



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 5th February 2007

Subject: 2006/07 Well-Being Fund

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton

Moortown

Roundhay

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 contains information on the Well-Being Fund grant allocations made during 2006/07. It also requests the Area Committee review their decision to grant funding to Radio Asian Fever in light of information received since the December meeting.

Purpose Of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on the current position with the Well-Being Fund. It also requests that the Committee review the decision taken at the last meeting to grant £5,000 towards the Radio Asian Fever project.

Background Information

2. The North East (Inner) Area Committee received an allocation of £166,774 Well-Being revenue funding for the 2006/07 financial year.
3. In addition, the Committee has a three year capital allocation of £317,925. Members are requested to note that 2006/07 is the final year for spending the remainder of this allocation.
4. The current position is that both revenue and capital budgets have been fully committed for 2006/07. Some projects may not spend their full allocation in 2006/07 and a detailed report covering the Well-Being Fund final position will be presented to the final Area Committee meeting of 2006/07 in March. This report will also cover commissioning proposals for 2007/08. Appendix 1 shows large grant approvals to date and Appendix 2 the small grant approvals to date.

Projects for discussion

Revenue – Large Grants

INE.06.30.LG – Radio Asian Fever - £5,000

5. The Area Committee will recall at the last meeting discussing and agreeing to allocate a £5,000 contribution to Radio Asian Fever. Since that meeting new information came to light and Members have asked for the position to be reviewed at this Area Committee meeting.
6. The new information relates to their funding circumstances and the decisions of other Area Committees. The position with each of the two other Area Committees is as follows:
7. Inner East – Members resolved that the in principal approval of Gipton and Harehills Well-Being capital funds be withdrawn. In coming to this decision, concerns were expressed about the revenue implications for the council in future years and the fact that not all Area Committees had provided funding and other Committees were not contributing an equal amount.
8. Inner North West – Members resolved that as the organisation had not achieved the required funding from other Area Committees, its allocation would be withdrawn.
9. The City Council is the accountable body for the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF). Working groups for the District Partnerships in North East and East

Leeds each allocated £10,000 towards Radio Asian Fever. Given the position of the various Area Committees and concerns this leads to in relation to their funding profile for 2007 and the longer term viability of the business plan without Leeds City Council funding, the Council is not in a position to release any SSCF match funding contributions to Radio Asian Fever.

10. Radio Asian Fever's most recent business plan indicates the match funding required for their ERDF grant has been confirmed, and in addition that they anticipate significant resources from trading. The Council hopes this means Radio Asian Fever will be in a position to re-profile their funding and commence the project whilst looking at alternative funding sources, or be in a position to scale down their project in 2007 to maximise the ERDF against the match confirmed so far.
11. In light of the decisions taken by the other Area Committees, Members are requested to consider if they wish to confirm the decision taken at the December meeting or withdraw the offer of £5,000 grant support to Radio Asian Fever.

Recommendations

12. The Area Committee is requested to consider if they wish to confirm the offer of £5,000 Well-Being Funds towards the Radio Asian Fever project or withdraw the offer in light of the information supplied in this report.