

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

**Report to: Inner West Community Committee**

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## **Wellbeing Fund Update**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on the projects funded through the Inner West Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund budgets. It presents projects approved by delegated decision since the last meeting. It also asks Members to approve the application process for bids to the 2017/18 Wellbeing budget.

Members are asked to:

- a) Note the balance of the Wellbeing budget for 2016/17
- b) Consider the new 2016/17 projects listed at 5-9
- c) Note the balance of the Capital Fund at 14
- d) Note the balance of the Youth Activities Fund at 16

## Main issues

### Current position

1. Since March 2016, the Committee awarded grants totaling £128,654 to 35 projects following an open application round. The list of projects funded so far in 2016/2017 is presented at **Appendix 1**.

### Wellbeing balances

2. The remaining balance available per ward for 2016/17 are as follows:

<b>Remaining Balances For 2016/17</b>	
Armley	£5,064
Bramley & Stanningley	£14,344
Kirkstall	£20,620

### New Wellbeing applications

3. There are 7 new applications for the Community Committee to consider:
4. Poplars Fencing Scheme - £2,557 - Armley  
Housing Leeds are seeking £2,557 to match fund a Housing Advisory Panel grant to install fencing along the greenspace at Poplar Way in Armley ward to prevent access by motorbikes and quad bikes that are causing a nuisance to residents and damaging the grass.
6. Milford Sports Club Changing Rooms - £4k – Kirkstall  
To contribute towards the cost of refurbishing the changing rooms at the club which are now in a very bad state of repair.
7. Wellington Gardens fencing –£13,636 - Bramley & Stanningley  
Housing Leeds are seeking match funding of up to £13,636 towards the cost of replacing rotten wood knee high fencing around the Wellington Gardens sheltered housing project.
8. West Eagles Rugby Club Changing Rooms - £5,000 – Armley  
West Eagles ARLFC is based at New Wortley Sports and Social Club and does not have adequate changing facilities for its growing team base or visitors. There are no separate female facilities for the women’s team. The grant will refurbish the changing rooms including a new roof, plastering and 10 shower heads. The amount applied for is half of the amount quoted, and the club is applying to the Housing Advisory Panel for the remainder.
9. Motiv-8 Counselling Project - £2,048 – £1,024 each Armley and Bramley & Stanningley

The Community Committee funded a counselling project for young people in the Bramley Cluster who were in need of support but did not meet the threshold for social services or CAMHS. Funding for the project ended in October, and due to demand, Barca are seeking £2,048 to run the project until the end of March. They have also submitted an application to run the project in 2017/18 which will be considered by the Committee in March.

10. Cragside Recreation Ground Masterplan (Hawksworth Wood) - £4,000.  
Groundwork Leeds, working in conjunction with the HAVA board is seeking funding to pay for a Masterplan for Cragside Rec. Following lengthy discussions it has been proposed that HAVA will consider funding the ground surveys that are required and that an application would be made for Wellbeing funding to pay Groundwork to create a masterplan which would involve creating and agreeing a vision for the whole greenspace.
11. Litter Bin Project – Bramley & Stanningley £3,000  
This project comes from a request from Ward Members to install additional litter bins across the ward. Locations of the new bins are yet to be decided.

### **Small grants and skips**

12. There have been 2 small grants approved since the last meeting:
13. West Leeds Activity Centre Launch - £500  
The Lazer Centre has rebranded to the 'West Leeds Activity Centre', and in October held an open day for the local community to view the amenities and have a go at some activities. The small grant paid for refreshments and publicity materials. Over 450 attended the event and the centre is now running an increased programme for the wider community rather than their core customers such as schools and youth clubs.
14. Castleton Primary School Parliament Visit - £500  
The small grant contributed to the costs of taking a group of 30 Year 6 pupils to visit the Houses of Parliament in London. The trip gives the children an opportunity to learn more about democracy and raise aspirations by visiting the capital.

### **Capital Wellbeing Balance**

15. The current Inner West Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme balance is £28,400 which includes a recent injection of £6,440.

### **Youth Activities Fund**

16. The Inner West Community Committee had a Youth Activities Fund budget of £55,941 for 2016/17. Since April fifteen projects have been funded at a total cost of £55,842 and are listed at **Appendix 2**.
17. The ward balances of the Youth Activities Fund are as follows:
  - Armley - £0
  - Bramley & Stanningley - £0
  - Kirkstall - £99

## **2017/18 Wellbeing Funding Round**

18. At the last meeting, Members approved the process for allocating grants and funding projects in 2017/18. The deadline for grant applications is 5pm on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Members are asked to encourage projects to apply where they meet the Community Committee's priorities.
19. The Communities Team will consult with Members in ward groups before and during the process, bringing everyone together for a workshop to review all applications on week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

## **Corporate considerations**

### **20. Consultation and engagement**

Elected Members have been consulted on local priorities through the new Community Committee Plan.

Consultation with Young People will continue to identify potential projects for the Community Committee's Youth Activities Fund.

### **21. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

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

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

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

In order to meet the Community Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets.

### **23. Risk management**

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

## **Conclusion**

24. The Community Committee has invested its Wellbeing funding in a wide variety of projects that benefit local communities. The majority of projects are progressing as planned with some very positive outcomes recorded. There is some underspend in 2016/17, and Members are asked to identify projects to commit the remainder of their funds to.
25. Early feedback indicates that the summer holiday projects funded through the Youth Activities Fund were a great success.

## **Recommendations**

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