

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 and Youth Activities Fund Allocation Report

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Inner North West Community Committee of:
 - The current position of the Wellbeing budget and Youth Activities Fund budget.
 - The indicative Wellbeing budget available for allocation in 2018/19.
 - The indicative Youth Activities Fund budget available for allocation in 2018/19.
 - Those projects for consideration and approval from the Capital Wellbeing Budget.
 - Those projects for consideration and approval from the Youth Activities Fund for 2018/19.

Recommendations

- The Community Committee is asked to:
- Note the projects that have been approved since the last Community Committee meeting on 22 December 2017, as contained in **Table 1**.
- Note the current budget position of the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund at **Appendix 1**.

- Note the Wellbeing Budget and Youth Activities Fund position for 2018/19.
- Consider the projects listed at **Table 2** for approval from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2018/19 and consider any of those listed for discussion.
- Consider the projects listed in **Table 3** for approval from the Capital Fund allocation for 2018/19.
- Consider the projects listed in **Table 4** for approval from the Youth Activities Fund allocation for 2018/19 and consider any of those listed for discussion.

Main issues

2. 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.
3. 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. To facilitate this process, an application round is held which requires organisations to submit proposals for projects. Councillors then meet to agree which projects will be supported in the year ahead. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Community Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.
4. 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.

5. The recent budget full council meeting in February 2018 approved an amendment to delegate a further £180k to community committees. The additional £180k brings the total combined budget for wellbeing and YAF back to 2016/17 levels. Work is currently being undertaken to look at deprivation data for the city, which will inform the distribution of the Wellbeing and Youth Activities Funds to the ten Community Committee areas. This work will be completed for the first Community Committee meeting of the municipal year. Community Committees are currently being advised to use indicative budgets based on the current 2017/18 allocation.
6. The Inner North West Community Committee receives a sum of Youth Activity Fund monies. This fund is to deliver sports and cultural activity for young people aged 8-17. This should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people in the decision making process.

7. Wellbeing Funding approved since the last Community Committee meeting on 7 December 2017

There was one application received as part of the 2018/19 Wellbeing application round, for which it was agreed that the monies could instead come from the 2017/18 budget. This project has subsequently been approved via delegated decision and is detailed in **Table 1** below.

Table 1

Project	Project Applicant	Amount
Conversation Course	Bahar Women's Group	£5,360
TOTAL		£5,360

Since the last meeting, from the small grants and skips budget, Members have approved an application from Irish Arts Foundation for £500 for Irish arts, cultural activities and events and an application from Leeds Parks & Countryside department for the installation of a handrail on a ginnel at Bedford Gardens at a cost of £400. A skip has also been provided for a community clear up day at Ash Road allotments at a cost of £195.

8. Wellbeing 2018/19

The Inner North West Community Committee is working to an indicative allocation of **£96,720** in Wellbeing monies for the 2018/19 financial year. At the time of writing, there is **£6,142** that remains unallocated from 2017/18 Wellbeing monies as well. This gives an indicative figure of **£102,862** available for allocation.

9. 2018/19 Wellbeing Revenue Projects For Consideration

The Wellbeing commissioning round for 2018/19 received 19 applications for funding totalling £110,374. (For a full list of these projects, please see **Appendix 2**). These applications have been assessed against the funding criteria for the Inner North West Wellbeing Fund. Members have reviewed the applications in detail and have agreed that the 15 projects listed in **Table 2** below, valued at a total recommended agreement amount of **£87,780**, should go forward for consideration by the Community Committee on 22 March 2018. This would leave an indicative budget of £15,082 available for allocation in 2018/19.

There is one application listed for discussion at the meeting from Leeds University Union (LUU), from Leave Leeds Tidy, for an amount of £8,106. Members asked the Communities Team to explore whether LUU would be able to provide more match funding for the project. If Members were to approve this application in full, it would leave an indicative budget of £6,976 available for allocation in 2018/19, with £95,886 allocated.

Table 2

Project	Project Applicant	Amount requested	Amount recommended for approval
Small grants and skips	Communities Team – WNW	£5,500	£3,500
Communications budget	Communities Team – WNW	£1,500	£1,300
INW Festive Lights	Leeds Lights	£12,996	£12,996
Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme 2018	Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme (ASAS)	£1,884	£1,884
Tackling noise nuisance out of hours service- ring-fenced LS6	Leeds anti-social behaviour team	£6,000	£6,000
Headingley LitFest 2018	Headingley LitFest	£2,100	£2,100
Hyde Park Unity Day	Hyde Park Unity Day	£5,000	£5,000
Additional enforcement staff – Woodhouse Moor	Safer Leeds	£12,750	£10,000
Active Seniors	Cardigan Centre	£5,800	£5,800
Inter-Generation	Caring Together in Woodhouse and Little London	£7,308	£7,308
Stepping up to be Employable	Right Choices Project	£7,298	£7,298
Little London Community Eatwell Cafe	Community Action Little London & Servias (CALLS)	£7,736	£7,736
Youth Support Worker – Leeds City Academy	Cardigan Centre	£7,188	£7,188
Empowering women	Vandan Group	£1,670	£1,670
Little London Community Fun Day	Housing Leeds	£2,000	£2,000
Behno Wellbeing Group	Behno Group	£9,678	£6,000
	TOTAL	£96,408	£87,780

10. 2018/19 Wellbeing Capital Projects For Consideration

The Wellbeing application round for 2018/19 received two applications for capital funding. There is currently £30,600 available in Wellbeing capital monies. The applications were assessed against the funding criteria for the Inner North West Wellbeing fund and Members have decided that the two applications listed in **Table 3** below be put forward for consideration for approval by the Community Committee on 22 March 2018.

Table 3

Project	Project Applicant	Amount
Community garden at Left Bank	Left Bank Leeds	£5,000
New tables and chairs as part of room refurbishment project	Better Leeds Communities	£1,305
	TOTAL	£6,305

11. Youth Activities Fund 2018/19 Projects for Consideration

The Inner North West Community Committee is working to an indicative allocation of **£20,670** in Youth Activities Fund monies for the 2018/19 financial year. At the time of writing, there is £3,306 that remains unallocated from 2017/18 Wellbeing monies as well. This gives an indicative figure of £23,976 available for allocation.

The Youth Activities Fund application round for 2018/19 received 7 applications for funding totalling £39,201 (For a full list of these projects, please see **Appendix 2**). The applications were assessed against the funding criteria for the Inner North West Youth Activities fund, and due consideration given to the consultation results from the children's engagement activities that have been held throughout the year.

Members have reviewed the applications in detail and have agreed that the 7 projects listed in **Table 4** below, valued at a total of **£38,740** (with provisionally agreed carry forward on one project of £461 – see comments in table below), should go forward for consideration by the Community Committee on 22 March 2018. However, there is an indicative shortfall in monies of £14,764. Members may use Wellbeing monies (detailed above) to cover this shortfall with £6,976 remaining in this budget. This would however still leave a shortfall of £7,788, Members will therefore have to put a decision on hold, regarding some of the projects below, until we have final budgets for the 2018/19 financial year.

Table 4

Project	Project Applicant	Amount
Easter Urban Arts Programme 2018	DJ School	£5,060

Mini Breeze	LCC Breeze Team	£7,200
West Leeds Activity Centre Youth Project	West Leeds Activity Centre	£5,500
Youth Group at the Welcome In	Leeds Youth Services (current carry forward of £461 on project reduces the amount required from £2,339 to £1,878)	£1,878
Wednesday night youth group	Cardigan Centre	£7,952
Carnival Mash Up Returns	Geraldine Connor Foundation	£6,590
Hyde Park Source	Rosebank Rangers	£4,560
	TOTAL	£38,740

Corporate considerations

a. Consultation and Engagement

12. Local priorities were set at the December Community Committee meeting and the 2018/19 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.

b. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

13. All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Wellbeing process is currently being reviewed citywide, which will include undertaking a new Equality Impact Assessment to ensure the Wellbeing process continues to comply with all relevant policies and legislation.

c. Council policies and City Priorities

14. 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

d. Resources and value for money

15. Aligning the distribution of Community Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

e. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

f. Risk Management

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

Conclusion

18. Wellbeing funding provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services.

19. All applications received by the Inner North West in respect of funding via the Wellbeing fund and Youth Activities Fund are presented in the attached **Appendix 2**.

Recommendations

20. The Committee is asked to:

- Note the current Wellbeing Budget and Youth Activities Fund position for 2018/19.
- Consider the projects listed in **Table 2**, a total of £87,780 for approval from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2018/19.
- Consider the projects listed in **Table 3**, a total of £6,305 for approval from the Wellbeing Capital budget.
- Consider the projects listed in **Table 4**, a total of £38,740 for approval from the Youth Activities Fund budget.

Background information

- **None**