

**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. It also asks Members to approve the application process for bids to the 2016/17 Wellbeing budget.

Members are asked to:

- a) Note the balance of the Wellbeing budget for 2015/16
- b) Approve the application process for the 2016/17 financial year
- c) Agree the Wellbeing fund priorities for 2016/17

## **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 2015/16 which was split between the three wards as follows :  
Armley: £80,220  
Bramley & Stanningley: £67,269  
Kirkstall: £63,062
3. Since March 2015, the Committee awarded grants totalling £182,510 to 37 projects following an open application round. The list of projects funded so far in 2015/16 is presented at Appendix 1.
4. Two projects approved in March were cancelled for operational reasons. These are the Burley student changeover patrols and the Bramley site based gardener. The funds allocated to the projects have been returned to the ward balances.

### **Wellbeing balances**

5. The current Wellbeing balances available per ward for 2015/16 are as follows:

<b>Remaining Balances For 2015/16</b>	
Armley	£8,838.49
Bramley & Stanningley	£11,488.43
Kirkstall	£19,223.81

### **Deferred project**

6. An application from Burley RUFC for £2,497 towards the cost of building a security fence was deferred at the March and June Committee meetings as Members were awaiting clarification on various aspects of the Kirkstall Forge development. It is understood that there continues to be a delay in confirming the details sought, and Members are asked whether they would like to take a decision on the application or defer until December.

### **Capital Wellbeing Balance**

7. The Community Committee receives a Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) allocation. At the last Committee meeting, Members agreed to capitalise three revenue projects subject to approval by the capital finance team. £5,000 from each of the following grants is now being funded through the CRIS budget:

- Rodley Cricket Clubhouse build - £5000
- Ley Lane CCTV (new fencing) - £5000
- If I Had A Hammer – HOPS (fencing to the rear of Hawksworth Wood Village Hall) - £5000

8. The balance of Inner West CRIS balance is currently £5,900.

### **Small grants and skips**

9. There have been three small grants approved since the last meeting:

Friday Night Project - PHAB Leeds - £83.11

Supporting a citywide club for people with disabilities

West Leeds Junior Development Project – West Leeds Juniors - £250

Funding taster sessions in primary schools to encourage children to join the club

Broadleas Bonanza – Housing Leeds - £500

Supporting the annual funday on Broadlea Hill

10. The balance of the small grants and skips budget at 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015 was £11,180.

### **Youth Activities Fund**

11. The Inner West Community Committee had a Youth Activities Fund budget of £55,738 for 2015/16. Since April nine projects have been funded at a total cost of £33,732 and are listed at Appendix 2.
12. Initial feedback from the summer holiday projects has been extremely positive, with many activities fully booked. Mystery shoppers recruited through the engagement groups attended some sessions and other young people carried out more formal peer inspections of a variety of activities. Information from the inspections wasn't available at the time of publication but will be shared at the meeting or the Children and Young People's Sub Group on 14<sup>th</sup> September.
13. Since the last meeting, Kirkstall Members have allocated £1,716 towards a pilot youth project for the Woodbridges and Queenswood area delivered from the local cricket club supported by youth workers from the Cardigan Centre.
14. Following this approval, the Youth Activities Fund balances are as follows:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Armley	£3,947
Bramley & Stanningley	£4,311
Kirkstall	£13,718

## **2016/17 Wellbeing Commissioning Round**

15. Members are asked to approve the method by which Wellbeing grants are approved for 2016/17. In previous years, this has been done through an open application process synced with the Inner West and Outer West Community Committees.
16. Following discussions at the General Purposes Sub Group, Members recommended following the same process this year with applications invited between October and the beginning of January for approvals at the March Committee.
17. Members agreed that setting priorities for the funding would be a beneficial step, and the Community Committee is asked to consider the following proposed priorities and provide a final list for the application guidance notes
18. Proposed Inner West Wellbeing fund priorities
  - Addressing health inequalities
  - Community development & engagement
  - Children & young people
  - Achieving the priority neighbourhood action plans
  - Improving greenspaces and the local environment
  - Supporting town and district centres, jobs and economic enterprise
  - Supporting Community Committee workshop themes
19. The Area Support Team will consult with Members in ward groups before and during the process, bringing everyone together for a workshop to review all applications on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 10am – 12.30pm.
20. Members are asked to approve the process and indicate whether they would like to continue to split their Wellbeing allocation equally between wards as has been the preferred option for the last few years.

## **Corporate considerations**

### **21. 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.

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

All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to equality, diversity, cohesion, and integration.

### **23. 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.

#### **24. 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**

25. The Community Committee has invested its Wellbeing funding in a wide variety of projects within local communities from April 2015.

26. Early feedback indicates that the summer holiday projects funded through the Youth Activities Fund were a great success.

### **Recommendations**

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