

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

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Outer West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17 and the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots.
2. The report provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund
3. The report also asks the Community Committee to approve the funding process and timescales for the 2017/18 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 funding 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.

6. In addition, the Outer West Community Committee receives a sum of Youth Activity Fund funding.
7. The Community Committee also received an allocation of capital funding in 2016/17.

Wellbeing Revenue Budget Statement 2016/17

8. The Outer West Community Committee received an allocation of **£113,310** for the 2016/17 financial year. Taking into account project underspends and carry forward figures from 2015/16, the total fund available for new projects in 2016/17 was **£149,482.55**. This funding has now been committed to **26** projects for 2016/17.
9. Taking into account underspends and the balance following the funding round there is **£1,693.00** still available for allocation for Wellbeing Revenue in the 2016/17 budget.

Small Grants & Skips

10. There have been no Small Grant applications since the last Outer West Community Committee meeting. **Table 1** outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

Table 1: Skip Approvals (15/06/16 – 06/09/16)

Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Local Residents Community Clean Up – Victoria Crescent	£140	£140
Swinnow Community Centre	£140	£140

11. Taking these into account, there is **£6,882.58** still available for allocation for Small Grants and for Skip Hire in the 2016/17 budget. The Community Committee are asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants and skips that have recently been approved.

2016/17 Wellbeing Capital Projects For Consideration

12. In addition to wellbeing revenue the Community Committee also receives an allocation of capital funding. The latest update received from the Council's Finance Department shows, there is **£41,600** in capital monies available for allocation in 2016/17.

2016/17 Youth Activities Fund (YAF)

13. In 2016/17, the Outer West Community Committee received a sum of **£41,670.00** Youth Activity Fund. This fund is for sports and cultural activities for young people aged 8-17. This should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people in the decision making process.
14. A General Purposes Sub Group was held on 23 August where members reviewed the process for funding the YAF and suggested 2 funding rounds are held a year and for any late applications to only be considered under exceptional circumstances (**Appendix 1**). In the event that an application is received the Communities Team will consider the application and seek permission from the chair for the application to be circulated to members for approval by a delegated decision.

15. The committee also made recommendations to approve the project listed in **Table 2**. This project has since been circulated to all members and approved by a delegated decision.

Table 2: Youth Activity Fund – Projects Considerations

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Scrap Tinker Lab	Scrap – Centre of Creative Reuse Play and Learning	£2,950.00	£2,950.00 - Approved

16. Members are asked to approve the process for funding the YAF set out in Appendix 1.
17. In total the funding has now been committed to 9 projects for 2016/17, this leaves **£3,394** for allocation this financial year.

2017/18 Wellbeing Funding Round

18. Members are asked to approve the method by which Wellbeing grants are approved for 2017/18. In previous years, this has been done through an open application process synced with the Inner North West and Inner West Community Committees.
19. It is proposed that the funding round follows the same process again, with applications invited between 28 October 2016 and 13 January 2017, for approvals at the March Community Committee meeting.

The proposed priorities below are also reflected in the Community Plan 2016/17 (see Appendix 1 of the Area Update report)

Outer West Wellbeing fund priorities

- Increase community activity and local residents' involvement in decision making
- Work with our partners to improve services in our local neighbourhoods
- Support activities that make people and places feel safer
- Enhance the quality of our parks and public spaces
- Develop and make better use of community assets
- Support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired
- Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities
- Provide opportunities for people to get jobs, volunteer or learn new skills
- Improve access and engagement in sport and cultural activities

The Communities Team will consult with Members before and during the process, bringing everyone together for a workshop to review all applications on a proposed date of Monday 13 February 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Members are asked to approve the process.

Corporate considerations

a. Consultation and Engagement

20. 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

21. All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the 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.

c. Council policies and City Priorities

22. 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

23. Aligning the distribution of Community Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

e. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

f. Risk Management

25. 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

26. 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 2016-17.

Recommendations

27. The Committee is asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17
- Note the small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting at **Table 1**
- Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund and consider any applications received for 2016/17.
- Note the current budget position for the Youth Activities Fund and consider any applications received for 2016/17 at **Table 2**
- Members are asked to approve the process set out in appendix 1 to funding the YAF.
- Agree the recommended application round process and funding priorities for 2016/17.

Background information

- None