

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner North West Area Committee

Date: 3rd April 2008

Subject: Well-being end of year monitoring report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Headingley
Hyde Park & Woodhouse
Kirkstall
Weetwood

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 provides Members with end of year monitoring for quarter 3 and 4 on Well-being projects funded during 2007/08. Monitoring of projects that ended prior to quarter 3 have previously been reported to the Committee and are therefore not included in this report.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with end of year monitoring on all Well-being projects funded during 2007/08.

2.0 Monitoring of Revenue Projects

2.1 This section provides an update on live/ongoing revenue projects from the revenue Well-being year 2007/08. Completed projects which have already been monitored and reported to the Area Committee are not included.

2.2 **Project Name:** Harold and Thornvilles Anti-climb Paint
Lead Organisation: CASAC
Amount: £7,800

Project description: Drain pipe treatment to 780 properties within the area at £10 per property.

Project Update: West Yorkshire Police are in the process of working with Leeds City Council to access/gather ownership details for the properties, to enable permission to be gained before applying the paint. Once this stage is complete, CASAC will organise visits and contact tenants to inform them of the application schedule. CASAC have also been working with West Yorkshire Police to secure funding for other streets in the area, which are being dealt with in parallel to this project. This has resulted in higher demands on the Police to gather information and as such process has been slower than anticipated.

- 2.3 **Project Name:** Site Based Gardeners
Lead Organisation: Parks and Countryside
Amount: £17,800
Project description: Funding for two site based gardeners
Project Update: Two gardeners are on site, one in Beckett Park and one in Woodhouse Ridge to undertake general gardening duties and look after the maintenance and upkeep of the sites. The presence of a site-based gardener has enabled changes in park maintenance to be achieved such as grass cutting, ground and shrub maintenance, litter clearance, leaf collection, pathways swept etc.
- 2.4 **Project Name:** Headingley HEART
Lead Organisation: Headingley Development Trust
Amount: £9,300
Project description: Revenue funding to progress the HEART proposal
Project Update: HDT have developed a membership of over 700 making them one of the largest Development Trusts in the country. They have submitted a bid for £750,000 to the new Community Assets Fund, and a decision on this application is expected in March 2008. There is a slight under spend due to the first consultant not being commissioned until May 2007.
- 2.5 **Project Name:** Community Composting
Lead Organisation: Leeds Organic Growers
Amount: £15,000
Project description: Garden waste kerbside collection and composting
Project Update: All the money has been spent on managerial activities for the project. Work has been finished on the site and household garden waste collections started the week of 17th March. Further promotional work is being undertaken in Kirkstall to attract more users to the service.
- 2.6 **Project Name:** Extended Youth Services
Lead Organisation: Youth Service
Amount: £3,000
Project description: There are 3 elements:- a) Hawksworth Wood Group; b) Girls' Group (assisting visits across the city and involvement in campaigns such as International Women's Day); and c) DJ & Music Workshop (12 week course).
Project Update: a) A group of 12-15 young males were engaged through a detached session and later with the support of the mobile unit. The group have now developed into a sporting group. The funding was used to secure a letting at Goals, an FA coach and equipment/kit. The group will benefit from accreditation on the Duke of Edinburgh programme via the access route; b) A regular group of 8 girls meet at provision at West Park centre. The group have spent half the funding on making the room more comfortable for their needs, purchasing a DVD player, kettle/cups and other equipment. The rest of the funding has been spent on trips

giving the girls opportunities outside the area, such as to the Grand Theatre, bowling and ice skating; and c) The Little London boys meet at Little London Community Centre and have engaged with 15 young men. Positive Futures have assisted with the course, using music technology and DJ'ing as a tool.

- 2.7 **Project Name:** Community Planning Officer
Lead Organisation: City Development Department
Amount: £42,440
Project description: Dedicated Planning Officer to assist community groups and residents to access information and make comments on planning issues.
Project Update: Over quarters 3 and 4 the Community Planning Officer has been assisting in relation to a number of major schemes, including the refurbishment of the Arndale Centre, Oddbins site, Glassworks site, Cookridge Hospital, Tetley Hall and the proposed re-development of Headingley stadium. Advice has also been given in relation to a number of smaller proposals. Work on the Neighbourhood Design Statements is making good progress and work has commenced on launching a Community Vision for Kirkstall. Resident drop-in sessions have continued to be provided on a monthly basis.
- 2.8 **Project Name:** Mobile Youth Bus
Lead Organisation: Youth Services
Amount: £11,975
Project description: Provision of a mobile youth facility for North West Leeds.
Project Update: In quarters 3 and 4 the bus has been used in all of the inner wards and young people are benefiting from being able to access help and information where they 'hang out'. The youth mobile is also working with schools in the area and young people are able to take part in relevant activities and discussions with youth workers. Due to staffing issues Youth Services are currently looking at ways of using other agencies to deliver services via the mobile across the area.
- 2.9 **Project Name:** Neighbourhood Design Statement Fund
Lead Organisation: Planning Sub Group
Amount: £15,000
Project description: Funding for three design statements for the Inner North West.
Project Update:
- Headingley (£5,000) – The project was launched in September 2007 by the local MP, at a special exhibition and presentation. A Neighbourhood Questionnaire was launched at the same time. The questionnaire has been circulated in printed and electronic form, and completed copies have begun to be returned.
 - Little Woodhouse (£5,000) – The project was launched in November 2007 and a steering group was set up with interested residents and group representatives. 5,000 questionnaires have been printed for distribution to residents and a newsletter has been sent to 2,000 houses promoting the design statement. Workshops were held in February and March 2008, where residents walked the area, took photos and discussed the issues facing the neighbourhood. Work is in progress on a draft of the document and an update will be given in April 2008 at the next Little Woodhouse Community Forum.
 - North Hyde Park (£5,000) – Work on the Conservation Area Appraisal is well under way with two of the five character areas covered. Plans are in hand for the remaining areas to be reviewed in the coming months. The project is on course for completion by October 2008.

- 2.10 **Project Name:** Older Active People Project
Lead Organisation: Cardigan Centre – Older Active People
Amount: £4,000
Project description: Extend and maintain OAPs work into North Headingley.
Project Update: During quarters 3 and 4 the project has continued to provide a service to the area. A weekly surgery at Headingley Community Centre's tea bar has been established as well as a theatre group that meets monthly. In January 2008 the project worked with CALM to host Another Year party for 100 elders, in February the project held an Open Forum meeting and in March residents of North Headingley attended an Action Tea Party. The project now has 54 members participating in a range of preventative health activities that help reduce social isolation. 15 of the people who have joined from the new area are also utilising and developing their skills through participating in community arts projects.
- 2.11 **Project Name:** Generations Together
Lead Organisation: Cardigan Centre – Older Active People
Amount: £6,000
Project description: Gap funding to ensure the continuation of the project across Headingley, Burley, Hyde Park, Weetwood, Kirkstall and Little London
Project Update: During quarters 3 and 4 the project has been able to establish a befriending scheme, where 14 volunteers have visited 15 older people once a week. The project has also held circle time sessions and a mentoring scheme in local primary schools. Run jointly with ACTION the project has provided an intergenerational shopping service which runs throughout the year. There has also been joint participation in local Diwali and Eid celebrations with 10 elders and 21 young people visiting the local Hindu Temple and Mosque. The project currently has 5 new volunteers in the process of being introduced to local older people and plan to have the number of volunteers back to 25 by summer 2008.
- 2.12 **Project Name:** Festive lights in Kirkstall
Lead Organisation: Gilbert and Sandfords Residents' Association
Amount: £1,420
Project description: Festive lights in Kirkstall
Project Update: 10 festive lights were put up around the two central Kirkstall traffic lights on the A65 over Christmas 2007, to which there was a very positive response. The Gilbert & Sandford Residents' Association are currently liaising with local businesses to encourage sponsorship of the festive lights for Christmas 2008.
- 2.13 **Project Name:** Making healthy lifestyle changes in the community
Lead Organisation: World of Fitness
Amount: £5,000
Project description: Activities that will be delivered include aerobic classes, step and boxercise and tailor made programmes for the elderly, women only, young people and those with disabilities.
Project Update: During quarters 3 and 4 the project has doubled the number of sessions that are being facilitated including kickboxing in addition to hip/hop and cheerleading. The project is adding further boxing for fitness sessions within the next month through the schools Extended Services, and is also embarking on a programme of activities for the elderly which should be in place by summer 2008. The project is now operating from more sites across the inner north west area, and has seen an increase in physical activity participation from primary/high school pupils.

- 2.14 **Project Name:** Up Your Street
Lead Organisation: University of Leeds and CALM
Amount: £5,000
Project description: Streetscene and environmental projects, working with student volunteers.
Project Update: The funding was used for projects such as Bargain Hunt in May 2007 where over 1,000 items were reused and recycled. 15 new student volunteers were recruited and trained at the start of September 2007 and were involved in community clean ups and taster sessions. The Re-float project has continued fortnightly throughout the year collecting glass from approximately 50 residential homes. During February and March 2008 a pilot project was developed in conjunction with Streetscene, which encouraged more recycling by using green bags instead of bins. Information has been collected through a survey and a full report will follow at the end of March. Future projects include a community clean up at Rosebank Green, Woodhouse and another Bargain Hunt in May 2008.
- 2.15 **Project Name:** International Film Project
Lead Organisation: Hyde Park Picture House
Amount: £2,000
Project description: Funding for non-mainstream films
Project Update: The project has had great successes resulting in strong box office figures which has allowed the Picture House to show a slightly higher number of films. 15 films were screened during quarter 4 of which seven had not been previously screened within the city. The films included a selection of Czech animation, an environmentally conscious documentary about crude oil and a British documentary about Tudor re-enactors. The Picture House also screened five older film titles as part of a month long, city wide festival called Winter Pride.
- 2.16 **Project Name:** Fundraising Officer
Lead Organisation: Voluntary Action Leeds
Amount: £41,000
Project description: To provide funding advice to community and voluntary groups across the Inner North West.
Project Update: The project anticipates to support a minimum of 19 groups during quarter 4 (4 in Headingley, 8 in Hyde Park and Woodhouse, 2 in Kirkstall and 5 in Weetwood). Support to many of these groups has been intensive and ongoing. The project has exceeded the annual target of supporting £100,000 of new funding into the area, with a few applications still pending. They have repeated the Awards for All training in quarter 4 to meet the demand from other groups.
- 2.17 **Project Name:** Hyde Park and Woodhouse DPPO
Lead Organisation: Area Management
Amount: £5,000
Project description: Designated Public Places Order
Project Update: Discussions with Ward Members still ongoing.
- 2.18 **Project Name:** Woodhouse Moor Survey
Lead Organisation: Area Management
Amount: £2,439

Project description: A comprehensive survey of users of Woodhouse Moor and local residents, to gauge public opinion on what improvements/facilities people would like to see.

Project Update: Friends of Woodhouse Moor did not meet in March, and now plan to discuss whether they will take on the completion of the survey in April.

2.19 **Project Name:** Neighbourhood Improvement Plans

Lead Organisation: Area Management

Amount: £6,000

Project description: Targeted improvement plans for local communities

Project Update:

- Harold & Thornvilles Headingley – A Community Action Day was held at the Cardigan Centre on Saturday 17th November. The event included a ‘drop-in’ session between 10.00 and 12.30 with officers from West Yorkshire Police, Streetscene Services and Area Management in attendance. Information packs were distributed house to house prior to the drop-in.
- Weetwood – A neighbourhood improvement survey was hand delivered to over 600 households in the Silk Mills area in early February 2008. 157 responses were received which are now being analysed with a view to holding a community action day sometime in spring.
- Kirkstall – No decision has been taken on what the funding shall be used for. Progress is still ongoing.

2.20 **Project Name:** Community Inclusion Initiative

Lead Organisation: Older People’s Action in the Locality

Amount: £2,000

Project description: Employment of a Community Inclusion Worker to recruit and train new volunteers to support older people. The worker will also be responsible for managing and supporting OPAL’s existing volunteers.

Project Update: The project has recruited 11 volunteers overall, who have all completed induction training and CRB checks. Five drop ins have been established and are occurring each month at Cookridge Village Hall, Ireland Crescent Residential Accommodation, Adel Pharmacy and Bramhope Methodist Church. There have also been 3 volunteer support meetings since the project began.

2.21 **Project Name:** Hyde Park CCTV

Lead Organisation: LeedsWatch

Amount: £9,152

Project description: Revenue costs for 3 additional CCTV cameras in Hyde Park.

Project Update: The three cameras attached to LeedsWatch went operational in April 2007. Since that date LeedsWatch have received 26 CCTV requests from West Yorkshire Police, so far information received from the Police highlights that 10 arrests have resulted. Police update LeedsWatch utilising their Police CCTV Liaison Officers on a case by case basis. The cameras have also proved useful for partnership working with the Police utilising the cameras for ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) operations resulting in vehicles being taken off the road for no tax/insurance or found to be stolen. ANPR operations have resulted in 22 arrests and 33 vehicles seized in the area of Hyde Park and Headingley.

- 2.22 **Project Name:** Headingley Additional Policing
Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount: £7,500
Project description: The project will provide additional policing to Headingley ward for the purpose of reducing anti-social behaviour, violent crime, criminal damage and fear of crime through high visibility patrols to key hotspots at target times.
Project Update: Funding has been effectively used to tackle anti-social behaviour and drink related crime within the Headingley area. High visibility patrols have increased at key times to target the right offending types at the correct times of the day. There has also been a decrease in the reporting of crimes in this area. Some funding has been retained for summer 2008 so resources can focus on key issues at this time.
- 2.23 **Project Name:** Off Road Motorbikes
Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount: £4,770
Project description: Funding for the use of off road police motorbikes to help tackle nuisance motorbike use in hard to access places.
Project Update: The bikes continue to be used throughout the area, in particular in Hawksworth Wood and northern parts of Weetwood. They are mainly used proactively, but do respond to specific reports of nuisance behaviour. Details of specific successes will be available for circulation early in the new financial year.
- 2.24 **Project Name:** St Chad's Primary School Outdoor Learning Environment
Lead Organisation: St Chad's School Governors
Amount: £2,500
Project description: Funding for the creation of a multi sensory outdoor learning environment.
Project Update: The development of the outdoor area is going to take place during 2008/09 financial year. Design of the project is being undertaken and it is hoped work will take place in the summer 2008 holidays.
- 2.25 **Project Name:** Kirkstall Valley Park
Lead Organisation: Kirkstall Valley Park Board
Amount: £1,500
Project description:
Project Update: Work on the detailed planning application is ongoing between the Kirkstall Valley Park Board and Leeds Metropolitan University. The application is due to be submitted in late spring.
- 2.26 **Project Name:** Sandy Lane Footpath
Lead Organisation: City Development
Amount: £2,955
Project description: The formal adoption by the Council of the footpath, involving the issuing of a creation order. The funding also covers one year's revenue costs for the cleansing and maintenance of the path.
Project Update: A creation order is in the process of being developed and should be issued shortly. The order will then allow for the footpath to be formally adopted by the Council. Should there be any objections to the creation order the timescale until adoption will be increased. Kirkstall Members will be informed as soon as the process has been completed.

- 2.27 **Project Name:** Looked after Young People
Lead Organisation: Children's Services
Amount: £5,000
Project description: Allowing young people in care to participate in educational and leisure activities that require additional cost, e.g. school trips.
Project Update: The funds have not yet been released to Children's Services as discussions are still ongoing about how the funds will be handled and guarantees that only young people from the inner north west benefit, over and above financial support that would otherwise be given to them. Monitoring will continue on this in 2008/09.
- 2.28 **Project Name:** Royal Park Greenspace
Lead Organisation: Parks & Countryside
Amount: £8,000
Project description: Revenue costs for the maintenance of the park and MUGA.
Project Update: Regular cleansing and officer inspections continue to take place. From 2008/09 the revenue costs will be mainstreamed, as originally agreed when the Area Committee funded the creation of the park.
- 2.29 **Project Name:** Woodsley Road Centre Development
Lead Organisation: Area Management/Voluntary Action Leeds
Amount: £5,000
Project description: Consultancy and support work to the Management Committee of Woodsley Road Community Centre, to help them achieve the objectives of their Management Agreement with the Council.
Project Update: The management committee have, for some time, been requesting that this funding is paid directly to them rather than being channelled via Voluntary Action Leeds. At this point in time none of the funding has been spent.

3.0 **Monitoring of Capital Projects**

- 3.1 This section provides an update on capital projects funded in 2007/08.
- 3.2 **Project Name:** Silk Mills Recreation Area
Lead Organisation: Parks and Countryside, LCC
Amount: £19,057 (£59,847 allocated in 06/07)
Project description: To build a new play area and a youth shelter, to be located off Silk Mill Close in Weetwood.
Project Update: The Silk Mill play area and youth shelter are now complete. The reinstatement of the path will be completed by the end of February. The original timetable was delayed due to waiting for the planning permission approval for the youth shelter. A launch event is expected to take place in early April.
- 3.3 **Project Name:** Festive lights in Kirkstall
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- 3.4 **Project Name:** Grass verges and Footpath Improvements
Lead Organisation: Highways and Parks and Countryside
Amount: £10,000
Project description: Fund for improvements in areas where there are issues with people parking on grass verges
Project Update: Estcourt Terrace – this project was completed in quarter 3. No other scheme was completed in 2007/08. The fund will be rolled forward and further schemes identified in 2008/09.
- 3.5 **Project Name:** Headingley HEART
Lead Organisation: Headingley Development Trust
Amount: £50,000 (+£50,000 allocated from 2004/07 capital budget)
Project description: Funding for the refurbishment of the former primary school.
Project Update: Following approval by Executive Board to transfer ownership of the Headingley Primary School building to Headingley Development Trust, HDT have applied for £750,000 asset transfer to cover the cost of refurbishing the former school. A decision on this application is expected in late March 2008.
- 3.6 **Project Name:** St Chad's Primary School Outdoor Learning Environment
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4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Inner North West Area Committee is requested to note the contents of the report.