

Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 7th December 2009

Subject: Well-Being Budget

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 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 Wellbeing budgets is provided to assist the decision making, attached as appendix A (includes Small Grants scheme) and capital as 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.

The applications presented were considered by the Area Committee in June 2009 and it was requested that additional information be provided in relation to each for them to be reconsidered at this meeting.

Applications

5. The Area Management team undertake rigorous checks and take relevant professional advice on financial accounts, CRB checks, constitutional documents and other related documentation for all applications to ensure that safeguarding and financial regulations are adhered to.

Project/Activity Proposals:

Moortown RUFC

Children's Hall refurbishment - £2,200 revenue (health & wellbeing)

6. This application is to metal clad the back and side of the mini-junior players hall where the original material, fitted in 1942, has started to come away. If this is not done soon it may result in the sides being breached and the club state that this would result in them having to close.
7. Despite being located in the Alwoodley ward the club do get good attendance from the Moortown ward, although the funding application has been split 50/50 with the Outer North east area committee with each area committee being asked for £2,200.
8. The rest of the funding (£2,600) will come from fundraising that has already been done by the club over the last two years. There is very little maintenance needed with the proposed new walling and they state that it should last 25 years.
9. *This project will assist in achieving priority A1 to enable more people to be involved in sport and culture by providing better quality and wider ranging activities and facilities.*

10. *The Well being Fund Working Group was supportive of the project and recommended that the full amount of £2,200 be approved to Moortown RUFC to administer.*

Roundhay Allotments and Garden Association

Roundhay Allotment Extension - £3,000 revenue (stronger communities)

11. Planning approval was gained in 2006 to extend the current allotment site to provide 11 extra quarter plots. In order to fulfil this the boundary fence on the south side of the site needs to be moved to allow for the expansion.
12. The allotments society currently have a waiting list and the additional plots would reduce this list.
13. The full cost of the project is £6,800 with £3,000 being requested from the Area Committee to match fund. Parks and Countryside have agreed to do the work at their price quoted in 2006 and put £3,000 toward the cost of the project. The shortfall of £800 would be made up from the Roundhay Allotments and Garden Association funds.
14. The allotment users come from various postcodes, but the large majority are from within the Inner North East area.
15. *The Well being Fund Working Group was supportive of the project and recommended that the full amount of £3,000 be approved to Roundhay Allotments and Garden Association to administer.*
16. *This project will assist in achieving priority E3a Improved environmental appearance of inner north east and priority A1b to improve the facilities and condition of parks and open spaces to encourage greater use by residents.*

Radio Fever

Community Voices - £12,000 Revenue (Stronger Communities)

17. This bid initially came to the October Area Committee and £8,000 was approved subject to agreement by the Inner East Area Committee match funding. At the October meeting of the Inner East Area Committee funding was not approved.
18. It was requested by the Committee that the application be reconsidered given the above decision by the working group to re-evaluate how the project could still be delivered.
19. Following a meeting with Radio Fever it was agreed that a number of options would be brought back to the working group for discussion and make a recommendation to the Area Committee.
20. Radio Fever presented a number of options of how the project could be delivered on a sliding scale of reduced funding that the working group considered, copy of the option proposed is attached as appendix C.
21. Members of the working group were supportive of ensuring that the project went ahead and that there was no detrimental effect on the Tudor Trust funding. Radio

Fever agreed that the outreach worker post, if funded, would work exclusively in the Inner North East area.

22. Members were keen to direct the project in relation to which groups in their ward should be supported through the project and be involved in some of this. As well as interim monitoring being provided on a monthly basis to ensure satisfactory progress.
23. *This project will assist in achieving priority F2 Improve health and wellbeing of residents and priority H2a increase the sense of pride and belonging in neighbourhoods to help build more cohesive communities*
24. *The Well Being Fund Working Group was supportive of the project but did not reach a consensus of opinion on the level of funding to be approved and recommended that the full Area Committee consider the application and level of funding to be given to the project.*

Pest Control

Impact Pest Control Bid £23,000 Revenue (Environment)

25. The application from pest control is to provide additional investigations and surveys to properties with repeat instances of rodent infestations. The Impact (Priority Neighbourhood) area has been highlighted through pest control as one that suffers from high levels of rodents.
26. The project would provide surveys to properties to identify possible rodent access points by conducting a full survey of the drainage system with CCTV and the external perimeter of the properties and those in the immediate vicinity.
27. Faults and recommended remedial action would be reported to the property owner for resolution.
28. The working group considered the application and rejected it for a number of reasons, the main issue was that members did not feel that the project guaranteed successfully resolving the issue as it only provided information as the cause and not solving the problem.
29. *The Well being Fund Working Group rejected the application and recommended that it not be funded.*

Recommendations

56. The Area Committee is requested to:
 - a) Note the contents of this report
 - b) Consider the recommendations of the Members Working Group to approve the following applications:
 - i. Moortown RUFC Children's Hall refurbishment - £2,200 revenue
 - ii. Roundhay Allotments Association expansion £3,000 revenue

- c) Consider the recommendation to not approve funding for the Pest Control Impact Bid.
- d) Consider and make a decision on the Radio Fever application and level of funding.

Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2009/10.