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**Report of the East North East Area Manager**

**North East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009**

**Subject: Well-Being Budget – Project/Activity 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/activities to deliver local actions relating to agreed themes and outcomes of the Area Delivery Plan. The projects have been discussed at a meeting of Area Committee's Member Well-Being Group and their recommendations are included for noting and/or approving. The latest financial position of the Wellbeing (revenue and capital) budget are also provided.

## **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 where relevant.
2. The latest financial position of the revenue and capital Wellbeing budgets is provided to assist the decision making, attached as appendix A (includes Small Grants scheme) and appendix B.

## **Background**

3. At the Special Meeting in August 2008, 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.
4. The spending decisions made to date against each heading are summarised in appendix A.
5. The Wellbeing Members Working Group met on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and their recommendations are set out for consideration and approval by the Area Committee.

## **Project/Activity Proposals**

### **LCC – Inner North East Festive Lights (requesting £33,173 capital and £11,433 annual revenue)**

6. In December 2008, the Inner North East Area Committee stated the following:  
  
*That approval of £5,690 from the Roundhay Ward Pot for the establishment of festive lights in that ward be noted, with the intention for the Member Working Group to consider an Area Committee wide programme of festive light installations at a future date and if agreed, the £5,690 to be reimbursed to the Roundhay Ward pot.*
7. At recent ward member meetings the locations of additional festive lights were identified and the recommendation of the Well being Fund Working Group was to release funding for a further 75 festive lights to be split between the three wards.
8. Installing electrical equipment at £391.40 per column will cost £29,227, including the 11 lights on Street Lane, which cost slightly less at £380. Installation of 75 motifs will cost £152.44 per column. For 75 columns this will cost £11,433.
9. The total capital costs for this programme to go ahead will be £40,660. This will include the installation of electrical equipment and a motif for the first year.
10. In addition there will be an on-going revenue commitment for the installation of the individual motifs in year 2 at a cost of £152.44 each. The total cost of the on-going revenue commitments for 75 festive lights will be £11,433.
11. These figures will be subject to inflation increases of approximately 3% each year.

12. *The Well being Fund Working Group recommended supporting this capital programme and underwriting the above revenue commitment annually on the basis that the Area Management Team will work to find private sponsorship for the lights in each area and financial support from other partners. Should any ward require further festive lights then this will require an annual commitment from the relevant ward-pot and/or alternative funding sources to be identified to help pay for the annual charge.*

### **Burglary Reduction (requesting £3,500 revenue – Thriving Neighbourhoods)**

13. Burglary has been highlighted as a serious issue across the city and in the NE Division burglaries for the year up to September were 5.6% up on the previous year (105 more offences).
14. In order to tackle this trend the Division is prioritising the workload of its staff and would like to conduct a door-to-door exercise using all 96 PCSO's who will knock on the door of 120,000 households over a 4-6 week period, beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009.
15. The PCSO's will talk to people about burglaries in the area and how to protect themselves. They will handout information and provide practical advice on how to reduce the chance of being a victim of burglary, including a smartwater pen. Residents will be able to mark their property which will increase the chance of people having their property returned, increase the chance of catching criminals, while the promotion of smartwater areas will help deter burglars.
16. The objective of this project is to contribute towards the reduction of burglary across the north east police division and reduce the fear of crime. The face to face interaction with each householder aims to increase public confidence and increase awareness of crime reduction and the roles of the neighbourhood policing team.
17. The grant applied for will go towards the cost of smartwater pens for each household, which will cost 15p each. The total cost for the NE Division is £18,000, which includes a £4,000 contribution from Safer Leeds. The NE division is made up of four area committees.
18. *The Well Being Working Group recommended approval of this project as it will meet action G10 of the Area Delivery Plan which seeks to reduce crime and the fear of crime, in particular burglary and car crime. Concerns were expressed about the ability of the Police to visit every household in the Division in the agreed timescales and sought reassurances that this would be achieved. Approval was subject to the Police including a Area Committee Take Action Card within the information packs.*

### **Area Committee Flyer (Requesting £900 – Stronger Communities)**

19. In order to link in with the burglary reduction project it is proposed that the area committee produces a flyer as part of the information pack. This will promote the role of the Area Committee within the inner north east area, particularly in terms of its linkages with partnership working and the priority of reducing crime, and contribute to the overall community engagement strategy for the area.

20. The Area Management Team will design the flyer, to include the corporate colours and will seek updated portraits of councillors. A draft will be circulated to all Members ahead of publication.
21. The cost of the project will be approx £900 for printing and design.
22. *The Well being Fund Working Group supported the distribution of an information flyer as it address action H1 of the Stronger Communities theme, which seeks to 'increase in the number of local people that are empowered to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and a greater role in public service delivery.'*

## **Recommendations**

23. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report and approve the following amounts of Wellbeing budget to be released to the projects listed;
  - a) £33,173 – Year 1 Festive Lights – capital
  - b) £11,433 – Year 2 revenue costs - revenue
  - c) £3,500 – Burglar Reduction Project - revenue
  - d) £900 – Area Committee flyer