

Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood

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For decision

Wellbeing Fund update for 2017/18

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Inner North West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activity Fund for 2017/18 and the current position of the small grants and skips pot.

Recommendations

2. The Inner North West Community Committee is asked to:
 - Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2017/18 (**Appendix 1**) and any Wellbeing fund applications and consider whether to move £2,450 from the small grants and skips pot, and £692 from the communications budget back into the Wellbeing budget for large grants.
 - Note the current position of the small grants and skips pots and those small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting (**Table 1**).
 - Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this.
 - Note the Wellbeing project monitoring document attached at **Appendix 2**.
 - Agree that any funds raised through CIL are allocated in line with the current Wellbeing process; with the money to be pooled to be allocated across all three wards.

Main issues

3. This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2017/18. The report highlights the current position of the small grants and skips pots. It also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.
4. Community Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of Wellbeing funding. The amount of Wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council, taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
5. The Inner North West Community Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing funding is allocated in a fair and transparent way and that recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Community Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.
6. 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. 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 integration). 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.

7. In addition, the Inner North West Community Committee receives a sum of Youth Activity Fund monies. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17. This should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people in the decision making process.
8. For 2017/18 the Inner North West Community Committee received an allocation of £96,720. Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2016/17, the total fund available for new projects in 2017/18 was £97,085. This funding has so far been committed to 20 projects for 2017/18, as listed in **Appendix 1** (paragraph 1.2). There is 1 project for consideration at the meeting today, see below at point 13.
9. In addition to revenue, the Community Committee also receives an allocation of Wellbeing capital funding. At the last update received from the Council's Finance Department on 7 November 2017, there was **£20,530** in capital monies available for allocation. See **Appendix 1** (paragraph 1.6) for a full budget update.
10. For 2017/18, the Inner North West Community Committee received a sum of £20,670 Youth Activity Fund (YAF) monies. Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2016/17, the total fund available for new YAF projects in 2017/18 was **£20,774**. This funding has so far been committed to 6 projects for 2017/18, as listed in **Appendix 1** (paragraph 1.5)

Wellbeing budget statement 2017/18

11. The latest Wellbeing budget statement for 2017/18 is included at **Appendix 1** to this report. There is **£9,119** remaining to allocate this financial year.
12. Since the last meeting on 21 September 2017, one project has been approved by delegated decision, as detailed below:
 - a) An amount of £680 for a paediatric first aid course for parents and carers at Ireland Wood Children's Centre.
13. There is one project listed for consideration at the meeting today. An application has been received from RJC Dance for £5238. Members will have received a copy of the project summary prior to today's meeting and are asked to consider whether they wish to provide funding for the project.
14. **Appendix 1** sets out the current budget position for Wellbeing projects showing the amount approved by the Community Committee and the value of funds spent to date. The Wellbeing budget statement also outlines the current budget position of those projects funded in previous years which still have funding left to spend.
15. **Appendix 2** provides an update on monitoring for all projects that have been funded this financial year, and those projects that have been rolled forward from previous years. Members will note that this is a rationalised version of previous reports. Further information can be provided on any of the projects listed.

Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

16. There have been 5 small grants approved so far this financial year and one skip. The small grants are listed in **Table 1** below and skips in **Table 2** below. There is currently **£5,450** available for allocation for small grants and skip hire in the 2017/18 budget. The Community Committee is asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants and skips that have been approved.

Table 1: Small grants – Projects funded to date

| Project Name | Organisation /Department | Amount Requested | Amount Approved |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| PHAB Youth Group | Leeds PHAB Group | £474 | £474 |
| Money Buddies | Ebor Gardens Advice Centre | £184 | £184 |
| Prem Bojan | Annapurna Group | £500 | £500 |
| Sparrow Park lease | Sparrow Park Group | £500 | £500 |
| Purchase of urine resistant paint for pilot scheme in Headingley area. | Headingley Councillors | £500 | £500 |

Table 2: Skips funded to date

| Project Name | Organisation /Department | Amount Requested | Amount Approved |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Hollin Lane Allotments skip | Hollin Lane Allotments | £190 | £190 |

17. Members are asked to consider moving £2,450 from the small grants and skips pot and £692 from the Communications budget to the large grant wellbeing budget. This would leave £3000 available for allocation for small grants and skips and £500 available for allocation from the communications budget for the remaining 2017/18 financial year.

Youth Activity Fund

18. For 2017/18, the Inner North West Community Committee had £20,774 available for allocation. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people aged 8 -17. **Table 3** below lists those projects currently agreed from the Youth Activity Fund. There is **£3306** that remains available for allocation.

19. There is one project, listed below, that has been approved since the last meeting of the Community Committee on 21 September 2017. The project is listed as the 'Weetwood Youth Project' with an amount of £1695 agreed for it.

Table 3: Youth Activity Fund – Projects funded to date

| Project Name | Organisation /Department | Amount Requested | Amount Approved |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Holiday Activity Sessions | Groundwork Leeds | £2825 | £2825 |
| Urban Art Workshops | DJ School UK | £940 | £940 |

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| Carnival Mash Up | Geraldine Connor Foundation | £6110 | £6110 |
| Mini Breeze | Breeze | £7700 | £7700 |
| All Sports Camps | ACES | £2900 | £2900 |
| Weetwood youth project | Leeds Youth Service | £1695 | £1695 |

2017/18 Wellbeing Capital Projects

20. At the last update received from the Council's Finance Department on 7 November 2017, there was **£20,530** in capital monies available for allocation. A full update regarding those capital projects currently ongoing is available at Appendix 1 (at 1.6).
21. There has been one capital Wellbeing project that has been approved since the last meeting. This was for an amount of £1370 for the installation of new gates at the entrance to Hollin Lane Allotments.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

22. On the 21 October 2015 the council's executive board approved a process for the allocation of CIL in Leeds. Any planning applications approved prior to the 6th April 2015 do not qualify for a CIL contribution. As part of this payment schedule, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% for administration and 15-25% goes to a Community Committee or the relevant Town or Parish Council. This 15-25% of the CIL receipt (25% if there is an adopted neighbourhood plan, 15% if there isn't) is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund'. In the absence of a Town or Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Fund element of CIL is allocated to the Community Committee.
23. All Inner North West Members were invited to a workshop on 7 November 2017 to consider how they would like to allocate the CIL Neighbourhood Fund in the INW area. As a result of these discussions, it is recommended that any funds raised through CIL are allocated in line with the current Wellbeing process; with the money to be pooled to be allocated across all three wards. Members are asked to agree this recommendation.

Corporate considerations

24. **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.
25. **Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**
All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration.
26. **Council policies and City Priorities**

Projects submitted to the Community Committee for Wellbeing funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

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 provided.

28. **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

29. **Risk Management**

Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all Wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

30. **Conclusion**

The Inner North West Community Committee Wellbeing Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2017-18.

31. **Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2017/18 (**Appendix 1**) and consider any funding applications.
- Note the current position of the small grants and skips pot (**Table 1**) and agree the recommendation to move £2450 for allocation from the Wellbeing large grant pot instead. Members are also asked to agree moving £692 from the communications budget to the large grant pot as well.
- Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this (**Table 3**) and consider any YAF applications.

- Note the current position of the Wellbeing Capital fund and consider any applications.
- Note the Wellbeing project monitoring document attached at **Appendix 2**.
- Agree the recommended process for the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funds.