

**Report of East North East Area Leader**

**Report to Inner North East Area Committee**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**Subject: Well Being Fund Capital and Revenue Budgets**

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected?   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):<br>Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay  |   |  |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" 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?<br>If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:<br>Appendix number: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

**Summary of main issues**

1. This report provides members with an update on the current position of the revenue budget for the Inner North East.
2. Applications made for funding are included in the report for members consideration.

**Recommendations**

3. Members are asked to note the contents of this report.
4. Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:
  - North Leeds Cricket Club Fencing - £4,200.
  - Deen Enterprises Oz Box - £3,850.
  - Scot Halls Hedges – ENEHL Panel funding for noting.
  - Parivhar Luncheon Club - £6,547.75

## **1. Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The report also provides members with an update on the current position of the Revenue Well Being Funding for the Area Committee and sets out applications made for consideration by the Area Committee.

## **2. Background information**

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. The Area Committee have nominated a representative from each ward to form a Well Being Member Working Group to consider applications made for funding and also receive feedback and evaluations regarding projects that have already been funded.
- 2.3. 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. An update on the projects that have been funded and outcomes is provided on an annual basis to the Area Committee and discussed in the Well Being Member Working Group.
- 2.4. The current budget position for the Revenue Well Being Budget is provided at Appendix 1 for Members information.
- 2.5. Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community, these are approved by ward members.

## **3. New Applications for Consideration**

### **3.1. North Leeds Cricket Club Fencing LCC Parks and Countryside - £3,800**

- 3.1.1. The project is to replace metal fencing to the boundary area of the cricket club site to complete the scheme and improve safety and security for the club and users.
- 3.1.2. The total cost of the project is £5,200 and the club are contributing £1,000 towards the project from their fundraising with the remainder balance of £4,200 being sought from the Area Committee.
- 3.1.3. The club replaced the majority of the fencing on Old Park Road 5 years ago with the support of Area Committee funding for 75% of the scheme. This section of fencing was not replaced at that time, but is not posing a health and safety concern due the state of repair and the scheme would complete the whole fence.
- 3.1.4. Discussions have been held with Parks and Countryside for them to deliver the work and the scheme delivered through them.

3.1.5. The application was considered by the Well Being Member working group and the recommendation was to fund £2,500 and suggested that the remainder be funded by the Roundhay Ward Pot.

### **3.2. Deen Enterprises Oz Box Project - £3,850**

3.2.1. The project aims to engage groups of young people in the Chapeltown and Harehills area diverting them away from potential involvement in anti social behaviour and improve community cohesion. The project uses a model that has been effectively used in the Chesterfield area and South Leeds, teaching self discipline, channelling aggression and energy and encouraging the participants to work alongside groups from different backgrounds.

3.2.2. The grant would be used to fund instructors to deliver the sessions along with volunteer travel expenses, venue hire and a small amount for publicity.

3.2.3. Sessions will be held twice weekly for twelve weeks at the Mandela Centre (Chapletown) and Bilal Centre (Harehills), there is also an intention to run some sessions from other buildings in the area during the course of the project. Sessions will commence in January 2012.

3.2.4. Boxercise sessions will also be held in Allerton Grange and Carr Manor Schools over and eight week period aimed and engaging young people using alternative methods.

3.2.5. The project will be run across the Chapeltown and Harehills area so the Inner East Area Committee and ENEHL Area Panel have been requested to part fund the project.

3.2.6. The Inner North East Area panel have agreed to provide £1,500 towards the project which leaves a remaining balance of £2,350 funding required.

3.2.7. The Well Being Member Working Group failed to make a recommendation in relation to the application so the Area Committee are requested to consider the application and level of funding.

### **3.3. Scot Halls Hedges – scheme to be funded by ENEHL Area Panel, for noting and approval by the Area Committee**

3.3.1. On a recent round of inspections it was noted that a large number of gardens have hedges on the Scott Hall estate are well in excess of the permitted height and in many cases have become unmanageable. It was suggested that the area panel take this on as a project to be funded by them.

3.3.2. It is confirmed by the residents that the hedges will be maintained in the future. Following completion of the project residents whose hedges that are not maintained may have action taken through their tenancy agreement. Where residents are unable to maintain the hedge/garden due to infirmity assistance can be obtained via the Estate Services Team.

3.3.3. It is requested that the Area Committee note the project and partnership working and support the scheme which will be funded wholly by the Area Panel..

### **3.4. Parivar Luncheon club Sambhavon - £6547.75**

- 3.4.1. The Parivar luncheon club brings together elderly men, women and carers of the BME community, providing them with a chance to come out of social exclusion and encouraging them to take part in various health related activities. This project aims to improve the health and social life of its members by organising exercise sessions, health awareness speeches, and walks to the park and trips to various places of interest. The group members also attend city events for older people to make their voices heard. Our group workers provide language support throughout these activities.
- 3.4.2. The money will be used to promote independence, awareness, happiness as well as social and health well being by providing them not just social get together but regular information sessions too on healthy diet, keeping themselves mobile as well as safe in and out of the house. The total cost of the project is £8,000.00.
- 3.4.3. A snapshot analysis of postcodes of luncheon club users shows that the majority live in either Chapel Allerton (10), Roundhay (7) and Alwoodley (16), giving a 50 – 50 split between Inner North East and Outer North East.
- 3.4.4. The application was received after the Well Being Member Working group meeting, the Area Committee are requested to consider the application and if appropriate level of grant to be awarded.

## **4. Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 The local community and VCFS groups are consulted and the well being fund grant process is shared with them via the community engagement strategy and events that are attended. In addition feedback is provided via the Community Charter. Consultation on the priorities within the Community Charter is undertaken on an annual basis and shapes the priorities which the Well Being Fund is used to deliver.
- 4.1.2 The Well Being Member Working Group considers the applications for funding and makes a recommendation for the Area Committee to consider.

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

- 4.2.1 Well Being Funding is used to ensure that inequalities within the local area are addressed through local projects and schemes and equality impact assessments carried out where necessary.
- 4.2.2 Not applicable in this instance.

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

- 4.3.1 The Well Being Fund projects seek to contribute to the City Priorities by improving the local area and addressing inequalities in the Inner North East.

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

4.4.1 Not applicable under this section

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

4.5.1 The decisions made in relation to Well Being Funding are subject to call in.

#### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

### **5. Recommendations**

5.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and;

- Approve North Leeds Cricket Club Fencing scheme £4,200 to be administered by LCC Parks & Countryside;
- Consider the Deen Enterprises Ozbox project and make a decision in relation to the application and level of funding;
- Consider the Parivar Luncheon club Sambhavon project and make a decision in relation to the application and level of funding;
- Note the ENEHL Panel funding for the Scot Halls Hedging scheme.

### **6. Background documents**

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12