



**Community  
Committee**



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

**Report to: Inner West Community Committee**

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## **Wellbeing Fund Update and Monitoring Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

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 also presents new projects for approval.

The report requests that the Community Committee review the minimum conditions as set out in paragraph 1 and 2.

Members are asked to:

- a) Note the minimum conditions set out for Wellbeing applications at **1 & 2**
- b) Note the balance of the Wellbeing budget for 2017/18 at **4**
- c) Approve the new Wellbeing project for 2017/18 at **5 - 7**
- d) Note the balance of the Capital Fund at **13**
- e) Note the balance of the Youth Activities Fund **15**

## Main issues

1. The Wellbeing Fund Large Grant programme supports the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of a Community Committee area by funding projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities. A group applying to the Wellbeing fund must fulfil various eligibility criteria including evidencing appropriate management arrangements and finance controls are in place; have relevant policies to comply with legislation and best practice e.g. safeguarding and equal opportunities; and be unable to cover the costs of the project from other funds.
2. Projects eligible for funding could be community events; environmental improvements; crime prevention initiatives or opportunities for sport and healthy activities for all ages. In line with the Equality Act 2010 projects funded at public expense should provide services to citizens irrespective of their religion, gender, marital status, race, ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability; the fund cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs; it cannot fund projects promoting political or religious viewpoints to the exclusion of others; projects must represent good value for money and follow Leeds City Council Financial Regulations and the Council's Spending Money Wisely policy; applications should provide, where possible, three quotes for any works planned and demonstrate how the cost of the project is relative to the scale of beneficiaries; the fund cannot support projects which directly result in the business interests of any members of the organisation making a profit.

## Current position

3. The Community Committee received a Wellbeing revenue allocation of £128,500. Including carry forward from 2016/17, the Committee had a total budget of £141,226 for 2017/18 which is split between the three wards as follows:

Armley: £46,062

Bramley & Stanningley: £55,214

Kirkstall: £39,948

## Wellbeing balances

4. Following the commissioning round at the March Committee meeting, the remaining balance available per ward for 2017/18 are as follows:

Remaining Balances For 2017/18	
Armley	£8,538
Bramley & Stanningley	£12,466

Kirkstall	£10,504
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## New Wellbeing Applications for 2017/18

- 5. Kirkstall Mini Breeze – Kirkstall £2,350 (Could be funded from YAF or Wellbeing)  
To deliver a mini breeze event during the summer months at an agreed location in Kirkstall Ward. This will be advertised through all schools in the area as well as banners and social media advertisement.
- 6. Money Buddies – Armley (£3,432) & Kirkstall (£1,716) £5148  
To continue the Money Buddies project by providing volunteer Money Buddies at three locations in the Inner West; Hawksworth Wood, New Wortley and Armley Hub. New Wortley and Armley Hub receive high numbers of clients but there has been a dramatic drop in the number of people accessing the Hawksworth Wood service during quarter 1 & 2. A plan has been put together to increase promotion of the service in the area to increase the number of client visits.
- 7. Leeds Country Park & Green Gateways Trail publicity – Kirkstall £4,850 or £1,550  
Parks and Countryside have applied for funding to publicise the 43 miles Leeds Country Park & Green Gateways Trail that runs through 10 wards through the City including Kirkstall. A general leaflet covering the whole trail and a more detailed map to cover Kirkstall will be produced and to fund the management of a website. There is also an option to produce two interpretation boards of A0 size.
- 8. Bramley Healthy Living Park – Bramley & Stanningley - £5000  
Your Back Yard has applied for this funding to deliver a range of outdoor activities aimed at young people aged 5 – 12 years old, particularly those with physical and mental health issues and those that are inactive or at risk of being inactive. Activities will run in the summer holidays and into the Autumn, these include 6 multi sports sessions, 6 orienteering sessions, 6 Zumba and streetdance sessions along with bikeability and girls only sessions – a minimum of 40 sessions in total. All sessions will be delivered in and around Bramley Fall Park. It is anticipated over 750 people will attend the sessions.

## Small grants and skips

- 9. The following small grants have been approved since the last meeting. The limit is now £350 as agreed at the March Committee.
- 7. Spring Together – Armley Helping hands - £350  
Funding to deliver a Community Exercise Project to 250 older people in LS12. The aim is to increase physical activity, tackle social isolation by delivering Gentle Exercise in Sheltered Housing, Residential/ Nursing Homes, GP Medical Practice and Community Centre across Armley and New Wortley.

8. Get Cooking - Get Cooking - £195

Funding to provide an 8 weeks cookery course for people with learning disabilities living in supported living homes.

9. PHAB Youth Group - Leeds PHAB Club - £350

To pay for professionally qualified youth workers to provide a programme of social and educational/personal development activities for the members of the Prince Philip Centre PHAB Club.

10. New Wortley Festival - New Wortley Community Association - £350

To contribute towards the cost of the climbing wall and brass band at the festival.

11. Dancing Tots – North Leeds Community Nursery - £293

To deliver pre school dance, movement and music sessions at North Leeds Community Nursery.

12. Kirkstall St Stephens Big Lunch - £349

To contribute towards costs of the big lunch event in St Stephens Well Community Garden.

13. Broadleas Fun Day - £350

To contribute towards the cost of the annual Broadleas Fun Day in Bramley.

14. The balance of the small grants and skips budget available at 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was **£4,733**.

### **Capital Wellbeing Balance**

15. Following a recent injection of funds, the current Inner West Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme balance is **£35,100**.

### **Youth Activities Fund**

16. The Community Committee received a Youth Activities Fund allocation of **£34,530**.

Including carry forward from 2016/17, the Committee had a total budget of **£36,887** for 2017/18 which is split between the three wards as follows:

Armley: £12,024

Bramley & Stanningley: £12,106

Kirkstall: £12,755

17. Following the commissioning round at the March Committee meeting, the remaining balance available per ward for 2017/18 are as follows:

### **Remaining Balances For 2017/18**

Armley	£4,210
Bramley & Stanningley	£843
Kirkstall	£5,942

18. New Wortley Summer Camp and New Wortley Youth Project have been approved in principle, Officers are currently discussing details with the groups.

## **Corporate considerations**

### **19. Consultation and engagement**

Elected Members have been consulted through a workshop event. The 2017/18 commissioning round began with a communication to all Community Committee contacts and advertised on social media.

Consultation with Children and Young People has taken place through school groups and children's projects across the area for the Committee's Youth Activities Fund.

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

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

### **21. 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 Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets.

### **22. 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**

23. The Community Committee has invested its Wellbeing funding in a wide variety of projects within local communities from April 2017. Three new applications are presented for consideration.

## **Recommendations**

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