



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner North West Area Committee

Date: 13th September 2007

Subject: Quarter One Well-being Monitoring Report

Electoral Wards Affected: ALL <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update monitoring of revenue and capital projects for quarter 1 of 2007/08.

1.0 Monitoring of Revenue Projects

1.1 Project Name: Little London & Hyde Park DPPO

Lead Organisation: Area Management

Amount allocated: £5,000

Project description: To establish a Designated Public Places Order in Hyde Park and Woodhouse.

Project Update: This project is currently in the consultation phase. The Community Safety Coordinator is awaiting a reworded notice from the Council's legal team. It is currently being considered if Woodhouse Moor will be included or excluded from the area.

1.2 Project Name: Fund Raising Officer

Lead Organisation: Voluntary Action Leeds

Amount allocated: £41,000

Project description: To provide funding advice to community and voluntary groups across the Inner North West.

Project Update: In quarter one the project worked with four groups that had not accessed the service before and continued working with sixteen others. Direct support was provided to seven groups in Headingley and Kirkstall, five in Hyde Park

and Woodhouse and one group in Weetwood. As a direct result of the project a total of £85,500 new funding was brought into the area during quarter one 07/08. One of the part time roles has been vacant since May, as a result the project has been working at less than full capacity.

- 1.3 Project Name:** Community Planning Officer
Lead Organisation: Development Department
Amount allocated: £42,440
Project description: Dedicated Planning Officer for the area to assist community groups and residents to access information and make comments on planning issues.
Project Update: Over quarter one, the Community Planning Officer has been assisting in relation to Leeds Girls' High School, the application for student accommodation on the Becketts Park Campus, the re-development of Headingley Hall and the refurbishment of the Arndale Centre, in addition to advice being given in relation to a number of smaller proposals. Assistance has also been provided in relation to a number of recent planning appeals, including the Public Inquiry into the Perseverance Mill proposals for purpose built student flats. Work on Headingley and Hyde Park Neighbourhood Design Statement is now underway, advice has, and will continue to be given throughout the duration of the project. Resident drop-in sessions are continuing to be provided on a monthly basis. Attendance continues to be provided at Planning Group, Area Committee, Ward Forums and other local meetings as appropriate.
- 1.4 Project Name:** Site Based Gardeners
Lead Organisation: Parks & Countryside
Amount allocated: £17,800
Project description: Funding for two site based gardeners
Project Update: Gardeners are employed at both Becketts Park and Woodhouse Ridge, undertaking general gardening duties including grass cutting, pruning, de-littering, emptying of the litter bins, removing fly tipping and sweeping of paths. Since the gardeners have been in post there has been a reduction in the number of customer enquiries relating to these sites.
- 1.5 Project Name:** Royal Park Greenspace
Lead Organisation: Parks & Countryside
Amount allocated: £8,000
Project description: Revenue costs for the maintenance of the park.
Project Update: The site is de-littered and swept by a Street King on a weekly basis, and during peak growing season the grass is cut fortnightly. This has made a vast improvement to the appearance of the site, which is shown in relation to the reduction in the number of customer enquiries.
- 1.6 Project Name:** Older Active People (OAP)
Lead Organisation: Cardigan Centre – Older Active People
Amount allocated: £4,000
Project description: Extension of the Older Active People Project
Project Update: OAP have continued to run a weekly surgery at Headingley Community Centre's tea bar. Discussions have been held about starting a new surgery at Headingley Library, using a new resource called the Information Store (part of Linkage Plus Initiative).

- 1.7 Project Name:** International Film Project
Lead Organisation: Hyde Park Picture House
Amount allocated: £2,000
Project description: Funding for non-mainstream films
Project Update: A number of foreign language films have been screened, which have not been shown anywhere else in Leeds. In conjunction with Older Active People second screenings of several Bollywood films have been held. Screenings have been generally well attended, with the foreign language films being shown at regular times which has helped establish a returning audience.
- 1.8 Project Name:** Up Your Street
Lead Organisation: University of Leeds and CALM
Amount allocated: £5,000
Project description: Streetscene and environmental projects, working with student volunteers.
Project Update: Since the majority of students finished their studies at the end of May many of the student-led projects were drawn to a close until the new academic year. However, Freshers' events have been planned in order to recruit new student volunteers to the project. Staff and some remaining students took part in a clean-up and graffiti removal project in the Hyde Park and St. Johns areas, organised by Voluntary Action Leeds and Groundwork as part of National Volunteering Week. A community safety gardening clean-up, in partnership with the Rosebank Millennium Green Trust, took place to clear paths through the green. The Refloat project continues with fortnightly glass collections, with work underway to look at possible expansion of the collection service. The project has also been involved in promoting the 'Leave Leeds Tidy' website and production of a 'rubbish' leaflet advising students on responsible disposal of waste at the end of term.
- 1.9 Project Name:** Headingley HEART
Lead Organisation: Headingley Development Trust
Amount allocated: £9,300
Project description: Revenue costs for the HEART community centre proposal
Project Update: There has not been any expenditure of this grant in quarter one, as the project has been receiving much pro bono support from architects, fundraisers and other members of the community.
- 1.10 Project Name:** Neighbourhood Design Statement and Conservation Area Reviews
Lead Organisation: Planning Sub Group
Amount allocated: £15,000
Project description: Development and implementation of Neighbourhood Design Statements and Conservation Area Reviews.
Project Update: A project brief has been agreed for Headingley NDS and preparations are underway for a survey of neighbourhoods to be undertaken.
- 1.11 Project Name:** Mobile Youth Bus
Lead Organisation: Youth Services
Amount allocated: £11,975
Project description: Provision of a mobile youth facility for North West Leeds.
Project Update: The Outer North West Area Committee have agreed to match fund both the existing mobile and a new unit. The existing mobile visits both Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Weetwood wards on Monday evenings. It is in Kirkstall on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and in Headingley on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Whilst the mobile sessions continue to engage with increasing

numbers of young people, there are now returning groups attending the sessions, giving youth workers an opportunity to establish relationships and undertake longer term work. Information shows core groups of young people as follows: Headingley - 24; Hyde Park & Woodhouse - 27; Kirkstall - 40; and Weetwood - 23. The second mobile unit is hoped to be on the road in October 2007.

- 1.12 Project Name:** Hyde Park CCTV
Lead Organisation: Leeds Watch
Amount allocated: £9,152
Project description: Revenue costs paid to LeedsWatch for Hyde Park CCTV
Project Update: The CCTV cameras went live on 1st April 2007 and the revenue committed in 2006/07 will be rolled forward resulting in Well-being revenue funding being available for the cameras until 2009/10.
- 1.13 Project Name:** Anti Climb Paint
Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount allocated: £3,000
Project description: Funding of crime reduction initiative
Project Update: Work will begin on identifying target households in quarter two.
- 1.14 Project Name:** Off Road Police Motorbikes
Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount allocated: £4,770
Project description: Funding of crime reduction initiative
Project Update: There was no use of the off road motorbikes during quarter one due to ongoing discussions within the Community Safety sub-group. Deployment of the bikes within the Inner North West will commence in quarter two.
- 1.15 Project Name:** Police Overtime
Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount allocated: £7,730
Project description: Funding of crime reduction initiative
Project Update: Discussions have taken place within the Community Safety sub group regarding use of the overtime funds. Decisions on where resources will be focused will be established in quarter two.
- 1.16 Project Name:** Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs)
Lead Organisation: Area Management
Amount allocated: £6,000
Project description: Targeted improvement plans for local communities
Project Update:
- Headingley - a meeting will take place in quarter two to discuss the draft plan
 - Weetwood - a walkabout and meeting took place in quarter one, with the plan to be agreed in quarter two
 - Kirkstall - a meeting has been arranged in quarter two to discuss the contents of the plan and potential projects to allocated the funds to.
- 1.17 Project Name:** Woodsley Road Community Centre Development
Lead Organisation: Woodsley Road Management Committee
Amount allocated: £5,000
Project description: Support to the Management Committee in achieving their development plan objectives.

Project Update: Funding was allocated to Voluntary Action Leeds to provide consultancy support to the Management Committee. Since this allocation the Management Committee have requested that the funds are received directly by them, rather than VA-L, a report will be submitted to Area Committee in October.

1.18 Project Name: Community Inclusion Initiative

Lead Organisation: Older People's Action in the Locality (OPAL)

Amount allocated: £2,000

Project description: Employment of a Community Inclusion Worker who will recruit and train new volunteers to support older people. The worker will also be responsible for managing and supporting OPAL's existing volunteers.

Project Update: The project is not due to start until November 2007 when the member of staff returns from maternity leave.

1.19 Project Name: Community Composting

Lead Organisation: Leeds Organic Growers

Amount allocated: £20,000

Project description: Garden waste kerbside collection and composting

Project Update: The project was not in operation during quarter one, due to ongoing funding issues and the need to gain retrospective revisions to the planning permission, which has now been given. Work should recommence during quarter two.

2.0 Monitoring of Capital Projects

2.1 Project Name: Grass verge improvements

Lead Organisation: Highways and Parks and Countryside

Amount allocated: £10,000

Project description: Fund for improvements in areas where there are issues with people parking on grass verges.

Project Update:

Silk Mill Drive – the resurfacing of 4 verges was due to take place in July, however a fibre optic cable was found near to the surface of the verge which meant work could not continue as planned. Costs are being obtained for the relocation of the cable.

Estcourt Terrace – the scheme has been programmed into the work schedule of highways and will take place in the near future.

Old Oak Drive – a scheme that uses a new system of rubber matting is being looked into for the area, creating approximately 12 off street parking bays within an existing wide grassed verge.

2.2 Project Name: Little London Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

Lead Organisation: Community Sports

Amount allocated: £10,000

Project description: Contribution towards a scheme to provide a new sport facility in Little London.

Project Update: The construction of the area commenced in quarter one 2007/08, with an official launch on 4th July. The MUGA provides a range of sports facilities including football, basketball, netball and mini tennis. The total cost of the project was £160,000, with funding coming from the Big Lottery, Green Leeds, the Football Foundation and the Football Association, as well as the Area Committee. The MUGA will be maintained by Parks & Countryside.

- 2.3 Project Name:** Silk Mills Play Area
Lead Organisation: Parks and Countryside
Amount allocated: £59,847 (allocated in 06/07) and £19,057 (allocated in 07/08)
Project description: To build a new play area and a youth shelter, to be located off Silk Mill Close in Weetwood.
Project Update: Planning permission has been granted for the play area and the same will be sought for the Youth Shelter in August. It is hoped that building work will commence in November/December with completion by early 2008, dependent on weather conditions.
- 2.4 Project Name:** Additional Litter Bins
Lead Organisation: City Services
Amount allocated: £7,000
Project description: Funding for additional litter bins across the area.
Project Update: There have been ongoing legal issues relating the award of the supplier contract for street bins, which has meant that new bins have not been available for installation. The matter looks likely to be resolved in quarter two and the additional bins for the Inner North West will be prioritised once the new supply chain has been established.
- 2.5 Project Name:** Ashvilles Alleygating
Lead Organisation: City Services
Amount allocated: £6,392
Project description: Alleygating scheme in the Ashvilles, Burley
Project Update: Work in quarter one involved compiling a gating order report for submission to the Leeds Local Access Forum (LLAF) on the 15th May 2007. There were no concerns about the proposed scheme and the LLAF gave their support to the project. The report will be considered by the Joint technical Board in quarter two, and work should commence in September.
- 3.0 Recommendations**
- 3.1 The Inner North West Area Committee is requested to note the contents of the report.