

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

**Report to: The Outer West Community Committee – Calverley & Farsley; Farnley & Wortley; Pudsey**

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**For decision**

## **Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. This report provides the Outer 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.
2. The report also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.
3. The report also asks the Community Committee to approve the commissioning process and timescales for the 2016/17 Wellbeing budget.

### **Main issues**

4. 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.
5. The Outer 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.

## Wellbeing Revenue Budget Statement 2015/16

- The Outer West Community Committee received an allocation of **£126,290** for the 2015/16 financial year. Taking into account project underspends and carry forward figures from 2014/15, the total fund available for new projects in 2015/16 was **£143,127**. This funding has now been committed to 22 projects for 2015/16, as listed in Appendix 1 (table 1.2).
- There is **£18,799** in Wellbeing funds currently unallocated for 2015/16.

### Small Grants & Skips

- Table 1 below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been received or approved since the last meeting of the Outer West Community Committee. Table 2. outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

Table 1: Small Grants Received and / or Approved

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation /Department</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
West Leeds Juniors Development Centre	West Leeds Juniors FC	£500	£500

Table 2: Skips Approvals

<b>Location</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of Skips</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Farfield Avenue, Pudsey, LS28 5HL	Calverley & Farsley	2	£295

- Taking these into account, there is **£5,766** still available for allocation for Small Grants and 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.

### 2015/16 Wellbeing Capital Budget

- The remaining budget available in the Outer West Wellbeing Capital budget is **£3,590**. Table 3. outlines those Capital projects that have been received or approved since the last meeting.

Table 3: Capital projects Received and / or Approved

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation /Department</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
Pond and nature educational area	Park Spring Primary School	£1,500	£1,500

### Youth Activities Fund

- In 2015/16, the Outer West Community Committee received a sum of £46,440 Youth Activity Fund (YAF). Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2014/15, the total fund available for new YAF projects in 2015/16 was **£ 64,946**. 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.

12. Funding has now been committed to 11 projects for 2015/16, as listed in Appendix 1 (table 1.5). This leaves **£12,347** for allocation this financial year. There have been no YAF applications received since the last meeting.

#### 2016/17 Wellbeing Commissioning Round

13. 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 Inner North West Community Committees.
14. 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.
15. The Community Committee is asked to consider the following proposed priorities to provide a final list for the application guidance notes:

Proposed Outer West Wellbeing fund priorities;

- Addressing health inequalities
- Community development & engagement
- Children & young people
- Achieving the priority neighbourhood action plans
- Improving green spaces and the local environment
- Supporting town and district centres, jobs and economic enterprise
- Supporting Community Committee workshop themes

16. The Communities Team will consult with Members before and during the process, bringing everyone together for a workshop to review all applications in February 2016.
17. Members are asked to approve the process.

### **Corporate considerations**

#### **a. Consultation and Engagement**

18. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report. The Youth Activity Fund application rounds are promoted through the Breeze Culture Network and local providers, with consultation from children and young people being taken into account through the Youth Engagement Panels.

#### **b. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

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

#### **c. Council policies and City Priorities**

20. 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

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

21. Aligning the distribution of Community Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.
22. In order to meet the Community Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Wellbeing budgets.

#### **e. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

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

#### **f. Risk Management**

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

### **Conclusion**

25. Wellbeing funding 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.

### **Recommendations**

26. The Committee is asked to:
  - Note the current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16 (Appendix 1).
  - Approve the application process for the 2016/17 financial year
  - Agree the Wellbeing fund priorities for 2016/17

### **Background information**

- None