



Report of the East North East Area Manager

Inner East Area Committee

Date: 23 September 2010

Subject: Well-Being Fund

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Killingbeck & Seacroft Gipton & Harehills Burmantofts & Richmondhill</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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 requested to:

- Note the spend to date and current balances for the 2010/11 financial year;
- Note the awarding of small grants;
- Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded;

Revenue

£ 9,800	Getaway Girls, Fusion Project
£ 1,800	Learning Partnerships, Inner East Extended Services Cluster Pantomimes;
£999	Harehills Healthy Living Group, Stop smoking campaign

Capital

£12,600	East End Park Removal of Road Closure Points;
£ 3,675	Eastdean Drive Car parking

- Approve the proposals for a wellbeing working group and agree membership of the group;

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide details of the well being fund to the Area Committee, including details of new projects for consideration.

Background Information

2. Each of the ten Area Committees receives an allocation of revenue and capital funding. 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.
3. The Area Committee wellbeing fund is used to commission activity and projects to support the promises in the community charter. Applications are also accepted from organisations in the local area who can demonstrate that their project supports the Community Charter promises. These projects are monitored quarterly on progress, with a final evaluation taking place when the project is completed.

Well being 2010/11

Revenue

4. The Well-Being revenue allocation for 2010/11 was originally £296,600. This was based upon a formula which determines that 75% of the available funding was split on a per capita basis and 25% based on the level of deprivation measured by the number of households in receipt of benefit. An additional amount was provided to Inner East, Inner West and Inner South to ensure they received resources equivalent to a deprivation weighting of 10%.
5. At its March 2010 meeting, the Area Committee agreed the following spending plan in order to ensure the delivery of Charter promises:

Existing commitments	95,000
Things to Do	33,000
Clean and Green	15,000
Local Economy	6,200
Learning for All	6,000
Safer Neighbourhoods	93,400
Community Life	26,000
Healthy Living	22,000
Total budget 2010/11	296,600

Small Grants

6. Community organisations can apply for a small grant 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. These are approved by ward members and funded from the Community Life budget heading.

7. The following small grants have been approved since the March Area Committee:
- **£500 – Football in the Community, Extended Services** (IE.10.03.SG) – 1.5 hours per week community football sessions in Gipton and Harehills for 8-13 year olds at Hovingham Primary School.
 - **£500 Leeds Gathering, Irish Arts Foundation** (IE.10.05.SG) – a ten day city wide celebration event, including Gipton and Harehills, to celebrate traditional Irish music, arts and cultural heritage through workshops and performances.
 - **£500 – New printer/scanner/copier and consumables, ALO¹ Tenants and Residents Association** (IE.10.08.SG) – purchase of equipment to support the work undertaken by ALO to promote the association, meetings, activities etc.
 - **£500 – St. Mary’s Church Centre, St. Mary’s Church** (IE.10.10.SG) - Yearly contribution to St. Mary’s Church to ensure the continuation of the valuable work undertaken at the centre, including Zest, Touchstone and Teen Challenge.
 - **£500 – Zest Healthy Living for Life, Urban Sports** (IE.10.15.SG) – Provision of sporting activities during summer evenings targeting locations of high anti-social behaviour in East End Park and Seacroft, promoting healthy lifestyles including healthy eating and activities.
 - **£500 – St. Vincent’s Community Café, St. Vincent’s Support Centre** IE.10.16.SG – Refurbishment of café due to recent move. Replacement of dated and worn furnishings. Café offers a wide range of community services from volunteering to adult education information.
8. Appendix A to this report shows spend to date and current balance for the revenue budget including the carry forward figure from 2009/10.

New Revenue Projects for Consideration

£9,800 - Getaway Girls, Fusion Project (IE.10.22.LGR)

9. Funding to support the project with group work costs, childcare provision, materials, visits, refreshments, transport, translation costs and sessional worker. The proposed project is to offer support for young women who are refugees and asylum seekers from Gipton and Harehills. The young women would be contacted through outreach work in the area to focus on women who feel isolated in the community. Local young women, trained as peer support workers would be involved offering individual support to build confidence and also a chance to develop friendships through group work. Opportunities to access other Getaway Girls services including Buddy Programme and visits to other local services. During their time in the project a photography display would be built up focussing on their journey to Leeds. A celebration event would be organised to share stories and celebrate their cultural identity and achievements.

¹ Ambertons, Lawrences and Oaktrees

10. Community Charter theme: Things to do.

£1,800 - Learning Partnerships, Inner East Extended Services Cluster Pantomimes (IE.10.24.LGR)

11. Funding to support 3 community pantomimes during December 2010 to encourage the involvement of local parents and families in the Inner East Extended Services Clusters. The tickets and promotion of the pantomimes would be done through local school, Children Centres and Extended Services for families in the area and would take place at local schools or community venues. Involved (Volunteering for young people aged 16-24) have expressed an interest in organising volunteer assistance.

12. Community Charter theme: Community Life

£999 - Harehills Healthy Living Group, Bangladeshi Community Stop Smoking Campaign

13. Funding to support a 'Stop Smoking campaign' in the Bangladeshi Community of Harehills. Statistics show that Bangladeshi men are at the highest risk of developing significant ill health due to tobacco use than any other group in the city. The project aims to:

- Raise awareness of the short and long term benefits of stopping smoking to self and family members and friends;
- Improvement in lifestyle due to improve health from stopping tobacco use;
- Improvement in lifestyle due to giving up the costly activity of smoking;
- Improve knowledge of the Leeds stop smoking service and other advice centres.

14. The funding is to cover the cost of printing leaflets, in Bengali, and to provide an afternoon of conversation and presentation (including refreshments) to an established men's group at the Bangladeshi Centre.

15. Harehills Healthy Living group is a multi-agency group focusing on improving health in Harehills. The budget holder for this project will be Feel Good Factor.

16. Community Charter theme: Healthy Living

Capital

17. For 2010/11 the intention was to allocate an amount of £20,000 capital to each area committee. However due to the withdrawal of the LPSA² Reward Grant this additional capital is no longer available. Appendix B to this report sets out details of the current balances for the capital allocation.

New Capital projects for consideration

East End Park Removal of Road Closure Points

18. Local residents have asked for three road closure points along East Park Drive at East Park Mount, Charlton Road and Glensdale Drive to be

² Local Public Service Agreement

removed and replaced with alternative traffic calming measures. Following consultation with residents Highways are proposing a scheme to replace the closure points with road humps.

19. The area is a priority for the Richmondhill Tasking Team because it is an anti-social behaviour hotspot. The tasking team are of the view that removing the road closure points would be beneficial to the area in helping to resolve the anti-social problems in this location.

20. The cost of the scheme is:

Removal of existing closure points	7,500
Installation of road humps	15,000
Signing and lining	800
Staff costs	5,825

21. Staff costs will be covered by highways, and a further £4000 will be contributed from Richmondhill Tasking budget, leaving a cost of £19,300 to be identified. Members are asked to consider using the remainder of the capital allocation for Burmantofts & Richmondhill (£12,600) to fund this scheme. Richmondhill Tasking team will be approached to increase the contribution to £10,700 make up the shortfall.

Eastdean Drive Car parking

22. At the March 2010 Area Committee meeting members approved an amount of £12,000 for a scheme to construct ten car parking spaces at Eastdean Drive. The project has now been costed and will cost £15,675. Therefore an additional £3,675 is required for this scheme.

23. A second scheme approved at the 2010 Area Committee was a residents' car parking scheme for Lyme Chase. £10,000 was approved and the actual cost of the scheme will be £5000. Therefore the additional costs for Eastdean Drive can be covered from the underspend on this scheme.

24. The area committee is asked to approve the use of the underspend from Lyme Chase to fund the additional costs of £3,675 for Eastdean Drive.

Wellbeing fund working group

25. Following discussion with the area committee chair and area manager, it is proposed to establish an area committee working group to consider future wellbeing spending.

26. The working group will consider proposals and applications for spend of the wellbeing fund in detail. The group will have the opportunity to discuss proposals with applicants and officers, as appropriate, before making summary recommendations to the Area Committee.

27. The working group will make recommendations to the area committee on allocating funding to projects within the framework of the annual spending plan which supports the community charter (referred to in paragraph 7 of this report).

28. In future years the working group will take responsibility for formulating the recommendations to area committee for the annual spending plan.
29. Membership of the working group will comprise of three ward members, one from each ward. The group will be supported by the area management team.

Implications For Council Policy and Governance

30. 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

31. 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

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

Recommendations

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Background Papers

Area Functions Schedule Report July 2010