

Report of: Area Leader, West North West

Report to: Inner West Community Committee

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Wellbeing Fund Update and Monitoring Report

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 also asks the Community Committee to approve the Wellbeing funding round process and timescales for the 2018/19 Wellbeing budget.

Members are asked to:

- a) Note the balance of the Wellbeing budget and Wellbeing spend report at **Appendix 1**
- b) Note the Wellbeing monitoring report at **Appendix 2**
- c) Approve the new Wellbeing projects for 2017/18 at **9 - 11**
- d) Approve a top up to the priority neighbourhood pot at **12**
- e) Note the balance of small grants and skips at **17**
- f) Note the balance of the Capital Fund at **18**
- g) Note the balance of the Youth Activities Fund **20**
- h) Approve the application process for the 2017/18 financial year at **21 - 24**

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 equality and diversity; 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 (including Trans), marital status, race, ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability; under the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities. Funding for projects specifically targeted at certain groups is allowed under the Equality Act provided there is a clear evidence base for doing so (such as activities to promote women's health through sport projects or a project targeted at people with hearing impairments, or one for new migrants to help them integrate). Further advice on these can be given on a case by case basis if required. 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	£1,606
Bramley & Stanningley	£2,494
Kirkstall	£8,929

5. Attached at Appendix 1 for a detailed breakdown of spend.
6. Attached at Appendix 2 is the Wellbeing Monitoring Report which provides Members with details of Wellbeing projects complete to year end 2016/17.

Applications approved by delegated decision

7. Since the last meeting the following revenue applications have been approved by via Delegated Decision.
8. Continuation of Broadlea Tea Time Club - £ 5,972 Bramley
Funding to continue the Broadleas Tea Time Club youth club provision for 8-13 year olds living on the Broadlea Estate.

New Wellbeing Applications for 2017/18

9. Leeds Country Park & Green Gateways Trail publicity – Kirkstall £1,168
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.
10. Bumps & Babes - £1,200 - Armley
Funding to deliver a Bumps and Babes programme to pregnant women and new mums in Armley. The programme provides the opportunity for a vulnerable group to become more physically active during pregnancy and the first few months of their babies lives.
11. Rainbow House - £905 - Bramley
Rainbow House offers disabled children and young adult gain confidence with short breaks away from their parents, with the aim of preparing them for greater independence in adult life. Funding is requested to make repairs to, and update the sensory room which has fallen into disrepair.

12. The balance of the Priority Neighbourhood pot at 20th September was £348. Members are asked to provide £200 per ward to top up the Priority Neighbourhood Pot to enable and support projects across all wards.

Small grants and skips

13. The following small grants have been approved since the last meeting. The limit is now £350 as agreed at the March Committee.
14. Purchase of Patrol Tents - £350
Funding to Leeds Scout Group to buy replacement tents.
15. Dancing Tots at North Leeds Community - £293
Funding is requested to deliver fortnightly 45 minute toddler dance, music and movement classes to children aged from 2-4 years old.
16. Climbing Tower for Hawksworth Wood Fun Day - £350
Funding to contribute towards the costs of hire and operation of a climbing wall for use by young people at the fun day.
17. The balance of the small grants and skips budget available at 29th September 2017 was **£3,133**.

Capital Wellbeing Balance

18. Following a recent injection of funds, the current Inner West Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme balance is **£34,100**.

Youth Activities Fund

19. 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 **£37,370** for 2017/18 which is split between the three wards as follows:

Armley: £12,183

Bramley & Stanningley: £12,106

Kirkstall: £13,080

20. 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	£97
Bramley & Stanningley	£843
Kirkstall	£3,917

2018/19 Wellbeing Application Round

21. Members are asked to approve the method by which Wellbeing grants are approved for 2018/19. In previous years, this has been done through an open application process synced with the Inner North West and Outer West Community Committees.
22. It is proposed that the application round follows the same process again, with applications invited between 27 October 2017 and 12 January 2018, for approvals at the March Community Committee meeting. The grant application round will also include bids to the Youth Activities fund.
23. The proposed priorities below are also reflected in the Community Plan. The Community Committee aims to:
 - Increase community activity and local residents' involvement in decision making
 - Work with our partners to improve services in our local neighbourhoods
 - Support activities that make people and places feel safer
 - Enhance the quality of our parks and public spaces
 - Develop and make better use of community assets
 - Support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired
 - Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities
 - Provide opportunities for people to get jobs, volunteer or learn new skills
 - Improve access and engagement in sport and cultural activities
 - Live with dignity and stay independent for as long as possible
24. Members are asked to approve the process.

Corporate considerations

25. Consultation and engagement

The 2017/18 Wellbeing application round was advertised to all Community Committee contacts. The Youth Activity Fund application rounds are promoted through the Breeze Culture Network and local providers, with consultation from children and young people also being taken into account.

26. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

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

27. 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.

28. 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

29. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2017-18. Three new applications are presented for consideration. Members are asked to top up the Priority Neighbourhood Pot to enable and support projects across all wards.

Recommendations

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