

Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal
Inner West Area Committee

Appendix 6

Project Name: Neighbourhood Warden for New Wortley , Armley.

Lead Organisation: West Leeds Area Management Team. Dept of Neighbourhoods and Housing

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project):

The Department of Neighbourhood and Housing, Leeds Community Safety, recruit, train, deploy and manage the Wardens to work in the designated area. The Neighbourhood Wardens work to a job description under the guidance of the Neighbourhood Warden Management team, in liaison with Area Management and other partners where they are jointly funded.

The Neighbourhood and Street Warden Manager oversees the work of the whole scheme city-wide and shares information with partners to monitor the work of the wardens. Wardens have varied working patterns, flexible hours and work to priorities based on the needs of the community. The warden service is available to all residents within the target area irrespective of tenure.

At a local level the warden is managed by the Locality Community Safety Officer based in the West Leeds Area Management Team.

Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities, why the project is needed and links to key priorities):

The overall aim of the Leeds Neighbourhood Wardens Scheme is to assist in achieving better neighbourhoods and confident communities by reducing crime and the fear of crime, deterring anti-social behaviour, assisting in making environmental improvements and supporting the local community. In addition to these functions a key role is played in supporting housing management.

Their role varies depending on where they work, but can include organising community clean-ups with local residents, assistance in establishing a neighbourhood watch scheme, and involvement with local community forums. The wardens can also be responsible for the delivery of local initiatives in partnership with communities and other service providers.

The success of the Wardens, particularly in New Wortley, is based on their flexibility to work when required, and the support and reassurance for the residents that the Wardens are in the New Wortley / Clydes area five days a week every week, with very few exceptions. This includes some weekends and evening working. The Wardens cannot claim all the credit for the dramatic improvement in the New Wortley / Clydes area, however statistical evidence suggests they have played a major part in bringing this about.

Outcomes (summarise the main outcome/output/benefit the project will achieve):

- Close working with the local community improving the opportunity to report problems which are then resolved quickly.
- Assisting in Community Clean up Projects.
- Working with local primary schools eg., assisting with the walking bus to the After School Club at New Wortley Community Centre.
- Assisting with Apollo operations.
- Attendance at LAMP (Local Action Management Plans) meetings for New Wortley.
- Attendance at Armley Forum and residents meetings.

Project Cost. Please indicate how much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)

The cost of funding a warden's post is approximately £29,000 per annum which includes full salary at Scale 5 (subject to review being approved) full uniform, equipment and management costs.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

New Wortley neighbourhood and the adjacent parts of Armley Ward

How much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue)

£29,000 Revenue for 2007 - 2008

Discussions are also taking place with Leeds West Homes to fund a further warden for New Wortley.

Who will be in receipt of the financial order. (name of the organisation and contact details)

Community Safety Section of Dept of Neighbourhoods and Housing

Approved
Date

Not Approved
Date

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