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Report to: Inner East Community Committee – Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft

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To Note

Wellbeing Report – November 2017

Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Inner East Community Committee with an update on the 2017/18 Wellbeing budget, including details of any new projects for consideration and to inform the committee of decisions taken by delegated authority since the last community committee meeting.

Main Issues

1. This report provides Elected Members with an update on the current position of the capital and revenue budget for the Inner East Community Committee.
2. Applications for funding received since the date of the last community committee are included in the report.
3. The report notes decisions regarding Wellbeing applications taken by delegated authority since the last Inner East Community Committee.

Options

Wellbeing applications received since date of last Community Committee meeting

1. The following Wellbeing applications have been received since the date of the last community committee. Some of these applications have been approved since being received. Others are currently undergoing consultation with the relevant ward members.

2. **Project:** 16 Days of Action – Various Activities
Organisation: Communities Team and partners
Wards affected: All Inner East
Amount requested: £1,500
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision (in principle): Approved
3. **Project:** Bumps and Babes in Seacroft
Organisation: LCC – Active Leeds
Wards affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft
Amount requested: £ 1,800
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision (in principle): Deferred
4. **Project:** Mobile Flood Lighting for Girls Rugby
Organisation: East Leeds Rugby Club
Wards affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Amount requested: £ 1,356
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision (in principle): Approved
5. **Project:** Community Ambassadors Programme
Organisation: Youth Association
Wards affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft
Amount requested: £ 3,401
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision (in principle): Approved
6. **Project:** Inner East Youth Summit
Organisation: Communities Team
Wards affected: All Inner East
Amount requested: £ 1,500
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision (in principle): Pending
7. **Project:** Football Coaching and Social Development Plan
Organisation: Street Work Soccer
Wards affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Amount requested: £ 4,800
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision (in principle): Pending

Wellbeing projects for 2017/18 approved by delegated decision

8. Following consultation with the relevant ward members, the following projects have been approved by Delegated Decision since the last community committee meeting, authorising revenue spend from the 2017/18 Wellbeing budget:
9. **Project:** Harehills Festival 2017
Organisation: Communities Team
Wards affected: Gipton & Harehills

Amount awarded: £ 2,000
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision: Approved

10. **Project:** Bonfire Night 2017 Activities
Organisation: Communities Team and partners
Wards affected: Gipton & Harehills
Amount awarded: £ 2,582
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision: Approved
11. **Project:** RadhaRamen Festival 2017
Organisation: RadhaRamen Society
Wards affected: Gipton & Harehills, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Amount awarded: £ 800
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision: Approved
12. **Project:** Lincoln Green Flowerbeds and Signs
Organisation: Communities Team and Housing Leeds
Wards affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Amount awarded: £ 920
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision: Approved
13. **Project:** Gipton & Harehills Soccer Project
Organisation: Street work Soccer
Wards affected: Gipton & Harehills
Amount awarded: £ 6,000
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision: Approved
14. **Project:** Community Ambassadors Programme
Organisation: Youth Association
Wards affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft
Amount awarded: £ 3,401
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision: Approved
15. **Project:** Improvements to Community Facilities
Organisation: Leeds Al-Khidmat Centre
Wards affected: Gipton & Harehills
Amount awarded: £ 2,500
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision: Approved
16. **Project:** 16 Days of Action – Various Activities
Organisation: Communities Team and partners
Wards affected: All Inner East
Amount requested: £1,500
Projected year of spend: 2017/18
Decision (in principle): Approved

17. The Community committee is asked to note that after further consideration and consultation with the relevant ward members, the following project for which funding was previously approved has subsequently been cancelled. The funding has been reappropriated to the ward Wellbeing account.

Project: Boggart Drive Fencing

Organisation: Communities Team and Housing Leeds

Wards affected: Killingbeck & Seacroft

Amount requested: £ 4,700

Projected year of spend: 2017/18

18. For ease of reference, the previously noted Wellbeing applications can be found in a summarised grid attached to this report at Appendix A.

19. Current spends to date for the Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund budgets are attached as **Appendix 1**. The committee is asked to note these.

20. On 10th November, Inner East members met to discuss arrangements for the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding within the community committee, with a view to determining what basis individual receipts will be allocated. Some options that have been put forward for determining this are:

- Parity – Any CIL Neighbourhood Fund allocation be split equally between each Ward
- Population – Distributed on a basis of population by Ward
- Postcode – Using the origin of the development as a guide as to where the CIL Neighbourhood Fund should be spent
- Need – Any CIL Neighbourhood Fund is allocated where infrastructure is most needed; perhaps supported by a cross-ward working group arrangement?

Members concluded that the issue required some further thought and discussion and therefore committed to having further meetings to facilitate a decision. It is anticipated that a formal decision on the outcome of these discussions will be brought to the next community committee meeting in March 2018.

Corporate considerations

1. Wellbeing funding is used to support the annual priorities agreed by Elected Members at the March meeting of the Inner East Community Committee. The annual priorities support the Council's Vision for Leeds 2011 to 2030 and Best Council Plan 2013-17.
2. Youth Activity Funding supports the Children and Young People's plan outcome – 'Children and Young People Have Fun Growing Up'.
3. Sometimes decisions need to be made between formal meetings of the Community Committee and therefore the Area Leaders have delegated authority from the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) to approve spend outside of the Community Committee cycle. All delegated decisions are

taken within an appropriate governance framework and must satisfy the following conditions:

- a. consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken;
 - b. a delegated decision must have support from a majority of the Community Committee Elected Members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a Community Committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors), and;
 - c. details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available Community Committee meeting for Members' information.
4. The Community Committee, supported by the Communities Team East North East, has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of capital and revenue Wellbeing budgets (including the Youth Activity Fund) within the framework of the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3D) and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.
 5. In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Community Committees are not eligible for Call In.
 6. There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

Conclusion

The Wellbeing fund and Youth Activity Fund provides financial support for projects in the Inner East area which support the priorities set annually by the Inner East Community Committee. This report sets out the current Wellbeing budget position, including new applications, and also notes recent decisions on funding applications made by delegated authority.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

1. Note the Wellbeing spend to date and current balances for the 2017/18 financial year (Appendix 1).
2. Note new Wellbeing applications that have been received since the date of the last community committee meeting and the intention to undertake ward level consultation on these.
3. Note decisions taken on funding applications made by delegated authority, in line with the agreed 'minimum conditions'.
4. Note the discussions to date regarding the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in Inner East.

5. Consider a new Wellbeing application (point 6) for the 2017 Inner East Youth Summit.

Background information

Revenue

- Each of the ten Community Committees receives an annual allocation of revenue funding. The amount of funding for each Community Committee is determined by a formula based on 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area, which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
- It has been agreed that the revenue wellbeing budget for this Community Committee for 2017/18 is £173,110. Carryover of both uncommitted and committed revenue funds from 2016/17 has also continued as well as any underspends. The total budget for 2017/18 is £277,110. It must be noted by the Community Committee that this figure includes schemes approved and ongoing from 2016/17 which are carried forward to be paid.
- As agreed at the March 2017 meeting of the Inner East Community Committee, once the agreed topsliced projects are removed the remaining budget will be split three ways between the wards. The amount available for each ward to spend in 2017/18 as well as the amounts remaining per ward is detailed in **Appendix 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.
- 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.
- Wellbeing fund applications are considered at the relevant Ward Member meetings, wherever possible, for Elected Members recommendations prior to the Community Committee meeting.

Small Grants

- Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of one grant of up to £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit. These are approved by Councillors outside of the Community Committee meeting and are funded from a small grant pot set aside by Elected Members from their Ward allocation.

Community Engagement

- The Inner East Community Committee approved an amount of £3,000 at its March 2017 meeting to spend on community engagement activities. This allocation is split equally between the three Wards.
- The funds are to be spent on room hire, refreshment and stationary costs associated with community meetings.

Crime and Grime Tasking

- Each of the priority neighbourhoods in the Inner East area has a multi-agency tasking team which focuses on tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental problems. Ward members have set aside a portion of their Ward allocation to support the work of these teams; this pot is managed by the ENE Communities Team.

Project Monitoring Update

- Projects which are awarded wellbeing funding are required to submit project monitoring returns giving details of what the project has achieved.

Capital Receipts Programme

- The establishment of a Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) was approved by Executive Board in October 2011. The key feature of the scheme is that 20% of each receipt generated will be retained locally for re-investment, subject to maximum per receipt of £100k, with 15% retained by the respective Ward – via the existing Ward Based Initiative Scheme - and 5% pooled across the Council and distributed to Wards on the basis of need.
- Future allocations will take place on a quarterly basis following regular update reports to Executive Board. As agreed previously by the Inner East Community Committee, all new allocations are to be divided equally between the three Wards.

Youth Activity Fund

- For 2017/18, the Community Committee has been allocated £55,740 of new Youth Activity Funding (YAF). This pot of money is specifically ring-fenced for universal youth activity related projects for 8-17 year olds.
- As agreed previously by the Community Committee, all new allocations are to be divided equally between the three Wards. Details of the current balance of Youth Activity Fund (YAF) are shown in Appendix 1.