

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

**North East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Subject: Well-Being Budget and Safer Stronger Communities Fund – Project/Activity Proposals**

**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

**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.

The report also provides an updated analysis of spend for the four-year Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) programme targeted at neighbourhoods in Chapeltown and Harehills and delivered through an Intensive Neighbourhood Management approach. This includes a breakdown of the intended spend for 2009/10 for the Area Committee's approval.

## **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.
3. The report also takes opportunity to present for approval the proposed spending programme for SSCF monies allocated to the Chapeltown and Harehills INM cluster to be overseen by the local Impact partnership.

## **Background**

4. 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.
5. The spending decisions made to date against each heading are summarised in appendix A.
6. The Wellbeing Members Working Group met in February 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 £33,049 capital and £13,032 annual revenue)**

7. 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.*
8. 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 to provide a total of 83 festive across the ward. This will include 42 in Chapel Allerton (which includes 20 lights already in place along Chapeltown Road and currently paid for from SSCF), 16 in Moortown and 25 in Roundhay.
9. This will require a capital investment of £33,049 to be paid in 2009/2010.
10. This will need to be supported by yearly revenue funding of £1,982 in 2009/2010 to pay for lights in Street Lane, followed by a revenue investment of £13,032 in 2010/2011 and onwards. This figures will be subject to inflation increases of approximately 3% each year.

11. See Appendix C for further information and detailed breakdown of the distribution of lights across the inner north east area.
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.*

**Chapelton Townscape Heritage Training Project - (£10,000 revenue over four years).**

13. The Chapelton Townscape Heritage Initiative has been awarded £802k Heritage Lottery funding to improve the physical environment of Chapelton and to restore buildings of architectural importance.
14. The skills required to restore many of these buildings are specialised and the training will provide opportunities for local people to learn new specialised construction skills and will encourage employers to take on new apprentices from the local area.
15. The training programme will provide on site placement training with local building firms in using specialist material and traditional building techniques. The programme will provide workshops on different kinds of heritage building techniques and will run open days to attract and publicise the scheme. The funding will be spent over a four year period.
16. *The Well being Fund Working Group was split on whether to support this programme. Two members agreed to provide sufficient funding to fund year 1 of the programme, with year 2 funding subject to meeting satisfactory project outcomes. One member of the group was not willing to support this application on the basis that not enough work had yet been done to approach local building firms willing to take on apprentices.*
17. *This programme will meet action C1 of the Area Delivery Plan under the Learning Strategic Theme. This will 'enhance the skill level of the workforce to fulfill individual and economic potential.'*

**Nu-Vision - (£1,150 revenue to host a fund raising event to raise money for a minibus)**

18. Nu-Vision is an organisation based in the Austin Burke Memorial Centre which will provide activities for elderly people in the Chapelton and Harehills area. They would like to raise money to purchase a minibus to help transport elderly people to and from events in the local area.
19. The funding will be used to launch this group and to organise a fund raising event. The grant will be used to pay for food, t-shirts, publicity and other equipment, which will be re-used for future events. The first event will be a play which they hope will attract up to 300 people, each paying £5 per ticket. Their fund raising target for 2009-2010 is £10,000 with further events will be held in August and at Christmas.

20. *The Well Being Fund Working Group recommended approving the full amount. This project will support action F9 of the Area Delivery Plan, which seeks to ensure 'People are able to live independently in their own homes longer.'*

**Leeds Black Elders - Meals on Wheels - (£5,045 capital for new kitchen facilities)**

21. The project provides meals that are freshly prepared and culturally sensitive to the needs of elderly people living in the area. They currently cook about 7,000 meals a year for 53 people, six days a week. They charge £2.30 per meal.
22. The uptake for these meals has proved to be popular and as part of their expansion plans they would like to move their kitchens to new premises . The grant will be used to purchase new kitchen equipment such as a range cooker, a fridge and a freezer.
23. The organisation has not sought funding from elsewhere and has not stated how much they will contribute to the project. The organisations also needs to obtain three quotes for the work they wish to carry out.
24. Social Services provide Leeds Black Elders with £32,622 per year to provide 7,000 meals a year. Leeds Social Services are currently reviewing the meals on wheels service provided by the voluntary sector and is seeking to standardise partnerships. They have already entered into negotiations with organisations, but it is unlikely that any decisions will be taken until the end of 2009.
25. The standardised arrangements will mean that organisations will need to be able to deliver meals city wide, seven days a week and they will need to enter into a formal contractual relationship with the council. Social Services will support organisations in this transition.
26. *The Well Being Fund Working Group were supportive of the application subject to obtaining three quotes for the work and the area management team contacting Social Services to establish their support for this organisation. This project will support action F9 of the Area Delivery Plan, which seeks to ensure 'People are able to live independently in their own homes longer.'*

**Allerton Croft Security Scheme - (£2,856 capital for a new security fence).**

27. The project will install new palisade fencing along the boundary between Lidgett Towers and properties at Allerton Grange Croft. This will replace fencing that has deteriorated over the years and allows unauthorised access.
28. The issue of unauthorised access to the Allerton Grange Croft community was raised in the recent tasking meeting and a meeting has taken place between the Police, local residents and ward members to discuss the issue.
29. Alongside the Area Committee, the Police and ENEHL will provide funding towards this project, totalling £4,500.
30. *The Well Being Fund Working Group were supportive of this application as it meets action G10 of the Area Delivery Plan which seeks to 'reduce crime and the fear of crime.'*

### **Behavioural Education Support Team (£2,520 Revenue for a Bumpy and RJC Dance course)**

31. Delivered at the Mandela Centre and in partnership with BEST, Chapeltown Young Peoples 10-2 Club & Central Leeds Learning Federation, the Engagement Programme aims to engage and develop young people not in education, employment and training (NEET) into an inclusive educational programme.
32. The programme delivers encourages young people to be successfully involved in various education projects, personalised to the learner and their community. Throughout the programme there is ongoing support, advice and guidance on life choices, further education, employment, training and personal development.
33. This is the first year of the programme and the programme is seeking to boost outcomes as part of the course in order to help secure its future as a programme and one delivered from the Mandela Centre.
34. *No recommendations were made by the group on this application. The project meets Action C9 of the Area Deliver Plan which seeks to 'Increase number of activities commissioned that support the provision of alternative curriculum activities in inner NE so that there is an increased number of young people engaged in positive activity.'*

### **West Yorkshire Probation Service – (£15,000 revenue for a dedicated Community Payback Team)**

35. This proposal seeks to extend the pilot Community Payback Team for the Inner North East area to be managed by the Probation Service. Please see the separate report for information on what this service has achieved in the inner north east area over the last four months.
36. The scheme will cost the Area Committee £15k for a year. This is a contribution towards the cost to Probation of employing a dedicated supervisor and the associated management and overhead costs associated with organising a team of offenders to undertake work in the community. For example, as well as the payroll costs of a supervisor, the offenders need checking/selecting for the right jobs, transporting to and from the work location, health and safety/risk assessments being done and training undertaken where needed.
37. Additional materials or skips required for a job are not included in the cost of this project.
38. The scheme has been piloted over the last four months and has been successful in delivering a low cost environmental improvements across the area. Members are requested to decide if they wish to fund this scheme on a permanent basis.
39. *Recommendation – to approve the release of £15,000 from the Wellbeing revenue budget (to be charged to the Environment theme).*

### **Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) Spending Proposals for 2009/10**

40. The Area Committee has responsibility to approve the spending proposals for SSCF that has been allocated to be spent in Super Output Areas (SOAs) that fall in the bottom 3% in terms of deprivation indices nationally.
41. The cluster that falls in the Inner North East Area is Chapeltown and Harehills.
42. The funding from SSCF is a four year programme – and 2009/10 is the final year.
43. The funding profile for the programme reduced the amount available in the last 2 years – and provided capital funding for the first two years only. The amount available for the final year represents a 40% reduction on 2008/09.
44. Appendix D provides an analysis of how the funding has been spent over the first 3 years and the proposed allocation against activity for 2009/10.
45. The focus of the final year will be to ensure improvements made can be sustained and that where possible activity can be mainstreamed. A report will be provided at a future meeting to Area Committee on the exit strategy for SSCF and how it is proposed that an Intensive Neighbourhood Management approach can be sustained.
46. The Chapel Allerton ward members have been consulted on the proposals and are supportive.

## **Recommendations**

47. 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) £5,690 – Festive Lights – to transfer cost from Roundhay ward revenue pot to capital (2008/09)
  - b) £33,049 –Festive Lights – capital (2009/10)
  - c) £1,980 – Festive Lights – revenue (2009/10) – with a commitment to meet future year revenue costs as set out in section 10/appendix C).
  - d) £2,500 - Chapeltown Townscape Heritage Training Project - revenue
  - e) £1,150 - Nu-Vision – revenue
  - f) £5,049 – Leeds Black Elders – capital
  - g) £2,856 - Allerton Croft Security Fencing – capital
47. The Well Being Fund Working Group did not make a decision on these funding applications and the Area Committee is invited to consider these applications and agree a way forward:
  - h) £2,520 – BEST Education – revenue
  - i) £15,000 – Community Payback Scheme 2009/10 - revenue
48. The Area Committee is asked to approve proposed spending programme for SSCF monies allocated to the Chapeltown and Harehills INM cluster to be overseen by the local Impact partnership as set out in appendix D.