

**Report of the West North West Area Leader**

**Report to Inner North West Community Committee**

**Date: 17 December 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.

The report provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.

**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 Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this.
- Note the project monitoring document attached at **Appendix 2**.

### 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 **£23,480.07** in Wellbeing funds currently unallocated for 2015/16.

Projects to note include:

- Weetwood youth project, £3,082 – Members approved this in November and it was approved by delegated decision on 30 November 2015. The project will provide out of school youth work activities for young people in the Silk Mills, Ivesons and Tinshill areas of Weetwood ward. This will take place through group work and individual consultation, using trained youth workers over an eight week period.
- Eastern Media Arts, 'Glittering stars in Leeds echo' project – Funding of £3,300 has been withdrawn from this project and money returned to the wellbeing pot. The organisation was awarded funding of £4,500 in the 2014/15 financial year, but has failed to provide monitoring or proof of expenditure for the project since July 2014, when a payment of £1,200 was made. A final warning letter was issued to the organisation on 23 September 2015. As monitoring and proof of spend remained outstanding, the organisation have been informed that funding has been withdrawn.

- Lovell Park Flats – A wellbeing application is expected regarding a contribution towards phase 1 of a series of environmental improvements at Lovell Park Flats. The landscape design masterplan has been produced by Groundwork Leeds, in consultation with key stakeholders. Phase 1 of the funding seeks to improve the aesthetics of the area, improve accessibility, address some of the community safety concerns, provide an outdoor community green space and provide some additional car parking spaces. Final costs are currently being awaited, as the item is firstly to be considered by the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel at their meeting on 10 December 2015. The application will then be circulated as a late item, for consideration at the Community Committee meeting on 17 December.

Wellbeing applications are also being developed for the installation of speed indication devices (SIDs) in each of the three wards and the potential planting of wildflower meadows in the Little London area.

#### 4.2 Wellbeing fund - small grants and skips

There have been no small grant or skips applications approved since the last meeting of the Inner North West Community Committee. Taking this 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.

#### 4.3 Capital Fund

In addition to revenue the Community Committee also received an allocation of capital funding. This currently stands at **£20,700**.

An amount of £2,000 was approved by delegated decision on 13 October 2015 for City Development, Leeds Lights to spend on installing Christmas lights infrastructure at the new Little London Community Centre. This was for the installation of four lamp column controls and timer equipment.

#### 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 **£18,525.58** for allocation this financial year.

Due to staff reductions at the ESNW cluster, two Youth Activities Fund projects can no longer be delivered. They include the Mighty Chefs after school club and the Mighty Chefs holiday club. Funding of £631.00 and £419.00 respectively has

therefore been returned to the pot. There is a meeting scheduled with the ESNW cluster to discuss progress on other projects and a verbal update will be provided at the Community Committee meeting.

A Youth Activities Fund commissioning round is being held, it opened on 20 November 2015 and closed on 11 December 2015. A verbal update will be provided at the Community Committee meeting as to how many applications have been received.

## **5 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.

### **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.

## **6 Recommendations**

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## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup> - None**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.