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## Report of the East North East Area Manager

### North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009

### Subject: Well-Being Budget

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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 as appendix A and B.

## **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 and B (includes Small Grants scheme).

## **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 in April and early June 2009 and their recommendations are set out for consideration and approval by the Area Committee.

## **Project/Activity Proposals**

### **St Edmunds Scout and Guides Parents Association Improvements to St Edmunds Community Hall (Rounday) – (£9,862 capital)**

6. The community hall is located on Lidgett Park Road, Roundhay and is owned by the St. Edmund's Scout and Guide Parents Association. The building is on a single level and is of 1960's "A" frame design, creating a tent effect. However there is currently no heating insulation to any of the external surfaces.
7. The hall serves the local community and has a capacity of approximately 80 people, it is accessed by 222 young people in the area a week. In addition it is used by the local community on a regular basis for Tai Chi classes and Youth Church group. The hall is also used for children's parties on evenings and weekends and is open for additional bookings by all sectors of the community for events and activities as required. However, current usage of the hall is restricted due to the poor insulation and heating particularly in the winter months.
8. The improvements to the building are to be in 2 phases and funding is sought from the Area Committee for phase 1 which includes the installation of insulation to the walls/roof and replacement of the gable end window and the replacement of the heating system. Fundraising for phase 2 will continue over the next year.
9. The group have undertaken additional fundraising and sponsorship from British Gas, the total already raised is £17,572. The total cost of phase 1 is £27,434 and as such £9,862 is sought from Area Committee.

10. *The Well Being Fund Working Group recommended approving the full amount of £9,862 to the St Edmund's Scout and Guide Parents Association. This project will support action A1 of the Area Delivery Plan, which seeks to 'Improve the facilities and range of sporting and cultural activities.'*

**Moor Allerton Hall Primary School  
Woodland Trail Activity Project – (£3,500 Capital)**

11. The project is to develop a large area of land to the front perimeter of Moor Allerton Hall Primary to use as green space and woodland trail, with pathways and seating around pre-existing trees. Additional planting will be included to attract wildlife.
12. The scheme will assist in supporting development of children within the school, but additionally is linked to the development of the children's centre, Open Door and the Brackenwood Community Centre and thus the wider local community.
13. The total cost of the project is £13,496 with £10,000 of this being met through the schools capital funding.
14. *The Well Being Working Group were supporting of the project and recommended that the full amount of £3,500 be approved to Moor Allerton Hall Primary School. The project supports action C4a which seeks 'Increase the number of activities commissioned that support the provision of alternative curriculum activities to increase the number of young people engaged in positive activity.'*

**Youth Services  
Youth Programme Support Project (£45,000 Revenue)**

**Additional Information to be tabled for this section and discussion at the Area Committee.**

15. The aim of the project is to support and bring additionality to the quality and quantity of programmes available for delivery to young people in the Inner North East. The funding will enable delivery of additional activities both in locations already utilised by young people and detached youth work in 'hot spot' locations.
16. Activities proposed include:
- Working in Partnership with the Police on the Positive Behaviour Rewards detached programme will engage with approx 60 new young people
  - Core group of 12 Young People will form the Mandela Youth Forum
  - 4 Baby Reality groups would run involving a minimum of 32 young people
  - 4 Graffiti Art Workshops run in school holidays will attract up to 100 young people
  - 24 young people (minimum) will benefit from participating in a residential experience at Herd Farm
  - Prince Philip Motor Cycle project will provide sessions for up to 100 additional Young People from across all Inner North Area.
  - Trips out of the area will accommodate a minimum of 200 young people across the life of the project

- Celebration event and day trip for the members of the PHAB club at Prince Philip Centre
- Development of closer working with Black Elders Project on intergenerational work could see a joint forum developed where young and elders meet and progress the understand of intergenerational work together

17. *The Well Being Working Group deferred decision on this application to be discussed and decided at full Area Committee due to the application not being specific in where activities were due to be delivered, what additionality this gave to core youth service work and what and how outputs and outcomes would be measured. Also clarification was sought on who would be delivering all activities and when.*
18. *This programme will seek to address action C4a 'Increased number of activities commissioned that support the provision of alternative curriculum activities to increase the number of young people engaged in positive activities.'*

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

19. 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.
20. 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 at the Church of God Prophecy (196 Chapeltown Road) . The grant will be used to purchase new kitchen equipment such as a range cooker, a fridge and a freezer.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. *This application was originally deferred at the March Area Committee subject to obtaining three quotes for the work and the area management team contacting Social Services to establish their support for this organisation and that other funding was not available. Subsequent to this information being obtained and represented the Well Being Fund Working Group were supportive of the project and funding the full amount.*
24. *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.'*

**North East Police Division  
Burglary Reduction Initiative - £7,831.67 Revenue**

25. Over the past 12 months there has been a significant increase in burglaries and attempted break-in's in the Inner North East with Moortown and Roundhay seeing the largest increase.
26. This application from the North East Police Division seeks funding for additional smartwater kits for distribution in the Roundhay and Moortown wards and trembler alarms for the Chapel Allerton Ward. The scheme will fund six months worth of the scheme at which point the impact and effectiveness will be reviewed.
27. The full initiative included 'Operation Buzzer' which is aimed at reducing consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage drinkers, the cost of this element was £5,114 and funding for this part was agreed at the March Area Committee.
28. For the smart water and trembler alarms element, West Yorkshire Police and the Outer North East Area Committee have contributed £4000 and £2,556 respectively. This leaves £7,831.67 which is sought from the Inner North East Area Committee
29. *The Well Being Fund Working Group deferred a decision on this application wishing for a debate to be held at the Area Committee relating to applications from the North East Police division to encompass the whole of the committee area rather than just certain wards. The project would address the priority G6a to 'Reduce the levels of crime in the Inner North East.'*

**City Projects Team**

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

30. The Chapelton Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) has been awarded £802k Heritage Lottery funding (HLF) to improve the physical environment of Chapelton and to restore buildings of architectural importance.
31. HLF will only contribute towards THI training projects where the total scheme grant is above £1 million. the Chapelton THI scheme was awarded a grant of £802,500 and therefore falls under the HLF policy threshold for training support.
32. 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. Heritage are identified as a skills gap in the construction industry and this project aims to target this.
33. 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. Delivery will be through Leeds College of Building's Level 1 Construction Diploma.
34. *The Well being Fund Working Group were supportive of the project and recommended that the full amount of £10,000 be approved to the Regeneration City*

*Projects Team to administer. This programme will support action C1 of the Area Delivery Plan under the Learning Strategic Theme. This will 'enhance the skill level of the workforce to fulfil individual and economic potential.'*

**Alwoodley Extended Schools Cluster  
Activities Fund – £4,000 revenue**

35. This project is targeted at activities for young people in the Alwoodley cluster which covers eight schools in the East North East area. Of these 6 fall in to the Outer Area and 2 in the Inner North East (St. Urbans Catholic Primary and Cardinal Heaton High). The full cost of the project is £66,000 of which £4,000 is requested from the Inner North East Area Committee as match funding. £50,000 funding for the scheme is being provided through the Training Development Agency and an application has been submitted to the Outer North East Area Committee.
36. The overarching purpose of the Activities Fund is ensure that children and young people disadvantaged by economic circumstances and children in care are financially supported to take part in extended services activities. Young people would be identified as eligible through free school meals eligibility criteria.
37. The activities are part of a varied menu of study support and enrichment activities within the extended services core offer such as Karate classes and access to various types of dance classes.
38. The cluster will be looking to meet the cost in full from 2010/2011, this is a one off request.
39. *The well being working group made a recommendation that further information was needed before a decision could be reached, if this is gathered prior to the meeting a recommendation will be made if not, this is deferred for a decision to be reached by full Area Committee.*
40. *The project would support the delivery of action C4a in the Area Delivery Plan, increasing the number of activities commissioned that support the provision of alternative curriculum activities so that there is an increased number of young people engaged in positive activities.*

**Meanwood Junior Playscheme  
Kids Day Out - £1,200 Revenue**

41. The Meanwood Junior Scheme provides holiday play schemes for young people in the Inner North East aged 5 to 15 years old at Meanwood Community Centre, this application is sought to fund a trip to Lightwater Valley for 234 young people in August 2009.
42. The application is to fund three double decker buses to enable the trip to take place.
43. The other organisations involved in the project are: Chapeltown Community Play scheme, Prince Phillip Centre play scheme, Meanwood community centre play scheme and Chapeltown Junior Youth Inclusion project.

44. *The working group recommendation was to agree the full funding of £1,350 for the project to Meanwood Junior Play scheme.*
45. *This activity meets priority G8b to decrease instances of antisocial behaviour in the Area Delivery Plan.*

**Meanwood Valley Urban Farm  
Summer Holiday Activities - £6,750 revenue**

46. The project is to provide activities for young people aged between 8 and 12, in the Inner North East Area for the first three weeks of the school summer holidays, with subsidised rates given to those residing in the LS7 area. The group have previously had funding through the Area Committee to fund similar activities successfully.
47. The emphasis of the programme is on physical activities, healthy food, outdoor play, co-operation and environmental improvement.
48. *The full cost of the scheme is £9,750 with £6,750 sought from Area Committee to run. The working group agreed that the £6,750 requested is agreed to Meanwood Valley Urban Farm.*
49. *This activity meets priority F2a to improve health and wellbeing of residents in the Area Delivery Plan.*

**Priority Neighbourhoods – Neighbourhoods Manager Role**

50. The Area Committee has identified 3 priority neighbourhoods in its Area Delivery Plan. These are:
  - Chapeltown
  - Beckhills/Miles Hills
  - Moor Allerton
51. There are partnership arrangements in place for each of these priority areas.
52. The Area Committee is responsible for overseeing the allocation and use of Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) monies which must be spent in the bottom 3% Super Output Areas (SOAs) within Inner NE. These fall within the Chapeltown and have been clustered with similar SOAs in Harehills.
53. The SSCF programme is in its final year. There will be no additional funding given through this stream beyond 2009/10.
54. The approach that has been taken to date in the Chapeltown and Harehills Cluster has been to employ a Neighbourhood Manager, currently Beki Allchin, to coordinate the SSCF programme in that area and to provide a dedicated local resource to bring together partners on the ground to better share resources and target work/actions.

55. In the first three years of SSCF an administrative assistant was also employed but this role has been mainstreamed into the Area Management Team's admin function.
56. Consultation on how Members would like to see priority neighbourhoods tackled beyond this year (i.e. when SSCF monies run out) has taken place through ward member meetings.
57. The consensus is that there is strong support for the continuation of a neighbourhoods manager role – albeit with the opportunity to revise the job description and remit so as to widen the role to cover the bottom 10% SOAs across the Inner NE area and to remove the Harehills SOAs from the role (with these being added to the neighbourhoods manager role in Inner East). Appendix C shows the bottom 10% SOAs across Inner NE according to the 2007 deprivation statistics.
58. The Member Working Group considered this matter and agreed that they would like to see a full application and details worked up for consultation and submission in the September/October cycle.
59. The Member Working Group asked that the proposal be based on a 3-year extension to the revised role, with an annual performance and funding review.
60. The group agreed to recommend to the Area Committee the approval of sufficient earmarked Wellbeing revenue funds from the 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 financial years to allow the continuation of a revised neighbourhood manager role for a further 3-years. This approval would be subject to further consultation with Members on the exact role and scope of the post and a full application to be submitted for approval in the next Area Committee cycle. The funding allocation would be annually reviewable by Area Committee.
61. The amount currently required to continue the post is approximately £40k per year. Discussion are on going with partners to seek contributions to the post and it is also hoped that an element of mainstream budget may be found to contribute.
62. At this stage therefore the Area Committee is simply asked to approve the earmarking of up to £40k of Wellbeing per year, but with the understanding that final approval on the exact amount will be made in September/October once a full application is received and match funding is clearer.

### **Leeds Ahead - £5000 revenue**

63. Leeds Ahead supports the Leeds Initiative and Leeds City Council by linking business support to voluntary sector organisations in the most deprived areas of the city.
64. This scheme would be to provide specific support to the groups in the Inner North East area and to projects identified by the Area Committee and Area Management team that require support.
65. *The working group requested that the outputs be circulated and also a note on how they would operate differently to probation was requested. A decision would then be taken on their recommendation.*



66. *The activity meets priority H1 to increase the number of people engaged in activities to meet community needs and improve the quality of life for residents in the Area Delivery Plan.*

**Leeds City Council  
Fuel Savers - £3000 revenue**

67. This application was deferred at the Area Committee Meeting in March 2009 for the Well Being Working Group to reconsider and make a recommendation on.
68. Leeds City Council's Fuelsavers team are tasked on behalf of the authority with tackling fuel poverty, in particular to find and assist fuel poor householders in Leeds and support those found to access current and available grant or landlord assistance. This either through partnership working, agencies, direct communication, mail drops, leaflets, door-to-door or via an in the home worker support.
69. As this can often be a time-consuming and ad hoc method of working the team would like to commission an aerial based thermal imaging survey to help with identifying properties. The process will need to go out tender but issues around data security and how properties are targeted after the survey will need to be considered.
70. *The cost of the scheme is approximately £3000 per Area Committee, and the working group recommended that this is agreed from wellbeing.*
71. *This activity would meet priority G2 in the Area Delivery Plan to reduce the number of people who are not able to adequately heat their homes.*

**Uplift Project - £1850 revenue**

72. The uplift project is an established media arts course specialising in teaching young people film and songwriting. Its main objective is to increase the self-belief and confidence of the young people.
73. The project worked in four areas of Leeds last year and if funded would run again in the North East CLC next to Allerton Grange school.
74. *The group are requesting funding of £1850 from the Area Committee but the working group recommends that the request is refused due to a lack of information and that similar schemes are already being funded.*
75. This activity would meet G8b to decrease instances of antisocial behaviour in the Area Delivery Plan.

**Leeds City Council Community Sports  
Summer sports project - £26,275 revenue**

76. The summer sports project will provide 4 weeks of sports and recreational activities from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August for 8-13 year olds at a variety of venues. By running these sessions it is also hoped that the young people will attend more sports centres and play more sport on a regular basis.

77. There will also be cage football sessions at 2/3 locations in the area, which has proved very successful in other areas of the city at engaging young people who are often hard to reach, e.g. gangs of young people as it is a very attractive session.
78. Finally a 12 week programme will be run for 14 young people who are currently not in education employment or training (NEET). There will be a number of programmes, including media project and motorcycle mechanics (bumpy) and it is hoped the young people will take some of the activities further once the programme has finished and they will also receive a qualification.
79. *The total project cost is £50,760, with £26,275 being requested from the Inner North East Area Committee. The working group recommends that the full amount requested of £26,275 is approved to Community Sports.*
80. *This activity meets priority F2a to improve health and wellbeing of residents in the Area Delivery Plan.*

#### **New World Steel Pan Orchestra - £13,000 revenue**

81. This project aims to target disaffected young people and those involved in crime or anti-social behaviour or on the verge of such behaviour and engage them in the positive behaviour through music and they will also learn new skills.
82. The group works with young people from 5-19 and have around 50 young people attending the sessions every week.
83. *The total cost of the project is £16,000 and the group is looking for £13,000 funding from the wellbeing fund. The working group recommends that the group is given £11,000, with the proviso that they join VAL if they are not already members, that they play at the volunteers thank you event at Christmas and that they actively seek other funding and ways of supporting the group.*
84. *This activity meets priority G8b to decrease instances of antisocial behaviour in the Area Delivery Plan.*

#### **Gledhow Valley Conservation Area Group Heritage Lighting - £11,000 revenue**

85. This project is to upgrade the lighting around Gledhow Green to heritage lighting. There are a number of old buildings in the area and the lighting would help to create the sense of historical importance in this conservation area.
86. *The total cost of the additional heritage lighting is £11,000, but the working group recommended that the 3 wards need to be assessed collectively for heritage lighting and that this application should be part of that.*
87. *This activity meets priority A1b to improve the facilities and condition of parks and open spaces to encourage greater use by residents.*

**North East Police Division**  
**Alleygating - £15,000 Capital**

88. The Area Committee set aside £75,000 capital monies in 2006 specifically for gating and security initiatives which has been partly spend and the remainder carried forward which now has a balance of £37,300.
89. Schemes have been identified on St. Martin's Gardens, Riviera Gardens and Miles Hill Road that would benefit from alley gating. Crime analysis has been completed on these sites.
90. *The working group considered the application and made a recommendation that the scheme be approved £15,000 funding in full from the capital previously earmarked for security schemes.*
91. *This scheme addresses priorities G6a and G8b in the area delivery plan, to reduce levels of crime and decrease instances of anti social behaviour and increase satisfaction of how agencies deal with it.*

**Recommendations**

92. 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) £9,862 – Community Hall Improvements - capital
  - b) £3,500 – Woodland Trail – capital
  - c) £5,045 – Leeds Black Elders Kitchen Project – capital
  - d) £10,000 - Chapeltown Townscape Heritage Training Project – revenue
  - e) £1,200 - Meanwood Junior Playscheme – revenue
  - f) £6,750 - Meanwood Valley Urban Farm – revenue
  - g) £3,000 - Fuel Savers – revenue
  - h) £26,275 - Summer sports project – revenue
  - i) £11,000 - New World Steel Pan Orchestra – revenue
  - j) £15,000 - Alleygating – capital (to come from £37.3k still left in pot)
90. 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:
- k) £45,000 – Youth Support Programme – revenue
  - l) £7,831.67 – Burglary and Trembler Alarm Initiatives – revenue
  - m) £11,000 - Heritage Lighting - capital
  - n) £4,000 - Alwoodley Activities Fund –revenue
  - o) £5000 - Leeds Ahead - revenue
91. The Wellbeing Fund Working Group recommended that these funding applications are not agreed:
- p) £1850 - Uplift Project – revenue

92. The Wellbeing Fund Working Group recommend that £40k be earmarked from the 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 Wellbeing budget to enable the continued employment of a dedicated neighbourhoods manager for Inner NE to tackle the priority neighbourhoods identified within the Area Delivery Plan. The approval is subject to further consultation with Members on the exact role and remit of the neighbourhoods manager beyond 2009/10 and a full application being brought back for approval through the Member Working Group in the September/October cycle. The full application will include details of any match funding proposals which it is anticipated will reduce the amount needed from Wellbeing.