



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 16th December 2010

Subject: Well-being Fund Monitoring Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

ALL



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 the Area Committee on the Well-being Fund projects approved in February 2010, and the current Well-being Fund budget position. It also includes proposals to decommission two projects that have not progressed for some years.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on the progress of Well-being Fund projects approved in February 2010.
- 1.2 The report updates Members on Well-being Fund small grants and skip requests approved since July 2010. A new grant application is presented for approval.

2.0 REVENUE PROJECTS 2010/11

- 2.1 This section updates the Area Committee on progress against Well-being Fund revenue projects approved in February 2010.

- 2.2 **Project Name:** Community Planning Officer (INW.10.01.L)
Lead Organisation: Planning Service
Amount: £40,000

Project Description:

To employ a planning officer for the Inner North West Area to advise Members and the community on planning applications, oversee the inner North West planning sub group and develop planning related projects and assisting with compliance cases.

Project Update:

The post was filled in May by Ryan Platten who has dealt with over 200 individual enquiries from elected members, residents and resident organisations. He has supported the development of the Headingley & Hyde Park and Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Design Statements, with the former now adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. Ryan has also undertaken extensive project work surrounding changes to local and national planning policy, particularly in relation to Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) and changes to Planning Policy Statement 3.

Ryan has overseen six planning sub groups and lobbied national government on behalf the Area Committee regarding changes to HMO legislation. During the final quarter of this financial year, the sub group will consider developing a housing strategy for the inner North West area.

2.3 Project Name: Environment Action Officer (INW.10.02.L)**Lead Organisation:** Environmental Action Team**Amount:** £34,840**Project Description:**

To employ a senior technical enforcement officer within the West North West Environmental Action Team to work specifically in parts of Headingley, Hyde Park and Burley as agreed by the Environment Sub Group. The officer patrols the area and takes action against issues relating to domestic and commercial waste, littering, flytipping, obstructions, illegal flyering, and fly posting.

Project Update:

The project continues to be monitored by the Environment Sub Group. Mark Freer has carried out 3400 domestic inspections this quarter and dealt with 146 service requests, 93 of which were reactive. He has carried out litter patrols, taken action against waste in gardens on 74 properties and 14 instances of illegal advertising. Mark co-ordinate the EAT response to student changeover, including the successful bag slashing patrols.

2.4 Project Name: Environment Action Team Changeover Patrols (INW.10.03.L)**Lead Organisation:** Environmental Action Team**Amount:** £2,040**Project Description:**

To carry out joint patrols with the police during student changeover to catch and deter bag slashing.

Project Update:

EAT Officers carried out early morning and late night patrols over four days during changeover. Overall, 35 individuals were spoken to, many of whom were local residents looking for items for their own use. Others came from outside the area looking for things to sell. A number of addresses were taken, although no fixed penalty notices were served. Fewer waste bins were turned and bags split compared with last year, one of the key aims of this project.

- 2.5 **Project Name:** Mobile Youth Provision (INW.10.04.L)
Project Lead: Youth Service
Amount: £7,800
Project Description:
For the inner North West Youth Service Team to lease a mobile unit to deliver youth service provision in locations without a suitable building.
Project Update:
The mobile youth van operates 10 sessions a week across the inner North West area, at schools and in neighbourhoods, with an average attendance of 220 per week. Sessions at Abbey Grange and Lawnswood schools have proved very popular with around 30 young people attending each session. Some of this work included safeguarding and supporting young people in crisis. The mobile also visited community events including Little London Community Day, Kirkstall Breeze and Alexandra Road Park Mini Breeze. The Youth Service is currently looking for funding from other sources to purchase rather than lease a van.
- 2.6 **Project Name:** Streetscene Changeover Resources (INW.05.L)
Lead Organisation: Environmental Services
Amount: £9,825
Project Description:
To run an additional refuse vehicle for three weeks over student changeover.
Project Update:
The additional vehicle ran Monday to Friday from 21st June to 9th July. A total of 640 tonnes of waste was collected by Streetscene during this period. Feedback from residents and partners was generally positive, with most feeling that waste on the streets was cleared more quickly than previous years.
- 2.7 **Project Name:** Green Streets (INW.10.06.L)
Project Lead: Leeds University Students Union
Amount: £15,922
Project Description:
To minimise waste and increase recycling over the student changeover period, the scheme employs Leave Leeds Tidy wardens to delivery publicity about how to dispose of household waste, and LLT branded collection bags for clothes and re-useable items. Items collected will be given away at free shops at the universities and local neighbourhoods, or recycled through donations to homeless charities.
Project Update:
The Leave Leeds Tidy changeover wardens distributed publicity in advance of changeover and dealt with 664 enquiries from residents and students. They were a visible presence on the streets giving information and advice to residents and students, and made a practical contribution through litter picking and bagging. They told people about the Green Streets scheme and provided information on other services.

The Green Streets project collected 20.8 tonnes of re–usable items from student halls and residential properties. These were re-distributed to students and local residents through 8 free shops held in 7 community venues and the Leeds University Union. Donations of bedding, kitchenware and clothing were also given to 18 local charities.

The Area Committee funding also paid for an independent evaluation of the project. A report was produced and will help the Students' Union plan for future years.

2.8 **Project Name:** Woodhouse Moor Enforcement Patrols (INW.10.07.L)

Lead Organisation: Parks & Countryside

Amount: £25,085

Project Description:

To station enforcement officers on Woodhouse Moor over the summer.

Project Update:

The enforcement officers were deployed on 12pm-8pm Monday to Thursday and 12pm-9pm Saturday and Sunday with an extra officer 9pm-9pm at the weekend. Over a 22 week period, the officers dealt with 95 incidents regarding barbeque use, 28 littering offences and other anti-social behaviours. In total, 223 incidents were recorded with only 9 calls to the police for assistance. There were no reported fires on the Moor, compared with 10 over the same period the previous year.

Feedback from park users and local residents was generally very positive, although a Facebook page was launched against the initiative.

2.9 **Project Name:** Kirkstall Ward Revenue Budget (INW.10.08.L)

Lead Organisation: Area Management Team

Amount: £10,000

Project Description:

To support Member led projects in Kirkstall Ward.

Project Update:

The Area Management Team is working with Kirkstall Ward Members to identify suitable projects for this funding.

2.11 **Project Name:** Festive Lights (INW.10.10.L)

Project Lead: Area Management

Amount: £12,014

Project Description:

The project will fund festive lights in locations across the area to celebrate religious and cultural festivals between November and January.

Project Update:

This year there are four locations, one in each ward, where festive lights are displayed. These are; Kirksall Road, North Lane, Woodsley Road and Otley Road.

2.12 **Project Name:** Design Statement (INW.10.13.L)

Project Lead: Area Management Team

Amount: £8,000

Project Description:

To complete a Neighbourhood Design Statement or Conservation Area Review for specific areas of inner North West Leeds to help define and protect the character of the area.

Project Update:

The Weetwood Conservation Area appraisal and boundary review is complete and has been passed by the Planning Board. The new boundary became operational on 21st June. The Kirkstall Vision project is also complete, with a final document

distributed widely. A steering group of local community members will drive forward the Vision's recommendations. The Headingley and Hyde Park Neighbourhood Design Statement has also been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance, and formal consultation period on the Little Woodhouse NDS has just ended. The Area Committee also provided funding in past years for the North Hyde Park Conservation Area review. Work will continue this year, monitored by the Planning Sub Group.

2.13 **Project Name:** Capture House (INW.10.14.L)

Project Lead: West Yorkshire Police

Amount: £4,000

Project Description:

To rent, furnish and equip a property in a burglary hotspot with surveillance and tracking equipment that if stolen, will lead to the identification and arrest of burglary suspects.

Project Update:

Since April, there have been two 'hits' on the capture house. The first resulted in one person being charged with two burglary offences and sentenced to a jail term. In October, two youths were captured on CCTV committing a burglary, and stolen property was recovered from a nearby bin yard. The two youths were charged with burglary and two other youths were charged with handling stolen goods. The Yorkshire Evening Post reported on the success of the capture house and capture car initiatives.

2.15 **Project Name:** Capture Car (INW.10.15.L)

Project Lead: West Yorkshire Police

Amount: £2,500

Project Description:

To purchase and equip a car with surveillance equipment that will identify individuals attempting to break into the vehicle. The car will be used on operations across the inner North West Area in car crime hotspots.

Project Update:

Since April, the capture car has been deployed 68 times and attacked on one occasion. A satellite navigation system was stolen and recovered in Harehills. An individual was arrested and charged.

2.16 **Project Name :** Trolley Bus assisted shopping (INW.10.16.L)

Lead Organisation: Older Active People

Amount: £7,500

Project Description:

The scheme pays for a minibus and driver to make three trips per week to take OAP members to a local supermarket.

Project Update:

The services has run every Thursday and Friday with an average of 19 people attending each day. A total of 43 people have benefited from the service, and 9 received volunteer support with their shopping.

2.17 **Project Name:** Seagulls Repaint (INW.10.17.L)

Lead Organisation: Seagulls Re-Paint

Amount: £5,000

Project Description:

To advertise the paint recycling service at Kirkstall Household Waste Sorting Site and Kirkstall Road paint store and to recruit more volunteers to the scheme .

Project Update:

Advertising leaflets are being designed and the website is being updated ahead of the planned re-launch on the 9th July. Paint sales are increasing and the paint bank in Kirkstall HWSS is now running and will be redecorated in June. Two new volunteers have joined the scheme and Seagulls are working with People in Action to recruit volunteers with learning difficulties.

2.18 Project Name: Holt Park Friday Night project (INW.10.18.L)

Project Lead: Inner North West Extended Services

Amount: £5,844

Project Description:

To provide sports and arts activities for young people at Holt Park Leisure Centre on Friday evenings.

Project Update:

The project continued over the summer holidays, and participation has increased during the Autumn term to an average of 20 young people per week. A range of activities is on offer, including sport, music, dance and crafts. The project is delivered in partnership with the Youth Service and YMCA, with support from a volunteer from the local ASDA store.

2.19 Project Name: Chair Exercise Class (INW.10.19.L)

Lead Organisation: OPAL

Amount: £1,608

Project Description:

To support an extra chair based exercise class for older people in Holt Park, Tinshill, and Ireland Wood.

Project Update:

The class has been running for around six months, with an average of 14 members attending each week, supported by two volunteers. Feedback from participants is extremely positive, with some very isolated older people enjoying the company as well as the exercise.

2.20 Project Name: Off Road Police Motorbikes (INW.10.20.L)

Project Lead: West Yorkshire Police

Amount: £1,500

Project Description:

The project will lease three off road police motorbikes for the North West police division to tackle illegal motorbikes that cause a nuisance in local neighbourhoods.

Project Update:

Between July and September, the service received 57 calls regarding nuisance motorbikes. Hotspots for nuisance bikes in the area include Burley, Clayton Quarry and Hawksworth Wood. Previous problems in the Haddons and Little London have ended since enforcement action was taken.

In the last quarter, the team has carried out 16 verbal warnings, 3 Section 59 notices (final warning before bike is seized), 13 fixed penalty notices, 4 seizures and 1 arrest.

The Area Committee approved funding for the project at £1,500 over three years, with 2011/12 being the final year. The project is currently showing an under spend, and the police have asked whether the Committee would agree to paying the final year in full, but extending the contract to 24 months, and using the project under spend to fund a fourth year.

- 2.21 **Project Name:** Hyde Park Unity Day
Project Lead: Hyde Park Unity Day Committee
Amount: £5,000

Project Description:

Hyde Park Unity Day is an annual festival held on Woodhouse Moor for the local community including live bands, stalls, children's entertainment and art workshops. It celebrates the cultural diversity of the area and has activities for all ages. The Area Committee funding will be used for public liability insurance, hire of portable toilets, and security.

Project Update:

Unity Day was held in August but no monitoring information has been received for this project.

- 2.22 **Project Name:** Kirkstall Festival
Project Lead: Kirkstall Festival Committee
Amount: £5,000

Project Description:

Kirkstall Festival is an annual event bringing together the local community at Kirkstall Abbey with entertainment, competitions, stalls and food. The event regularly attracts over 10,000 people and is organised and run by a group of dedicated volunteers. Area Committee funding was provided to pay for the hire the stage and marquees.

Project Update:

The 30th Kirkstall Festival was held in July with over 15,000 people attending. There were 100 stalls, 16 catering points and 5 performance areas hosting dance, comedy and music. The Area Committee grant contributed to the cost of marquee hire, staging, and a sound system,

CAPITAL PROJECTS 2009/10

- 3.1 This section updates the Area Committee on progress against ongoing Well-being capital projects.
- 3.2 **Project Name :** Cragside Recreation Ground Play Area
Project Lead: Parks and Countryside
Amount: £14,334
Project Description:
To refurbish the current children's play area at Cragside Recreation Ground in Kirkstall ward.
Project Update:
The refurbishment of the play area has now been completed. A disable swing, climbing wall and talk tubes have been installed.
- 3.3 **Project Name:** Butcher Hill Play Area

Project Lead: Area Management Team

Amount: £10,000

Project Description:

To create a brand new children's play area at Butcher Hill in Kirkstall Ward.

Project Update:

The location of the proposed play area moved to the West Park Centre. It is now on hold subject to confirmation of Playbuilders match funding.

3.4 **Project Name:** Headingley Bin Yards

Project Lead: Area Management

Amount: Phase 1 = £11,000

Project Description:

To improve the specified bin yards to deter fly tipping and bring them back into use for householders.

Project Update:

Two bin yards in phase one have been completed, at 8 Granby Grove and 8 Granby Place with work started at 4 Harold Street. A competitive tendering process is underway to appoint a contractor for phase two of the scheme.

3.5 **Project Name:** Woodhouse Masterplan Projects

Project Lead: Area Management

Amount: £30,000

Project Description:

To fund environmental improvements in Woodhouse to support the wider multi-agency Woodhouse Masterplan.

Project Update:

A number of projects from the Masterplan are currently being progressed. The Area Committee funded improvements at Holborn Grove and Gardens have been completed, as has work at Holborn Walk paid for by West North West Homes. Leeds Federated Housing have held two community days on Ganton Close, where young people created a mural for one of the gable ends, and all households were given planters. Parks & Countryside have a budget of £7,500 to spend on Hartley Crescent Public Open Space to include new benches, bins, a second goalpost and interpretation boards. Oblong completed a community garden on Pennington Street which has been very well received by neighbouring residents and the school which overlooked the previously overgrown waste ground.

3.6 **Project Name:** Sandford Road Play Area

Project Lead: Groundwork Leeds

Amount: £19,000

Project Description:

To bring back into use the former Sandford Road children's play area with new equipment and surfacing in the Kirkstall Ward.

Project Update:

The Playbuilders match funding (£45K) is no longer ring fenced and is currently on hold subject to confirmation of spend by LCC. A decision was made by the steering group to deliver the project in a phased approach, as the Community Green Spaces funding (£50k) states that work needs to start on site within two months after the grant has been awarded. Work will start on site on 6th December and will

be completed mid February. The project can deliver the priority areas – Infant and 8-13yrs old play areas, without the Playbuilders funding. In order to start the project the exercise equipment has been removed from the scheme and will be installed if the Playbuilders funding is approved.

3.7 **Project Name:** Tinshill Garth Play Area

Project Lead: Groundwork Leeds

Amount: £6,266

Project Description:

To develop a communal greenspace that provides an informal place space in the Tinshill area of the Weetwood Ward.

Project Update:

The scheme to create an informal play area using natural materials was completed during the summer.

3.8 **Project Name:** Silk Mill Drive shopping area improvements

Project Lead: Groundwork Leeds

Amount: £23,775

Project Description:

To provide landscape improvements to the area in front of the shops at Silk Mills area of the Weetwood Ward.

Project Update:

The scheme was completed during the summer and includes footpath resurfacing, seating and landscaping.

3.9 **Project Name:** Woodsley Road improvement scheme

Project Lead: Groundwork Leeds

Amount: £40,000

Project Description:

To provide Streetscene improvements to Woodsley Road shopping area.

Project Update:

The lighting columns along Woodsley Road have been replaced and the festive motifs have been installed for this year. Work is due to start on the improvement scheme in the New Year.

4 CURRENT BUDGET POSITION

4.1 **2010/11 Revenue Allocation:**

4.2 The Area Committee's remaining revenue budget for 2010/11 is £23,660.

4.3 **2010/11 Capital Allocation:**

- Central pot: £9,389
- Kirkstall: £14,832
- Hyde Park & Woodhouse: £12,221
- Headingley: £0
- Weetwood: £0

6.0 SMALL GRANTS AND SKIPS BUDGETS

6.1 The Area Committee's small grants budget for 2010/11 is £12,194. Since July, ten small grants totalling £4,435 have been awarded this year, listed below:

INW.10.09.S	Leeds Gathering Irish Music Festival	£500
INW.10.10.S	Kirkstall Vision launch event	£400
INW.10.11.S	Royal Park Community Consortium publicity	£500
INW.10.12.S	Little London Job Shop re-launch	£285
INW.10.13.S	Little London Arts adult arts classes	£500
INW.10.14.S	Headingley quiet zone signs	£500
INW.10.15.S	Headingley / Hyde Park bin stickering	£500
INW.10.16.S	Stanford Road community day	£500
INW.10.17.S	Quarry Mount women's keep fit classes	£250
INW.10.18.S	Little London lantern festival	£500
INW.10.22.S	Headingley Enterprise & Arts Centre launch party	£500

6.4 So far this year, small grants totalling £7,905 have been approved, and the balance of the small grants budget is £4,289.

6.5 There is one small grant application that has been referred to the Area Committee for consideration:

INW.10.19.S – Leeds Girls High School Action Group

An application was received for £900 to help the group to campaign for appropriate development of the Leeds Girls High School site. The grant will pay for the services of a planning consultant to advise the group which has a large membership from both Headingley and Hyde Park & Woodhouse Wards.

6.6 The Area Committee approved 16 skip requests from this year's budget totalling £2,515, leaving £545 to be spent this year.

7.0 NEW WELL-BEING FUND APPLICATION

7.1 **INW.10.24.L – Left Bank Leeds - £18,250 (£6,300 revenue & £11,950 capital)**

Left Bank Leeds is a community run arts and events facility in the former St Margaret's Church building on Cardigan Road. Over the past three years, the group has improved the building and run a number of successful events including art exhibitions, concerts, and a fashion show. The building has also been let commercially to film companies and conferences.

The application is to improve security and access to the building, and employ a part time worker to bring it up to the standard required for a permanent license. The current limit of 12 temporary licenses is preventing the organisation from using the building to its full potential.

7.2 **INW.10.25.L – Little London Arts - £2,925**

Little London Arts is a community organisation delivering a programme of arts related activities to residents of all ages. Now in its tenth year, the group is applying for funding to provide a range of activities from January to March 2011 including:

Weekly adults arts classes delivered by professional tutors

Young peoples' arts sessions (aimed at under 13's), going into schools and after school clubs to provide arts activities not normally offered through mainstream provision.

An event to celebrate the organisation's 10 year anniversary

An exhibition of local artwork to be displayed on the Leeds Arena construction hoardings.

The grant will pay for administration, co-ordination, room hire and materials. A donation of £1000 has been secured from the Arena project.

8.0 2011/12 BUDGET ALLOCATION

- 8.1 The Area Committee's Well-being budget for 2011/12 has not been confirmed. As with previous years, the Area Management Team is progressing on the assumption that a revenue allocation similar to this year will be available. In order for time sensitive and on-going projects to receive funding in April, the Area Committee will be asked to approve revenue projects in principle at its meeting on 24th February 2010.
- 8.2 The deadline for applications for funding in 2011/12 is 31st December 2010. Members will be invited to consider the applications in January with a final list for approval at the following Area Committee meeting. All recipients of funding this year have been contacted with the application deadline, and applications from other organisations and services may also be submitted.
- 8.3 There has been no communication regarding future capital allocations, therefore capital applications will be considered on the basis of the current capital budget as outlined at 4.3.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Area Committee's Well-being fund original revenue allocation this year was £219,400, all of which was allocated to projects at the February Area Committee meeting. Good progress has been made on 22 out of 23 projects this year, and these are expected to achieve their targets. Additional funding was made available to the Area Committee in September providing a current revenue balance of £23,660.
- 6.2 Three Well-being applications are presented for consideration at 6.5, 7.1 and 7.2. . A deadline of 31st December 2010 is in place for revenue applications for 2011/12, and subject to confirmation of the revenue budget, funding will be allocated in principle at February's Area Committee meeting.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Area Committee is requested to;
- a) Note the content of this report and the progress made by Well-being funded projects this year,
 - b) Advise whether the small grant application at 6.5 should be approved,

- c) Advise whether the request for an extension to the Off Road Motorcycle contract, as described at 2.20, should be approved,
- d) Advise whether the new applications at 7.1 and 7.2 should be approved, and
- e) Note the deadline for applications to the 2011/12 Well-being fund revenue budget.

Background Papers None