



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 3rd December 2007

Subject: 2007/08 Well-Being Fund

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Ward members consulted
(referred to in this report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report contains details of projects commissioned since the last Area Committee meeting and also the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group on new project applications received. The Area Committee is asked to note the projects commissioned, and indicate if they are supportive of the new bids received.

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on projects that have been commissioned since the last meeting when this approach was agreed. It also presents proposals for consideration that have been received as grant applications rather than been commissioned to deliver an action from the Area Delivery Plan.
2. Since the last meeting on 15th October two new commissioned projects have been developed. Two non-commissioned projects have applied for Well-Being Fund support. The recommendation of the Well-Being Fund working group is included to aid the Committee in decision making.
3. The report also updates the Committee on small grants approved since the last meeting, attached as appendix 1.

Background

4. At the March meeting the Area Committee agreed to split the Well-Being Fund between the themes identified in the Area Delivery Plan 2007/08 and also set aside some of the funding for ward based projects. The Area Committee then agreed to take a commissioning approach with the theme funding in order to implement projects that specifically deliver activities to achieve one or more of the actions identified in the plan.
5. Appendix 2 details the projects commissioned and approved by the Area Committee so far this year.

Revenue commissioned projects

Children and young people theme

Northern School of Contemporary Dance 'Reach!' project (INE.07.25.LG)

6. The Dance School have developed a partnership with Carr Manor High School (CMHS) and intend to run weekly creative dance sessions for pupils of all ages and abilities at the school. Sessions will be delivered by a School of Dance teacher and a CMHS teaching assistant throughout term time as part of CMHS Extended Services provision. The project will begin in January 2008 and will be delivered over the course of 3 full school terms, finishing in December 2008. The work will culminate with a public performance at the Dance School's Riley Theatre. Approximately 400 pupils will access dance through this project. Another aim of the project is to enable staff at the school to deliver dance activities beyond the School of Dance's involvement. This will be done through extending access to professional dance training for CMHS PE teachers and 2 dance workers recently engaged by the school so they can continue with the project once the School of Dance involvement ends.
7. The project will directly contribute towards achieving actions A1, A4, & A7 in the Area Delivery Plan and through working with Carr Manor, will be targeting young people from priority neighbourhoods including Beckhill and Chapeltown. **Total to ratify - £2,608**

Economic development and enterprise theme

Oakwood Clock Farmers Market (INE.07.28.LG)

8. A group of local residents in Roundhay have formed the Roundhay Environmental Action Project (REAP) in order to set up a regular Farmers Market in Oakwood at the Oakwood Clock. The market will take place once a month on a Saturday morning. There will be stalls selling local produce (within a 30 mile radius of Leeds) and stalls providing information and advice about sustainable living. The project steering group includes the Chair of Oakwood Traders Association. The funding will be used for set up costs – publicity, initial market license, initial insurance payment, subscription to FARMA and a website. Once the market is up and running the ongoing costs will be paid for from fees that they will charge to the farmers/producers.
9. The project will address ADP priorities – P4, to improve the quality of the local environment, P6 – empowering local communities as the idea and planning has been done by local residents. It will also contribute towards action D1, the economic regeneration of Oakwood district centre. **Total to ratify - £1,184**

Non commissioned projects

10. The following projects were received as grant applications. The Well-Being Fund working group met and discussed the applications, their recommendations are contained below. The Area Committee is requested to consider each application and indicate if they support the amounts recommended by the working group.

Children and young people theme

Lifeforce WizeMove project (INE.07.20.LG) requesting £6,801

11. The Area Committee will recall this project was discussed at the last meeting where it was deferred back to the working group. The Area Committee asked for the following questions to be answered:
 - Of the 5 spaces available, only 2 young people have been identified so far. Have others been identified and if so, where do they live?
 - What are the implications if this application is unsuccessful? Have they applied to any other sources of funding?
 - What are the schools views on the project?
12. The schools that have been involved are Roundhay High, Carr Manor High, Abbey Grange and Copperfields. Extremely positive feedback from Roundhay, Carr Manor and Abbey Grange has been received. Some examples are:
 - The small size of the group creates the right atmosphere for young people who would normally be disruptive
 - Attendance levels and behaviour of the individuals have improved in school following LifeForce project intervention
13. Lifeforce have not identified 3 students to fill the remaining places yet. They are waiting for a response to this Well-Being Fund application. LifeForce have not applied elsewhere for funding and will not be running the programme if the application is unsuccessful.

14. **Recommendation** – The working group considered the additional information provided, including the feedback from the schools. The working group supports the aims of the programme, however felt that a number of similar projects have already been commissioned this year under the children and young people’s theme. They would also have liked to see the organisation approaching other funders for support, and to develop partnerships with other similar organisations offering similar programmes in the area. On this basis, the recommendation is to decline the funding application. **Recommend – no contribution.**

Safer stronger communities theme

Community Mediation Service (INE.07.26.LG) requesting £843

15. For the last 3 years Mediation Leeds has had a service level agreement with East North East homes Leeds to deliver community mediation to tenants who are in dispute with their neighbours. However there is no provision for tenants in private rented properties or owner occupiers. In 2006/07 they received 19 referrals from the inner north east area which could not be dealt with because they were for private properties. This project would provide the funding for up to 15 hours mediation (approx 6 enquiries and 2 cases) for cases that are referred for the remainder of 2007/08.
16. **Recommendation:** There is not a specific action in the ADP that this would directly contribute towards, however the types of neighbour dispute that is dealt with has links to anti-social behaviour, crime and improving the quality of life for residents in the area. Therefore it indirectly contributes to actions B1, B5, B14 and B16. **Recommend - £843 contribution.**

Capital

Friends of Wyke Beck Woods – bridge and fence project requesting £13,285

17. This project will build a bridge across the Wyke Beck where currently there is only a crossing over a concrete covered sewage pipe. The new bridge will be suitable for pedestrians, pushchairs, bikes and wheelchairs. In addition the project will improve the existing fencing and install a kissing gate. Yorkshire Water have committed £5,000 towards the project. The rest is requested from the Well-Being Fund, giving a total project cost of £18,285. The project is expected to be completed by Summer 2008. The project will enable people to enjoy walking over and around the Beck. By encouraging more people to use the area, this will discourage anti-social behaviour in the area.
18. **Recommendation:** The project will contribute towards the ADP objective to improve the environmental appearance of targeted areas. The working group would like to see the friends group identify and apply for other sources of funding to meet the fencing elements of the project. A further application to the Well-Being Fund for the other costs would be welcome if the group can demonstrate they have applied elsewhere and not been successful. **Recommend – £7,000 contribution for the design, construction and erection of the bridge.**

Recommendations

19. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report and;
 - a) ratify the commissioned revenue projects
 - b) indicate if they support the amounts recommended by the working group for the non commissioned projects both revenue and capital

WELL BEING FUND SMALL GRANTS APPROVED

INE.07.07.SG – The Leeds Gathering 2007

Leeds Irish Arts Foundation is a community based project providing access to Irish arts, traditional music and cultural activities. The Leeds Gathering is a 10 day celebration of traditional Irish music and arts taking place during November 2007. It will include a broad cross section of Irish arts and culture: community workshops, displays and concerts with high profile professional artistes, a play, guest musicians from Ireland, literary events, lectures, talks and the screening of an Irish film and documentary.

The project will be locally developed to include a community based partnership programme of Irish artistic and cultural classes, training sessions, workshops and events in the inner NE and NW of the City. In Chapel Allerton this will include a number of community events at the following venues – Chapel Allerton Arts Centre, Chapel Allerton Library and Holy Rosary Primary School.

A grant of £200 was awarded to the organisation.

INE.07.08.SG – Roman Avenue Garage Site

The garage site is on the West Park Estate in Roundhay which is currently an eyesore to the local community. There are 12 garage plots on the site – 7 garages are leased and will remain but there are 5 that are no longer leased which are in state of disrepair, completely full of rubbish and which contain asbestos. ENEhL are going to clear the site of all rubbish and debris so that the 5 remaining plots can be leased out. Green bowtop fencing will be installed at both sides of the access road and a lockable gate will be installed to prevent unauthorised access. By completing these works the whole area will be improved and the potentially hazardous asbestos will be removed. By clearing and securing the site it will also prevent future flytipping activity. Residents will then have the opportunity to apply for a plot on which to erect a garage as there is limited off road parking in the area.

Total costs for the project are £3525 which are broken down to cover 1.2m bowtop green powder coated fencing (£2736) and a gate/barrier (£789). A grant of £500 was awarded to ENEh towards the total costs of the project.

INE.07.09.SG – Leafield Towers Environmental Project

Leafield Towers is a multi-storey tower block situated in Moortown. During an estate walkabout by ENEhL there were two small areas identified as causing an issue around litter collection and being unsightly. The areas are overgrown and regularly have to be cleared of litter. ENEhL therefore proposed works to clear some areas of vegetation, membrane and mulch. They will then improve the areas by laying flagstones and planting low growing shrubs. These works are a result of consultation with the residents group and form part of a larger project to enhance the area around the block for both residents and visitors to the area. The total cost of the project is £700. A grant of £350 was granted towards the cost of these improvement works.

INE.07.13.SG – Bluebells Football Team Kit

NE Leeds JFC are a newly formed club for this season and have recently achieved FA Charter Standard Club status. They train at Stainbeck Lane playing fields in Summer and Allerton Grange School in Winter. Their home matches are played at Roundhay Park. They have 2 FA qualified coaches and a Child Protection Officer to ensure the safety and welfare of the players at all times. They currently just have an under 11's boys team who play in the Garforth Junior League Division 3, although they do hope to extend the number of teams in different age groups. They would now like to start an under 8's girls football team for this area and the children would come from the whole of the Inner NE area. This is due to a demand for a girls team in the area where there are currently few opportunities for girls to play.

The were awarded a grant of £285 to purchase a team kit for 14 players and a goalkeeper (shirt, shorts and socks).

INE.07.14.SG – Shaping Up for Christmas

The Moor Allerton Community Association are running a six week programme of activities including exercise (indoor and out), movement to music, healthy eating awareness sessions, diet and exercise training and advice on posture and technique. These activities will look to improve the health of people living in Moor Allerton by seeking to reduce local health inequalities, focusing on health improvement in the groups of people with the poorest health. They also want to promote improving quality of life and longer, healthier lifestyles. These objectives are in line with the Local Area Agreement as the project will promote a Healthy and Positive Society. The project is based at St John's church hall and residents from the Lingfields, Fir Trees and Queenshill's estates will be attending. Consultations have been carried out by other voluntary groups in the area to assess the need for a project such as this before it was developed (Northcall, Open House and residents groups).

A grant of £150 was granted to the organisation as a contribution towards the total costs of £500 (£350 paid by NE (Outer) Area Committee).

Well-Being Fund 2007/08 current position**Revenue:****Children & Young People**

REEMAP	15,000
Youth Service	17,400
Meanwood Urban Farm summer playscheme	7,800
Leeds REACH	4,917
Karate for Inner City Kids	3,000
Total	48,117
Budget	65,000
Remaining if approvals as per recommendations to this meeting go ahead	14,275

Safer & Stronger Communities

Sound of Steel Event	1,000
Roundhay Neighbourhood Design Statement	10,000
Moortown Community Fair	2,500
Roundhay Tree Management project	7,800
Volunteer Thank You Event	700
Total	21,300
Budget	36,917
Remaining if approvals as per recommendations to this meeting go ahead	14,074

Healthier Communities & Older People

Summer sports activities	8,735
Total	8,735
Budget	28,399
Remaining	19,664

Economic Development & Enterprise

Chapelton Townscape Heritage Initiative	15,000
Total	15,000
Budget	18,399
Remaining if approvals as per recommendations to this meeting go ahead	2,815

Ongoing commitments

Grant / K Fund Worker	25,317
Small Grants allocation	5,000
Community engagement	5,000
Total	35,317

Ward pots

Chapel Allerton

Yorkshire Gold – RJC Dance production	2,500
Flamingo Land day out – Youth Service	950
Mandela Centre improvements	1,530
Total	4,980
Budget	10,000
Remaining	5,020

Moortown and Roundhay wards both allocated £10,000 each, no projects yet allocated funding.

Community Safety 2006/07 *

Skip hire for North Park Avenue Allotments	85
Skip hire for Mandela centre	256
Large Skip for Scott Hall Community Clean-up Day	85
Skip for Roundhay Park Allotments	85
Skips for Scott hall and Shelbrooke Mount	436
Skip for Meanwood allotments - 5th April - 11 April	85
Skip hire for Methleys/Zermatt's	200
Skip 41 Roundhay Avenue	100
Skip for Scott Hall Rd	256
Skip for Gledhow Valley	85
Skip for Allerton Terrace & Regent pub	285
Skip Roundhay Allotments	85
Stonegate Road Allotments	85
Distribution Centre - Gledhow Valley Allotments	85
Meanwood Parkside Road Allotments	85
North Park Allotments Lidgett Lane	85
Miles Hill View Ginnel for Thursday 18 October 2007	400
Total	2,783
Budget	8,898
Remaining	6,115

Capital (07/08 – 09/10):

Gledhow Valley Path	10,120
North Leeds Cricket Club	15,000
7 Community Arts Centre	20,000
Moor Allerton Sports & Social Club car park	12,000
Lidgett Park Methodist Church	7,000
Roundhegians Sports Association kitchen upgrade	2,544
Deen minibus project	8,000

Woodhouse Cricket Club	6,000
Groundwork Leeds Sugarwell Hill	5,000
Total	85,664
Budget	270,000
Remaining if approvals as per recommendations to this meeting go ahead	177,336

* Community safety pot is the underspend from last year's project, some of which was set aside for 'Pride in where you live' expenditure (skips, small environmental expenses as raised in the Joint Tasking meetings).

Additional £50,000 allocated for conservation area reviews and resident car parking schemes

Chapel Allerton conservation area review	£15,000
Meanwoodside conservation area review	£10,000
Total	£25,000
Remaining	£25,000