



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 10th December 2007

Subject: Well-Being Fund 2007/08

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Specific Implications For:
Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/>
Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/>

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Executive Summary

This report on the 2007/08 Well-Being Fund provides a summary of spending to date in 2007/08 and presents a number of new project proposals requesting funding support. The Area Committee is asked to note the content of the report and consider these proposals.

Background Information

1. The Area Committee agreed that the allocation for 2007/08 should be split between wards on the basis of population. It has been confirmed that the Well-Being revenue allocation for 2007/08 is £137,660, a 2% increase on last year's allocation.
2. As a percentage measure of the total population of the outer area, this represents a financial split of £51,247 for Alwoodley ward, £41,438 for Harewood ward and £44,975 for Wetherby ward.
3. In addition to this there is also the carry forward from 2006/07. Final figures are reflected in the table below.

REVENUE	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Maecare	£29,000	£4,500	
Northcall	£15,000		
Barleyfields connexions point			£1,208
Chippies Pond		£2,500	
Environment Fund		£10,000	£10,000
Open House	£11,000		
Wetherby Festival			£2,000
Consultation Fund		£450	£450
Small Grant Top-Up		£4,335	
Total	£55,000	£21,785	£13,658
Total Remaining	£0	£35,917	£77,078

4. In addition, the Committee has a one year (2007/08) capital allocation of £73,504. This allocation was split informally into £24,501 per ward.
5. Further to earlier guidance the Area Management Team have been informed that the Area Committee Well-Being capital allocations in the capital programme are not time limited. These funds will not be lost at the year end, the balance of Well-Being capital allocations will roll forward to future years for you to allocate as appropriate.
6. Details of the capital funding balance to date is presented in the table below for information on a ward basis and includes projects that have been funded in 2007/08. The figures for the amount allocated and spent take account of projects funded from 2004/05.

CAPITAL	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Wigton Moor Church Boiler	£3,000		
Barwick Village Hall		£3,850	
Collingham Roundabout		£2,490	
Wendell hill		£3,649	
Wigton Moor School Path	£2,985		
Boston Spa Village Hall			£5,000
Environment Fund		£10,000	£10,000
Carr Lane Footpath		£5,000	
Cramner Bank CCTV	£3,500		
Boston Spa Youth Club			£50,000
Total Allocated	£110,200	£110,200	£110,200
Total Spent	£71,900	£88,000	£103,500
Remaining	£38,300	£22,200	£6,700

Small Grants

7. In March 2007, the Area Committee agreed that a Small Grants Fund be set aside within the Well Being Revenue Budget allocation. The purpose of the fund is to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of two grants of £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit.
8. Attached as Appendix 1 is a summary of the Area Committee small grant applications considered since the last Area Committee meeting.
9. To support the recent flooding problems in the Harewood Ward, £4,335 was granted from Small Grants to fund the cost of 51 skips. Members are asked to consider whether they would like to replenish the Small Grant allocation from their Large Grant revenue account.

Small Grants	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Moor Allerton Community Panto	£300		
Moor Allerton over 50's club	£199		
Alderton Heights planters	£420		
Landscaping at Cranmer Bank Shops	£500		
Slaid Hill in Bloom	£379		
Summer Sports Activities	£500		
Shaping Up for Christmas	£350		
Collingham Bench		£500	
Collingham Annual Parade 2007		£500	
Thorner Village Bowling Green		£500	
Older People's Event – ENEHL			£500
Bramham Gala			£500
Deepdale Community Work			£282
Boston Spa Bowling Club Perimeter Fence			£500
Wetherby Festival 2007 (Elysian Singers)			£500
Energy Saving Light Bulbs			£200
Wetherby St James Scouts			£500
Boston Spa Football Club			£500
Durant Close Fencing			£500
Skips	£0	£4,605	£255
Small Grants	£2,648	£1,500	£3,982
Total Spent	£2,468	£6,105	£4,237
Total Allocated	£3,858	£9,335	£5,000
Remaining	£1,210	£3,230	£763

Additional £50,000 Well-Being Funds

10. An extra £50,000 has been made available by the Executive Board for each Area Committee to spend in 2007/08. It was noted at the September Area Committee meeting that the funding cannot be spent on projects that include on-going costs and that the Executive Board have identified two areas of strategic importance that they would like Area Committees to consider when deciding how to spend this money. The two areas for consideration are:
- Carrying out a Conservation Area Review of conservation areas in their geographical area;
 - Introducing Residents' Only parking / extra parking provision in particular areas of concern.

11. It was agreed at the September Area Committee that the sum should be split evenly between the three wards, therefore providing an allocation of £16,667 per ward.

Harewood & Wetherby

12. It was agreed that consideration should be given to utilising their sums for a Conservation Area Review(s) in order to maintain the supplementary local planning guidance which was of great value and importance to local residents.
13. The Harewood Ward Members would like to consider undertaking Conservation Area Reviews in Thorner and Bardsey. The Wetherby Ward Members would like to consider undertaking Conservation Area Reviews in Wetherby town and Boston Spa and Thorpe Arch.
14. The department responsible for designating and reviewing Conservation Areas, which is a planning function, is the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) in City Development. They presented a report to the September Area Committee meeting, and agreed to provide an update to Members on the costs associated with undertaking these reviews.
15. The Sustainable Development Unit have confirmed that the cost to undertake these reviews is as follows:
 - Wetherby **£8k**
 - Boston Spa/Thorp Arc **£7.5k** (as Thorp Arch has a Village Design Statement)
 - Thorner **£7k**
 - Bardsey **£7k**

(SDU felt it appropriate to make a reduction of up to £1, 000 for those areas where neighbourhood design strategies are in place or underway)

16. Members are requested to approve the allocation of £29,500 to the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) in City Development to undertake four Conservation Area Reviews in the areas specified in paragraph 15.

Alwoodley

17. In respect of the Alwoodley Ward, as there are no conservation areas, Members are pursuing proposals for additional parking provision.

Revenue Projects for Consideration

Wetherby Police Patrols – ONE.07.29.LG - £3,500 - Wetherby (late application for Members to consider)

18. This project will provide Wetherby town centre with four extra officers to patrol Wetherby town centre from the 1st weekend in December up until

Christmas. The officers will patrol on foot. The money also allows for two mounted police to patrol Wetherby town centre for one evening.

19. The aim is to combat public order offences and other drink related crimes. These officers will be exclusive to Wetherby and will not be allocated to any other part of the city during their shift.
20. The total cost of the scheme is £6000; a grant of £3,500 is requested with West Yorkshire Police contributing £2,500.

WISE Gardening Scheme - ONE.07.24.LG - £4,000 – Harewood and Wetherby

21. WISE and Wetherby Secure College of Learning work in partnership to deliver a garden project for elderly residents living in the Harewood and Wetherby Wards. It is needed to help elderly people maintain their gardens which enables them to maintain their independence and remain living in their own homes. It also provides a social and learning environment for the young trainees, encourages improved behaviour and raises confidence and self-esteem.
22. WISE are requesting the Area Committee provide a further £4,000 grant towards the project. This will pay for the continued hire of the van, which enables the project to travel further a field and means transport is available five days a week. The aim is to hire the van for 36 months and then to purchase it at the end of the project. The total cost over three years is £20,921.

Capital Projects for Consideration

Barwick Miners Institute – ONE.07.27.LG - £6,925 - Harewood

23. The building itself is over 200 years old and is in urgent need of repair to ensure the safety and security of the building and is essential if it is to continue functioning. The repairs will fix damage to the external walls of the building.
24. They have also applied to an organisation called Grantscape for funding and are awaiting a decision. As part of Grantscape's funding rules they will not provide a 100% grant and must find the difference from a third party.

Capital and Revenue Projects for Consideration

Environment Fund – ONE.07.18.LG – £14,065 - Harewood and Wetherby

25. Please see appendix 2 for a breakdown of projects funded by the 2007 Environment Fund.

Projects in Development

26. The following projects are in development. This means that the Area Management Team is working with an organisation to ensure that any proposal submitted is linked to one or more of the Area Committee priorities,

and that full application forms with appropriate information are submitted for each one.

Wetherby Radio – ONE.07.23.LG - £5,000 - Wetherby

27. Wetherby Radio have requested £5,000 from the Well Being Fund to keep the station on air for another year. The station has not been able to attract sufficient revenue through adverts to pay for all of its running costs. As a result the Area Management Team have organised meetings with youth services and the radio station to look into establishing a programme and an accredited course for young people.
28. A detailed business plan has been requested from the organisation.

Bramham Village Hall Disabled Access – ONE.07.08.LG - Wetherby

29. North East Area Management received an application for the renovation of the village hall. The Area Management Team are currently waiting for more information from the village hall to progress their application.

Spear Fir Ford – ONE.06.37.LG - £22,900 - Harewood

30. Spear Fir Ford is located on Spear Fir, between Bardsey and Wike. A number of repairs have been identified which will upgrade the historic ford and make it an attractive feature of the countryside.
31. The proposed work is to remove the stone slab forming the bridge, reconstruct the abutments, put back the bridge slab, replace the concrete posts and paint the tubular handrails, reinstate the footpaths to both sides of the bridge and the stone sets to the ford and install stone kerbs leading up to the ford.

Recommendations

32. The Area Committee is requested to:
- a) Consider the costs of the Conservation Area Reviews as outlined in paragraph 15 and 16 and indicate if they are to be funded from the additional monies allocated by the Executive Board.
 - b) Consider the project proposals in paragraph 18 to 25 and indicate if they are to be funded through the 2007/08 Well - Being Fund.
 - c) Note the projects in development.