



Report of the South East Area Manager

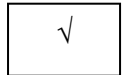
East Outer Area Committee

Date: 7th December 2010

Subject: Well Being Budget (Revenue) 2010/11

Electoral Wards Affected:

Cross Gates & Whinmoor
Garforth & Swillington
Kippax and Methley
Temple Newsam



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

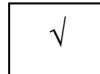
Equality and Diversity

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 updates Area Committee on the Well Being budget for expenditure in 2010/11 with details provided on some of the work funded from this source. The budget for 2010/11 is £210,985.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The Well Being budget for Outer East Area Committee is £210,985 in 2010/11.
- 1.2 The budget has one commitment of £38,500 to cover the cost of LeedsWatch CCTV monitoring and maintenance for its 11 cameras.
- 1.3 The remainder of the budget has been used to fund particular projects and targeted at priority themes within the Area Delivery Plan.
- 1.4 This report updates Area Committee on a number of recent requests for funding.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Well Being Budget for 2010/11 is £210,985.

- 2.2 In 2010/11 Area Committee has a total commitment of £38,500 for CCTV monitoring and maintenance costs.
- 2.3 At its meeting held in March 2010 Area Committee approved the following projects:
- a gardening service for elderly and disabled people - £39,000
 - community payback probation scheme - £15,000
 - small grants budget - £10,000.
 - the cost of an additional Community Environment Support Officer(CESO) - 27,700 per year (including on costs).
 - Funding towards the provision of a Credit Union at Halton Moor One Stop Centre - £5,000.
- 2.4 The CCTV commitment and cost of the other projects amounts to £135,200. There is a carry over from unspent Well Being from 2009/10 of just under £15,000. This leaves a balance of £90,000 to be split evenly across the 4 wards.
- 2.5 Area Committee agreed that the remainder of the budget was allocated against the following priority areas of work:
- Additional Activities for young people
 - Community Engagement
 - Tasking Team (Community Safety and environmental work)

3.0 MAIN ISSUES

3.1 Small Grants

- 3.1.1 There is £10,000 available within the small grants budget which provides up to £500 per application. Small grant expenditure in 10/11 is detailed on **appendix 1**.
- 3.1.2 This budget was not split evenly between wards and Members are requested to note that the number of applications received from the Garforth & Swillington ward is higher than the combined total of the other 3 wards.

3.2 Community Engagement

- 3.2.1 A number of requests for funding have been received since the last meeting. These include 'switch on' events for the Christmas lights at Methley and Cross Gates. A request for funding for the Garforth Arts Festival and an update concerning Garforth Primary Prom in the Park, deferred at the last meeting, is also included within this report.
- 3.2.2 The table below breaks down requests for funding and allocations for community engagement projects by ward.

Project Application	Requested	Allocated	XG&W	TN	G&S	K&M
Forum costs (est)	£2,145.00	£2,145.00	£1,072.00	£715.00	£179.00	£179.00
Older Persons Week (est)	£3,300.00	£3,300.00	£825.00	£825.00	£825.00	£825.00
Year of Volunteer 1	£2,310.00	£2,310.00	£577.00	£577.00	£577.00	£577.00
Year of Volunteer 2 (est)	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£375.00	£375.00	£375.00	£375.00
Garforth Gala	£1,500.00	£1,500.00			£1,500.00	
Cross Gates lights (quote)*	£3,110.00	£2,610.00	£2,610.00			
Cross Gates lights in TN ward	£806.00	£806.00		£806.00		
Methley christmas lights	£2,145.00	£2,145.00				£2,145.00
Garforth Arts Festival	£6,000.00					
Garforth Primary Proms (withdrawn)	£2,000.00					
Cross Gates lights switch on	£4,265.00	£2,541.00	£2,541.00			
Methley lights switch on	£1,100.00	£1,100.00				£1,100.00
Total	£30,181.00	£19,957.00	£8,000.00	£3,298.00	£3,456.00	£5,201.00
Budget	£32,000.00	£32,000.00	£8,000.00	£8,000.00	£8,000.00	£8,000.00
Balance	£1,819.00	£12,043.00	£0.00	£4,702.00	£4,544.00	£2,799.00

3.2.3 Christmas Lights 'switch on' events in Cross Gates and Methley

3.2.4 The improvement and promotion of town and district centres is one of the priorities included within the Area Delivery Plan of Outer East Area Committee. New heritage street lighting which included the electrical installations to hold Christmas light motifs was included in the Town & District Centre capital project in Cross Gates. At the October meeting of Area Committee it supported the funding of motif hire for the lights. The total cost of the motif hire was £3,110 with Outer East contributing £2,610 towards the cost and Inner East providing £500 from its budget.

3.2.5 At recent meetings of the Cross Gates Forum representations have been made from Cross Gates Traders Association and the Cross Gates Shopping Centre to have a 'switch on' event aimed at further promoting Cross Gates as a shopping destination and for the wider community of Cross Gates to enjoy. The cost of the 'switch on' event is £4,265 and is made up of the following:

- Barriers, power, lights, stage pyrotechnics and transport - £1,700
- Provide 2 First Aid staff - £120
- Brass Band - £100
- Road closures - £650
- Fire extinguisher hire - £45
- Fireworks - £1,000
- Security - £350
- Leeds lights switch on - £300

3.2.6 Cross Gates had £2,541 remaining in its budget for community engagement and Ward Members have agreed to support this event with the remainder of that budget. The event took place on the 28th of November. It is anticipated that the remainder of the cost, £1,724, will be met by Cross Gates Traders Association. However, Cross Gates

& Whinmoor Members have underwritten the cost from their MICE allocations prior to the Traders Association meeting in January 2011.

3.2.7 A similar 'switch on' took place in Methley. The Area Committee agreed to fund the cost of motif hire at the meeting held in October, allocating £2,145 towards this project. Ward Members recently agreed to fund the cost of the 'switch on' event which is £1,100. The cost breakdown is:

- Fireworks - £500
- Stage, power, pa, lights - £600

3.2.8 Garforth Arts Festival and Primary Prom in the Park

3.2.9 Applications have been received from Garforth Arts Festival Schools Partnership Trust and Garforth Primary Prom in the Park for their respective summer events in 2011.

3.2.10 **Garforth Arts Festival** is an ambitious community festival managed by the School Partnership Trust (SPT). It aims to provide access to high quality arts education and cultural experiences for people in the ex coalfield areas of East Leeds. This year the Educational project strand of the Festival will work with every single child in all of the 7 SPT primary schools, as well as the whole of years 7, 8 and 10 of Garforth Community College through participatory arts projects, including Music, Dance, Drama and art.

3.2.11 The festivals objectives are:

- To raise mutual awareness between cultures, (people of minority ethnic communities are significantly under-represented in this area of Leeds), thus promoting community cohesion through cross cultural artistic activities, that are community focused but not insular.
- To involve 3 key target groups of people in the festival: local school children, local community groups, and professional artists, local, national and international.
- To use the festival as a focus for educational projects thus providing opportunities for young people beyond that of the curriculum. The projects are aimed at developing confidence in and through performance ,developing artistic skills, fostering and developing creativity and widening young people's cultural awareness/interests
- To bring the best artists to the area, and thus help facilitate the growth of cultural opportunities within the area.
- To encourage local people to become involved in various activities, either as participants or audience members by creating a programme that contains elements that are both new and familiar to its audiences.
- To 'put the area on the map' – to encourage people from outside the area to visit Garforth for the festival and in turn contributing to economic regeneration. .
- To provide opportunities for inclusion, participation and excellence.

3.2.9 Garforth Arts Festival is requesting Area Committee support the project with award of £6,000. Any award by Area Committee will go towards the costs of employing an Arts Practitioner. The total cost of the project is £65,000.

3.2.10 **Primary Prom in the Park** has now withdrawn their application for funding as this event will no longer be going ahead.

3.2.13 As detailed in 2.1 Garforth & Swillington ward has £4,544 remaining in its budget and is therefore not in a position to support the full amount requested by Garforth Arts Festival.

3.2.14 Area Committee is requested to note when considering this application that Garforth Arts Festival does engage with over 2,000 children during the festival. However, since 2005 Area Committee has contributed £28,000 to the annual event and may therefore wish to award a reduced and final amount this year.

3.3 Tasking Teams Funding – Traffic Management Project in Silkstone Way, Cross Gates

3.3.1 Area Committee has previously agreed to the ‘tasking budgets’ being delegated to the individual tasking teams when funding projects. However, Members previously requested that when supporting projects over £2,000 these are reported to the Area Committee.

3.3.2 This particular project is to address the issue of inconsiderate parking in and around Silkstone Way that it is believed, in the main, is caused by commuters using Cross Gates Station. The parking is causing nuisance to local residents and some allege that it is making access to and from their properties dangerous.

3.3.3 The project consists of the introduction of parking restrictions on both sides of Silkstone Way, Cross Gates from the junction of Station Road/Ring Road to a point beyond the driveways of the first premises on either side of the road. The cost of the project is:

• Traffic Regulation Order (Legal & Advertising Costs)	£2,500
• Traffic Signing & Road Marking costs	£1,000
• Traffic Signing costs	£850
• Design Costs	£2,000
• Total Costs;	£6,350

3.3.4 Area Committee will contribute £3,000 from the Cross Gates & Whinmoor tasking budget and highways will meet the remainder of the cost.

3.3.5 Detailed consultation will be undertaken with those residents directly affected, emergency services and Ward Members. A report will subsequently be prepared for the Highways and Transportation Board seeking approval to advertise the traffic regulation order. The order will be advertised and, subject to there being no unresolved objections, the order will be sealed and the restrictions introduced. Should objections be received which are not withdrawn a further report must be prepared for the Board to resolve the objections.

3.3.6 Anticipated start on site if there are no objections in April 2011; if there are objections it is likely to be June 2011.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

4.1 The details described in this report and the recommendation fits with existing Council policy and governance arrangements.

5.0 LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no new legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

6.1 The Well Being Budget will continue to fund projects that support its Area Delivery Plan and deliver local outcomes in relation to its key priorities of community safety, community engagement, improving the environment and providing activities for younger and older people. The projects contained in this report will contribute towards the outputs of the Area Delivery Plan.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Area Committee is asked to note the content of this report and raise any questions.

7.2 Area Committee is requested to note approval of the following projects with funding from its Well Being Budget:

- Cross Gates 'switch on' - £2,541 – from Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward allocation to support community engagement
- Methley 'switch on' - £1,100 – from Kippax & Methley ward allocation to support community engagement
- Traffic management project in Silkstone Way (Cross Gates) - £3,000 – from the Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward 'tasking budget'

7.3 Area Committee is requested to consider the application for funding from Garforth Arts Festival for a contribution towards its overall costs.

Background papers

- Outer East Area Committee Report, 8 July 2008 – Area Delivery Plan 2008-11
- Executive Board Report, 16 July 2008 – Area Committee Roles 2008/09
- Well Being Report to Area Committee, 19th October 2010