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**Report of the North East Area Manager**

**North East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008**

**Subject: Well-Being (Revenue) Fund – Project Proposals**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Chapel Allerton  
Moortown  
Roundhay

Ward members consulted  
(referred to in this report)

**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

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**Executive Summary**

This report contains details of proposed projects to deliver local actions relating to agreed themes and outcomes of the Area Delivery Plan. The projects have been discussed with Members of the Well-Being Fund Working Group since the last Area Committee meeting and their recommendations are included.

## **Purpose of this report**

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on project applications/proposals that have been discussed with the Member Working Group since the last Area Committee meeting and to seek approval of their recommendations.
2. An additional proposal originally included in the papers for the Special Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> August is also being re-presented for approval - as the Special Meeting became inquorate and therefore unable to consider this request.
3. The report also updates the Committee on small grants approved since the last meeting, attached as appendix 1.

## **Background**

4. At the Special Meeting in August, the Area Committee agreed to split the Well-Being Fund between the strategic themes identified in the Area Delivery Plan, as well as retaining an element of funding for ward based projects and continuation of the Small Grants scheme.
5. Three applications have since been received from organisations wishing to deliver activities which will help contribute towards achieving outcomes identified within the Area Delivery Plan.
6. Due to time constraints, Members of the Wellbeing Working Group considered the proposals by email correspondence rather than a scheduled/convened meeting. Unanimous agreement was reached through this method on each proposal.
7. A further proposal

## **Project/Activity Proposals**

### **Meanwood Elders Neighbourhood Action (MENA) - Tai Chi Classes (requesting £1,500)**

8. MENA is part of the city-wide neighbourhood network and provides a wide and growing range of services to local older people. Current activities include healthy living sessions, swimming group, tea dances, home befriending and benefits advice. This application is to fund the continuation and expansion of Tai Chi classes. The original classes were very successful and local consultation has indicated a demand for more. The funding will be for the cost of a tutor at a rate of £50 per week for 60 weeks.
9. ***Recommendation: this application meets action F10 in the Area Delivery Plan to support Neighbourhood Network Schemes. MENA have applied for match funding from the Primary Care Trust. The Well-Being Fund Working Group recommend a 50% match fund of £1,500. Recommend. £1,500 from the Health and Well-Being theme.***

### **REEMAP: Making the Difference Programme (requesting £18,600)**

10. REEMAP received funding in 2007/08 to deliver their programme targeting BME young people and their parents in order to raise educational attainment at GCSE level. This funded an expanded programme for the last academic year which has worked with 57 young people and 30 parents. This application is to fund an extended programme for the new academic year to enhance the educational achievement of disadvantaged pupils in Key stages 2, 3, and 4. They aim to deliver this up to 190 young people in the inner NE.
11. The total cost of the project is £65,411. REEMAP have been successful in obtaining funding totalling £46,811 from Education Leeds, and the Equality and Human Rights Commission.
12. **Recommendation:** REEMAP are identified as a key voluntary organisation who can deliver on a number of local improvement priorities in the ADP to improve learning outcomes for all 16 year olds with a focus on narrowing the achievement gap and increase the proportion of vulnerable groups engaged in education, training or employment. They work with Carr Manor, Allerton Grange and in community settings across the area. Recommend £18,600 from the Learning pot.

#### **Karate for Inner City Kids (requesting £3,440)**

13. This is a gang resistance education and training programme being delivered by PC Dave Brook. Funding was allocated in 07/08 to deliver a similar programme from his karate academy. It aims to provide a structured combination of Karate, citizenship and life skills to young people aged 11-16 to divert young people from crime and boost their self-esteem. This application is to continue the project for a further 12 weeks from Stainbeck Church. Up to 30 young people will be offered a place on the course - 2 hours, one evening per week. Each young person has the opportunity to achieve 4 accreditations resulting in a course diploma, Duke of Edinburgh certificate, Karate diploma and Red Cross award. The total project cost is £3440.
14. **Recommendation - The project will contribute towards the local improvement priority in the ADP to commission diversionary activities to work with young people involved with anti-social behaviour Recommend - £3,000 contribution from Thriving Communities pot.**

#### **Gang - Hoodies or Goodies – requesting £2,000**

15. This is an initiative developed by Crime Beat “Quest” which is a national initiative promoting positive community engagement to reduce crime and the fear of crime. Quest is the West Yorkshire regional initiative.
16. Gangs - Hoodies or Goodies has been developed by Hillcrest school with PC Dave Brook and PC Andy Hall. All 400 pupils will take part through a series of competitions; the aim is to engage young people about the consequences of gang culture, guns and knives.
17. **Recommendation** The project will contribute towards the local improvement priority in the ADP to commission diversionary activities to work with young people involved with anti-social behaviour Recommend £2,000 from the Thriving Communities pot.

## **Recommendations**

- 18 The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report and approve the following amounts of Wellbeing Revenue funds to be released to the projects listed;
- a) Meanwood Elders Neighbourhood Action: Tai Chi Classes (£1,500)
  - b) REEMAP: Making the Difference Programme (£18,600)
  - c) Karate for Inner City Kids (£3,440)
  - d) Gang - Hoodies or Goodies (£2,000)

### **Background papers**

There are no background papers to this report