

**Report of ENE Area Leader**

**Report to Inner East Area Committee**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**Subject: Wellbeing Fund**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	Killingbeck & Seacroft Gipton & Harehills Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

**Summary of main issues**

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

**Recommendations**

- Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

Sing on the Green  
Denis Healey Friday Night Project

## **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**

**Project: Sing on the Green**  
**Organisation: Ls14 Trust**  
**Amount applied for: £824**

11. Sing on The Green has become an annual event in the Seacroft calendar, 2011 will be its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Sing on the Green is a combination of Ls14 Trust, Seacroft Green Residents Association, Seacroft & Manston schools extended services, Space 2, ELFM, Voices of the Day Choir, East Leeds Music Centre, Churches Together These organisation come together to create & deliver Sing on The Green as an event that provides an opportunity for residents & groups to work together to create well organised & well attended event to increase community cohesion and a sense of coming together as an estate to celebrate Christmas. Sing on the Green also helps to encourage young & old talent in the area to showcase their singing talent, workshops are held within schools by professional choir masters to support the development of local choirs. A Christmas market is also erected to provide an opportunity to promote local trade and for small charitable & voluntary groups to raise funds for their activities throughout the year. The grant will be used to pay towards some of the costs incurred for running the event. A majority of this event is put together with in kind support from the organisations involved but there are actual event cost we do need to cover
12. Key outcomes:
  - To improve on the attendance of 300 from previous years;
  - Improved communication between residents and local groups & services
  - Encouraging local people to take part in local wellbeing activity
  - Increasing local events in the area
  - Bringing people out of isolation and talking to their neighbours
13. The Seacroft Ward members have recommended that £824 is awarded to this project.

**Project: Denis Healey Friday Night Project**  
**Organisation: Leeds Youth Service, Feel Good Factor and Out of School Activities Team**  
**Amount applied for: £4000**

14. The Friday Night Project (FNP) provides activities in sports, arts and crafts, music and dance to young people aged 8-18 years of age on a Friday night, 6-9pm. Our aim is to encourage young people to engage in activities encouraging an active lifestyle and a safe place to socialise. We will have access to all the facilities including the sports hall which will be staffed by a qualified sports instructor who will be able to advise on healthy lifestyles and sports opportunities open to young people. The FNP runs at a time when anti-social behaviour in the area is reported as at its highest and aims to reduce this by providing an alternative place to go. There will be skilled workers (youth workers, sports coaches, play workers and artist practitioners) on site providing positive role models to young people.
15. The funding being sought from the Well Being Fund would be used to fund staffing costs of two play workers, a small amount of materials and specialist practitioners to enhance the programme. The Out of School Activities Team (OSA) will provide funding for a co-ordinator, one youth support staff, publicity and a small amount towards equipment / materials. OSA will provide a Project Manager as an in-kind contribution to plan and develop the programme. The Youth Service will provide two youth workers and the use of building and its resources as an in-kind contribution.

**Key outcomes:**

- Increased access to play and youth services for young people aged 8-18 years old between 6-9pm on a Friday evening when anti-social behaviour is known to be at its highest
- To increase Breezecard membership as all young people will use the Breezecard to register on to the programme
- To increase access to the hub centre facilities and engagement in physical activity
- Regular attendance of up to 70 young people per session
- Increased access to positive arts, physical and cultural activities by young people
- Reduction in youth anti social behaviour and offending in the local area
- Signposting of young people into appropriate support services i.e. Careers advice, Sexual Health information, Connexions Personal Advisors
- Increased uptake across the partner agencies' services as young people are made aware of the range of activities available to them in the locality
- Improved relationships between young people and local service providers and the extended community

**Corporate Considerations**

**Consultation and Engagement**

16. In order for ward members to make an informed decision on wellbeing spending they are provided with details of the projects and the opportunity to discuss them at

ward member meetings. The Neighbourhood Managers are also consulted to assess how the project supports the relevant Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

### **Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

17. All projects funded by wellbeing monies must demonstrate:
- Equality and diversity issues have been considered in the planning of the project,
  - How equality and diversity issues have shaped the project delivery;
  - The impact of the project will be on different groups;
  - how the project will promote good community relations between different groups and how barriers that might prevent their involvement will be overcome.

### **Council Policies and City Priorities**

18. 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.

### **Resources and Value for Money**

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

### **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

20. The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of capital and revenue wellbeing budgets within the framework of the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3D) and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.
21. There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.
22. Decisions on wellbeing funding are delegated to the Area Committee from the Council's Executive Board, therefore they are subject to call in.

### **Risk Management**

23. All wellbeing funded projects must demonstrate that they have identified any potential risks for the project and what action would/will take to avoid or minimise them. Details of the risk assessments individual projects are available from the author of this report.

### **Conclusions**

24. 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**

25. The Area Committee is requested to:

- Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

Sing on the Green  
Denis Healey Friday Night Project

### **Background documents**

Report to Inner East Area Committee, 23 June 2011, Area Committee Roles 2011/12

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