



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 3rd April 2008

Subject: Inner West Area Committee Well-Being Fund Update

Electoral Wards Affected: Armley Bramley & Stanningley	Specific Implications For:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Council Function <input type="checkbox"/>	Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/>

Executive Summary

This report provides details of the amount of well-being capital and revenue funding remaining from the financial year 2007-2008 and to be carried forward into 2008-09. Members are asked to note this information, comment on any new applications and consider them for approval.

1.0 Purpose of This Report

1.1 This report seeks to update members on the current amount of capital and revenue funding committed and available via the Area Committee Well-Being Budget for wards in the Inner West area. It seeks approval for new and continuing projects commissioned by the Area Management Team.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The capital and revenue allocation for 2007-08 Inner West was:

Capital Allocation 2007-2008 £ 72, 512

Revenue Allocation 2007- 2008 £197, 490 (this included an extra £50,000 for environmental projects including conservation area reviews and residential parking projects)

2.2 Information regarding the allocation of funding for 2008-2009 has not been formalized as yet but it is likely that a similar amount of funding will be allocated. It is unlikely that additional funding will be made available for environmental works as in 2007-08.

2.3 Following approval of applications at the committee meeting on 7th February 2008 and rationalization of all expenditure since financial year 2004/05 the amount of well being funding

remaining and to be carried forward as an underspend is £7,358.91 Revenue and £19,800 Capital.

3.0 Projects already approved for 2008-09

3.1 A certain number of projects have been approved throughout the previous year but which require expenditure in financial year 2008-09. These are listed below.

Project Title	2008-09	Revenue	Capital	Ward
Holiday Sports Programme	2008-09	£5,000		Armley. Barmley & Stanningley
I Love West Leeds Festival	2008-09	£24,000		Armley. Bramley & Stanningley
NWCC Development Worker	2008-09	£21,588		Armley
Summer Bands in the Park	2008-09	£1,200		Armley. Bramley & Stanningley
Local Futures A2E	2008-09	£30,000		Bramley & Stanningley
Henconner Lane Roundabout	2008-09	£1,500		Armley. Bramley & Stanningley
Wellington Mt Alleygating Scheme	2008-09		£2000	Bramley & Stanningley
TOTAL APPROVED	2008-09	£83,288	£2,000	

4.0 New applications for Well being funding.

4.1 The applications below have been received for this Area Committee.

Project Title	2008-09	2009-10	Total Amount	Capital or Revenue	Ward	Appendix
Warden for Wyther & New Wortley Neighbourhoods	£35, 873.00		35,873	Revenue	Armley	1
Mobile Youth Bus	12,000		12,000	Revenue	Armley Bramley & Stanningley	2
Tea Dance	3,500		3,500	Revenue	Armley	3

SKIPS & SMALL GRANTS	Date approved	Amount
No requests for skips since the last Area Committee		00.00
West Leeds Walking Group		450.00
West Leeds Debt Forum		500.00
TOTAL	£0.00	£950.00

4.2 In addition to large and small grants and skips the area management team also undertake projects which have a community engagement and consultation focus such as the 'What's the Big Idea' events held recently. Also, last year members

approved a small budget for the wardens which helped them to undertake additional work in the community such as creating information leaflets and handing out reflective arm bands to school children. In order to service these initiatives the following allocation of funding is requested:

Small Grants (Max £500 per grant)	£10,000
Skips	£2,500
Consultation & Engagement Budget	£2,000
Community Safety (Wardens)	£1,000

- 4.3 Since the last Area Committee meeting, an application was received from Leeds City Council, Parks and Countryside for the funding of Gardeners to work within the West Inner Area Committee. One to be based at Armley Park, one at Bramley Falls and one at Rodley Park. The gardeners will work a five day, 37 hour week. The cost for this is £55,002 (£18,334 per gardener). This application was considered at the Chairs Briefing on 18th March and it was decided that further information on the funding was required for this application and therefore it would not proceed to the Area Committee at this stage for further deliberation.

5.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 5.1 Well Being projects support the actions contained in the Inner West Area Delivery Plan. Ward members have been consulted on the 2007-08 plan and on the projects commissioned to deliver improvements to the area. This Plan contributes to the priorities of the Departmental, Council and Corporate Plans by aiming to create better neighbourhoods and confident communities.

6.0 Legal and Resource Implications.

- 6.1 The financial resource implications of well-being projects will be processed through the Area Management's well-being budget. Staff resources will be provided by Area Management and partner agencies.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The well-being fund provides financial support for key projects in the Inner West Area.

8.0 Recommendations

The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) note the financial status of the Well-Being Budget, capital and revenue.
- b) comment upon and approve where appropriate requests for funding for large, small grants skips, community engagement and consultation events and a budget for the neighbourhood wardens.