



Report of the East North East Area Manager

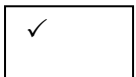
North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 1st February 2010

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



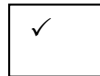
Narrowing the Gap



Council
Function



Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In



Delegated Executive
Function not available for
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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), capital as appendix B and a list of skips ordered through the Area Committee's skips budget 2009/10 as appendix C.

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.

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:

Chapel Allerton Good Neighbours

Interim funding shortage - £3,000 revenue (health & wellbeing)

6. Chapel Allerton Good Neighbours (CAGN) scheme was launched in July 2009 and although it has not benefited historically from some funding other neighbourhood networks have received it has submitted a tender to the NHS Trust to secure future funding.
7. This funding, however, does not come into effect until 1st July 2010 and although the network has an LCC apportioned continuation grant of £2,600 and an estimated underspend of £3,500 from 2009/10 they are still £3,000 short for their anticipated spend from 1st April 2010 until 30th June 2010 and are seeking support through Well Being funding to bridge the gap.
8. During the first ten months of operation CAGN has grown to include 68 members and 18 volunteers. They support people on a one to one basis looking at benefit advice, social care referrals, heating etc, and hold regular activity meetings and trips out. The group is managed and directed through WRVS and the development of the group directed by a Local Advisory Group.
9. The scheme is widely promoted in the local area to encourage more people to get involved and benefit from the services they offer and is a great asset to the area for

older people enabling them to maintain their independence and reduce feelings of isolation. The group plan to develop new services and activities to meet the needs of the growth in the older population in the coming years.

10. *This project will assist in achieving priority F4a to Increase the number of vulnerable people helped to live at home.*
11. *The Well being Fund Working Group was supportive of the project and recommended that the full amount of £3,000 be approved to Chapel Allerton Good Neighbours to administer.*

Inner North East Skip Budget

12. At the Inner North East Area Committee meeting on 1st August 2008 it was agreed that subject to member's approval skips requested by community groups would be paid for out of money assigned to the environment pot.
13. For the 2009/10 period £2,500 was set aside within the Environmental pot for the payment of skips. However as illustrated in appendix C, a copy of the full breakdown of skips ordered and costs, the total spent so far on skips is £4,440.
14. It is therefore suggested that the remainder of the funding in the Environment pot, £2,104.57, is transferred into the skips budget to give a total of £4604.57. This will however only leave enough funding for one more skip this year up until March.
15. During this period we often get a number of skip requests, especially from allotments, as people 'spring clean' their area. It is further suggested therefore that an additional £1,000 is allocated towards skips from the stronger communities pot to accommodate this shortfall. This would still leave £18,409 in the stronger communities allocation.

Chapeltown THI Training Project Update

16. In June 2009 the Regeneration Service (City Projects Team) successfully bid for £10,000 from the INE Area Committee to fund a training project to compliment the Chapeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative.
17. The project was to provide tailored Heritage Skills Awareness based training which is targeted at unemployed individuals from Chapeltown as part of the Council's procured service through the Leeds College of Building's Level 1 Construction Diploma, a Half-Day Awareness workshop for property owners and occupiers in Chapeltown and pay for the costs of designing, printing and distributing publicity leaflets promoting good practice in the maintenance of historic properties in the area. To also address policy objectives and address an identified gap and shortage in current training provision in Chapeltown by funding tailored training packages for unemployed individuals in the initial knowledge and practical use of construction techniques including traditional heritage building skills and complement the Local Strategic Partnership priority and core target which is to support improved links between education, training and job opportunities.

18. Progress on the training project was previously flagged as a 'Concern to Highlight' in the 'Inner North East Progress against the 34 Community Charter Promises' section within the 7 December 2009 Area Committee report papers.

Progress to Date

19. Since June, Jobs and Skills have liaised with Leeds College of Building to develop the course content and deliver the project. Start dates of 2 November and 30 November were identified to commence two courses: the first focusing on Carpentry and Joinery, and the second on Brickwork. Leaflets were produced and distributed in the area but there was insufficient take up and as such a further publicity campaign is being undertaken through direct leaflet drop.

Next Steps

20. Jobs and Skills and Leeds College of Building have agreed an alternative date of 11th January for the training course to commence and LCB are proceeding to advertise the course via a leaflet drop in the area over the Christmas/New Year period. Given the previous apparent lack of demand and the limited time available to promote the course before 11 January 2010 there is a risk that the time frame identified and the marketing strategy will again be insufficient to attract course participants, it is therefore suggested that the marketing be widened to include the wider Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay wards and the working group members agreed with this approach.

Possible future bids

21. Below is the current wellbeing budget position of the Area Committee set out under the eight themes the funding has been allocated to. Due to a lack of applications recently, and in order to fully commit the budget, it is suggested area management are approved to work with local groups and organisations to commission projects that assist the Area Committee in meeting their 34 promises.

Theme	Budget remaining	Budget remaining if current proposals agreed
Environment	£2,104.57	£0
Culture	£10,050.00	£10,050.00
Learning	£20,000.00	£20,000.00
Transport	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Health & Well Being	£15,142.00	£12,142.00
Thriving Neighbourhoods	£7,320.00	£7,320.00
Stronger Communities	£19,409.00	£13,409.00
Enterprise & Economy	£8,018.00	£8,018.00
Total Allocation	£233,300.00	£233,300.00
Total Committed	£148,146.43	£157,361.00
Total Remaining	£85,153.57	£75,939.00

22. The team will also work with local ward members at their ward meetings to look at whether they have any projects that could be worked up to help meet the promises.

Recommendations

23. The Area Committee is requested to:
- a) Note the contents of this report and:
 - b) Consider the recommendations of the Members Working Group to approve the funding for Chapel Allerton Good Neighbours - £3,000 revenue (health & wellbeing)
 - c) Consider the recommendation to allocate the rest of the funding in the environmental pot, £2,104.57, towards skips and to further allocate £1,000 from the stronger communities pot.
 - d) Note the issues relating to delivery of the THI training project, and agree that the project timescales extend beyond March 2010 and for the marketing to include Moortown, Roundhay and the whole of the Chapel Allerton Ward.
 - e) Approve the area management team working with local groups and organisations to commission bids to help fulfil the 34 promises and if there are any schemes ward members would like progressing to make the area management team aware of them.

Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2009/10.