



## Report of the East North East Area Leader

### East Inner Area Committee

Date: 23 June 2011

### Subject: Well-being Fund Report

**Electoral Wards Affected:**  
**Gipton & Harehills**  
**Burmantofts & Richmond Hill**  
**Killingbeck & Seacroft**

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. The Area Committee is requested to:

### Recommendations

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- Note the monitoring information on projects previously funded;
- Note the spend to date and current balances for the 20010/11 financial year;
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- Agree a wellbeing revenue spending plan for 2011/12.
- Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

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### **Purpose of this report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide details of the well being fund to the Area Committee, including details of new projects for consideration.

### **Background information**

2. Each of the ten Area Committees receives an allocation of revenue funding. The amount of funding for each Area Committee is determined by a formula based on population and deprivation in each area which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
3. The Area Committee wellbeing fund is used to commission activity and projects to support the promises in the community charter. Applications are also accepted from organisations in the local area who can demonstrate that their project supports the Community Charter promises. These projects are monitored quarterly on progress, with a final evaluation taking place when the project is completed.

### **Well-being 2011/12**

#### **Revenue**

4. The Council has agreed the revenue allocations for each of the 10 Area Committee Well Being funds for 2011/12, which includes a £250k budget reduction. The allocations have been based on the 2010/11 formula of 50% population / 50% disadvantage and the carryover of uncommitted Well Being funds from 2010/11 will continue.
5. This funding will be used to support activities in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans which in turn support the overarching priorities of the Community Charter, and the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan.
6. Appendix A to this report shows spend to date and current balance for the revenue budget including the carry forward figure from 2010/11.

#### **Small Grants**

7. Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of two grants of up to £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit. These are approved by ward members and funded from the Community Life budget heading. Details of spending for small grants are included in Appendix B.

### **Community Engagement**

8. The Area Committee has included in the spending plan an amount of £6000 for Community Engagement. Details of spending to date under this heading are included in Appendix C.

### **Crime and Grime Tasking**

9. Each of the priority neighbourhoods in the Inner East Area has a multi-agency tasking team which focuses on tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental problems. £6,500 has been set aside for each tasking team in the Wellbeing spending plan. Details of spending under this heading are included in Appendix D.

### **Project Update**

10. Projects which are awarded wellbeing funding are required to submit project monitoring returns giving details of what the project has achieved. Appendix E to this report provides information on projects awarded funding during 2010/11.

### **New projects for consideration**

11. **Project: Bicycle Reparation Project**  
**Organisation: Leeds Youth Offending Service**  
**Amount: £2000**
12. This project is based at the Denis Healey Youth Hub and runs on a weekly basis. Young people who have been involved with the Youth Offending Team learn how to strip down, rebuild and repair bicycles that have been donated to the project by the West Yorkshire Police, members of the public and collected from Leeds City Council Recycling Sites. The bicycles are then donated to Martin House Hospice.
13. This project has been running since December 2009 and further funding is required to enable it to continue. The funding is to contribute to the cost of a tutor, and to purchase equipment and materials that will make this project a success.
14. Main Outputs:
- Provide a reparation activity that enables young people to make amends for their offending behaviour;
  - Provide an opportunity for young people to learn new skills and spend their time in a constructive way;
  - Promote Youth Service activities and provision;
  - Repair and Recondition bicycles that would otherwise be scrapped or abandoned;
  - Donate bicycles to Martin House that can be sold to raise funds;
15. Community Charter Priorities: Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour; activities for young people; improve school attendance and behaviour;
16. Priority Neighbourhoods benefiting: Burmantofts & Lincoln Green, Richmond Hill; Killingbeck & Seacroft; Gipton; Harehills;

17. **Project: Garden Gang**  
**Organisation: Avalon Project**  
**Amount: £10,000**
18. The Garden Gang, is a social enterprise from Harrogate-based charity The Avalon Group working as a three-way partnership between East North East Homes Leeds (ENEHL), and Leeds City Council. The Garden Gang works closely with Disability Employment Advisers at Job Centre Plus, BEST and Leeds City College, who all recognise The Garden Gang as a unique opportunity. Everyone referred to work with the project receives on-the-job training, which can lead to a recognised qualification. Some will then remain employed by The Garden Gang, while others will gain valuable skills needed to help them into further employment.
19. The Garden Gang has been operating successfully since July 2010 and has previously received wellbeing funding. This project will help trainees develop skills in gardening to either enhance their employability, or to pass on those skills to local residents, eg, in their own gardens as a type of 'buddy scheme'. This project will complement the work of the Garden Gang project manager by free-ing up some of his time to undertake more direct work for local residents and community spaces.
20. Main Outputs
- To employ a local skilled person as a gardener/trainer;
  - To train up to six local people in any one week who will complete a 30-day placement, comprising young people who fall within the NEET scheme, and other jobless local people;
  - To work with up to 40 trainees per year, all living in the Inner East area of Leeds;
  - To develop a Community garden and/or allotment at the Haslewood Hub;
  - Create partnership working with local agencies to provide a supply of trainees.
21. Community Charter Priorities: Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour; activities for young people; access to training and job opportunities;  
Priority Neighbourhoods benefiting: Burmantofts & Lincoln Green, Richmond Hill; Killingbeck & Seacroft; Gipton; Harehills;
22. **Project: Off Road Motorcycles**  
**Organisation: West Yorkshire Police**  
**Amount: £2,500**
23. 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.
24. 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:

25. Inner East (39.4%) £2,500  
Outer East (39.6%) £2,500  
Inner North East (7.9%) £ 500  
Outer North East (13.1%) £ 500
26. If funding is not awarded the bikes will not remain in the division and will be returned to Police Headquarters.
27. Main outputs
- Respond to calls around nuisance motorbikes;
  - Work in partnership with Parks and Countryside;
  - Arrest and take relevant enforcement action, confiscate illegal bikes.
28. Community Charter Priorities: Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour;  
Priority Neighbourhoods benefiting: Burmantofts & Lincoln Green, Richmond Hill; Killingbeck & Seacroft; Gipton; Harehills;
- Project: Domestic Violence Early Intervention Service**  
**Organisation: GIPSIL**  
**Amount: £3,000**
29. Gipsil offer supported housing to vulnerable 16 – 25 year olds in East Leeds alongside a city wide service supporting young people leaving care. The Domestic Violence Early Intervention Project supports families experiencing domestic abuse by offering a holistic approach to all family members. The project works in Seacroft, Manston, Gipton and Harehills.
30. To enable the project to run for a further 6 months the police have contributed £3000 in addition to providing resources including the regular use of police officer time. Seacroft and Manston Cluster are contributing £10,000, and the project is seeking a further £3,000 from wellbeing funds. The full cost to Gipsil of running the service for 2011/12 is £38,000.
31. Main Outputs
- Offers an early intervention service which avoids a more costly reactive approach.
  - Children are engaged with services much earlier;
  - Reduction in likelihood of families fleeing the area or not engaging effectively with services;
  - Immediate benefits include a demonstrable increase in the numbers of families engaging with services;
  - Longer term the project contributes towards a reduction in levels of truancy, reduction in teenage pregnancy and improved school attendance.

32. Community Charter Priorities: Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour; Support young people to improve their behaviour, school attendance and achievement;  
Priority Neighbourhoods benefiting: Killingbeck & Seacroft; Gipton; Harehills;

**Project: Lark in the Park**  
**Organisation: Multi agency project, funding held by Friends of East End Park**  
**Amount: £1000**

33. Lark in the Park is a community led event which has been held for the last three years in East End Park. The aim of the event is to provide a day of fun family activities which are free or low cost to participate in. The date for the 2011 event is Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The day provides an opportunity to bring the community together in a friendly environment providing entertainment, food and games. The event is organised by a multi agency steering group made up of local people, voluntary sector organisations and statutory agencies. The total cost of the event is £2,500. £1,000 is being requested from Inner East Area Committee to support this year's event. £1,000 has been applied for from East North East Homes Area Panel, £250 from POCA and the remainder of the funding will come from money generated at last year's event. This event fits in with the Richmond Hill Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priority of increasing community confidence. The funding for the project will be administered and monitored by The Friends of East End Park.

34. Main outputs:

Promotes community cohesion through bringing people together;  
Increases community confidence;

35. Community Charter Priorities: Bringing people together through community events;  
Priority Neighbourhoods Benefiting: Richmond Hill

**Project: Activities for young people**  
**Organisation: Youth Service/Muslim Cultural Society**  
**Amount: £2520**

36. The council's Youth Service are seeking funding towards an extra youth work session to be delivered from the Muslim Cultural Society Tradex building in Harehills. Currently the youth service are planning to deliver one weekly session based at centre, however following consultation with young people, the Police, local community, and councillors, have requested that an additional evening session is provided. Additional resource is required to fund this extra session.

37. The project is focused around sport as we will make use of the multi sports facilities such as astro-turf pitch, badminton / cricket pitch, and small games area, however this forms the foundation as we will aim to provide a range of personal, social, and educational activities for young people aged 11-19 years that will develop young people's experiences both culturally and educationally.

38. Main outputs:

- To provide a range of personal, social, and educational activities accessible for all young people aged 11-19 within the area
- To provide activities that will help steer young people into positive activities and away from crime and anti social behaviour
- To provide new skills and learning opportunities

39. Community Charter Priorities: Activities for young people; Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour;  
Priority Neighbourhoods benefiting: Harehills;

**Project: Support and Activities for young people, Pakistani Centre**

**Organisation: Harehills Youth in Partnership**

**Amount: £8,747**

40. Harehills Youth in Partnership are seeking funding for a period of three months to enable them to develop a longer term strategy for sustaining the organisation. This will enable them to continue providing activities and support for young people at the Pakistani Centre whilst they develop a funding package to enable them to continue operating in the longer term.

41. Main outputs:

- To continue the provision of support and activities for young people at the Pakistani Centre.

42. Community Charter Priorities: Activities for young people; Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour;  
Priority Neighbourhoods benefiting: Harehills;

**Implications For Council Policy and Governance**

43. Wellbeing funding is used to support the priorities set out in the Inner East Community Charter which are agreed with the local communities of Inner East and key stakeholders. More detailed action plans, Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) are prepared for each priority neighbourhood. Both the Charter and the NIPs support the Vision for Leeds.
44. 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**

45. 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.
46. Spending and monitoring of the Wellbeing budget is administered by the Area Management Team in accordance with the decisions made by this Area Committee.

## **Conclusions**

47. The well-being fund provides financial support for projects in the Inner East Area which support the priorities of the Community Charter and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

## **Recommendations**

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## **Background Papers**

Area Functions Schedule Report July 2010

Report to Executive Board, 11 February 2011, Revenue Budget 2011/12 and Capital Programme.