

**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**

## **Finance 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. Attached at appendix 4 is the Finance Monitoring Report which provides Members with details of the current monitoring position of the Wellbeing fund and the Youth Activity Fund.

### **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

6. 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 23 projects for 2015/16, as listed in Appendix 1 (table 1.2).
7. Since the last meeting a project from Parks & Countryside (P&C) for playground improvements to Victoria Park was approved. The total cost of the project is £31,000 of which £10,000 was being requested from the Outer West Community Committee. Members approved £3,590 from their remaining Wellbeing Capital pot and £6,410 from Wellbeing Revenue.
8. Taking this into account there is **£15,209** in Wellbeing Revenue funds currently unallocated for 2015/16.
9. Since the last meeting 2 applications have been received and are listed in the table below

Table 1: Large Grants Received

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation /Department</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Gardening for Wellbeing	The Conservation Volunteers – Hollybush Conservation Centre	£3,260 Appendix 2
New Street Grove Crime prevention fencing	Housing Leeds	£6,475 Appendix 3

10. If the above projects are approved there will be £5,474 Wellbeing Revenue remaining to be allocated.

### Small Grants & Skips

11. Table 2 below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been received or approved since the last meeting of the Outer West Community Committee. Table 3. outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

Table 2: Small Grants Received and / or Approved

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organisation /Department</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>
PHAB Leeds	Friday Night Project	£83.11	£83.11
Preparation for Birth	Farnley CC	£300.00	£300.00
Business Support	Outer West Area	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Shining Light on Dark Winter	Armley helping hands	£493.92	£493.92

Table 3: Skips Approvals

Location	Ward	Number of Skips	Amount Approved
Parish Church of Saint John the Evangelist, LS28 5DJ	Calverley & Farsley	1	£130

12. Taking these into account, there is **£3,592** 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

13. There is currently no remaining budget available in the Outer West Wellbeing Capital budget. Table 3. outlines those Capital projects that have been received or approved since the last meeting. Please refer to point 7 of this report in relation to the below tabled project.

Table 3: Capital projects Received and / or Approved

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Victoria Park playground improvements	Parks & Countryside	£10,000 of which £3,590 Capital	£3,590

Youth Activities Fund

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. A Youth Activities Fund commissioning round is being held, which was opened on 20 November 2015 and will close on 11 December.

Finance Monitoring report

17. All projects are required to submit monitoring updates on a quarterly basis. Monitoring information received to date for all projects, is presented at Appendix 4.

**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.

## **Recommendations**

26. The Committee is asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16 (Appendix 1)
- Consider the Wellbeing large grant and Youth Activity Fund application which have been received since the last Community Committee
- Note and consider the small grants that have been approved since the last meeting
- Note the skips that have been approved since the last meeting

- Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16.
- Note the Finance Monitoring information at appendix 4.

### **Background information**

- **None**