



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 26 October 2009

Subject: Well-Being Fund 2009/10

Electoral Wards Affected:

Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity ☐

Community Cohesion ☐

Narrowing the Gap ☐

Council
Function

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Delegated Executive
Function available
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Delegated Executive
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Executive Summary

This report provides an overview of spending to date, and presents for consideration a number of new project proposals requesting funding.

The Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the spend to date for the 2009/10 financial year.
- Consider the project proposals in paragraphs 19 - 38 and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded.
- Note the awarding of small grants for each ward;
- Note the projects in development.

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide details of the area committee well being fund, and present new projects for consideration.

Background Information

2. Each of the ten Area Committees receives an allocation of revenue and capital funding to commission projects and offer grants to organisations in the local area. The amount of funding for each Area Committee is determined by a formula based on population and deprivation in each area which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.

Revenue

3. The Well-Being revenue allocation for 2009/10 is £143,220, an increase of just under 2% on last year's allocation.
4. Using the percentage measure of the total population of the outer area, the split between the three wards is £53,278 for Alwoodley ward (37.2%), £43,109 for Harewood ward (30.1%) and £46,833 for Wetherby ward (32.7%).
5. At the Area Committee meeting on 6 July, it was agreed that £20,000 of the Wetherby ward revenue allocation should transfer to Alwoodley Ward, and in return the £20,000 of the Alwoodley capital allocation should transfer to Wetherby Ward.
6. It was also agreed that £10,000 revenue should be transferred to capital for Harewood Ward.
7. A grant of £2,500 was previously awarded to Bardsey Parish Council for heritage street lighting, this grant is no longer required.

Additional Allocation

8. An extra £50,000 was made available by the Executive Board in 2007 for each Area Committee to fund two areas of strategic importance:
 - Carrying out reviews of conservation areas in their geographical area.
 - Introducing Residents' Only parking / extra parking provision in particular areas of concern.
9. Split between the three wards, the funding provided an allocation of £16,667 per ward. The Wetherby and Harewood ward allocation has been used to fund the conservation area reviews, however there remains an amount of £16,667 for Alwoodley Ward.
10. Table 1 in the appendix to this report shows the spend to date and current balance for the revenue budget.

Small Grants

11. In March 2007, the Area Committee agreed that a Small Grants Fund be set aside within the Well Being Revenue Budget allocation. The purpose of the

fund is to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of two grants of up to £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit.

12. For the current financial year, £9000 of revenue (£3000 per ward) has been earmarked for small grants.
13. Since the September Area Committee the following projects have been approved:

Boston Spa Parish Council

Downgrading Winnow Lane to bridalway status £500

14. Erection of gates and fencing/bollards across a former adopted highway following its downgrading to bridleway/footpath/cycle track so that motor vehicles cannot access the area thus preventing fly tipping and anti social behaviour. The bridleway/path links into the network of paths and bridleways created during the upgrading of the nearby A1M to motorway. LCC are carrying out the closure and associated works. The total cost of the project is £1006.
15. Table 2 in the appendix to this report summarises the small grants approved to date for 2009/10.

Environment Fund

16. At the March 2009 area committee meeting it was agreed that the environmental grant scheme should be continued for 2009/10. For the current financial year, £30,000 (£10,000 per ward) revenue has been earmarked for this scheme.
17. Table 3 in the appendix to this report shows the environment fund grants approved to date.

Capital

18. The Area Committee also has a capital allocation. Table 4 in the appendix to this report sets out details of capital allocations for previous years, capital spend and current balances.

New Projects for Consideration

Revenue projects

Deighton Road Flats External Improvements £4250 (Wetherby Ward) East North East Leeds Homes

19. This area is a complex of eight maisonette blocks. The residents are mainly elderly and are increasingly struggling to maintain the exterior of the blocks. The scheme involves removing the bushes and brambles around each of

the blocks and replacing with a gravel edging. This type of improvement work has already been undertaken at Birkmyre House and following its success, residents of the neighbouring blocks have asked for this work to be undertaken.

20. The total cost of the works is £4250, and East North East Leeds Homes are looking to jointly fund the scheme with the area committee.
21. ADP Theme: Environment. Priority E5: To improve the condition and appearance of open/public spaces.

**Leeds City Council Highways
Wattle Syke, £1953 (Harewood Ward)**

22. Provision of 900mm high, one rail, birds mouth fencing (40 metres) to protect the frontages of properties 1,2 and 3 Wattle Syke (near the junction with Wetherby Road).
23. ADP Theme: Environment. Priority E5: To improve the condition and appearance of open/public spaces.

**Leeds City Council
Provision of new grit bins £2850 (Alwoodley Ward)**

24. Provision of 15 grit bins for various locations in the Alwoodley Ward in various locations identified by ward members. The cost per bin filled with grit is £190. There will be a future cost of £80 per bin for refilling them.
25. ADP Theme: Transport. Priority D4: Improve road safety for road users and pedestrians.

Capital projects

**East North East Leeds Homes (on behalf of the Residents Association)
Alderton Heights CCTV Project (Alwoodley Ward) £35,000**

25. This project is to provide comprehensive CCTV system to all 3 multi storey blocks at Alderton Heights. The system will cover entrances, carpark, lobbies and lifts, and the external grounds around the blocks. The system for each block will include 8 security cameras.
26. ADP Theme: Thriving Places. Priority G4 Creating safer environments by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

**Bardsey cum Rigton Parish Council
Bardsey Playground Renovation Project £10,000 (Harewood Ward)**

27. Bardsey's playground is looking shabby after 16 years of usage, and the parish council would like to extend the range of equipment on offer. The fencing needs replacing and new gates are required. Refurbishment of the playground is part of a wider scheme to make Bardsey into a centre of recreational excellence. The parish council are seeking £10,000 to replace the fencing. Applications will be made to other funders including Green Leeds for the new equipment and resurfacing.
12. ADP Theme: Harmonious Communities. Priority H2: Develop opportunities in and usage of community parks to get more people actively involved in their local parks.

Barwick Miners Institute

Provision of disabled toilet £15,000 (Harewood Ward)

29. Barwick Miner's Institute is a community facility which accommodates a number of groups offering activities for the local community. The Institute has requested £15,000 to build a small extension to the front of the property in order to provide disabled toilet facilities. The existing toilets are on the first floor. Planning permission has been granted for the extension.
30. ADP Themes: Culture. Priority A2: Support community cultural events and activities.
Harmonious Communities. Priority H8: Support the voluntary, community and faith sector to deliver priority service provision.

Scarcroft Village Hall Management Committee

Internal refurbishment (Harewood Ward) £1900

31. Scarcroft Village Hall is a valuable community facility in need of redecorating. The total cost of the redecorating is £4000. This includes replacing dirty and damaged suspended ceiling tiles, repainting visible woodwork, repainting the internal walls. The management committee are applying for a grant of £1900 towards the cost of the works.
32. ADP Themes: Culture. Priority A2: Support community cultural events and activities. Harmonious Communities. Priority H8: Support the voluntary, community and faith sector to deliver priority service provision.

1st Shadwell Scout Group

Shadwell Scout Headquarters (Harewood Ward) £10,675

33. Shadwell Parish Council have leased land to Shadwell Scout Group for a scout headquarters (on a 25 year term). A modular building has been donated to the site, but additional space is required to accommodate the 20 scouts, 20 cubs, 18 beavers, 36 guides and 15 rangers who would use the facilities. The facilities will also be available for community use during the day. Planning permission has been granted for an additional building. The total cost of refurbishing the site, formerly a pub car park, as a scout headquarters is £40,135. The Scout Group are applying for a grant of £10,675 which is the cost of one modular building.

34. Harmonious Communities. Priority H8: Support the voluntary, community and faith sector to deliver priority service provision.

Leeds City Council Early Years Service

Boston Spa Deepdale Community Facilities (Wetherby Ward) £105,000

35. Proposals for a phase 3 Children's Centre which incorporates facilities for youth provision are being developed. Capital has been secured from the Children's Centre Development Grant for a new building and the Area Committee had originally earmarked £50,000 towards the cost of the works. However, there is a desire to include nursery provision within the Children's Centre which would require additional funding. Therefore an amount of £105,000 is sought as a contribution towards the construction of the children's centre.
Please refer to earlier agenda item.
36. ADP Theme: Learning. Priority C5: Improve participation and early learning outcomes for all children.

Bramham Sports Pavilion

Bramham Sports and Leisure Association (Wetherby Ward) £27,000

37. This project aims to develop the playing field area in Bramham into a sports and leisure facility and, in phase 1, provide a multi purpose pavilion/clubhouse to host a variety of sports and a meeting area. The long term plans include senior and junior football pitches, an all weather service area, activity trail and bowling green. Planning permission has been obtained, initial funding secured and a programme is in place to raise the remaining funds. The total cost of the project is £290,000. This application is for a grant of £27,000 for the cost of the substructure and foundations.
38. ADP Theme: Harmonious Communities. Priority H3: Support activities to develop participation in sport and active recreation in the community.

Projects in Development

39. The following projects are in development. This means that the Area Management Team is working with an organisation to ensure that any proposal submitted is linked to one or more of the Area Committee priorities, that full application forms with appropriate information are submitted for each one, and that other funding sources which may be able to contribute to the project are also explored.

Tree planting, Moor Lane, (Harewood Ward) £12,000

40. A project is being developed to plant 40 trees as part of environmental improvements on Moor Lane near Collingham Moor just off Wattle Skye. The path is well used by ramblers and walkers, and the tree line is visible from the surrounding area.

41. ADP Theme: Environment. Priority E5: to improve the condition and appearance of open/public spaces.

Graveyard at St Paul's Church, Shadwell £9,016 (Harewood Ward)

42. Shadwell Parish Council is seeking a funding contribution towards the costs of undertaking repair and refurbishment work to the graveyard to create a safe and attractive greenspace with seating. This will include resetting of loose headstones and refurbishment of the path and grassed areas. The main footpath route through the village crosses the graveyard and many residents and visitors pass through the area.
43. ADP Theme: Environment. Priority E5: To improve the condition and appearance of open/public spaces.

Implications For Council Policy and Governance

44. Area Delivery Plans cover local priorities for well being spend and these are linked to the Leeds Strategic Plan outcomes and improvement priorities.

Legal and Resource Implications

45. The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of well being budgets within the framework of the Council's Constitution and in accordance with Local Government Act 2000.

Conclusions

46. The well-being fund provides financial support for projects in the Outer North East Area which support the priorities of the Area Delivery Plan.

Recommendations

47. The Area Committee is requested to:
- Consider the project proposals in paragraphs 19 – 38 and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded.
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Background Papers

Area Functions Schedule Report July 2009

Executive Board report 14th January Update on the Phase 3 Children's Centre Programme

Executive Board report 14th January, Design and Cost Report, Boston Spa Children's Centre.