

**Report of ENE Area Leader**

**Report to Inner East Area Committee**

**Date: 1 December 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:

Replacement of Nowell Park Mount Play Area	£2,575
Beckett Street/ Lincoln Green Environmental Improvements	£1,500
Rookwood Recreation Area	£15,000
Carols on the Green and Community notice board	£1,610
Community Pantomime	£220

## **Purpose of this report**

- 1.0 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**

- 2.0 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.
- 2.1 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**

- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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**

- 2.5 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**

- 2.6 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**

- 2.7 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**

- 2.8 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.

## **3.0 New projects for Consideration**

- 3.1 **Project:** Replacement of Nowell Mount Park Play Equipment  
**Organisation:** LCC Parks & Countryside  
**Amount applied for:** £2,575

Funding is requested to be allocated to replace the existing climbing frame located on Nowell Mount Park. The climbing frame is in a poor state of repair and would be more economical to replace the equipment rather than repair it. The park is well used by local children and young people. The renewal of this equipment also compliments activities which are about to commence to generate more use of Nowell Mount Community Centre, which the play equipment is located next to. LCC Parks & Countryside will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the equipment.

- 3.1.1 East North Homes Area Panel have already agreed to match fund the scheme with £2,575. Area Committee are requested to approve £2,575 for this project.
- 3.1.2 Community Charter priority: Provide a range of activities for young people to enjoy in their neighbourhood  
Priority Neighbourhood benefiting: Burmantofts

- 3.2 **Project:** Beckett Street / Lincoln Green Environmental Improvements  
**Organisation:**  
**Amount applied for:** £1,500

A scheme has been drawn up to carry out environmental improvements along the Beckett Street and Lincoln Green Road corridors. The scheme will install flower beds on the corner of Cherry Row / Lincoln Green Road, Cromwell Street / Lincoln Green Road and on Beckett Street in front of the maisonettes.

- 3.2.1 Welcome to Lincoln Green' signs are to be designed by local schools and Donovan Webster Training Centre. The work to establish the flower beds will be undertaken by the Garden Gang, through the Area Committee funded NEET training programme. Upkeep of the flower beds will be undertaken by members of the local

community. East North East Homes have agreed £1,500 towards this scheme and Area Committee are requested to approve a further £1,500.

- 3.2.2 Community Charter priority: Improve the cleanliness and condition of our neighbourhoods  
Priority Neighbourhood benefiting: Burmantofts

**3.3 Project:** Rookwood Recreation Area  
**Organisation:** LCC Parks & Countryside / Area Management  
**Amount applied for:** £15,000

- 3.3.1 A project has been developed with Parks & Countryside for a recreation area to be created on the greenspace opposite Raging Bull Boxing Club on Rookwood Road. From speak to local people, they have highlighted the lack of play facilities for children and young people living in the area. A more detailed consultation exercise was being undertaken at the time of writing this report.

- 3.3.2 The project in total would cost £40,000 and cover the provision of landscaping, fencing, seating, litter bins and some play equipment including a spiders web climbing frame. It is hoped that this would be the first stage of a larger scheme which in future would provide some trim trail equipment. £15,000 is requested to be allocated from Area Committee for the scheme, with the remaining £25,000 being requested from Aire Valley Homes Area Panel.

- 3.3.3 Community Charter priority: Provide a range of activities for young people to enjoy in their neighbourhood  
Priority Neighbourhood benefiting: Richmond Hill

**3.4 Project:** Carols on the Green and Community Notice Board  
**Organisation:** Cross Green Village Residents Association  
**Amount applied for:** £1,610

- 3.4.1 After the success of the Carols on the Green event in 2010, another evening of carols has been organised for Saturday 17th December on Cross Green Village Green. To enable the event to go ahead, Area Committee are requested to support the event with £100 to fund the generator, lights and £100 to provide refreshments. Other funding for the event is being applied from MICE money.

- 3.4.2 Cross Green Village Residents Group also want to purchase two notice boards to promote activities happening in their area. The notice boards will be located on The paved area at Knowsthorpe Crescent and Cross Green Lane. £1,410 is requested from Area Committee, with £1,410 being applied to Area Panel for match funding.

- 3.4.3 Community Charter priority: work with communities to organise events and activities that bring people together  
Priority Neighbourhood benefiting: Richmond Hill

**3.5 Project:** Community Pantomime  
**Organisation:** Community Unity  
**Amount applied for:** £220

- 3.5.1 Community Unity are hosting this years Pocket Panto which has been delivered by IE Extended Services with support from POCA and Well Being Fund for the past 3 years.
- 3.5.2 Community Unity have the funding to pay the £375 fee for the performance but are seeking funding to pay the venue, Newbourne Methodist Church - £20, provide refreshments - £100 and a Hamper Prize draw for the audience - £100. Each member of the audience will be entered into a draw for one of 3 Hampers as has happened in previous years and brought a bit of Christmas Cheer to local families.
- 3.5.3 Community Charter priorities: Provide a range of activities for young people to enjoy in their neighbourhood and work with communities to organise events and activities that bring people together  
Priority Neighbourhood benefiting: Richmond Hill
- 3.6 Project: South Seacroft CCTV**  
**Organisation: LCC Community Safety**  
**Amount applied for: £27,000**
- 3.6.1 This project is to install 9 CCTV cameras within the area known as the triangle and run them for at least 5 years..
- 3.6.2 The total cost of the project is £154,000. The ALMO in principle have agreed £118,000 subject to Area Panel approval on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The Area Committee is requested to fund three years revenue in advance to a total of £27,000 (£20,000 wellbeing and £7,000 tasking). Negotiations are currently taking place to secure £7.5k from Safer Leeds that has been allocated to reduce burglary dwelling and the Community Safety Coordinator is currently exploring the short fall of £1.5k.
- 3.6.3 Priority neighbourhood benefiting: Seacroft

## **Corporate Considerations**

### **4.0 Consultation and Engagement**

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

Decisions on wellbeing funding are delegated to the Area Committee from the Council's Executive Board, therefore they are subject to call in.

#### **4.5 Risk Management**

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.

#### **5.0 Conclusions**

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.

#### **6.0 Recommendations**

The Area Committee is requested to:

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## **7.0 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.