



Report of the East North East Area Manager

Inner East Area Committee

Date: 2 December 2010

Subject: Well-Being Fund

Electoral Wards Affected:

Killingbeck & Seacroft
Gipton & Harehills
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

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 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 recommendations from the Inner East Wellbeing Group and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded;

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 and recommendations from the Inner East Wellbeing Working group.

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. On 21 July 2010 the Executive Board approved, with immediate effect, a change in the formula for allocating revenue to 50%/50% deprivation to population. The revised allocations were calculated using the 2008 mid year estimates of population and the number of households claiming Council administered benefit in 2008. The supporting data shows that there have been no significant changes to the levels of deprivation but there have been changes in population levels. Therefore those areas of the city which received the greatest share of the funding were those where population levels had changed significantly.
6. The impact of this change for Inner East is an increase in the wellbeing revenue allocation of £1586.
7. At its March 2010 meeting, the Area Committee a spending plan in order to ensure the delivery of Charter promises. This set out in the following table:

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
Additional funding following change in formula	1568
Total budget 2010/11	296,600

Small Grants

8. 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.

9. The following small grants have been approved since the October area committee:

Gipton Methodist Toddler Group	New equipment	£500
ASYABI	Leeds 2010 Conference for Sickle Cell	£495
Seacroft Happy Families	therapies and Activities	£500
Richmond Hill Elderly Action	Warm Homes Campaign	£300

10. Appendix A to this report shows spend to date and current balance for the revenue budget including the carry forward figure from 2009/10.
11. The budget set aside for small grants is now all spent. The recommendation from the Inner East Wellbeing working group is to vire £3,000 from the consultation and community events budget to fund any small grants approved during the remainder of the current financial year.

Capital

12. Appendix B to this report sets out details of the current balances for the capital allocation.

New projects for consideration

Revenue

Mind, Body and Soul Project, Space 2 £10442

ADP Theme: Healthy Living

13. Funding is requested to run two Mind, Body and Soul projects which are 31 week healthy living programmes providing a holistic approach to changing the participant's life for the better and promoting better understanding of the contributory factors that support positive mental and physical wellbeing. The project was piloted last year and has a huge positive impact on the physical and mental well-being of the women who took part.
14. One will take place in Gipton and one in Seacroft with new women recruited through a publicity campaign, supported by the new community champions; supported by extended services, Teams Seacroft and Gipton and other local partners. The women who benefited from the projects last year will also act as advocates promoting and supporting new women into the project. These two neighbourhoods have been identified because they are 2 areas of Leeds where health inequalities are most marked and barriers to accessing health services greatest. The project will be delivered with a modular approach focusing on different aspects of health and well-being feeding into identified priorities for the neighbourhoods and the East COPD group. Areas to be addressed will focus on the participants: mind, body and soul, as well as promote and support lifestyle changes relating to reducing and better managing Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.
15. The total cost of the project is £19415 and Space 2 is seeking £10,442 from the wellbeing fund.

16. Wellbeing working group recommendation: Approve £10,442

Continuation of youth worker secondment arrangement to Bangladeshi Centre - £10,360 full time.

ADP Theme: Community Life

17. Following the transfer of the Bangladeshi Centre in Harehills to a local, voluntary management committee a secondment opportunity was created for a Senior Youth Worker. The secondee appointed is responsible for:

- developing the skills and knowledge of community leaders to enable them to manage and develop the Harehills Bangladeshi Community Centre;
- managing the development of new and sustainable initiatives which will meet the needs of the local community, improve their quality of life and ensure their involvement in the local decision making process;
- Enabling the centre to promote the wellbeing and inclusion of young people in the activities and management of the centre.

18. The current secondment arrangement ends on 13th December, and funding is sought to continue the secondee arrangement until 31 March 2011. The applicant has asked for £10,360 which would cover a full time secondment.

19. To compliment the work at the Bangladeshi Centre it is proposed that an integrated youth strategy for Harehills is developed. The overall aim of the strategy is to coordinate and improve the delivery of services to young people with a particular focus around improved access to accredited training and/or employment opportunities and diversionary activities. Much of this work will focus around the support and assistance that can be provided to groups working with young people (8-24) in the area, to provide links to services and assistance to secure funding to aid development.

20. Wellbeing working group recommendation: Approve £6,216 to fund the secondment for three days per week.

CCTV – Bellbrooks 2011/12 £2096

ADP Theme Safe Neighbourhoods

21. 2010/11 is the final year for Bellbrook's CCTV Funding which runs out 31/03/11. The Area Committee are asked to consider continuation of the funding. Should the Area Committee decide to continue funding of the CCTV it can be reviewed annually. The cost includes monitoring, maintenance, BT and Electricity costs, with a 50% reduction to the Area Committee for monitoring and maintenance.

22. A decision is needed now because if funding is not continuing we will need to give three months notice to BT in Jan to cease the circuit at the end of March. Should the CCTV cease there will be a charge for decommissioning the camera to cover cancellation of the service, removal of the column and reinstatement of the highway, the approximate figure for this is £1500.

23. Wellbeing working group recommendation: Approve £2096 to continue a further year.

Implications For Council Policy and Governance

24. 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

25. 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

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

Recommendations

27. The Area Committee is requested to:
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Background Papers

Area Functions Schedule Report July 2010