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**Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley and Hyde Park,
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For decision

Wellbeing Fund update for 2018/19 Q2

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 2018/19 and the current position of the small grants and skips pot.
2. The report also asks the Community Committee to approve the Wellbeing funding round process and timescales for the 2018/19 Wellbeing budget.

Recommendations

3. The Inner North West Community Committee is asked to:
 - Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19 (**Appendix 1**) and consider any applications.
 - Note the current position of the Small Grants and Skips pots (**Table 1**)
 - Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date (**Table 2**).
 - Note the current position of the Wellbeing Capital fund and consider any funding applications.
 - Agree the recommended application round process and funding priorities for 2018/19.

Main issues

4. This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19. The report highlights the current position of the small grants and skips pots. It also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. 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.
11. For 2018/19 the Inner North West Community Committee received a wellbeing allocation of £102,264. Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2017/18, the total fund available for new projects in 2018/19 was **£109,323**. This funding has so far been committed to 20 projects for 2018/19, as listed in **Appendix 1** totalling **£109,164**. There is 1 project for consideration at the meeting today, see below at point 18.
12. In addition to revenue, the Community Committee also receives an allocation of Wellbeing capital funding. There is **£54,100** in capital monies available for allocation. Following 2 capital projects which have been approved by DDN (Community Garden at Left Bank and New tables and chairs for Better Leeds Communities) totalling **£6,305** alongside the Lovell Park Flats project totalling **£10,000**. This leaves the current Capital balance at **£37,795**. See **Appendix 1** for a full budget update.
13. For 2018/19, the Inner North West Community Committee received a sum of £23,040 Youth Activity Fund (YAF) monies. Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2017/18, the total fund available for new YAF projects in 2018/19 was **£28,845**. This funding has so far been committed to 7 projects for 2018/19, this leaves **£219** available for YAF allocation as listed in **Appendix 1**.
14. As agreed at the last meeting on 21st June, the shortfall of available funding for YAF was agreed to be taken from additional allocation of the wellbeing budget for 2018/19.

Wellbeing budget statement 2017/18

15. The latest Wellbeing budget statement for 2018/19 is included at **Appendix 1** to this report. This shows **£158** remaining to allocate this financial year. However, it is indicated that there is likely to be an under spend of **£1,714** by Leave Leeds Tidy, which will leave **£1,872** unallocated.
16. Since the last meeting on 21 June 2018, 1 project has been approved by delegated decision, as detailed below:

Project name	Organisation/Department	Amount approved	Project detail
Leeds LGBT+ Sport Fringe Festival	Leeds LGBT+ Sport Fringe festival	£1,152	Deliver a 12 month program of activities targeting LGBT+ communities and allies combatting homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in sport.

18. There is 1 project for consideration at the meeting today, see below:

Project name	Organisation/Department	Amount requested	Project detail
Refurbishment of Welcome In Activity Room	OPAL	£10,000	Next stage of renovation of the Welcome in, to cover the costs of installing heating, lighting, new windows, resurfacing of the floor, old bar taken out and kitchenette installed, creation storage and furnishing the room.

19. **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.

20. **Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips**

There have been 4 small grants approved so far this financial year and 1 skip. These are listed in **Table 1** below. There is currently **£3,886** available for allocation for small grants and skip hire in the 2018/19 budget. The Community Committee is asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants and skips that have recently been approved.

21. **Table 1: Small grants and skips – Projects funded to date from last committee**

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Irish Arts and Cultural Activities and events in Headingley 2018-19	Irish Arts Foundation	£500	£500
St Mark's Woodhouse Grounds Consultation	Gateway Church	£420	£420
Ireland wood residents association fun day	Ireland Wood Residents Association	£500	£500
Hyde park Unity day skip	Hyde park unity day	£420	£420

22. Youth Activity Fund

This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people aged 8 -17. **Table 2** below lists those projects currently agreed from the Youth Activity Fund.

23. **Table 2: Youth Activity Fund – Projects funded to date**

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
DJ school UK/ Breaking through Leeds	East Urban Arts Week 2018	£5,061	£5,061
Mini Breeze	Breeze	£7,200	£7,200
Activity Programme 2018/19	West Leeds Activity Centre	£5,500	£5,500
Youth Group at the Welcome Inn	Leeds Youth Service	£2,339	£2,339
Wednesday Night Youth Group at the Welcome Inn	Cardigan Centre	£7,952	£7,952
Rosebank Rangers	Hyde Park Source	£4,560	£4,560

24. 2018/19 Wellbeing Capital Projects

At the last update received from the Council's Finance Department, there was **£54,100** in capital monies available for allocation. A full update regarding those capital projects currently ongoing is available at Appendix 1. There have been no additional projects approved since the last meeting.

25. 2018/2019 Wellbeing Application Round

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 coordinated alongside the Inner West and Outer West Community Committees.

It is proposed that the application round follows the same process again, with applications invited between 26 October 2018 and 11 January 2019, for approvals at the March Community Committee meeting for the financial year 2019/20.

The proposed priorities below are also reflected in the Community Plan 2018/19.

Inner North West Wellbeing fund priorities

1. Increase community activity and local residents' involvement in decision making
2. Work with our partners to improve services in our local neighbourhoods
3. Support activities that make people and places feel safer
4. Enhance the quality of our parks and public spaces

5. Develop and make better use of community assets
6. Support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired
7. Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities
8. Provide opportunities for people to get jobs, volunteer or learn new skills
9. Improve access and engagement in sport and cultural activities

The Communities Team will consult with Members before and during the process, bringing everyone together for a workshop to review all applications.

Members are asked to approve the above process.

Corporate considerations

26. Consultation and Engagement

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.

27. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

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

28. 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

29. 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.

30. 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.

31. **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.

32. **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 2018-19.

33. **Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to:

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Note the current position of the small grants and skips pot (**Table 1**).

Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this (**Table 2**) and consider any YAF applications.

Note the current position of the Wellbeing Capital fund and consider any funding applications.

Agree the recommended application round process and funding priorities for 2017/18.