

Report of the Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to Outer East Leeds Area Committee

Date: Tuesday, 13th December 2011

Subject: Outer East Area Committee Well Being Budget Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Garforth & Swillington Kippax & Methley Temple Newsam Cross Gates & Whinmoor		
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 seeks to provide Members with:

1. A summary of revenue spend approved for 2011/12
2. Details of new projects to be agreed
3. An update on the current position of the Small Grants Budget

Recommendations

4. Members of the Outer East Area Committee are requested to:
 - a) Note the position of the Well being Budget.
 - b) Note the Small Grants approved to date.
 - c) Confirm approval of the following projects:
 - Cross Gates Christmas lights switch on - £1,250
 - Kippax & Methley grit bins refill - £3,000
 - Garforth Library Christmas event - £180

1 Purpose of this report

This report provides:

- 1.1 An update on the Well being budget.
- 1.2 A summary of projects funded to date
- 1.3 An update on the Small Grants Budget.
- 1.4 A recommendation to approve new project work.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Well being budget allocation, which includes the carry over from 2010/11 provides a total budget of £220,000.
- 2.2 The budget had one commitment of £33,000 to fund the annual cost of its 11 Leedswatch CCTV cameras.
- 2.3 Area Committee agreed to continue to fund the following projects:
 - Dedicated Probation Services 'Community Payback' Team - £15,000
 - Gardening service for the elderly and disabled - £20,000
 - Provide an additional Community Environment Support Officer (CESO) - £27,700
 - Provide a small grants budget (up to £500 per project) for local community based projects - £10,000
- 2.4 The remainder of the budget was allocated by ward with each ward receiving £29,000 and agreeing to the following allocations against priority work streams:
 - Additional services to young people - £9,000
 - Tasking budget to support community safety/environmental work - £10,000
 - Community engagement and involvement - £10,000
- 2.5 At the Area Committee meeting in March 2011 Ward Members for Garforth & Swillington agreed to use its allocation to maintain opening hours at Garforth Leisure Centre until the building is transferred to the Schools Partnership Trust in Garforth. This reduced its ward allocation to £8,500 to support the work outlined in 2.4.
- 2.6 At the Area Committee meeting held in July 2011 Ward Members for Temple Newsam agreed to award £10,000 to ensure that the community centre in the Halton Moor One Stop Centre & East Leeds Leisure Centre remained open for youth work and community events until at least October 2011. This reduced its ward allocation to £19,000 to support work outlined in 2.4.

2.7 Area Committee stopped funding the CESO post in July 2011 when the appointed officer acquired a core funded post in LCC. This meant there was a saving to Area Committee of £20,000 which was divided evenly by ward.

3 Main Issues – new projects

3.1 Cross Gates Christmas lights switch on event

3.1.1 This project will award £1,250 from the Cross Gates & Whinmoor community engagement funding stream to support this event. This is supported by Ward Members and is being reported to Area Committee for confirmation as per rules and regulations of Area Committees.

3.1.2 The total cost of the event is £4,750. The following businesses/organisations have contributed towards the cost of holding this event:

- Bellways - £1,000
- Styrene Packaging & Insulation - £600
- John Smeaton Community College - £1,000
- Cross Gates Traders Assoc - £500
- Longs of Leeds - £100
- Spencer and Fisch Solicitors - £100
- Manning Stainton Estate Agents - £100
- West Yorkshire Jewellers - £100

3.1.3 This project meets the following priority of the Outer East Area Committees Business Plan:

Supporting work that helps town and district centres remain commercially active and vibrant.

3.2 Grit bin refills in Kippax & Methley Ward

3.2.1 This project will award £3,000 towards the cost of 3 separate re-fills of all grit bins in the Kippax & Methley ward funded from Members Ward Based Initiatives funding. This is supported by Ward Members and is being reported to Area Committee for confirmation as per rules and regulations of Area Committees.

3.3.2 There are a total of 12 grit bins installed in the ward from this funding source.

3.2.3 This project meets the following priority of the Outer East Area Committees Business Plan:

Residents in Outer East are safe and feel safe.

3.4 Garforth Library Christmas Event

3.4.1 The above event was organised by the partners based in Garforth Library and One Stop Centre on the 12th of December 2011. This is supported by Ward Members and is being reported to Area Committee for confirmation as per rules and regulations of Area Committees.

3.4.2 It was a Christmas event for all members of the community in Garforth/Kippax and the villages. There was an inter-generational reminiscence session organised by the Neighbourhood Elders Team (NET) and Strawberry Fields Primary School that also included carol singing and craft sessions.

3.4.3 The cost of the event was £180 which paid for a music licence and refreshments throughout the day.

3.4.4 This project meets the following priority of the Outer East Area Committees Business Plan:

Communities are empowered and engaged. People get on well together.

3.5 Small Grants

3.5.1 Area Committee has set aside £10,000 of its Well Being Budget for small grants to fund discreet community based projects. Details of small grants funded to date are listed on *appendix 1*.

3.5.2 This project meets the following priority of the Outer East Area Committees Business Plan:

Communities are empowered and engaged. People get on well together.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for a contribution from the well being budget is secured at Area Committee.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 Community groups submitting a project proposal requesting funding from the Well being budget have an equal opportunities policy and as part of the application process, complete a section outlining which equality group the project will work with, and how equality and cohesion issues have been considered.

4.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The projects outlined in this report contribute to target and priorities set out in the following council policies:

- Vision for Leeds
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Health and Well being City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 Resource implications will be that the remaining balance of the Well being Budget for capital will be reduced as a result of any projects funded.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 Legal implications as a result of this report will be reflected in any subsequent Funding Agreements and Contracts to Tender that arise from projects funded from the Well being Budget.

4.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are eligible for Call In.

4.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 All proposals requesting well being funding complete a section in the application process outlining the risks associated with the project and how they will be managed.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The report provides up to date information on the Area Committee's Well Being Budget.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Area Committee is requested to confirm approval of the Well Being funds being used to support the following projects:

- Cross Gates Christmas lights switch on - £1,250
- Kippax & Methley grit bins re-fill - £3,000
- Garforth Library Christmas Event - £180

6.2 Outer East Area Committee is requested to note projects funded from the small grants budget as detailed on **appendix 1**.

7 Background documents

7.1 Well Being Budget report to Outer East Area Committee – March 2011

7.2 Area Functions schedule report to Outer East Area committee – July 2011