

Report of the West North West Area Manager

Inner North West Area Committee

Date: 13th November 2008

Subject: Well-being report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Headingley
Hyde Park & Woodhouse
Kirkstall
Weetwood

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Members with monitoring updates for quarter 1 and 2 2008/09. It also provides a position statement on Wellbeing revenue and capital funds for 2008/09.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with:-

- Monitoring update on Well-Being Fund projects for quarter 1 and 2 2008/09;
- A summary of revenue and capital projects approved in 2008/09;
- An update on small grants agreed since the July Area Committee.

2.0 Monitoring of Revenue Projects

2.1 This section provides an update on ongoing revenue projects that were funded during **2007/08**.

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 Headingley area at £10 per property.

Project Update: 350 properties within the Harold and Thornvilles area have had drain pipes treated with the anti climb paint product. Notices have been displayed locally to highlight that this work has been carried out. The funding agreed will also allow properties in the Brudenell Road area to be treated with the anti climb product. CASAC and PCSO's plan to promote this service to residents in the area over the next quarter.

2.3

Project Name: Development Worker

Lead Organisation: Headingley Development Trust

Amount: £9,300

Project description: Revenue funding employ a development worker

Project Update:

- developed a membership of over 780, which in terms of membership numbers, makes them one of the largest Development Trusts in the country;
- HEART project - pursued discussions with Leeds City Council and secured £400,000 capital funding from the Adventure Capital Fund;
- continued the Headingley Deli Market, celebrating its 2nd birthday in September;
- pursued a number of initiatives in the housing field; including the establishment of a Community Land Trust with two properties leased within Headingley.
- developed a number of other smaller projects, all of which contribute to their aim of promoting and developing a sustainable community in Headingley.

2.4

Project Name: Hyde Park and Woodhouse DPPO

Lead Organisation: Area Management

Amount: £5,000

Project description: Designated Public Places Order

Project Update: The Little Woodhouse and Little London DPPOs will go to Licensing Panel on 3rd November for approval. If approved the Order will be implemented for 1st January 2009. The Woodhouse Moor DPPO proposals went out to consultation in the 1st week of November 2008. Copies of the proposals are available on the Councils internet site and locally at Little London Community Centre, Woodhouse Community Centre and Headingley Library. Area Management will also be writing to local groups, organisations and other interested parties informing them of the proposals and inviting comments.

2.5

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: St Chad's primary have requested the funding be rolled into 09/10 as building work was unable to start this summer holiday.

2.6

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. There is a legal requirement to consult with all adjoining landowners of which there are around 30, this work is underway.

- 2.7 **Project Name:** Sandy Lane Footpath
Lead Organisation: City Development
Amount: £2,955
Project description: To create a public right of way on Sandy Lane footpath. The funding also covers one year's revenue costs for the cleansing and maintenance of the path.
Project Update: A draft creation order is currently with Legal Services. The intention is that the order will be made on 7th November. There will then follow a 4 week period when the order will be advertised. If no objections are made the order will be confirmed after the 4 week period.
- 2.8 **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.
- 2.9 **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.
- 2.10 This section provides an update on ongoing revenue projects that were funded during **2008/09:**
- 2.11 **Project Name:** Enforcement Project
Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Trading Standard
Amount: £2,000
Project description: Funding to enforce trading standards issues.
Project Update: West Yorkshire Trading standards are planning to carry out alcohol test purchase work during November and December across the area. There is also work underway with retailers selling spray paint around the Cardigan Road area.
- 2.12 **Project Name:** Bin Yard Project
Lead Organisation: Hyde Park Source
Amount: £6,000
Project description: To complete 4 bin yard to community garden schemes.
Project Update: This project is to complete 4 bin yard to community garden schemes in 2008/09. Two schemes have been completed to date; the area next to

29 Autumn Street and the area behind 7 – 8 Autumn Place. The next scheme will be behind 21 – 23 Autumn Street.

- 2.13 **Project Name:** Woodhouse Ridge improvement and maintenance
Lead Organisation: Woodhouse Ridge Action Group (WRAG)
Amount: £7,500
Project description: Maintenance work to Woodhouse Ridge.
Project Update: WRAG have met with Leeds City Council Parks and Leisure to assess the work required to implement the improvements to the Ridge entrance at Delph Lane. This included repair and replacing of steps, replacement of railings, and renovation of stone wall and resurfacing of path. They are awaiting a report from Parks & Leisure in order to assess what work can be carried out with the funds available.
- 2.14 **Project Name:** Up Your Street
Lead Organisation: Leeds Metropolitan University
Amount: £5,000
Project description: Student led volunteer project focussed on environmental action.
Project Update: Seven student volunteers were involved in the re-float doorstep glass recycling project. Over 190kg of glass was collected and recycled between June and the end of September. The 'Don't be a Tosser' anti-litter, anti-flyer campaign was re-launched during freshers week. Six student volunteers worked with Rosebank Green and North Leeds Community Nursery on garden design and fundraising and other helped create a mosaic mural on Rosebank Primary School. Twelve volunteers attended an introduction day at Meanwood Farm, helping collect hen eggs, feeding the animals and accessing other volunteering opportunities. Volunteers also helped promote the Up Your Street project and recruit new members at the Leeds Met Freshers Fairs
- 2.15 **Project Name:** Upgrades to Parish Hall
Lead Organisation: Wrangthorn Church
Amount: £5,000
Project description: Upgrades to Parish Hall
Project Update: No work has yet been carried out to Wrangthorn Parish Hall.
- 2.16 **Project Name:** Rosebank Millennium Green Trust (RMGT)
Lead Organisation: RMGT
Amount: £5,000
Project description: To cut and maintain the grass on the site and to co-ordinate activities and events with local groups and organisations.
Project Update: Some of the funding has been used to pay for essential maintenance work for garden areas much of which has been carried out by the Burley Network Community handyman based at the Cardigan Centre who will also be maintaining the area on a bi weekly basis.
- 2.17 **Project Name:** Planning Officer
Lead Organisation: Development Department
Amount: £43,500
Project description: A community planning officer to work with community groups and Members in Inner North West Leeds.
Project Update: The Community Planning Officer has been assisting in relation to a number of major schemes, particularly Leeds Girls' High School and Headingley Stadium. Assistance has also been provided in relation to a number of recent

planning appeals, including the Public Inquiry into the former Glassworks site for purpose built student flats. Work has continued with regard to advising on how changes in planning legislation could deal more effectively with Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), both in Leeds and throughout the country. Specifically, the Shared Housing Group took part in the research undertaken by the consultants commissioned by Communities and Local Government. Work has continued on the Headingley and Hyde Park and Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Design Statements, in addition to the emerging Kirkstall Vision document. Advice has, and will continue to be given throughout the duration of these projects. Resident drop-in sessions are continuing to be provided on a monthly basis. Attendance continues to be provided at Planning Group, Area Committee, Ward Forums and other local meetings as appropriate.

2.18 **Project Name:** Design Statements

Lead Organisation: Planning Sub Group

Amount: £15,000

Project description: Funding for Neighbourhoods Design Statement

Project Update:

Little Woodhouse (£5,000)

The Steering group has continued to meet regularly. Detailed information on each character area has been prepared and will be distributed to members of the group. It has been agreed with the Headingley Design Statement group that the Little Woodhouse Design Statement would cover an additional area of South Headingley which is not covered by either group. This has incurred extra effort, time and costs. An application for a small grant will be submitted to help with this extra expense.

Headingley (£5,000)

A consultation event was held in June that attracted over 80 people displaying information on the character areas that have been identified. Comments that were received during the event are being taken on board and work is underway on the layout of the document.

Kirkstall Vision (£5,000)

Work has continued on the Kirkstall Vision in preparation for a series of community consultation events that will take place during the Autumn. Four events are planned across the ward to encourage members of the community to participate in the process.

2.19 **Project Name:** Cycle Lane Feasibility

Lead Organisation: Leeds Cycling Action Group

Amount: £3,877

Project description: To fund the feasibility study for options to improve cycling infrastructure on the A660.

Project Update: The feasibility study has been completed. The findings of the report are available on request from West North West Area Management Team. It is proposed that Leeds Cycling Action Group present the findings to a future Area Committee meeting.

2.20 **Project Name:** Sandford Road Playground feasibility study

Lead Organisation: Groundwork and Gilbert & Sandfords Residents Association

Amount: £2,500

Project description: Feasibility study for a play area on Sandford Road, Kirkstall.

Project Update: Groundwork have begun the consultation process during October half term week and plan to carry out consultations in the 2 local primary schools as

well as with local groups, organisations and relevant services. Match funding from the ALMO has been secured for this piece of work.

- 2.21 **Project Name:** Funding Officer
Lead Organisation: Voluntary Action Leeds
Amount: £46,100
Project description: to provide funding advice to community and voluntary groups across the Inner North West
Project Update: The project provided support to 26 groups. 9 from Hyde Park and Woodhouse, 8 from Headingley, 5 from Weetwood and 4 from Kirkstall. 16 of the 26 groups received face to face support and the remaining 10, telephone and email support and advice. In addition to fundraising support, 7 of the 26 groups received advice on governance issues and 8 of the 26 groups were signposted to other organisations / projects within VA-L. In total, £58,788 of new funding was brought into the area as a direct result of intervention from the project. During the quarter a number of groups who had not accessed the project before were contacted and our mailing database updated, 19 of the groups contacted requested to be added to the monthly email bulletin. All groups within the area are now receiving the bi-monthly voluntary action Leeds newsletter.
- 2.22 **Project Name:** Generations Together
Lead Organisation: Older Active People (OAP)
Amount: £12,000
Project description: Extension of the Older Active People Project
Project Update: The befriending scheme has 13 regular volunteers visiting 12 older people on a weekly basis. 'Circle time' intergenerational work is taking place every week with 9 OAP members at Shire Oak Primary School. A mentoring scheme is underway with Brudenell Primary School, 3 children are currently being mentored by OAP members. At Unity Day in August, 4 OAP members painted 72 children's faces. The supermarket shopping service is proving very successful with over 40 people per week using the transport to carry out weekly shopping trips.
- 2.23 **Project Name:** Community Inclusion Project
Lead Organisation: OPAL
Amount: £2,000
Project description: A community inclusion initiative to increase volunteer numbers and the support available to them.
Project Update: The number of registered volunteers has increased by 52% (24 new volunteers) and each has received training. Three volunteers have gone on to find paid work following their volunteering experience with OPAL. The number of skilled volunteers has enabled the organisation to develop services considerably and can now offer fortnightly assisted shopping trips on a wheelchair accessible minibus; increased number of computer lessons given by volunteers each week; assisted transport to significantly more frail and disabled members using volunteer drivers; intergenerational knitting group; intergenerational singing group (to start Nov 08) and additional drop-ins.
- 2.24 **Project Name:** Hyde Park Festive Lights
Lead Organisation: Leeds Lights
Amount: £11,100
Project description: Festive lights in Hyde Park
Project Update: No work has been carried out in 2008 on this project. Ongoing discussions are taking place with SEC about the provision of lighting columns that festive lights can be attached to.

- 2.25 **Project Name:** Hyde Park Unity Day
Lead Organisation: Hyde Park Unity Day
Amount: £5,000
Project description: Contribution towards the costs of annual Unity Day including public liability insurance and event security.
Project Update: Preparations for 2008 Hyde Park Unity Day began in February, with the AGM attended by 48 local volunteers who expressed an interest of wanting to be involved. Their ideas and recommendations from last years 'Annual Report' were taken on board. The event saw new projects by Asian Fever Radio who did the 'Women's Only Hour' catering for Asian women in the 'We Are Leeds Tent' which represented the varying ethnic groups from North West Leeds. There was a large recycling team aiming to improve Unity Day's collection of recyclables and educate residents and visitors about the merits of recycling. The Children's Area was keen to promote 'Get Fit' with a 'Children's Olympics'. A new feature was 'Unity Day Garden' by Hyde Park Source and Leeds Perma-Culture Association who promoted 'Healthy Living' and gave practical demonstrations in how to grow your own vegetables in limited spaces. On the day, the performance area was powered all day by solar power. It is hoped that in 2009 additional areas of the event will be using solar power.
- 2.26 **Project Name:** Kirkstall Festival 2008
Lead Organisation: Kirkstall Festival Committee
Amount: £5,000
Project description: Funding for the core running costs of the Kirkstall Festival 2008 including insurance, ambulance, security, Police and generator costs.
Project Update: The festival took place at Kirkstall Abbey on 12th July. It was a successful event with between 10 and 12 thousand people attending. The Festival included a fancy dress procession that involved 900 children and their parents. The theme was 'A Festival of Colours'. The main field ran 5 separate main performance areas simultaneously, including a youth stage. In total more than 40 groups and performers provided performances. There was a festival service in the Nave of the Abbey attended by more than 200, with all the local Churches participating and a Band from the Salvation Army. There was a children's' poster competition, children's sports, a Girls Football tournament. This year they also had a tennis tournament and a tag rugby competition – both open to public entry. The 33rd foot - a historical re-enactment group had a camp on display and gave a display in the main arena. There was also an alternative dog show, children's rides and fairground and much more including food and refreshments. The entire event is run on the basis of free admission.
- 2.27 **Project Name:** Seagull Community Repaint
Lead Organisation: Recycling Seagulls
Amount: £11,000
Project description: The project aims to collect unwanted paint and give it to individuals and organisations for re-use.
Project Update: Seagulls now collect unwanted paint from Thorpe Arch and Meanwood Waste Transfer Stations. Collections from the Meanwood site have proved very successful with approximately 1 tonne of paint being collected per month. Seagulls are currently in discussions with Leeds City Council for a formal contract. £2,290 of the funding has been spent to date.
- 2.28 **Project Name:** Kirkstall Festive Lights

Lead Organisation: Leeds Lights

Amount: £1,480

Project description: Festive lights in Kirkstall

Project Update: The 10 festive light motifs around the central traffic light junction area on the A65 were put up on Sunday 26th October 2008. The lights will be turned on in November until early January.

2 Monitoring of Capital Projects 2008/09

3.1 This section provides an update on capital projects.

3.2 **Project Name:** Spen Road Railings

Lead Organisation: West Park Residents Association

Amount: £3100

Project description: Spen Road and North Parade Railings

Project Update: The railings and fencing have now been installed and the project is complete.

3.3 **Project Name:** Grass verges and Footpath Improvements

Lead Organisation: Highways and Parks and Countryside

Amount: £10,000

Project description: Fund for grass verge and footpath improvements

Project Update: This project will be discussed at the next Streetscene Subgroup

3.4 **Project Name:** Yorkstone Paving

Lead Organisation: Highways

Amount: £10,000

Project description: Funding for improvements to Yorkstone paving areas as agreed by Streetscene sub-group.

Project Update: This project will be discussed at the next Streetscene sub-group.

3.5 **Project Name:** Woodsley Road Environmental Improvements

Lead Organisation: Area Management

Amount: £40,000

Project description: To make environmental improvements to the Woodsley Road shopping area.

Project Update: A scoping meeting is to take place between Elected Members, Highways, and the PFI Lighting Manager to examine what works are feasible with the funding available. Elected Members have agreed to contribute £20,000 of their ward based initiative funding towards this project.

3.6 **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: A consultation event was held in September on the proposal to transfer funds that had been allocated to Headingley Town and District Centre scheme to the HEART project. The results of the consultation were 10 -1 in favour of

the transfer. A report on the matter is due to be submitted to January Executive Board.

3.7 **Project Name:** Becketts Park Play Area
Lead Organisation: Parks & Countryside

Amount: £40,000

Project description: Improvements to the children's play area at Becketts Park.

Project Update: Parks and Countryside have completed the consultation process with Ward Members and local residents. The results of the consultation will be distributed to Ward Members. All funding is now in place for this project and work is likely to start in Spring 2009.

4.0 **Well-being Revenue Budget 2008/09**

4.1 Background information on how the 2008/09 Well-being revenue budget has been spent is detailed in Appendix 1.

4.2 The revenue budget available for projects in 2008/09 has been calculated as follows:-

£210,920 (based on allocation from 2007/08)

£ 4,220 Inflationary increase for 2008/09

£ 855 remaining revenue budget from 2007/08

Total £215,995 for 2008/09.

4.3 There is £0 remaining in the revenue budget for 2008/09.

5.0 **Well-being Capital Budget 2008/09**

5.1 In 2007/08 Members agreed that Capital Well-being funding would be split to allow each ward a discreet allocation along with a central pot. The allocation for 2008/09, is **£112,627**. On this basis, ward allocations for 2008/09 are **£20,000**, with the remaining **£32,627** in a central budget.

5.2 Background information on how the 2008/09 Well-being capital budget has been spent is detailed in Appendix 2.

5.3 The following table shows the capital available per ward and in the central budget for allocating in 2008/09.

Area	Funding Available
Hyde Park & Woodhouse	£0
Headingley	£0
Kirkstall	£26,200
Weetwood	£0
Central budget	£0

5.3 There have been no capital applications received.

6.0 Small grants

6.1 A total budget of £10,000 was agreed for small grants in 2008/09.

6.2 At the July Area Committee it was reported that £3,986 had been approved for small grants during 2008/09 leaving a remaining balance of £6,014 for allocation. The following small grants have been approved since the July Area Committee:

Burley Lodge Centre – play in the park	£500
UNIPOL Student Homes – community fun day	£500
Meanwood Junior Play Scheme	£500
Headingley Network - Litfest	£500
South Headingley Community Association - inform, inspire and involve	£341
Friday Night Project – Holt Park	£642
Groundwork Bulb Bonanza	£250
Total	£3,233

6.3 There is **£2,781** remaining for small grants in 2008/09

4.0 Recommendations

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

Background Papers

None