



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 4th February 2008

Subject: 2007/08 Well-Being Fund

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Ward members consulted
(referred to in this report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report contains details of projects commissioned since the last Area Committee meeting and also the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group on new project applications received. The Area Committee is asked to note the projects commissioned, and indicate if they are supportive of the new bids received.

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on projects that have been commissioned since the last meeting when this approach was agreed. It also presents proposals for consideration that have been received as grant applications rather than been commissioned to deliver an action from the Area Delivery Plan.
2. Since the last meeting on 3rd December 2007 two new commissioned projects have been developed. Two non-commissioned projects have applied for Well-Being Fund support. The recommendation of the Well-Being Fund working group is included to aid the Committee in decision making.
3. The report also updates the Committee on small grants approved since the last meeting, attached as appendix 1.

Background

4. At the March meeting the Area Committee agreed to split the Well-Being Fund between the themes identified in the Area Delivery Plan 2007/08 and also set aside some of the funding for ward based projects. The Area Committee then agreed to take a commissioning approach with the theme funding in order to implement projects that specifically deliver activities to achieve one or more of the actions identified in the plan.
5. Appendix 2 details the projects commissioned and approved by the Area Committee so far this year.

Revenue commissioned projects

Children and young people theme

Youth Service (INE.07.34.LG)

6. The Youth Service have successfully delivered the projects that the Area Committee commissioned earlier this financial year – please see appendix 4 for the feedback report. As a result, several new projects that are in addition to the Youth Service core provision have been developed that will specifically deliver activities in the Area Delivery Plan.
7. Due to a financial miscoding in 2006/07 there is an £11,431 underspend from the Well-Being Fund commissioned to the Youth Service. All activities were delivered in 2006/07 however other funding was used to pay and as a result, the Well-Being Fund is available to spend now. It is proposed that this underspend is utilised towards the cost of these new proposals, with the remainder being commissioned from the 2007/08 funding.
8. The specific projects and costs are:
 - Establishment of a satellite 'BUMPY' motorcycle project at the Prince Philip Centre. The Youth Service have successfully delivered numerous accredited motorcycling programmes from the Lazer Centre in Armley. The programme works by engaging disaffected young people who are involved with vehicle/motorbike crime and antisocial behaviour into positive activities

that also divert them away from negative behaviour. This has already successfully worked with a group of young people from the Beckhill/Miles Hill estates. This project will enable the scheme to be delivered locally, saving on travel and transport costs, and increasing the capacity for more young people to benefit. The Well-Being Fund will be used to cover start up costs including storage units, motorcycles and mechanics equipment. £14,850

- REVIZIT programme. Targeting young people at risk of being involved in crime, the programme delivery costs include residentials, outdoor activities and an outward bound residential for 5 days. Young people from across the inner north east will be targeted. £2,760
- Elmete estate work. Working with a group of young people from this estate in Roundhay, the Well-Being Fund will be used to pay for the mobile Breeze DJing bus for 5 sessions from January. £2,500
- Mandela Centre young people's steering group. A steering group of young people has been established to lead on the development of the Mandela Centre as a youth centre for Chapeltown. This project will help develop capacity to prepare the group for making decisions and fundraise. £3,700
- Transport. To contribute to the cost of hiring minibuses and drivers for programmes across all three wards. £1,896
- Total cost: £25,706

9. *Recommendation:* The working group were pleased with the success of the Youth Service in delivering the projects already commissioned this year. These new proposals will deliver against actions A1, A3, A4 and A6 in the Area Delivery Plan. **Ratify - £14,275 from 2007/08 and £11,431 underspend from 2006/07.**

Healthier communities and older people's theme

Chapel Allerton Good Neighbours (INE.07.31.LG)

10. This project will develop a Neighbourhood Network Scheme in Chapel Allerton. The Area Committee has identified previously that there is a need for one in Chapel Allerton, as this is the only part of the inner area without such a support scheme. The scheme will establish a local voluntary based support network to re-establish feelings of neighbourliness within the area, by linking volunteers with lonely and isolated people in need of support. The WRVS have taken the lead on developing this project and will provide support during the first year whilst the network gets established.
11. The original project plan was in the first year to recruit a project manager who would implement the Implementation Plan. This would include setting up a new office in Chapel Allerton. The total cost of this would be £36,050, of which £6,000 is requested from the Well-Being Fund. The remaining funding has been requested from Social Services and Leeds PCT. Social Services have indicated that because of the implementation of the new joint commissioning arrangements which will be coming into effect over the next 12 months, they would be reluctant to fund a new Neighbourhood Network on this scale. They would be willing to commit a grant of just under £10,000. Therefore the plan for the first year has been scaled back to the recruitment of a project co-ordinator and to use existing premises in Chapel Allerton.

Therefore the set up costs are much reduced. The project co-ordinator would still have responsibility to deliver the Implementation Plan. The plan gives details of the services to be established which include providing information on activities, befriending, home visiting and assisted shopping.

12. **Recommendation:** The Area Committee has previously agreed a general principle not to fund salary costs and ongoing running costs from the Well-Being Fund. This project does create a post, however the Well-Being Fund will not be used for any part of the ongoing commitment costs to employing a worker. Given the previous support expressed by the Area Committee for the development of a Neighbourhood Network in Chapel Allerton, the working group recommends the £6,000 from the healthier communities and older people's theme. The project addresses the Area Delivery Plan action C1 – support for the voluntary sector. **Ratify £6,000.**

Non commissioned projects

13. The following projects were received as grant applications. The Well-Being Fund working group met and discussed the applications, their recommendations are contained below. The Area Committee is requested to consider each application and indicate if they support the amounts recommended by the working group.

Safer Stronger Communities theme

Beckhill Community Support Centre feasibility study (INE.07.33.LG) requesting £10,000

14. This application from the Area Management Team is to cover the cost of a detailed feasibility study into the proposal for a new build, multi-agency service centre on the Beckhill estate. Beckhill is identified as one of the most deprived neighbourhoods in north east Leeds. There are particular problems with levels of educational attainment, skills, crime and employment. A regeneration partnership, the Beckhill Implementation Group was established in 2005 to lead on work to improve quality of life for people on the estate. This proposal has been developed by the partnership.
15. Agencies including Education Leeds, Police, Networks Extended Services, Youth Service and voluntary sector organisations have all indicated a need to deliver their services directly to the Beckhill community to try and tackle these inequalities. As a result they have committed funding towards a proposal to build a centre on the estate where they can rent space to deliver services including training, study support, community nursing and inclusion provision. This feasibility study will define the size, location, management arrangements and financial cost of building such a centre on the estate. The proposal has been presented to the Council's Asset Management Group who are supportive of the proposal and to carry out a feasibility study.
16. **Recommendations:** The proposal meets actions B14 and B15 in the ADP – to improve quality of life for people living in the priority neighbourhood of Beckhill. The Area Management have led on the work to bring the idea of a centre on the estate to a reality, and the feasibility study will provide the expert information and detailed delivery arrangements that are required for such a project. When built, the centre would benefit not only the Beckhill estate, but would target residents from the wider Meanwood area as well. The working group are supportive of the proposal.
Recommend - £10,000.

Capital

St Andrews United Reform Church – community hall toilets redevelopment requesting £19,170

17. The Church wish to completely replace the existing toilets adjacent to the community hall and add a baby changing facility. The hall is used by several community organisations including scouts, brownies, guides, stroke rehabilitation group, bridge clubs and community nursery. The total cost of the project is £45,050. The Church are requesting £19,170 from the Well-Being Fund and have not yet applied anywhere else for the remainder. They received a Well-Being Fund grant in 2006/07 for £12,500 towards a community garden project at the Church site.
18. **Recommendation:** The project will allow more than one group to use the hall at the same time so potentially more people will use the community hall. However the primary aim of the project is to improve the facilities for existing groups. The Church have not yet applied elsewhere for any other funding. The working group felt that at this stage, no contribution could be recommended. The Church will be asked to seek other funding sources and then come back to the Well-Being Fund later in the year if a contribution is still required. **Recommend – no contribution.**

Recommendations

19. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report and;
 - a) ratify the commissioned revenue projects
 - b) indicate if they support the amounts recommended by the working group for the non commissioned projects both revenue and capital

WELL BEING FUND SMALL GRANTS APPROVED

INE.07.15.SG – Hoops Basketball

Hoops was established to work with young people to teach, coach and raise awareness of the sport of basketball. They want to use basketball as a means of engaging young people in team building, nutrition and in a healthy exercise regime.

The project organiser recognised the need for this project on a daily basis and has run it on a trial basis. The basketball sessions are held at Roundhay School and approx 45-60 young people from all 3 wards attended on a weekly basis. There are 3 different sessions held each week for different age groups. Young people have also been referred to attend these sessions through the school mentoring process and as a result behaviour has improved dramatically. As the classes were so well attended they hope to run these again for a 6 week period from January 2008. This will be a taster for the young people as they hope that after this 6 week period the project will become self sufficient as they will then pay a nominal fee for each session they attend to cover costs. The project will be advertised at all local schools (primary and secondary).

A grant of £500 was awarded to cover costs including venue hire at Roundhay School (£40 per week), coach fees (1 senior and 2 junior coaches at £40 per week) and volunteer expenses (bus fare to attend sessions and refreshments, £20).

INE.07.16.SG – Potternewton Gardens Environmental Project

Syed Subham is the Community Champion for this area and as such his responsibilities are to create and distribute a newsletter to residents twice a year and attend a walkabout of estate every 3 months. He has the mandate from residents in the complex to speak on their behalf and make requests where necessary.

The Potternewton Gardens area is very unattractive and in parts overgrown with weeds. From the walkabout in September proposals for an environmental project to improve the area were identified and the residents were consulted as to their preferred option and opinion. From this a scheme to remove the shrubbery/ weeds and flag the area with two self watering planters (made from recycled materials) was developed. The project would benefit all residents of the housing complex.

The total costs of the project are £2235 and the proposed works are:

- Clear two large planted areas and flag them
- Weed and tidy planted areas (including cutting back and drilling existing trees that are damaging walls etc.)
- Provide compost and plants for two planters (planters supplied by ENEh)
- Clear detritus from overgrown rainwater gulleys

A grant of £500 was awarded towards the final costs (ENEh covering other costs).

Well-Being Fund 2007/08 current position**Revenue:****Children & Young People**

REEMAP	15,000
Youth Service	17,400
Meanwood Urban Farm summer playscheme	7,800
Leeds REACH	4,917
Karate for Inner City Kids	3,000
Northern School of Dance	2,608
Total	50,725
Budget	65,000
Remaining	14,275
Remaining if recommendations to this meeting are approved	0

Safer & Stronger Communities

Sound of Steel Event	1,000
Roundhay Neighbourhood Design Statement	10,000
Moortown Community Fair	2,500
Roundhay Tree Management project	7,800
Volunteer Thank You Event	700
Community Mediation project	843
Total	22,143
Budget	36,917
Remaining	14,774
Remaining if recommendations to this meeting are approved	4,774

Healthier Communities & Older People

Summer sports activities	8,735
Total	8,735
Budget	28,399
Remaining	19,664
Remaining if recommendations to this meeting are approved	13,664

Economic Development & Enterprise

Chapelton Townscape Heritage Initiative	15,000
Oakwood Farmers Market	1,184
Total	16,184
Budget	18,399
Remaining	2,215

Ongoing commitments

Grant / K Fund Worker	25,317
Small Grants allocation	5,000
Community engagement	5,000
Total	35,317

Ward pots

Chapel Allerton

Yorkshire Gold – RJC Dance production	2,500
Flamingo Land day out – Youth Service	950
Mandela Centre improvements	1,530
Total	4,980
Budget	10,000
Remaining	5,020

Moortown and Roundhay wards both allocated £10,000 each, no projects yet allocated funding.

Community Safety 2006/07 *

Skips miscellaneous to January 2008 Total	3,396
Meanwood door chimes	1,000
Total	4,396
Budget	8,898
Remaining	4,502

Capital (07/08 – 09/10):

Gledhow Valley Path	10,120
North Leeds Cricket Club	15,000
7 Community Arts Centre	20,000
Moor Allerton Sports & Social Club car park	12,000
Lidgett Park Methodist Church	7,000
Roundhegians Sports Association kitchen upgrade	2,544
Deen minibus project	8,000
Woodhouse Cricket Club	6,000
Groundwork Leeds Sugarwell Hill	5,000
Friends of Wyke Beck Woods	7,000
Total	92,664
Budget	270,000
Remaining	177,336
Remaining if recommendations to this meeting are approved	

* Community safety pot is the underspend from last year's project, some of which was set aside for 'Pride in where you live' expenditure (skips, small environmental expenses as raised in the Joint Tasking meetings).

Additional £50,000 allocated for conservation area reviews and resident car parking schemes

Chapel Allerton conservation area review	£7,000
Meanwoodside conservation area review	£7,000
Total	£14,000
Remaining	£36,000