

Report of: Jane Maxwell, East North East Area Leader

Report to: Outer North East Community Committee – Alwoodley, Harewood & Wetherby Wards

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For Decision

Outer North East Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund budgets

Purpose of report

1. The report provides Members with an update on the current position of the Outer North East Community Committee's budgets and sets out applications for Wellbeing Revenue Funding and Youth Activity Funding for consideration by the Community Committee.
2. Members are also asked to revisit the option of establishing some 'minimum conditions' for approving delegated decisions for the forthcoming municipal year.

Main issues

3. Wellbeing Revenue – the amount of revenue funding for each Community Committee is determined by a formula based on 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area. The allocation for the Outer North East Community Committee for 2016/17 is £79,270, a reduction of just over 10% on the 2015/16 budget. The Community Committee apportions this budget between the three wards on a population basis (Source: 2011 Census).
4. Capital Wellbeing – this is allocated through the council's Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS). 20% of receipts generated are retained locally up to a maximum of £100,000 per capital receipt. 15% is retained by the ward as additional Ward Based Initiative (WBI) funding and 5% is pooled across the Council and transferred to the Community Committees on the basis of need.
5. Currently the Outer North East Community Committee has **£15,100** in its Capital Wellbeing budget.

6. Youth Activity Fund (YAF) – this funding is determined by the number of children and young people aged 8 – 17. The allocation for this committee for 2016/17 is £36,790. The committee apportions this budget between the three wards using the 8 – 17 year old population figures (Source: GP Data 2012).
7. More detailed information about the spending against the 2016/17 budget is available in the appendices to this report. (**Appendix A** – Wellbeing Revenue; **Appendix B** - Youth Activity Funding).

Wellbeing Funding

Current Wellbeing budget position

8. A year end reconciliation of the Wellbeing budget has been completed and taking into account carry-forward figures, the current position for June 2016 is highlighted below:

| Ward | Total carry forward (including schemes from 2015/16 to be paid for in 2016/17) | Total budget remaining (2016/17 allocation plus unallocated carry forward less new approvals) |
|-----------|--|---|
| Alwoodley | £10,189 | £27,548 |
| Harewood | £28,722 | £31,275 |
| Wetherby | £70,494 | £22,525 |

9. The following two Wellbeing Revenue applications are for consideration by the Community Committee:

| Ward(s) | Organisation | Project | Total cost | Amount applied for |
|----------|---|---|------------|--------------------|
| Harewood | Scarcroft Village Playground Group | Scarcroft Village Playground | £85,000 | £10,000 |
| Wetherby | Wetherby In Support of the Elderly (WiSE) | Activities for Wetherby in support of the Elderly | £4,000 | £3,600 |

Youth Activity Fund

Current Youth Activity Fund budget position

10. The year-end reconciliation of the Wellbeing budget and Youth Activity Fund has been completed and taking into account carry-forward figures, the current position for June 2016 is highlighted below:

| Ward | Carry forward (including schemes from 2015/16 to be paid for in 2016/17) | Total budget remaining (2016/17 allocation plus unallocated carry forward less new approvals) |
|-------------|---|--|
| Alwoodley | £17,738 | £13,832 |
| Harewood | £16,419 | £20,508 |
| Wetherby | £18,089 | £22,126 |

11. The following two Youth Activity Fund applications are for consideration by the Community Committee:

| Ward(s) | Organisation | Project | Total cost | Amount applied for |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Alwoodley | Chabad Lubavitch Youth Organisation | Chabad Lubavitch Summer Schemes | £13,200 | £5,000 |
| Harewood | Collingham & Linton Cricket Club | Junior coaching and training services | £8,629 | £6,500 |

Delegated Decisions

12. Sometimes there may be a need for urgent decisions to be made in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of Wellbeing and Youth Activity budgets. Concurrently with the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) to take such decisions.
13. In order to reassure Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework and with appropriate Member consultation, the Committee could if they wish, establish a set of 'minimum conditions' which would mean that any such delegated decisions could only be taken when those conditions have been satisfied.
14. From the commencement of this municipal year (2016/17), the Constitution allows for the delegated decision process and associated minimum conditions to include urgent decisions required around the use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Committee, as well as those decisions regarding Wellbeing and Youth Activity budgets.
15. At the first Community Committee meeting in 2014/15, this Committee resolved not to establish any minimum conditions. Given that the Community Committee has now been in operation for 2 years, the Committee is invited to consider whether it wishes to bring forward a set of draft 'minimum conditions' for consideration at the next scheduled meeting'.

16. The following two applications have been approved since the Outer North East Community Committee held on 7th March 2016.

- a. These approvals were made under the delegated authority of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities), due to the need for a decision to be made before the next scheduled Committee round. Ward Members have been consulted and were supportive of the following applications.

| Ward(s) | Organisation | Project | Total cost | Amount applied for | Amount approved |
|----------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Alwoodley | Moor Allerton Elderly Care | Building Capacity and developing skills | £16,820 | £15,700 | £6,280 |
| Alwoodley | Slaid Hill in Bloom | Out with the old, In with the New! | £973.42 | £973.42 | £973.42 |

Conclusion

17. The Wellbeing Revenue fund provides financial support for projects in the Outer North East area which help to deliver the priorities of the Community Committee (attached for reference at **Appendix C**).

18. The report has set out the current budget position, applications recently approved through delegated decisions in consultation with Ward Members and a number of funding applications for the Community Committee's consideration.

Recommendations

19. The Community Committee is asked to:

- a. Note the current budget position for 2016/17;
- b. Consider the Wellbeing Revenue and Youth Activity Fund applications set out at paragraphs 9 & 11 and approve, where appropriate, the amount of grant to be awarded;
- c. Note the two applications that have been approved since the Community Committee met on March 7th under the delegated authority of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities);
- d. Give consideration to establishment of some 'minimum conditions' for the approval of delegated decisions for the forthcoming municipal year.