

Report of the West North West Area Leader

Report to Inner North West Community Committee

Date: 10 September 2015

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Update

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Summary of main issues

This report provides the Inner North West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16 and the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

The report provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.

The report also asks the Community Committee to approve the commissioning process and timescales for the 2016/17 Wellbeing budget.

2. Recommendations

The Inner North West Community Committee is asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16 (**Appendix 1**).

- Note the current position of the small grants and skips pots and those small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting (**Table 1** and **Table 2**).
- Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this.
- Agree the process and timescales for the Wellbeing commissioning round for 2016/17.
- Agree the Wellbeing funding priorities for 2016/17.

3. Background information

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.

The Inner North West Community Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing funding is allocated in a fair and transparent way and that recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. To facilitate this process, a commissioning round is held which requires organisations to submit proposals for projects. Once the annual Wellbeing budgets are set by Executive Board and ratified by Full Council, the Community Committee meets to agree which projects will be supported in the year ahead. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Community Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.

4. Main Issues

4.1 Wellbeing Fund

The Inner North West Community Committee received an allocation of **£122,430** for the 2015/16 financial year. Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2014/15, the total fund available for new projects in 2015/16 was **£125,950.14**. This funding has now been committed to 22 projects for 2015/16, as listed in **Appendix 1** (table 1.2).

There is **£22,283.04** in Wellbeing funds currently unallocated for 2015/16.

4.2 Wellbeing fund - small grants and skips

Table 1 below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been approved since the last meeting of the Inner North West Community Committee.

Table 1: Small Grant Approvals (18/06/15 – 10/08/15)

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Therapeutic art workshops (£19.45 underspend returned to the pot)	Leeds Combined Arts	£19.45 underspend	-£19.45
Open XS Lantern Festival	Open XS Cluster	£500	£500
Friday night project	PHAB Leeds	£332.43	£332.43
Holocaust museum trip	Council of Christians and Jews	£800	£800 (£400 per school)

Table 2: Skip Approvals (18/06/15 – 10/08/15)

No skips approved since the last meeting on 18 June 2015.

Taking these into account, there is **£5907.02** still available for allocation for Small Grants and **£2,500** still available for Skip Hire in the 2015/16 budget. The Community Committee are asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants and skips that have recently been approved.

4.3 Capital Fund

In addition to revenue the Community Committee also received an allocation of Capital funding in 2014/15. At the March 2014 meeting, the Inner North West Community Committee had a total of **£38,800** which was allocated to 5 projects, to run alongside the previously approved Sparrow Park project from 2013/14.

There is a further **£18,300** in capital monies to commit to wellbeing projects (see Appendix 1, Table 1.6)

4.4 Youth Activities Fund

In 2015/16, the Inner North West Community Committee received a sum of £23,800 Youth Activity Fund (YAF) monies. Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2014/15, the total fund available for new YAF projects in 2015/16 was **£27,225.13**. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17. This should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people in the decision making process.

Funding has now been committed to 9 projects for 2015/16, as listed in Appendix 1 (table 1.5). This leaves **£17,045.13** for allocation this financial year.

The allocation of these monies has been listed as an item for discussion at the next Inner North West Children and Young People's Sub Group on 16 September.

5 2016/17 Wellbeing Commissioning Round

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.

It is proposed that the commissioning round follows the same process this year with applications invited between October 2015 and the beginning of January 2016 for approvals at the March Community Committee.

The Community Committee is asked to consider the following proposed priorities to provide a final list for the application guidance notes:

Proposed Inner North 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

The Area Support Team will consult with Members before and during the process, bringing everyone together for a workshop to review all applications on Monday 22 February 9am – 12pm.

Members are asked to approve the process.

6 Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

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

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
- 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

Aligning the distribution of Area 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 Wellbeing budgets.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

Risk Management

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

7 Conclusions

The Inner North West Community Committee Wellbeing Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2015-16 and asks members to consider the commissioning round process for 2016-17.

8 Recommendations

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- Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this.
- Agree the recommended commissioning round process and funding priorities for 2016/17.

9 Background documents¹ - None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.