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Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

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Subject: 2006/07 Well-Being Fund

Electoral Wards Affected: Chapel Allerton Moortown Roundhay	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity Community Cohesion Narrowing the Gap
Council Delegated Executive Function Function for Call In	X Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

Executive Summary

This report contains the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group. The Area Committee is requested to consider the recommendations of the Working Group and indicate if they approve the level of grant requested.

Purpose Of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present new projects for the Area Committee to consider funding from the Well-Being Fund. The report contains the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group and the Area Committee is requested to consider these and indicate if they support allocating the funding.

Background Information

- 2. The North East (Inner) Area Committee received an allocation of £166,774 Well-Being revenue funding for the 2006/07 financial year.
- 3. In addition, the Committee has a three year capital allocation of £317,925. Members are requested to note that 2006/07 is the final year for spending the remainder of this allocation.
- 4. The current position with both budgets is that £25,089 revenue and £415 capital remains. Details of the large and small grant projects approved to date is summarised in Appendix 1 and 2.

Project Applications

Revenue – Large Grants

INE. 06.24.LG - Meanwood Intensive Family Support Project - £3,500

- 5. The Intensive Family Support project was established at the beginning of 2006 as a result of a successful bid for Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (NRF) to support a Co-ordinator post. The project works intensively with a number of families who live in the Meanwood Seven Estates area (Beckhill, Miles Hill, Potternewton, Scott Hall, Farm Hill, Sugarwell and Stonegates). The families are identified by a multi-agency steering group and are those most at risk of committing crime and anti-social behaviour. Agencies then agree a series of preventative measures with the families. This bid is for a funding contribution towards the cost of a responsible motorcycling course at Birstall Urban Motorcycle Project for Youth (BUMPY).
- 6. The Area Committee has funded a similar project this year run by the 2 Hills and Youth Service. The Youth Service have confirmed that there is no duplication as the Intensive Family Support project is targeting more challenging young people and working with them over a longer period of time. They are supportive of the bid and view it as a positive step towards addressing some of the issues faced by some of the most challenging young people in the area which if successful will greatly benefit the wider Meanwood community.
- 7. Working group recommendation: The project meets Area Committee priorities to provide activities for children and young people and reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour. The project has secured match funding from NRF, Leeds Federated Housing and the Police to help cover the total cost of £10,000. **Recommend** £3,500

INE.06.25.LG - Meanwood Elders - £2,418

- 8. Meanwood Elders run a number of courses and provide a support network for older people (55+) who live in Meanwood. They have previously run a Chinese physical culture course which has proved very popular with members as it helps them address their health and mobility issues and to overcome social isolation. The Well-Being Fund would be used to pay for tutor costs to run three courses of nine weeks duration each, starting in 2007.
- 9. Working group recommendation: The project meets the Area Committee priority under regeneration to support the voluntary and community sector, although the course itself will not contribute directly towards the theme priorities of children and young people, community safety or improving the environment. **Recommend full Area Committee decision**

Capital – Large Grants

INE.05.54.LG - Safety Improvements for Alleys and Ginnels

- 10. The Area Committee will recall commissioning £75,000 capital at the March 2006 to implement improvements including gating, fencing, lighting and other capital costs associated with closing or improving alleys and ginnels across the inner area.
- 11. The Community Safety working group has been monitoring progress since then, and the Committee has been kept updated through the working group reports. Public consultation and planning permission has taken place and been granted for gating on four ginnels running between these streets Carr Holm Grove, Drive, Mount, View, Crescent and Wensley Green. Because these ginnels are also public rights of way we have been required to get a Gating Order for each one. This is the first time the Council has been involved in such a process and it has hampered progress. Therefore it is unlikely that all of the £75,000 will be spent in 2006/07. The Area Committee is requested to note that £58,000 of the allocation is likely to be spent in 2007/08, by which time the Gating Orders should be in place.

Small Grants approved since the last Area Committee meeting

INE.06.12.SG - Shadwell Lane seating

12. Residents living near Shadwell Lane in Moortown requested a wayside seat on the Lane on the stretch south of the ring road. Parks & Countryside department will install the seat. **Approved - £650**

INE.05.32.SG - The Dojo

13. The Dojo is a voluntary organisation who will hold self-defence classes for disadvantaged young people in Chapeltown. The funding will pay for equipment such as gloves. **Approved - £500**

Recommendations

12. The Area Committee is requested to consider the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group and indicate if they support the level of grant proposed from the 2006/07 revenue Well-Being Fund.