that those recommended for approval should be progressed through a Delegated Decision.

A full list of the Youth Activities Fund projects that were approved is at Appendix 7. There were very few applications for Kirkstall ward, and Members have decided to invest further in the proposed youth provision for the Woodbridges.

Following these approvals, the Youth Activities Fund balances are as follows:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Armley	£7,213
Bramley & Stanningley	£1,862
Kirkstall	£14,731

## **Corporate considerations**

### **15. Consultation and engagement**

Elected Members have been consulted on local priorities through the former Area Committee Business Plans. The 2015/16 commissioning round began with a communication to all Community Committee contacts and a press release.

Consultation with Young People will continue to identify potential projects and consult on applications for the Community Committee's Youth Activities Fund.

### **16. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion, and Integration.

### **17. Resources and value for money**

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

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

### **18. Risk management**

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

## **Conclusion**

19. The Community Committee has invested its Wellbeing funding in a wide variety of projects within local communities from April 2015. A number of deferred projects and four new applications are presented for consideration.

20. The Area Support Team held an open application round for summer holiday youth activity fund projects. Following consultation with young people and Ward Members, the Children and Young People Sub Group recommended eight projects for approval by the Chief Officer via delegated decision.

## **Recommendations**

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