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CITY COUNCIL

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**Report of the North East Area Manager**

**North East (Outer) Area Committee**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**Subject: Well-Being Fund 2008/09**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

All

**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 on the 2008/09 Well-Being Fund, sets out funding allocations and commitments for 2008/09 and presents a number of new project proposals requesting funding support. The Area Committee is asked to note the content of the report and consider these proposals.

## Background Information

1. It has been confirmed that the Well-Being revenue allocation for 2008/09 is £140,410, an increase of just under 2% on last year's allocation.
2. Based on this year's allocation, as a percentage measure of the total population of the outer area, this would represent a financial split of £52,233 for Alwoodley ward (37.2%), £42,263 for Harewood ward (30.1%) and £45,914 for Wetherby ward (32.7%).
3. It was agreed at the July Area Committee meeting that the revenue allocation for 200/08 should continue to be split between the three wards as a percentage measure of the population of the north east outer area.
4. In addition to this there is also the carry forward from 2007/08. The following table sets out the revenue and commitments for this financial year, on a ward basis:

REVENUE	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
	£	£	£
c/f from 07/08	973	33007	45914
08/09 allocation	52,233	42263	53827
Transfer from Wetherby ward	20,000		
Transfer from Harewood ward	5,000		
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>78,206</b>	<b>75,270</b>	<b>99,741</b>
Maecare	5,000		
Open House	19,000		
Northcall	25,000		
Environment Fund		10,000	10,000
Barwick Maypole		3,500	
Small Grants	5,000	5,000	5,000
Transfer to Alwoodley		5,000	20,000
Community Planning Officer		25000	25000
Gang resistance project			3680
Thorner Bowling Club		3180	
Wetherby Community bonfire			1000
Jubilee Garden pathway			1000
Northways playing field, Clifford			1165
Tempo Radio Station			2623
<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>54000</b>	<b>51680</b>	<b>69468</b>
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>24206</b>	<b>23590</b>	<b>30273</b>

5. At the July Area Committee meeting Alwoodley Members agreed to transfer £20,000 capital to the Wetherby ward, Wetherby Members agreed to transfer £20,000 revenue to the Alwoodley ward and Harewood Members agreed to transfer £5,000 revenue to the Alwoodley ward to replenish their Small Grant Funding pot.
6. In addition, the Area Committee has a one year (2008/09) capital allocation of £73,500. This allocation was split informally into £24,501 per ward.
7. Details of the capital funding balance to date are presented in the table below for information on a ward basis and includes carry forward from the 3 year allocation from 2004 to 2007.

<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>Alwoodley</b>	<b>Harewood</b>	<b>Wetherby</b>
	£	£	£
c/f from previous years	110,202	110,201	110,201
08/09 allocation	24,500	24,500	24,500
Transfer from Alwoodley			20,000
<b>Total allocation</b>	<b>134,702</b>	<b>134,701</b>	<b>154,702</b>
Spend on projects 2004-2007	64,900	72,200	92,000
Environment Fund	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
Northcall Computers	£1,500		
Barwick Festive Lights		£3,900	
Shadwell Lane Library		£1,000	
Bramham Village Hall			£5,000
Transfer to Wetherby	£20,000		
Cranmer Bank security	4000		
Thorner Victory Hall		10,000	
<b>Total committed</b>	<b>100,400</b>	<b>97,100</b>	<b>107,000</b>
<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>34,302</b>	<b>37,601</b>	<b>47,702</b>

8. An extra £50,000 has been made available by the Executive Board for each Area Committee to spend in 2007/08.
9. It was noted at the September 2007 Area Committee meeting that this additional funding cannot be spent on projects that include on-going costs and that the Executive Board have identified two areas of strategic importance that they would like Area Committees to consider when deciding how to spend this money. The two areas for consideration are:
  - Carrying out a Conservation Area Review of conservation areas in their geographical area.

- Introducing Residents' Only parking / extra parking provision in particular areas of concern.

10. It was agreed at the September Area Committee that the sum should be split evenly between the three wards, therefore providing an allocation of £16,667 per ward. The money has been spent on the following projects:

<b>Extra Allocation</b>	<b>Alwoodley</b>	<b>Harewood</b>	<b>Wetherby</b>
Wetherby Conservation Review			£8,000
Boston Spa/ Thorp Arch Conservation Review			£7,500
Thorner Conservation Review		£7,000	
Bardsey Conservation Review		£7,000	
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£14,000</b>	<b>£15,500</b>
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>£16,667</b>	<b>£16,667</b>	<b>£16,667</b>
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>£16,667</b>	<b>£2,667</b>	<b>£1,167</b>

### **Fund Updates - Small Grants**

11. In March 2007, the Area Committee agreed that a Small Grants Fund be set aside within the Well Being Revenue Budget allocation. The purpose of the fund is to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of two grants of £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit.
12. Elected Members agreed at the July Area Committee meeting to replenish the small grant allocation for 2008 – 2009. Each ward replenished their small grant allocation with £5,000 per ward.
13. The table below shows what projects have received funding in 2008/09. No small grant applications have been approved since the last Area Committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

<b>Small Grants</b>	<b>Alwoodley</b>	<b>Harewood</b>	<b>Wetherby</b>
Yorkshire Cricket bat			£175
Bramham Gala			£500
In Bloom Open Day	£55	£54	£54
Wetherby Engagement			£362
Northways Litter Bin			£321

Linton Village Pump Refurbishment		£500	
Active 8+ Project		£500	
Scarcroft hanging Baskets		£500	
Aberford Engagement		£182	
Unspent Grants		-£131	
Moor Allerton community Event	£428		
<b>Skips</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£170</b>	<b>£85</b>
<b>Projects</b>	<b>£483</b>	<b>£1,605</b>	<b>£1,412</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£483</b>	<b>£1,775</b>	<b>£1,497</b>
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>£4,517</b>	<b>£3,225</b>	<b>£3,503</b>

## Fund Updates - Environment fund

14. A number of bulb applications have been received which are to be funded from the Environment fund. The details of these are attached at Appendix 1.

## Revenue Projects for Consideration

### Highfield Primary School Security Improvements – Application submission £3k

15. The school is proposing to automate the pedestrian gate, and install an intercom and camera to monitor visitor access to the school site and improve safety and security for the children, staff and visitors to the school.
16. The improvement of security will help the school in making itself more accessible to organised out of school activity as part of its commitment to meeting the extended services agenda and encouraging community use.
17. This project relates to action H12 of the 2008/09 Area Delivery Plan, which aims to reduce crime and fear of crime and comes under the Thriving Communities theme.

### Open House – Application submission £5k

18. Payment of £5,000 to maintain service provision whilst funding is sought to support future running costs. This is an urgent application which required an emergency payment, therefore, with the agreement of the Alwoodley members, authorisation was sought as a delegated decision of the Chief Regeneration Officer.
19. Open house is a Community Organisation in the Moor Allerton area of Alwoodley Ward. It works with public statutory and voluntary agencies and is a primary delivery base for core community services. The project was previously funded through NRF which ended in March 2008, and the organisation is currently seeking grant funding to continue its operation.

20. This project relates to action H15 of the 2008/09 Area Delivery Plan which aims to support the voluntary, community and faith sector to deliver service provision.

### **Capital Projects for Consideration**

21. None

### **Projects in Development**

22. The following projects are in development. This means that the Area Management Team is working with an organisation to ensure that any proposal submitted is linked to one or more of the Area Committee priorities, and that full application forms with appropriate information are submitted for each one.

#### **Thorner Parish Centre (£49,000 – Harewood Ward)**

23. Thorner Parish Centre have requested £49,000 towards the cost of refurbishing the centre. The refurbishment is planned to take place over three phases and will include the replacement of the toilets, provide a disabled toilet, install a new kitchen, require the building, replace the boiler, damp proof the building and replace the boiler system. The final phase will include the installation of a computer café.
24. The total cost of the project is estimated to be £80,000 and they have already raised £31,000. The management committee continue to seek sources of external funding. They have also met with Thorner Victory Hall and Thorner Parish Council to discuss how the centres will work together.
25. This project relates to action H9 of the 2008/09 Area Delivery Plan, which aims to support to develop and sustain activities in local facilities for young people and the local community and comes under the Stronger Communities Theme.

#### **Spear Fir Ford (ONE.06.37.LG - £22,900 – Harewood Ward)**

26. Spear Fir Ford is located on Spear Fir, between Bardsey and Wike. A number of repairs have been identified which will upgrade the historic ford and make it an attractive feature of the countryside.
27. The proposed work is to remove the stone slab forming the bridge, reconstruct the abutments, put back the bridge slab, replace the concrete posts and paint the tubular handrails, reinstate the footpaths to both sides of the bridge and the stone sets to the ford and install stone kerbs leading up to the ford.

#### **Holywell Lane Footpath (£5,000 – Harewood Ward)**

28. The project will ensure safe passage for the users of Holywell Lane Park, which is used by a large number of young people. The project will ensure that they are kept away from the road traffic in the lane and will extend the footpath as far as the entrance to the park.

### **Recommendations**

29. The Area Committee is requested to:
- a. Approve the release of £3k of Wellbeing (revenue) budget for Highfield Primary School Security Improvements
  - b. Note the delegated decision made by the Chief Regeneration Officer and supported by Alwoodley Ward Members to release £5k of Wellbeing (revenue) budget for the Open House project.
  - c. Agree the allocation of small grants for each ward;
  - d. Note the bulb applications to be funded from the Environment Fund.
  - e. And note the projects in development.

### **Background Papers**

Area Committee reports, July 2008: Well-Being Fund 2008/09