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**Report of the North East Area Manager**

**North East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

**Subject: Well-Being Fund 2005/06 Project Progress Report**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Chapel Allerton  
Moortown  
Roundhay

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities   
Women   
Disabled people   
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

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**Executive Summary**

This report provides Members with an update on the progress of projects that were awarded grants from the 2005/06 Well-Being revenue large grant allocation and the three year capital allocation.

## **Background**

1. At the last Area Committee meeting the members requested feedback on projects that have been funded through the Well-Being fund in the last few years, this report contains progress reports from a number of the projects.

## **Projects Funded**

### **Queenshill Drive Landscaping – INE.05.06.LG**

2. Leeds North East Homes was awarded £1,300 towards the Queenshill Drive Landscaping project at the Area Committee Meeting in April 2005. The project aimed to improve an area of land that leads up to Queenshill Drive from Queenshill Crescent. This area is over looked by approximately twenty houses, and had become overgrown and was prone to fly- tipping.
3. Parks and Countryside successfully completed the work, which included replacing fencing, tidying up and cleaning the steps, the vegetation was cut back and the area which landscaped. A section of the hand rail was also removed to allow easier access to the area for maintenance.
4. The scheme was a success and was well received by the residents.

### **Community Highlights – INE.05.12.LG**

5. Community Highlights received £2,400 towards the cost of producing a community newspaper that serves Chapeltown and Harehills. The achievements of the project include an increase of database of clients and contact, an increase in the number of press releases received, and Calendar News has requested that Community Highlights supply positive news from Chapeltown for their use.

### **Inner North East Summer Sports – INE.05.17.LG**

6. Leeds Sport and Active Recreation Service were granted £1,860 at the Area Committee Meeting in June 2005. The grant contributed towards the total cost (£2,800) of the Inner North East summer sports project. Over sixty children participated in the three week programme, with a significant number of the children taking part in more than one activity.
7. Overall the project was very successful, although it is recognised that there is room for improvement and an increase in the number of children taking part. Most of the targets that were set, however, were achieved:
  - More children playing sport and being active
  - Affordable activities
  - Children involved in positive activity, not crime
  - Summer Programme promoted in and around twelve schools, raising awareness amongst parents, teachers and children about local sports clubs
  - Clubs are continuing to develop in areas such as child protection, fundraising and creating closer links with the community.

### **North Park Avenue Allotment – INE.05.27.LG**

8. North Park Avenue Allotments (NPAA) were awarded £3,000 at the Area Committee Meeting in September 2005, towards installing a toilet and hand washing facility connected to the services on the NPAA site.
9. The project is making steady progress, and the NPAA is anticipating completion by the end of the year, however as the work is being carried out by volunteers it is not practical to impose timescales.

### **Seven Community Arts Centre – INE.04.29.LG**

10. Chapel Allerton Arts Festival was awarded £25,000 at the February 2006 Area Committee Meeting, towards the cost of the Seven Community Arts Centre. Its purpose is to enable Chapel Allerton Arts festival to further its aim of building bridges between local communities through arts events that celebrate the area's diversity.
11. The project involves:
  - Build a community arts centre in Chapel Allerton, incorporating a 100 seat venue and café bar
  - Promote community involvement by encouraging year round participation in the festival and community arts
  - Engaging young people through 'battle-of-the-bands' nights, dance, cheer leader sessions and DJ workshops
  - Offer training in technical, service and arts skills, including stage management and sound systems
  - Provide a landscaped space, including community art work for public use
12. At the time of the Well-Being Fund was granted the funding for the arts centre was uncertain. Although there was a certain amount of private sector money in place, it was considered that the contribution from the Well Being Fund would help to unlock the process of match funding by public bodies. Indeed this was found to be the case, and a grant from the European Regional Development Fund for £566,325 was also secured.
13. The construction of the arts centre commenced in February 2006, six months behind schedule, although this enabled funding to be put in place. The anticipated completion of the shell is October 2006, followed by the fit out and landscaped external area. The planned opening date is April/May 2007. A community project was carried out recently to decorate the hoardings to the site, and a local firm are the architects for the project.

### **Queenshill Drive Drying Area – INE.05.31.LG**

14. Leeds North East Homes was awarded £5,670 at the Area Committee meeting in October 2005, towards the Queenshill Drive Drying Area; a security fencing project to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area to the rear of Queenshill Drive.
15. The estate investment bid for match funding was delayed due to further consultation with local residents over the plan. Groundwork Leeds had now been brought into the project and a final plan has been agreed. Various contractors have been consulted and North East homes are now awaiting quotes.

### **d-side (drugs: support, information, drug education) – INE.05.43.LG**

16. Children in Crisis was awarded £2,000 at the December 2005 Area Committee meeting, contributing to the d:side project in the inner north east. The project is a drug and alcohol education programme in primary schools. The project aims to encourage children to lead a positive and healthy lifestyle.
17. d:side uses a range of interactive teaching techniques and resources including a mobile classroom to deliver the sessions. In addition to this every school is offered a staff and parent training session. The effective delivery of the project is continually monitored, with each teacher asked to complete an evaluation form after the visit. This information is used to improve the programme.
18. In the Inner North East 1,900 pupils, as well as their teachers, parent and carers have received d:side during the 2005/2006 financial year. The Well Being Fund enabled the project to fulfil its commitment to deliver the programme to Bracken Edge primary, Holy Rosary Primary School, St Anne's Catholic Primary, St Mathews Church of England Primary School, Kerr Mackey, Primary School and Carr Manor Primary.

### **Beckhill Approach Seating Area Project – INE.05.48.LG**

19. Groundwork was awarded £3,000 at the February 2006 Area Committee meeting, towards the total cost (£5,500) of environmental improvements in the Beckhill area, specifically the Beckhill Approach seating area. The project was developed with the Beckhill Tenants and Residents Association (BTRA) and Leeds North East Homes.
20. Overall the project has been a resounding success with residents and tenants all extremely pleased with the end result. Groundwork will continue to support the work of BTRA including clean-ups of the estate and gardening sessions around the seating area when required.
21. The project has benefited the whole community by improving the main entrance to the estate through creating a gateway feature, and raised general awareness and interest about the surrounding environment in which the residents live. The residents have become more involved and taken ownership of some of the open space on the Beckhill. The BTRA have led the project and had input into the design, as well as encouraging them to work together. Fourteen youngsters and three adult residents were involved in a community artist led workshop to design and make mosaics to be set into the paving of the seating area.

### **Cowper Street Community Garden – INE.05.49.LG**

22. Groundwork Leeds was awarded £6,950 at the February 2006 Area Committee meeting, towards the Cowper Street Community Garden. The project was developed with Leeds North East Homes and local residents to improve a green space located within the recently gated area leading from Cowper Street, Francis Street and Frankland Place.
23. The space has been fully utilised with the design allowing access to all residents, whereas before the low trip rail and numerous steps hindered less able bodied people.
24. The site incorporates areas of grass, planting and mixed surfacing and informal seating areas. It is envisioned that the space will be used by the local residents for a variety of purposes, including barbeques and community events. Ownership of the

area was created during a community planting event on 22<sup>nd</sup> April when residents came out to help plant the garden.

25. The residents and Leeds North East Homes are pleased with the end result, and Ground work will continue to offer support to the local residents, should they require it, to organise community events.

**Carr Manor Princes's Trust XL Club – INE.05.50.LG**

26. Carr Manor High School was awarded £950 at the February 2006 Area Committee Meeting, towards the Carr Manor Prince's Trust XL Club. The XL Club works with disengaged young people who are in danger of leaving school, and aims to develop their communication and team skills, while building up their confidence and re-engaging them.
27. The Club identified seven young women that would benefit from an intensive and focused course developing self awareness and self development. The young women attended a ten week programme with Getaway Girls, with the club working closely with them to develop a quality programme in a healthy and safe environment.
28. The programme was very successful five of the seven women achieved a OCN 1 accreditation in Self Development for Young Women, and the remaining two receiving an award for attendance.
29. The attendance by pupils to the XL Club has been very good, with only one exception. School attendance is improving, and there has been a definite improvement in the pupil's general attitude towards, and in school.

**New World Steel Orchestra – INE.05.59.LG**

30. The Leeds West Indian Carnival Arts & Culture Centre was awarded £3,000 at the March 2006 Area Committee meeting, towards the total cost (£5,590) of the Parent/Carer Together Progress project. The project is aimed at young people aged between 6 and 19 years providing out of school activity (Steel Pan Tuition and Youth Development work) involving some of their parents/carers. The members of the steel pan youth orchestra now number 48, with 12 adults engaged in the project at the present time, with this number to rise to 20 or more in the coming weeks.
31. Despite encountering a couple of problems (the practice room at the Centre becoming unavailable in the run up to the Carnival, and differences over performance policy between tutors and the management group) the Centre is in line to deliver this project within the 6 month time frame that was agreed. The project has shown such promise that other funders have pledged resources to help the project continue.
32. The benefits to the community is evident in the feedback from both the carers/parents and the young people involved. The carers and parents have reported that the whole family involvement in the steel pan music has really cemented their relationships with their children. They have also reported that there has been a sense of increased concentration with their children's school work as well as an increase in self discipline. The young people have stated that it has been good to have joint interest with their parents and carers.

**Garden in the Park, Potternewton Park – INE.05.60.LG**

33. Groundwork was awarded £5,000 by the Area Committee in March 2006, towards the Garden in the Park, Potternewton Park, Phase 2. The project aims to create an

informal and imaginative garden for parents to visit with their young children. The purpose of the garden is to provide stimulation for all the senses, whilst taking parents and their children on a journey of discovery through a series of themed spaces. The space will be available for the use of parties of children for recreational, social and educational purposes. The project has been divided into 2 phases.

34. Phase 1 of the project was completed in May 2006. Phase 2 is due to commence in November 2006 once confirmation of funding from Green Leeds and Cleanest City (previously NRF) have been received, this is expected in August 2006.

#### **Leeds Reach – INE.05.62.LG**

35. Leeds Reach was awarded £6,000 by the Area Committee in March 2006, towards delivering DJ sessions in-house and for three self esteem activities one per term per each group of attendees.
36. The order placed with “Sound Control” in the Airedale Centre for equipment required to run the DJ workshops. Three other items will be purchased from “Richer Sounds”, as “Sound Control” is unable to source them. All equipment is expected to be received by August 2006. The remaining funds have been used to take young people on self esteem activities at Herd Farm, and other activities have been booked for Autumn and Spring Terms.

#### **Roundhay community Environment Festival – INE.05.63.LG**

37. Churches together in Roundhay (CTR) were awarded £1,500 by the Area Committee in March 2006, towards the Roundhay Community Environment Festival (4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June 2006). The project was designed to secure improvements to the local environment by increasing awareness of the need for individual commitments and action to effect change. The Festival was aimed at the local community, with a particular emphasis on involving local schools. Roundhay St Johns, Gledhow, Kerr Mackie, Moor Allerton, Potternewton and Talbot Schools all interacted with festival organisers during and after week of events.
38. CTR were pleased with the responses of the schools who attended the exhibitions, although now realise that greater communication is needed with the schools about the contents of the exhibitions in the future, and that more schools could have been involved.
39. The Well-Being fund contributed to:
- Big Green Energy Machine
  - Laminated Information Sheets
  - Posters
  - Renewable Energy kits
  - Speakers Expenses
40. The week of events was well attended, and there was “real buzz about the events, particularly those involving children”. Churches together in Roundhay believed the most important finding of the week was that the debates and lectures, more so than the exhibitions attracted a lot of individuals from the wider community.
41. The Festival was a resounding success with positive feedback from the community, and the CTR intend to organise further events in the future.

### **Chapel Allerton Arts Festival – INE.05.07.SG**

42. Chapel Allerton Arts Festival was awarded £500 in July 2005, towards the Hip Hop activities at the Chapel Allerton Arts Festival in 2005. The grant contributed to a street art project and a battle-of-the-bands competition.
43. The street art project was undertaken by a street artist working in a voluntary capacity with a group of local children. The aim of the project was to teach youngsters responsible street art, and a wall hanging of 6'x6' was provided for the youngsters to work on. The work was made prior to the festival and was used as a background for the main stage.
44. The battle-of-the-bands competition involved an approach to local secondary schools in the area by leaflet and personal approach and bands were asked to submit a tape or CD for consideration by a judging panel. The shortlist of 4 bands performed at St Matthew's School on the Wednesday prior to the festival, and it was a very exciting and well attended event. The winning band, chosen by the panel, performed at the festival to a large audience.

### **Scott Hall Sports Centre Disabled Access Improvements – INE.05.35.LG**

45. On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005 a grant of £15,000 was approved as a contribution towards the internal work at the Scott Hall Sports Centre. Improvements included automatic entry doors, reduced ramp gradient, lowering of reception counter, automatic door magnets, widening of pool viewing access, disabled lift, lowering of viewing gallery, installation of disabled toilet and car park extension with increased disabled spaces.
46. The Scheme is now underway, the car park has been extended around the side of the building with grasscrete and additional disabled bays are being constructed around the opposite side of the building. The new disabled bays will be positioned to allow entry exit of disabled people into a safety zone away from the flow of traffic. The works are planned to be completed by about September. The disabled toilet upstairs has been completed, with just a baby change unit to be fitted to enable nursery customers to utilise this facility as well. The lift shaft has been dug out, delays have been experienced due to difficulties with piling and pipe work. The lift is on order and due to be fitted over the summer.
47. Internal DDA alterations to the reception and internal doors has now been delayed until September due to the need for asbestos removal and thus the need to close the site for safety. Facility Management have requested that the facility remain open for the summer holidays so work will be scheduled for early September.
48. The pool viewing gallery work has been reconsidered in light of further concerns over access and space within the gallery and the ability of wheelchairs to pass and turn. Currently disabled users can view from the side of the pool and this is now felt to be the better alternative and will therefore remain as current practice. All works are scheduled to be completed by end of September 2006.
49. Current usage of the centre by disabled users is being recorded, so that any increase in use following the works can be measured. A number of organisations who support disabled people will be contacted and informed of the improvements and invited to use the centre. A survey will be carried out on completion of the works.

## **Recommendations**

50. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.