



## Report of the ENE Area Leader

### North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 20 June 2011

### Subject: Well Being Fund Update and New Applications

#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton  
Moortown  
Roundhay

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 provides an overview of spending to date, and presents for consideration a number of new project proposals requesting funding.

## Recommendations

The Area Committee is requested to:

- Review the well being sub group roles and nominate a member from each ward to represent them for the 2011/12 municipal year;
- Note the spend to date and current balances for the 2011/12 financial year;
- Note the feedback on projects funded in 2010/11
- Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

Chapelton 10-2 Young Peoples Club	£1,250
Chapel Allerton Arts Festival	£3,500
Community Safety, Burglary Reduction Projects	£6,950
Off Road Motorcycles	£500
Materials for Community Payback Projects	£1,000

## **Purpose Of This Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with a year end budget position for 2010/11 and the amount of funding carried forward for 2011/12.
2. Applications for funding received are also included within the report for consideration by the Area Committee.
3. Members are requested to review the well being sub group roles and nominate a member from each ward to represent them for the 2011/12 municipal year.
4. The report also provides members with information and evaluation of projects funded during 2010/11 to highlight the impact that these have made on the priorities within the Community Charter.

## **Background Information**

5. At the March 2011 Area Committee meeting the members considered ongoing projects that they wished to continue to fund and agreed to top slice funding for ward based projects and to the continuation of the Small Grants Scheme. A breakdown of ongoing projects and the current budget position can be found in appendix A.
6. In previous years the Area Committee have had a Well Being Working Group who meet ahead of each Area Committee meeting to consider applications made for Well Being large grants. The working group is made up of a representative from each of the three wards in the inner north east. The role of the Well Being Working Group is to consider each application in detail and meet with the group making the application to ask questions in relation to their application. The Well Being Working Group then make a recommendation to the Area Committee for consideration at the Area Committee meeting. This method prevents lengthy discussion being required at the Area Committee meeting when time is of a premium.
7. In previous years the Well Being Budget has been apportioned across the themes of the Area Delivery Plan. Due to the reduction in funding and ongoing schemes already considered and approved, it is suggested that the remaining balance be used to deliver projects contributing to the top ten priorities for action as set out in the Community Charter.

## **Main Issues**

8. At the March Area Committee meeting the well being working group membership was discussed and members requested that in future the membership was reviewed and nominations made on an annual basis. In addition it was requested that notes from the well being working group meetings be circulated to all Area Committee members to provide them with additional information to make a considered decision in relation to the recommendations made.
9. Members are requested to make a nomination from each ward to represent them on the well being working group for the 2011/12 Municipal and Financial year.

10. Applications for Well Being funding being considered during the year should all evidence how they will contribute towards the priorities for action as set out in the Community Charter.

### **Applications for consideration**

#### **Chapelton Young People's 10 – 2 Club CYPCLUB Summer Project - £3,500**

11. This application was initially considered by the Area Committee in March 2011 and it was felt that the residential should not be funded and wished to have additional information relating to the tutors providing the activities, but subject to this information £1,250 be awarded towards the project.
12. The Summer Project will offer a series of themed workshops to give young people relevant knowledge and skills so they are able to make informed choices, for example around health and well being. The Club will work with other community groups involved in diversionary work with young people and will provide educational and recreational activities during the summer school holidays for young people aged 8-16 years. They will also encourage participation and active involvement in other events taking place in and around Leeds.
13. The young people the club works with on a regular basis have expressed specific interest in going on a residential and they would like to offer them this valuable experience alongside the other positive activities.
14. The funding requested would be used for the following costs:

Sessional Staffing (incl. volunteer expenses)	£ 650
Tutor fees for running Activity Workshops: (Cooking/Dance/Drama/Creative Arts/Sports) 10 hrs per wk@ £20pr/hr	£ 600
Residential at Herd Farm (17-19 August)	£1650
Transport and other costs	£ 600
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£3,500</b>

15. The additional information was not obtained in time for the project to be included in the Delegated Decision Notice and approved with the other summer projects by the Chief Regeneration Officer, therefore a decision needs to be approved by the Area Committee for the funding.

#### **Chapel Allerton Arts Festival Committee Chapel Allerton Arts Festival - £3,500**

16. The Chapel Allerton Arts Festival is held on an annual basis over the last weekend in August and in to early September in the Chapel Allerton centre (main event on Regent Street). The festival aims to provide a range of activities and events to appeal to people of all ages and social/ethnic backgrounds, with a central aim to promote community cohesion and education of cultural activities.
17. The main event is on the Friday and Saturday nights on Regent Street, which includes live music for an audience of up to 2400 people.
18. Grant funding is sought towards the cost of the delivering the festival which has an overall cost of £24,720. The remainder of the funding is met through audience

donations, stalls/concessions income and local business sponsorship. The main costs are for the road closure and various licenses required for the event.

19. The Area Committee has provided funding through Well Being and POCA grants over a number of years, in 2010/11 the project was granted £2,500 Well Being grant and £500 from POCA.

**Off Road Motorcycles**  
**West Yorkshire Police - £500**

20. Ward members in East and North East Leeds were informed in December 2010 that the North East Police Division were intending to withdraw the off road motorcycles as a cost saving. Subsequently, in response to concerns raised by some ward members, the police agreed to retain the bikes until the Area Committees had the opportunity to consider providing funding from the wellbeing budget at the June/July Area Committees.
21. Funding is sought to continue the use of the motorbikes within East and North East Leeds. The total cost of keeping the bikes on the road for a year is £6,000. The four Area Committees covering East and North East Leeds are being approached for funding. Based on the call profile for 2010, the following breakdown of wellbeing contributions is proposed:

Inner East	(39.4%)	£2,500
Outer East	(39.6%)	£2,500
Inner North East	(7.9%)	£500
Outer North East	(13.1%)	£500

22. If funding is not awarded it is likely that the bikes would not remain in the division and would be returned to Police Headquarters.
23. Main outputs:
- Respond to calls around nuisance motorbikes;
  - Work in partnership with Parks and Countryside;
  - Arrest and take relevant enforcement action, confiscate illegal bikes.

**Community Safety**  
**Burglary Reduction Projects - £6950**

Meanwood Burglary Action Plan – Request for £5,000

24. A year end performance report produced by the Strategic Burglary Group (Safer Leeds) identified Chapel Allerton as been the 5th worst ward across the city for burglary dwelling as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, with a total amount of 436 burglaries, an increase of 28% compared with the previous year. An intelligence report produced by the Divisional Intelligence Unit identified the Meanwood area of the ward as the priority for the ward.
25. An action plan has been devised and focuses on the victim, location and offender management. One day of multi-agency action will be delivered every 2 weeks targeting the top 25 streets. The plan commenced on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and will continue until 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011. £10,000 has been allocated by the North East

Division for target hardening and £2,000 for trembler alarms. The funds have been transferred to CASAC whom will deliver this element of the plan.

26. In order to ensure value for money the team are ensuring that target hardening is appropriate to specific Modus Operandi and offering extra benefits to silver and gold repeat victims.
27. The additional funding requested will be transferred to CASAC for target hardening and will enable us to continue pro-active target hardening until August 2011. Currently approx £6,000 of the allocated amount has been spent in April and May.
28. Partner agencies included in the initiative are the Neighbourhood Policing Team, West Yorkshire Fire Service, East North East Homes, Environmental Action team, CASAC and Area Management.

Victims of Burglary- Roundhay, Alwoodley and Moortown Neighbourhood Policing Team – Request for £1,950

29. The Area Committee funded trembler alarms in June 2010 to provide victims of burglary with some practical support. This has involved Police Community Safety Officers visiting burglary victims and giving crime prevention advice and fitting trembler alarms.
30. There has been several activations that have deterred burglars (eg. ran off when activated) of which has contributed towards the overall reduction in burglary dwelling.
31. The RAM Neighbourhood Policing Team successfully reduced burglary dwelling as below, despite rises in other wards across the North East Division. The Neighbourhood Policing Team have received positive feedback in relation to reassurance and an increase in confidence through the practical support.
  - Roundhay 2009/10 - 305 2010/11 - 280 - A reduction of 25 offences
  - Moortown 2009/10 - 337 2010/11 - 266 - A reduction of 71 offences

32. The additional funding would enable the policing team to continue to provide trembler alarms as offences have started to rise again in April /May 2011.
33. The total cost of the project is £2,925 which would provide 1500 Trembler Alarms for the RAM Neighbourhood Policing Team. An application has been made to the Outer North East Area Committee for £975 towards the 500 alarms for the Alwoodley Ward.

**Community Payback Projects - £1,000**

34. Probation Services have been commissioned to deliver additional work across the inner north east through the Community Payback scheme, this project is now in it's third year and has proved to be very successful.
35. In order to deliver some of the projects additional materials are required from time to time, such as painting and skips and in previous years the Area Committee have set aside an amount to fund this.

36. It is requested that the Area Committee set aside £1,000 from the Well Being Fund to be used for Community Payback projects during 2011/12 to be administered by the Area Management Team.

### **Feedback on Applications Funded in 2010/11**

37. During 2010/11 21 projects were funded to help deliver action against the promises in the Community Charter, as part of the monitoring process groups are requested to provide evaluation of the projects and outcomes, details of these are set out below.
38. Exhale training was given £4,000 funding to provide a range of innovative personal development workshops based on tried and tested training methodology to support women of all backgrounds to progress and succeed in both their personal and working lives.
39. The training was particularly targeted at disadvantaged women who are unemployed, on low-income or in receipt of benefits, lacking self confidence and experiencing low-self esteem.
40. The 40 women that benefited were referred through from various partners including the NHS and East North East Homes and were aged between 21 and 80. They were mainly White British or Irish but a small number of Indian, Pakistani, Caribbean and African women also participated.
41. The training was delivered on the premises of Exhale Training to provide a safe environment where their children and/or care workers could stay nearby.
42. Up to six women participated in each session and the idea of the groups were to help create a buddy support for them. In one particular group two of the service users had not seen each other for twenty years. As children they were friends living near each other, this was a great memory for them and they promised they would stay in touch.
43. Holistic Personal Development uses feel good look good, breathing techniques, presentation skills, body language, colour's therapy and explains the importance of healthy eating to help improve the women's self esteem. They are also given before and after photographs as a keep sake after the make over. The sessions were very much led by the participants experiences and they would discuss options that are available for them, for example to get beck into work or training. Further contact is being kept to help support them in the future or signpost them to the relevant agency that can help.
44. The project was also supported by Marks & Spencer who donated the necessary items, for example make up, and they are so pleased with the project they are going to continue to support it. Other funding has also been applied for to continue the good work and links are being made with partners to try and get work commissioned.
45. Key to the wellbeing funding has been the support given to local community venues to help them to improve their facilities and hopefully increase their community use.
46. Last year £5,000 was awarded to Moortown Baptist Church to refurbish the kitchen in their community facility. All of the work was undertaken by members of Moortown Baptist Church of whom donated their time and labour free of all cost. Those undertaking work were qualified for certain types of work (e.g. gas and electrical) and were able to certify work where this was required. All work was carried out by competent persons and within relevant regulations, where appropriate.

47. The new kitchen was available early in the New Year and has now been used by all active groups. This includes parent and toddler groups, children's clubs, youth clubs and day care. In addition, church members have used the kitchen for normal catering requirements. There is unanimous agreement that the kitchen allows for better and more efficient working and facilitates an improvement in hygiene management.
48. *"The Kitchen refurbishment enables us to provide cooked meals much more efficiently and effectively for large groups. The new layout, dishwasher and other equipment have improved our food storage, preparation and hygiene arrangements, and have speeded up the work routines. This will make our catering much more manageable so we can recruit new volunteers and retain our current team better. The new arrangement makes catering more manageable, makes better use of the existing team and will make it easier to attract volunteers."*
49. Gill Duffy, Kitchen co-ordinator, said *"The improved kitchen has given the church more confidence to undertake events involving catering for large numbers and we are at an early stage in considering how we might go about being more available to our local community."*
50. Chapel Allerton Methodist Church has also received £5,000 funding for improvements to the entrance ramp and balustrade. Works have been completed to secure loose balustrades with resin anchors set deep into the supporting structure, and to take up, re-bed, relay and re-point the entire entrance ramp paving to create a safe main entry to the Centre. A new mid-rail and purpose made gate were fitted to the basement external access stair well alongside the building. This now meets current health and safety standards.
51. The ground floor meeting rooms have been successfully refreshed and maintained and brought back fully into a suitable condition for their ongoing community uses. The community payback team were engaged over three separate half term / summer breaks, to redecorate the ground floor meeting rooms of the Methodist Centre. These redecoration works were completed in October 2010. New curtains have been purchased and hung in the ground floor meeting rooms.
52. The overall effect of these works are that health and safety requirements around access to the building have been met and the meeting room spaces on the ground floor of the building have been suitably refreshed to enable and enhance the continuing community use of the building over coming years.
53. Finally, 208 Squadron received funding of £3,200 to upgrade their internet access by purchasing 4 wireless laptops, a computer, software, professional network access adjustment, project lamp spares, ceiling mounted screens and a radio mast has been installed.
54. Recent developments with our BTech course provision is the establishment of all on line examinations.
55. Coupled with this is the movement away from paper based reference material to all internet based. As we share the building with the Army Cadet force we are not able to use general areas for desk top machines but needed enlarged portable computing and internet access. Even the Duke of Edinburgh scheme is now fully accessed and updated through the internet.
56. Over the past 2 years the nightly attendance by young people to the squadron was between 20 to 30, since the improvements the attendance has risen to 50 plus young people a night which evidences the outcomes and need for the project. This

new set up has allowed everyone who wanted to join to do so and get their qualifications.

## **Implications For Council Policy and Governance**

54. Wellbeing funding is used to support the priorities set out in the Inner North East Community Charter, Neighbourhood Improvement Plans and the delivery of the Functions Delegated to the Area Committee by the Executive Board, the Charter and the NIPs support the Vision for Leeds.
55. Decisions on wellbeing funding are delegated to the Area Committee from the Council's Executive Board, therefore they are subject to call in.

## **Legal and Resource Implications**

56. The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of capital and revenue well being budgets within the framework of the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3D) and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.
57. Spending and monitoring of the Wellbeing budget is administered by the Area Management Team in accordance with the decisions made by this Area Committee.

## **Recommendations**

58. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and:
  1. Nominate a member representative from each Ward to sit on the Well Being Member Working Group
  2. Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:
    - a) Chapeltown 10-2 Club - Summer Programme - £1,250
    - b) Chapel Allerton Arts Festival Committee – Chapel Allerton Arts Festival 2011 – (£3,500 requested)
    - c) Community Safety - Burglary Reduction Initiative – (£6,950 requested)
    - d) West Yorkshire Police Off Road Cycles – (£500 requested)
    - e) Area Management - Community Payback Projects – (£1,000 requested)
  3. Note the current budget position.

## **Background Papers**

- Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12