



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 3rd December 2007

Subject: Update on projects funded by the Well-Being Fund in 2006/07 and 2007/08

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 updates the Area Committee of the outcomes and outputs of projects that have received Well-Being Funding over the last two years.

Purpose of this report

1. To provide an update to the Area Committee on the outcomes of projects that have been supported by the Well-Being Fund over the last two years.

Feedback from Well Being Fund large grant projects

Meanwood Intensive Families Project – INE.06.24.LG

2. This project was granted £3,500 in April 2007. The aim of the project is to engage with some of the hardest to reach and disruptive young people in Meanwood who are at risk of committing crime and anti-social behaviour. The Well-Being Fund contributed towards a motorcycle project – Off the Streets @ BUMPY. The young people are taught responsible motorcycle use and general maintenance, in turn they are expected to behave whilst being part of the course and not use their bikes illegally. Five youths from Meanwood were engaged with this project over a 5 month period, during which time there was a fall in anti-social behaviour and inappropriate use of motorcycles in the area.
3. The project is continuing using NRF funding and a further 16 young people from Meanwood signed up for an October half term course at Off the Streets @ BUMPY. Four girls from Meanwood attend Saturday sessions at BUMPY.

Meanwood Elders – INE.06.25.LG

4. Meanwood Elders were granted £2,418 in February 2007 for a Chinese physical culture course. The course provides exercise that is specific for conditions usually experienced by older people and to improve their physical and mental well-being. The funding paid for three courses. The first two courses have completed with an average of 5 people per class. The third course is due to start in early 2008. Feedback from attendees is that the course has given them a rise in confidence.

Moortown Community Fair – INE.06.26.LG

5. This project was granted £2,500 in June 2007. The Community Fair took place on Saturday 8th September 2007 at Carr Manor High School. Over 160 people attended, the signing in sheets showed good representation from a range of ethnic and faith groups. The community fair developed skills of local volunteers in particular the younger volunteers commented that they felt more confident in their abilities to work in their local community and as part of a group. The event was organised jointly by Stainbeck Church and the Iqra Centre. Comments from residents showed they would like more events like this to be held in the area.

SILC Youth Club Oakwood – INE.06.27.LG

6. This project was granted £3,000 in February 2007 for an after school activity club for young people aged 13-19 years. The club is running and well established with 25 young people taking part in a variety of activities including science evenings, flower planting, football, food technology and arts and crafts work. The club has enabled the young people to raise their self esteem, for example by having their artwork displayed in school assembly.

Oakwood Air Training Corps – INE.06.28.LG

7. The project was awarded £3,190 in March 2007 and was to purchase equipment including new tents, cooking kits, gazebo and digital projector. The funding was also granted for new rucksacks, which will be bought in the new year. As a result of the new equipment the Air Training Corps now has 60 cadets on their books and have begun training for 20 bronze and 6 silver Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Fieldhouses regeneration – INE.06.29.LG

8. £11,000 capital was granted towards the costs of the Fieldhouses Regeneration project, which was implemented by the former Leeds North East Homes. The scheme made the following improvements;
 - improved parking across the estate with new lay by parking
 - Improved access to the estate as cars have been removed from the road on the North East entrance to the estate
 - Refurbished drying areas
 - Improved access to light with estate wide tree management including crown lifting and tree felling
 - Improved security and aesthetics to the three storey flats on Fieldhouse Drive with the installation of a wall and garden area
 - Additional decorative tree planting across the area to improve the look of the estate

North Leeds Cricket Club – INE.06.34.LG

9. This project was granted £15,000 capital for fencing on the Old Park Road side of the club grounds. The previous fencing was in poor condition and enabled people to access the grounds. As a result, vandalism and litter was taking place on the pitch and at the pavilion. The new iron fencing has now been installed, to the benefit of over 300 members of the club. Anecdotal feedback from the club shows there has been a drop in vandalism and other incidences of crime, and people feel much safer now the fence is in place.

Seven Arts Centre – INE.06.35.LG

10. £20,000 capital was granted towards the cost of retractable seating in the Centre in Chapel Allerton. The seating has been installed the centre is now open. The new seating is in use currently 3-4 evenings a week for a mix of film, theatre and comedy and has audiences of 60-100 people.

Meanwood Festival – INE.06.36.LG

11. The project was granted £2,000 towards the Meanwood Festival which took place in July 2007. which was primarily focusing on community art exhibition. The funding was used for lighting, sound, games, activities and a local history photography exhibition. The organisers estimated that 500 people took part in the activities through the week, and with approximately 30 volunteers supporting.

Bi Centenary project – INE.06.39.LG

12. The project was granted £1,000 towards the Sound of Steel on Angel Voices event, which took place at the West Indian Centre in April 2007. Over 150 people from the LS6,7,8,9 areas attended the event which was part of the Leeds Bi-centenary project.

Recommendations

13. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of the report.