



Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington,

Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam

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Outer East Community Committee - Finance Report

Purpose of Report

1. The report provides the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2024/25. Financial decisions are taken to the Community Committee meetings to ensure transparency and that financial regulations are met.

Main Issues

- 2. Each Community Committee has been allocated a wellbeing budget (revenue and capital) and Youth Activities Fund which it is responsible for administering. The aim of these budgets is to support the social, economic, and environmental wellbeing of the area and provide a range of activities for children and young people, by using the funding to support projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities.
- **3.** A group applying to the Wellbeing Fund must fulfil various eligibility criteria, including evidencing appropriate management arrangements and financial controls are in place; have relevant policies to comply with legislation and best practice e.g., safeguarding, and equal opportunities and be unable to cover the costs of the project from other funds.
- **4.** Wellbeing funding cannot be paid retrospectively. An application form must be submitted and approved by the Community Committee before activities or items being purchased through wellbeing funding are completed or purchased.
- **5.** 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.

- 6. Capital (CRIS) injections are provided as a result of council assets being sold. 5% of the sale price (up to a maximum of £100k) of a council asset is pooled city-wide and redistributed to the Community Committee areas on the basis of deprivation. The Community Committee will receive a new capital injection every 6 months.
- 7. Each Community Committee has also been allocated a Community Infrastructure Levy budget. For each CIL contribution, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% is needed for administration and 15 25% goes to be spent locally. The money will be vested with the local Town or Parish Council if applicable, or with the local Community Committee and spend decided upon by that body. This local money is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund' and should be spent on similar projects to the Wellbeing Fund (capital).
- 8. In the Outer East Community Committee, the CIL money for Allerton Bywater Parish Council, Great and Little Preston Council, Kippax Parish Council, Ledsham Parish Council, Micklefield Parish Council and Swillington Parish Council will be administered by each individual Parish Council, whereas monies for Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth, Methley and Temple Newsam will be administered by the Outer East Community Committee.
- 9. It was agreed at Outer East Community Committee on the 02 October 2018 that CIL monies for Cross Gates & Whinmoor. Garforth, Methley and Temple Newsam would be spent in the ward it was generated in.
- 10. Until the UK left the European Union, the EU's State Aid rules controlled how UK and discretionary EU funding was provided to enterprises and entities that engage in economic activities. Now the UK has left the EU, it is no longer bound by the State Aid rules and has developed its own domestic subsidy control regime, The Subsidy Control Act 2022. As the Subsidy Control Act 2022 has potential implications for the Community Committees as funding bodies, a 'subsidy control' assessment will be undertaken on all funding requests received by the Community Committees.
- 11. Projects eligible for funding by the Community Committee 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 age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation: 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.
- **12.** Any request for funding would involve discussions with appropriate ward members. Where projects do not have support from the Community Committee and are not approved, applicants are offered further discussions and feedback if this is requested.

- **13.** In order to provide further assurance and transparency of all decisions made by the Community Committee, any projects that are not approved will be reported to a subsequent Community Committee meeting.
- 14. Sometimes urgent decisions may need to be made in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of Wellbeing and Youth Activity budgets, and also regarding the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Committee. Concurrently with the Committee, designated officers have delegated authority from the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment to take such decisions.
- **15.** The Community Committee has previously approved the following 'minimum conditions' in order to reassure Members that all delegated decisions would be taken within an appropriate governance framework, with appropriate Member consultation and only when such conditions have been satisfied:
 - a) consultation must be undertaken with all committee/ relevant ward members prior to a delegated decision being taken:
 - b) a delegated decision must have support from a majority of the community committee elected members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a community committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors); and
 - c) details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available community committee meeting for members' information.
- 16. Members are reminded that the necessary scrutiny of applications to satisfy our own processes, financial regulations and audit requires the deadline for receipt of completed applications to be at least five weeks prior to any Community Committee. Some applications will be approved via Delegated Decision Notice (DDN) following consultation with Members outside of the Community Committee meeting cycle.
- 17. Members are reminded that urgent delegated decisions on wellbeing funding also covers small grant decisions. In agreement with the Executive Board Member for Communities, Community Committee Chairs & also in accordance with the communication that was sent out to all committees/ Elected Members in March 2023, the approval threshold for small grants has now increased from the 01 April 2023; up to £1000 per ward. This approach will ensure consistency in terms of administering small grants, in accordance with the committees' minimum conditions.

Wellbeing Budget Position 2024/25

- 18. The total revenue budget approved by Executive Board for 2024/25 was £72,183.00 for the Outer East Community Committee. Table 1 shows a carry forward figure of £80,681.40 which includes underspends from projects completed in 2023/24. Allocated wellbeing projects in 2023/24 is £68,613.66 and not yet completed. The total revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2024/25 is therefore £84,250.74. A full breakdown of the projects approved or ring-fenced is available on request.
- 19. The total amount approved on Table 1 includes all the projects the committee has approved in 2024/25. It is possible that some of the projects may not use their allocated spend. This could be for several reasons, including the project no longer going ahead, the project not taking place within the dates specified in the funding agreement, or failure to submit

- monitoring reports. Due to this the final revenue balance may be greater than the amount specified in Table 1.
- **20.** The Community Committee is asked to note that so far, a total of £45,210.80 has been allocated to projects and there is a remaining balance of £39,559.94 in the Wellbeing Revenue Fund. A full breakdown of the projects is listed in Table 1 and available on request.

TABLE 1: Wellbeing Revenue 2024/25

Wellbeing Revenue			Split		
	OE (£)	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
INCOME: 2024/25	£72,183.00	£18,045.75	£18,045.75	£18,045.75	£18,045.75
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year 2023/24 (with even split of balance remaining)	£80,681.40	£19,136.06	£27,566.51	£14,471.43	£19,507.40
Less Projects Brought Forward from Previous Year (2023/24)	£68,613.66	£16,119.13	£24,549.58	£11,454.49	£16,490.46
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2024/25	£84,250.74	£21,062.68	£21,062.68	£21,062.68	£21,062.68

Wellbeing Projects 2024/25 (Including Small Grant & Skip Allocations)		Split			
	OE (£)	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Community Remembrance and Reflection Garden	£537.00	£179.00	£ -	£179.00	£179.00
Football World Fun Day	£500.00	£-	£-	£ -	£500.00
Garforth Gala Skip	£250.00	£ -	£250.00	£ -	£ -
Community Engagement	£2000.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
Kippax Gala	£2,344.00	£-	£ -	£2,344.00	£ -
Grit Bin Refills	£1,500.00	£-	£-	£1,500.00	£ -
School Holiday Programme (C&W, TN)	£15,377.55	£7,688.80	£ -	£ -	£7,688.75
School Holiday Programme (KM)	£2,949.75	£-	£ -	£2,949.75	£ -
Leeds Rhinos Summer Camp	£6,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£ -	£2,000.00
Public Space CCTV Cameras	£6,000.00	£-	£4,000.00	£2,000.00	£ -
Wider Community Support & Engagement Activities	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ -
Youth Service Autumn/ Winter Programme	£2,752.00	£-	£2,752.50	£ -	£ -
Total Spend 2024/25:	£45,210.80	£15,367.80	£9,502.50	£9,472.75	£10,867.75
Balance Remaining 2024/25:	£39,559.94	£6,214.88	£11,560.18	£11,589.94	£10,194.94

Projects for Consideration and Approval

21. Project Title: Empowering East Leeds 2024/25

Organisation: Connecting Crossgates **Total Project Cost**: £25,318.00

Amount Proposed from Wellbeing & YAF Budget: £12,400

Wards Covered: Cross Gates & Whinmoor (£10,000), Garforth & Swillington (£400), Kippax

& Methley (£400), Temple Newsam (£1,600)

Project Summary: Grant funding will enable the organisation to enhance key projects, expand reach, and further empower the local community through engagement and connection. Funding will be used to support the delivery of key initiatives including:

- <u>Intergenerational Wellbeing Groups:</u> These groups provide accessible spaces for individuals of all ages to engage in creative activities and social interactions.
- <u>Morethan Café</u>: A weekly intergenerational café offering coffee, cake, and social connection.
- <u>Poole Estate Community Group:</u> A casual evening gathering with refreshments for adults and supervised children, providing a supportive space for conversation and crafts.
- <u>Craft & Chat:</u> Bi-monthly sessions for personal projects or guided activities in a friendly environment.
- <u>Music Hour:</u> Monthly events led by local musicians, encouraging participation and performance.
- <u>Community Fridge:</u> Open three times a week to redistribute surplus food at an affordable price, combating food insecurity.
- <u>Cookery classes:</u> Weekly session to support people to make best use of food from the Community Fridge.
- <u>Repair Café:</u> Monthly events for community members to bring broken items for volunteer repair assistance, promoting sustainability.
- Events: Previous events offered include parties, trips and mental health sessions.
- <u>Signposting:</u> This need will increase with the closure of the Cross Gates and Whinmoor Community Hub. The organisation will train and equip group leaders to effectively support participants to access all relevant local services and support.
- Holiday Clubs: Engaging holiday clubs for children and youth during school breaks, ensuring a safe environment with healthy food.
- <u>Training and Volunteering:</u> Programs provide skill development and confidence-building opportunities through 60 80 volunteer places and 15 18 paid roles, empoweringt individuals to contribute to their community while enhancing personal and professional growth.

Community Committee Plan Priorities/ Objectives

 Health & Wellbeing; Resilient Communities; Child Friendly City; Good Growth & Best City for Business; Making Leeds the 'Best City' to Live In & Best City for Communities 22. Project Title: PHAB Club 2024/25

Organisation: PHAB -Leeds Total Project Cost: £5,930.87

Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £878.65

Wards Covered: Cross Gates & Whinmoor (£109.83), Garforth & Swillington (£329.49),

Temple Newsam (£439.33)

Project Summary: Grant funding will enable PHAB, a city-wide charity helping to improve the lives of people isolated because of their disabilities, to continue providing a weekly social club evening with the help of professionals. Funding will contribute towards the cost of one part-time youth & community worker, staff for 43 weeks (April 2024 to March 2025) at £79.09 per week, activity/ entertainment/ lecturer expenses for 43 weeks at £55.00 per week, BSL tutor, approximate monthly visits - £15 per visit.

Community Committee Plan Priorities/ Objectives

Health & Wellbeing; Resilient Communities & Best City for Communities

23. Project Title: Grit Bin Installation

Organisation: Safer Stronger Communities, Leeds City Council

Total Project Cost: £219.33

Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget: £219.33

Wards Covered: Temple Newsam (£219.33)

Project Summary: Grant funding will be used to purchase and install a new blue grit bin (inc. salt) on Hermon Road, LS15 7ED.

Community Committee Plan Priorities/ Objectives

Health & Wellbeing & Best City for Communities

Monitoring Information

24. As part of the funding agreements, all projects which have had funding approved by the Community Committee are required to provide update reports on the progress of their project. These reports are so that the Community Committee can measure the impact the project has had on the community and the value for money achieved.

Since the last Community Committee meeting, the following project monitoring reports have been submitted:

a) Breeze in the Park,

Wards Covered: Cross Gates & Whinmoor and Temple Newsam.

Project Monitoring Summary: Following the success of 2023 delivery model, Breeze in the Park events were delivered over the school summer holidays in 2 x 2.5-hour sessions and took place as follows:

Manston Park: 11 August 2023.

Primrose: 16 August 2023.

Sessions times slots: 12:00: -14:30 and 15:00 - 17:30. Sessions were bookable online via the Breeze website at 50p per child. Capacity for tickets online were capped at five hundred per session.

As a response to the challenges facing families not having access to internet or not being able to afford the 50p charge two hundred free places were made available. This opportunity was promoted and made available through the Cluster teams working across all the schools in the area. Although there was a good response in young people being allocated the tickets, Breeze Leeds do not always see a huge uptake in those children attending and will continue to develop this offer to maximise the opportunity in 2025.

Manston Park was identified as a new venue for our relaxed programme for the first year introducing a relaxed session in Outer East area. This proved popular with 65 children with SEND attending the quieter hour.

Attendance breakdown across both Breeze events:

Total number of young people: 1,096

Estimated number of parent/ carers: 1,644

• Total number of attendees: 2,740

Breeze in the Park events are made up of six zones with activities available in each zone for all age ranges. The following activities were delivered in each zone:

- <u>Inflatable Zone:</u> Giant Obstacle Course Inflatable, Large Superdome Bouncy Castle, Jungle Slide Inflatable, Demo Ball Inflatable, Bounce & Slide Inflatable, Jungle Gym, Interactive Play Zone, Pillow Wars, Sumo Wrestling.
- <u>Play Zone:</u> Giant Connect 4, Giant Jenga, Skip Ropes, Lawn Darks, Hoops, Diablo building blocks, Mud and Sand play pits. This area continues to grow each year and is extremely popular with young children (under three's). This is also the area Breeze will focus on improving and growing for the 2024 events.
- New for 2024: As promised in 2023 we grew the under 5s area with addition
 of our Mini Gymnastics zone delivered as part of a partnership piece of work
 with Active Leeds. This particular area received some really positive feedback
 and we'd like to continue to grow this area with an over 5s gymnastics cause
 in 2025.
- <u>Arts Workshops:</u> Arts & Crafts including eco crafts, Imagination Gaming delivering math based fun puzzles, Claymation workshops for young people to learn how to make digital animations. Messy Play/ Creative Crafts delivering a make it and take it activity. Beauty workshops including nail art, hand and head massages, Lego Master workshop with Lego experts Brik Box.
- <u>Breeze Presents Performance Arena:</u> For 30 to 45 minutes at each event a
 paid performer delivers a fun, interactive show for all the family. Performances
 varied from event to event but included one of the following performers:
 - Professor Pumpernickel: Science show with bags, explosions.
 - o Gecko: Ukulele Workshops.
 - Magic Show with Chris.

- o Teddy Bear Picnic: Children's Entertainers.
- o Suitcase Pete: Circus Skills Workshop.
- o Magic Show & Balloon Modelling.
- o Boom Chika Boom: Dance, sing, rave workshops.

This area was phenomenally successful with lots of parents and children relaxing on the grass watching and interacting with each performance.

- <u>Sports Zone:</u> A small section of the event for children to play sports including mini football and Cricket Skills providing an open free play area for all the family to get involved. This was a great area for our young volunteer team to support.
- <u>Info Zone:</u> Opportunities were made available for voluntary and private sector organisations to come along to each event to promote their service/ offer, as a result, fifty-five organisations attended Breeze events to engage with the local community.

DDN

25. Since the last Community Committee held on 17 September 2024, no projects have been approved by DDN.

Declined Projects

26. Since the last Community Committee, held on 17 September 2024, no projects have been declined.

Youth Activities Fund Position 2023/24

- **27.** The total Youth Activities Fund budget approved by Executive Board for 2024/25 was £40,375.00 for the Outer East Community Committee. Table 2 shows a carry forward figure of £32,095.54 which includes underspends from projects completed in 2023/24. Allocated projects in 2023/24 is £32,095.54 and not yet completed. The total YAF funding available to the Community Committee for 2024/25 is therefore £40,375.00. A full breakdown of the projects approved is available on request.
- 28. The Community Committee is also asked to note that £2,000 for Leeds Rhinos Summer Camp and £2,873.75 for School Holiday Programme (KM) has been moved from Wellbeing to YAF (Kippax & Methley), therefore there is £19,668.88 balance remaining in the Youth Activity Fund for 2024/25. A full breakdown of the projects is listed on table 2 and available on request.

TABLE 2: Youth Activities Fund 2024/25

YAF Revenue					
	OE (£)	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
INCOME: 2024/25	£40,375.00	£10,093.75	£10,093.75	£10,093.75	£10,093.75
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year (2023/24)	£32,095.54	£10,820.00	£11,715.00	£-	£9,560.54
Less Projects Brought Forward from Previous Year (2023/24)	£-	£-	£-	£-	£-
TOTAL AVAILABLE: 2024/25	£40,375.00	£10,093.75	£10,093.75	£10,093.75	£10,093.75

YAF Projects 2024/25					
		Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Breeze in the Park	£7,600.00	£3,800.00	£ -	£ -	£3,800.00
TNCP Cluster Summer Holiday Programme	£4,000.00	£-	£-	£-	£4000.00
Kippax Kicks	£5,220.00	£ -	£ -	£5,220.00	£ -
Leeds Rhinos Summer Camp	£2,000.00	£ -	£ -	£2,000.00	£ -
School Holiday Programme (KM)	£2,873.75	£-	£ -	£2,873.75	£ -
Total Spend 2024/25:	£21,693.75	£3,800.00	£-	£10,093.75	£7,800.00
Balance Remaining 2024/25:	£19,668.88	£6,293.75	£10,093.75	£-	£2,293.75

Capital Budget 2024/25

29. The Outer East Community Committee has a capital budget of £77,994.12 available to spend, following capital injections. Members are asked to note the capital allocation broken down by ward and summarised in Table 3.

TABLE 3: Capital 2024/25

Capital Allocations & Injections		Ward Split				
	OE (£)	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam	
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year (2023/24)	£82,994.12	£19,977.33	£6,771.26	£23,616.79	£32,628.74	
Less Projects Brought Forward from Previous Year (2023/24)	£-	£-	£-	£-	£-	
Injection 1 (2024/25)	£-	£-	£-	£-	£-	
TOTAL AVAILABLE (2024/25):	£82,994.12	£19,977.33	£6,771.26	£23,616.79	£32,628.74	

Capital Projects 2024/25			Ward	Split	plit		
	OE (£)	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam		
Blands Recreation Ground	£5,000.00	£-	£-	£5,000.00	£ -		
Total Spend 2024/25:	£5,000.00	£-	£ -	£5,000.00	£-		
Balance Remaining 2024/25:	£77,994.12	£19,977.33	£6,771.26	£18,616.79	£32,628.74		

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2024/25

30. The Community Committee is asked to note that there is now a total of £270,268.61 available to the Outer East Community Committee. Members are asked to note the CIL allocation broken down by ward and summarised in Table 4.

TABLE 4: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 2024/25

CIL Allocations & Injections		Ward Split					
	OE (£)	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam		
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year (2023/24)	£300,420.61	£109,011.24	£165,475.91	£696.56	£25,236.90		
Injection 1 (2024/23)	£ -	£-	£ -	£-	£ -		
Underspend	£-	£-	£-	£ -	£ -		
TOTAL AVAILABLE (2024/25):	£330,420.61	£109,011.24	£165,475.91	£696.56	£25,236.90		

CIL Projects 2024/25					
	OE (£)	Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Garforth & Swillington	Kippax & Methley	Temple Newsam
Grit Bin Refills	£1,700.00	£500.00	£500.00	£-	£700.00
Festive Light Switch on Event at Austhorpe Road	£9,140.00	£9,140.00	£ -	£-	£-
Garforth Festive Light Switch on Event	£7,590.00	£ -	£7,590.00	£-	£-
Great Preston Cricket Club Security Fencing	£5,722.00	£ -	£5,722.00	£-	£-
Public Space CCTV Cameras – Outer East	£6,000.00	£3,000.00	£ -	£-	£ 3,000.00
Total Spend 2024/25:	£30,152.00	£12,640.00	£13,812.00	£-	£3,700.00
Balance Remaining 2024/25:	£270,268.61	£96,371.24	£151,663.91	£696.56	£21,536.90

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

31. The Community Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

32. All wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion, and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

- **33.** 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:
 - 1. Vision for Leeds 2011 30
 - 2. Best City Plan
 - 3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
 - 4. Children and Young People's Plan
 - 5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
 - 6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

34. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

Risk Management

36. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants can deliver the intended benefits.

Recommendations

- **37.** Members are asked to note and make decisions on the following where appropriate:
 - a) Minimum condition arrangements for 2023/24 (paragraph 15)
 - b) Changes to the Small Grant administration process (paragraph 17)
 - c) Details of the Wellbeing Budget Position, Table 1 (paragraphs 18 20)
 - d) Projects for consideration and approval (paragraphs 21-23)
 - e) Monitoring information for funded projects (paragraph 24)
 - f) Details of the Projects Approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 25)
 - g) Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) Position, Table 2 (paragraphs 27 28)
 - h) Details of the Capital Budget, Table 3 (paragraph 29)
 - i) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget, Table 4 (paragraph 30)