

Report of: Area Leader

Report to: Inner North West Community Committee [Headingley& Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse and Weetwood]

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For decision

Finance Report

Purpose of report

1. This reports 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 outlines the recommendations from the Members wellbeing workshop for the allocation of the wellbeing and YAF funding for 2019/20. The committee is asked to consider these recommendations for approval.

Recommendations

The Inner North West Community Committee is asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund at Paragraph 10 and Appendix 1.
- Note the current budget position for the Youth Activity Fund at paragraph 11 and Appendix 1.
- Note the current budget position for the Small Grants and Skips at Table 1 and 2.
- Consider the projects listed at Table 3 for approval from the Wellbeing budget allocation for 2019/20.

- Consider the projects listed at Table 3 for approval from the Youth Activity Fund budget allocation for 2019/20.
- Consider the projects listed at Table 4 from the Capital budget

Main issues

3. This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19, the current position of the small grants and skips pots, an update on the youth activity fund and available capital finding.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. 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.

Wellbeing budget Statement 2018/19

10. 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 **£109,967**. This funding has so far been committed to 21 projects as listed in Appendix 1 totalling **£109,214**. The current wellbeing balance for large grants is **£752**.
11. 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 YAF projects was **£33,168**. This funding has so far been committed to 7 projects leaving **£556** available for YAF allocation.
12. In addition to revenue, the Community Committee also receives an allocation of Wellbeing capital funding. The current capital balance is **£24,700**.
13. 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.

Skips 2018/19

14. There have been two skips approved since the last committee meeting. These are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Project Name	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Iveson Gardens Clean up skip	Cllr James Gibson	£195	£195
Ash road allotment skip	Ash Road Allotments	£165	£165

Small Grants approved 2019/20

15. There have been two small grants approved since the last committee meeting. This is listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2

Project Name	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
PHAB Club Grant	PHAB Club	£331.51	£331.51
Money buddies	Burmantofts Community Projects	£187.50	£187.50

Wellbeing Revenue 2019/20 Projects for Consideration

16. The funding workshop for 2019/20 received 29 wellbeing applications totaling £182,008. These applications have been assessed against the funding criteria for Inner North West Wellbeing fund. Members have reviewed the applications in detail and have agreed that the projects listed in Table 2 below go to the community committee for consideration.

Table 3

Project Name	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended for approval
Small Grants and skips	Communities Team	£6,000	£6,000
Communications budget	Communities Team	£1,500	£1,500
Festive lights	Leeds Lights	£13,788	£13,788
Irish Arts in Headingley and Hyde Park	Irish Arts Foundation	£850	£500 (small grant)
Women's Health Group	Behno Group	£7,608	£3,800
Little London Community Fun Day	Housing Leeds	£2,000	£2,000
Hyde Park Unity Day	Hyde Park Unity Day	£5,000	£5,000
Student Robberies	WYPS crime reduction	£6,405	£4,028
Leave Leeds Tidy	Leeds University Union	£9,367	£9,367
Woodhouse Connected	Oblong Ltd	£23,366	£1,815
Everfit	The Cardigan Centre	£5,750	£2,875
Headingley Lit Fest	Poetry workshops in schools	£2,100	£2,100

Steps2work	Right Choices Project	£3,598	£3,598
Eatwell Café	CALLS	£10,056	£10,056
Homework session – helping hands	Bahar Group	£3,958	£3,958
Additional Staff for Woodhouse Moor	Safer Leeds	£12,750	£10,000
Hyde Park Community Mural Project	University of Leeds Sustainability Team	£2,670	£2,670
The LAW group	Little London Arab Women’s Group	£5,000	£5,000
Community Volunteering project	Caring Together in Woodhouse and Little London	£8,003	£8,003
Nursery 40 th Birthday Celebrations	North Leeds Community Nursery	£1,050	£500 (small grant)
Tackling noise nuisance from properties	LASBT	£6,000	£4,000
High school youth worker support	The Cardigan Centre	£8,280	£8,280
Holiday Projects	The Youth Service	£4,345	£4,345
Targeted holiday diversionary activities	Youth Justice Service and Youth Service	£2,200	£2,200

Youth Activities fund 2019/20 Projects for Consideration

17. Seven applications were received for funding totaling £54,587. The applications were assessed against the funding criteria for the Inner North West Youth Activities Fund and due consideration given to the results from the children’s and young people’s consultation in schools report.
18. Members have reviewed the applications in detail and have agreed that the five projects listed in Table 4 below go to the community committee for consideration.

Table 4

Project	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended for approval
Global Mash up	Geraldine Connor Foundation	£6,900	£6,900
Meanwood Street Wise Project	Meanwood Junior Play Schemes	£2,817	£2,817
Weetwood Youth Project	Leeds Youth Service	£1,875	£1,875
Mini Breeze	Breeze projects and events team	£7,200	£7,200

Welcome In Youth Group	The Cardigan Centre	£8,625	£8,625
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Capital 2019/20 Projects for Consideration

19. Three applications were received for funding totaling £55,979. The applications were assessed against the funding criteria for Capital projects and members decided that two applications as listed in Table 5 go to the community committee for consideration.

Table 5

Project	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount recommended for approval
Stepping up for Melville Place	Woodhouse Ridge Action Group	£15,000	£15,000
Ireland Wood Community Garden	Ireland Wood Residents group	£5,000	£5,000

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

20. As previously reported the Inner North West Community Committee receives an allocation of CIL funding. As part of this payment schedule, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% for administration and 15-25% goes to a Community Committee or the relevant Town or Parish Council. This 15-25% of the CIL receipt (25% if there is an adopted neighbourhood plan, 15% if there isn't) is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund'. In the absence of a Town or Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Fund element of CIL is allocated to the Community Committee.
21. The Inner North West Community Committee agreed at a workshop on 7 November 2017 to allocate the CIL Neighbourhood Fund in the area. Members agreed that funds raised through CIL are allocated in line with the current Wellbeing process; with the money to be pooled and allocated across all three wards. The current available balance of CIL is **£24,700**.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

22. The 2019/20 funding 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.

Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

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

Council policies and City Priorities

24. 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

Resources and value for money

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

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

Risk Management

27. 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

28. 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.

Recommendations

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