



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 17th March 2008

Subject: Well-Being Fund

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: Chapel Allerton Moortown Roundhay</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward members consulted (referred to in this report)</p>
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<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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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. 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. The report also contains details of proposals that the Area Committee is requested to consider giving in principle support to commissioning from the 2008/09 Well-Being Fund revenue allocation.
3. All commissioning proposals and grant applications are considered by the Well-Being Fund working group and their recommendations are included to aid the Committee in decision making.
4. The report also updates the Committee on small grants approved since the last meeting, attached as appendix 1.

Background

5. 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.
6. Appendix 2 details the projects commissioned and approved by the Area Committee so far this year.
7. This report contains some details of commissioning proposals for next year's Well-Being Fund. This is so activity can take place and be supported between now and the first meeting of the new municipal year which is likely to be June 2008. Because of the links between the March community engagement events where residents are being asked to use monopoly money to indicate which priorities they would spend money on, the detailed report about how to split the Well-Being Fund between themes will be presented to the June meeting. This is so we can take account of residents views when presenting the Committee with proposals for approval.

Revenue commissioned projects

Conservation area reviews & resident parking schemes pot

Chapel Allerton Neighbourhood Plan (CANPLAN) (INE.07.35.LG) £9,810

8. CANPLAN are a group of local residents from Chapel Allerton. The group was formed with the aim of producing a Neighbourhood Design Statement (NDS) which could be adopted by Development as a Supplementary Planning Document for the area. The funding is mainly to cover the costs of public consultation, workshops and the obligatory requirement to employ a consultant who will produce the scoping report and sustainability appraisal.

9. **Recommendation:** The project meets action B9 in the Area Delivery Plan. The NDS will compliment the Conservation Area Review work that the Area Committee has already commissioned. The main difference between the two is that the Council has a statutory obligation to review its conservation areas, but the designation of a conservation area is not a supplementary planning document. The NDS is a more in depth and wider piece of work that is community led and can be adopted as a planning document. It will ensure any supplementary planning guidance adopted reflects the wishes of the local community. The Conservation Officer has already arranged to meet with the CANPLAN group to discuss how consultation work for the NDS and Conservation Area Review can be carried out together. **Ratify £9,810**

Safer stronger communities theme pot

Chapelton Junior Youth Inclusion (YIP) project (INE.07.37.LG) £2,962

10. Junior YIP works with vulnerable 8-12 year olds who are identified by schools based on an assessment of needs. Junior YIP aims to work with up to 30 children in this scheme. This project will target and work with children from Chapelton and provide a series of targeted diversionary and developmental activities designed to reduce risk factors that increase the likelihood of the child being involved with crime, anti-social behaviour and school non- attendance. The project will deliver a daily programme of activities during the Easter Holidays 2008.
11. **Recommendation:** The project will target an age group that the Area Committee have identified as a priority and will meet actions A1 & A3 in the Area Delivery Plan. The YIP target area does include a very small part of Harehills, but of the 30 target children, only 1 or 2 are likely to come from that area. The project may be eligible to apply for the West Yorkshire Police Community Trust funding as they have funded YIP programmes in other parts of the city. **Ratify £2,962**

Non commissioned projects

12. 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.

Healthier communities and older people's theme

Meanwood community development project (INE.07.38.LG) requesting £10,000

13. This application is for a contribution towards the cost of running the 3 Churches Community Development project. The project includes the employment of a Community Development Worker who is based at Stainbeck Church. Her role is to facilitate events, activities, courses, help develop skills and build relationships within the communities in Meanwood (primarily Beckhill, Miles Hill, Farm Hill and the Meanwood Valley estates). The project is a key partner in the Beckhill Implementation Group, helping to bridge the gap between public sector organisations and the local community. The project has been underway for 3 years and is now beginning to have a significant impact in the local area. The project costs £34,870 to run for one year and £20,000 is already confirmed from the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds, Yorkshire URC Synod, member churches and the Leeds Christian Community Trust. They have further applications in with the Church Urban Fund and Scurrah Wainwright Trust.

14. **Recommendation:** Usually the Area Committee discourages applications for ongoing running costs. However, the working group would make the exception in this case because of the importance of the work this project does, in one of the Area Committee's priority areas. On top of this, the activities the project runs, including a children's club for 7-12 year olds meet several of the actions in the Area Delivery Plan (A1, A6, B14). To lose this resource would have a significant, and negative impact on an already deprived area. The project is aware that any WBF contribution would be a one off. The current funding runs out in July 2008 and if the project is successful in securing future years funding, then the aim is to work in other parts of Meanwood as well as the current target area. **Recommend - £10,000**
15. **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

16. The Area Committee will recall this application was deferred from the last meeting to allow time for the Church to apply to other sources of funding. 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 fundraiser has used the Fit4Funding website and identified a number of possible funding sources including Age Concern, Awards for All and the Yorkshire Bank Charitable Trust. They received a Well-Being Fund grant in 2006/07 for £12,500 towards a community garden project at the Church site.
17. **Recommendation:** The working group were pleased to note the progress made by the Church towards identifying other sources of funding. **Recommend – £10,000 contribution.**

Gledhow Rise traffic management measures (INE.07.36.LG) requesting £15,600

18. Highways have applied for 50% of the costs of the works to revert Gledhow Rise back to a two way traffic flow. It is currently one way, but this is consistently ignored. The one way system was introduced a few years ago for safety reasons because of the pedestrian access to the GP surgery on the corner, but has proved unpopular with local residents. A 1,000 signature petition has been handed to Highways from local residents who want the road to be two way again. The current one way system makes it very difficult for residents living behind Fitzroy Drive to access Somerfield supermarket.
19. **Recommendation:** The scheme will indirectly contribute towards action D1 in the Area Delivery Plan, the regeneration of Oakwood village centre. Highways are in discussion with Somerfield to secure a contribution from the supermarket towards the cost of the scheme. **Recommend £5,000 contribution from the capital pot and £5,000 from the Roundhay ward revenue pot.**

2008/09 Commissioning proposals

20. So that activities can continue between this meeting and the first meeting of the new municipal year, the Area Committee is requested to approve in principle the following commissioning proposals. There will be much more detailed report to the June meeting giving details of other commissioning proposals following the community engagement events in March, and work undertaken to develop the Area Delivery Plan actions for 2008-11. These proposals have been discussed by the Well-Being Fund working group who have indicated their support for them all.

Small Grants

21. In 2007/08 the Area Committee allocated £5,000 for small grants. The current position is that £935 remains – approximately 2 more small grants available for the rest of the financial year. On this basis it is suggested to allocate £5,000 again next year as this seems an accurate budget level for the demand. It can be topped up at any point in the year as necessary. **Ratify - £5,000**

Community Engagement

22. In total in 2007/08 the Area Committee allocated £8,000 including the £3,000 top up allocated at the February meeting. There is £5,000 remaining – but this doesn't take account of the March events which will cost approx. £2,000 per event to arrange. The March events are more expensive because the area management team is piloting the leafleting of every household across each ward. If this doesn't prove effective then this won't be done again and will reduce the cost of community engagement for the year significantly.
23. The Area Committee has previously agreed to the production of the 'Take Action' cards, the Volunteer Thank You event and to the themeing of future Area Committee meetings under the priority of community engagement. The budget required to cover these for the full year is £21,675. The bulk of the expenditure is on printing, leaflet distribution and other publicity. If this proves to be an overestimate, the underspend can be returned to the general pot later in the year. Further work is required in costing up the newsletter proposal and this will be dealt with under the commissioning report to the June Area Committee meeting. **Ratify - £21,675**

Youth Services (INE.08.01.LG)

24. The Area Committee will recall the Youth Service developed several new projects that will specifically deliver actions in the current Area Delivery Plan. It is expected that these will contribute towards the new Area Delivery Plan once it is developed. Because there was limited funding left in the 2007/08 children and young people's theme pot, the working group recommended some of the expenditure be profiled into 2008/09. The specific project costs are:
- Staffing session costs for the motorcycle project being established at Prince Philip Centre. The Area Committee has already allocated the set up costs for the project at the February meeting, these are to ensure the sustainability of it over the next year. The project works by engaging disaffected young people who are involved with vehicle/motorcycle crime and antisocial behaviour into positive activities that also divert them away from negative behaviour. £26,640
 - Transport costs to contribute towards the cost of hiring minibuses and drivers for programmes across all three wards. £5,604
 - **Total to ratify £32,244**

Community Safety

25. In 2006/07 the Area Committee commissioned a pot of funding to the Community Safety Co-ordinator to manage that would work towards reducing crime and the fear of crime as per the Area Delivery Plan. The bulk of this funding was completely spent in 2006/07, but some was carried forward and projects have continued to the present time. Members will recall a detailed report on Well-Being Fund spend and general community safety work was presented to the October 2007 meeting. The following proposals extend these projects and will deliver towards the new Area Delivery Plan Improvement Priorities.
- Pride in where you live fund/joint tasking – to cover skip referrals and small expenditure to resolve issues raised at the joint tasking meetings, such as hedge cutting or a new street sign) £7,500 (£2,500 per ward. Please note a similar proposal for a £2,500 contribution from IMPaCT is being considered to provide additional resource to the Intensive Neighbourhood Management area)
 - Mini Operation Champions – The main Operation Champions are programmed on an annual basis informed by the Divisional Community Safety Partnership. This funding can be used to run smaller scale multi-agency operations in local hotspot areas to respond to resident concerns around crime and fear of crime. £5,000
 - Burglary reduction and car crime – There is a continuing problem with high levels of burglary across Leeds. This funding will be used to respond to local hotspots, for example by offering security improvements or Smartwater kits to homes in a hotspot area. £10,000
 - **Total to ratify £22,500**

Recommendations

26. 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 capital projects
 - c) ratify in principle the commissioned revenue projects for 2008/09

WELL BEING FUND SMALL GRANTS APPROVED

INE.07.17.SG – Leeds Media Centre Sound Forum

The Sound Forum is an innovative and exciting 12 week music project devised in partnership between Leeds Media Centre (LMC) and Leeds College of Music. It will work with 12 participants aged 14-19yrs who will be chosen through an application process. Successful applicants will undertake workshops and project work leading to their own composition and recording of an original music track, create an accompanying music video. The participants will gain skills in the areas of graphic design, video making/editing, music recording/editing and composition. It will also arm participants with transferable skills including literacy, ICT, interpersonal and organisational skills.

The project will be run out of school hours by Leeds College of Music 3rd year students as part of their Community Music module, under the supervision of LMC staff and industry professionals. The project will focus on participants from areas of multiple deprivation in Chapeltown and applicants will have to demonstrate a willingness to commit to the programme, show a passion for music/video and enthusiasm. It will be advertised by posters/flyers through local community groups/organisations and key individuals working with young people in the area. Initial responses to the proposed project have been incredibly positive through consultation with local organisations/workers.

A grant of £500 was awarded towards the total costs of £1,700 (to cover items such as arts practitioners (singer/songwriters, musicians, producers/engineers etc.), CD/DVD duplication and printing and a launch event for the finished products).

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

REEMAP	15,000
Youth Service part 1	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
Youth Service part 2	14,275
Total	65,000
Budget	65,000
Remaining	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
Beckhill Feasibility Study	10,000
Total	32,143
Budget	36,917
Remaining	4,774
Remaining if recommendations to this meeting are approved	1,812

Healthier Communities & Older People

Summer sports activities	8,735
Chapel Allerton Good Neighbours	6,000
Community engagement top up	3,000
Total	17,735
Budget	28,399
Remaining	10,664
Remaining if recommendations to this meeting are approved	664

Economic Development & Enterprise

Chapeltown 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

Roundhay

Gledhow Rise traffic management measures	5,000
Total	5,000
Budget	10,000
Remaining	5,000

Moortown no projects yet allocated funding.

Community Safety 2006/07 *

Skips miscellaneous to February 2008 Total	4,368
Meanwood door chimes	1,000
Smartwater kits for Moortown	1,500
Total	6,868
Budget	8,898
Remaining	2,030

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	162,336

* 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
Remaining if recommendations to this meeting are approved	£26,190