

Report of Deputy Chief Executive

Report to North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 15 December 2011

Subject: Wellbeing Commissioning

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Headingley, Hyde Park and Woodhouse, Kirkstall, Weetwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

This report provides members with an update on Area Committee Wellbeing funding including the following information:

1. The current budget position for Area Committee Wellbeing as set out in **Appendix 1**
2. The proposed Wellbeing funding priorities for 2012-13 as set out in **Appendix 2**
3. Details of the 2012-13 Wellbeing commissioning round

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Note the current Wellbeing budget position
- Approve the Wellbeing funding priorities for 2012-13
- Approve the launch of the 2012-13 Wellbeing commissioning round

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the 2011-12 Wellbeing budget position, showing how individual projects have spent against their individual grants.

- 1.2 It asks members to agree proposed Wellbeing fund priorities for 2012-13, following consultation with elected members through the Area Business Plan briefing.
- 1.3 It asks members to approve the launch of the proposed Wellbeing commissioning round.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Area Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of capital and revenue Area Wellbeing funding as set out in the Area Committee Roles.
- 2.2 The Inner North West Area Committee received a sum of £215,581 of Wellbeing revenue for 2011-12. After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2010-11 carry forward position, the Area Committee had £197,611 of funding available for allocation. All of this funding was committed to 17 projects at the March 2011 Area Committee meeting, as listed in section 1.2 of the enclosed **Appendix 1**. No additional capital Wellbeing was allocated to the Area Committee in 2011-12.
- 2.3 The Inner North West Area Committee has a long standing commitment towards ensuring that Wellbeing fund recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. This is to maximise the benefit of the limited funds available and to ensure that successful applicants can begin to deliver project activity from the beginning of the financial year; thereby significantly reducing any underspend by year end.
- 2.4 To facilitate this funding distribution process a commissioning round is held which sets out the Area Committee funding priorities and requests that Wellbeing applicants submit applications forms by Friday 20 January 2012
- 2.5 Once the annual Wellbeing budgets are set by Executive Board and ratified by full council, the Area Committee meets to agree which projects will be funded in the year ahead.

3 Main issues

3.1 Wellbeing Budget Statement

- 3.2 The Wellbeing Budget Statement is included as **appendix 1** to this report. This sets out the 2011-12 budget position for Wellbeing projects showing the amount approved by Area Committee and the value of funds spent to date. Members are asked to note the content of the Wellbeing budget statement.

3.3 2012-13 Wellbeing Funding Priorities

- 3.4 In an effort to ensure that limited funds are targeted at the areas where they are needed most, the Area Committee is asked each year to consider how it wishes to express its priorities for Wellbeing Funding to prospective applicants for the year ahead.
- 3.5 Having reviewed the priorities from recent years and considered the comments received by members during the Area Business Plan briefing in November 2011, the

following set of priorities is suggested to be offered to Wellbeing Fund applicants for 2012-13:

THEME	PRIORITIES
Sustainable Economy and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for people to access jobs or learn new skills • Make better use of our community buildings • Support the regeneration of local district centres
Safer and Stronger Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fight crime and antisocial behaviour, with a particular focus on reducing burglary rates • Consult local people about changes that may affect their lives and support them to get involved in local decision making. • Develop strong network of community groups are able to contribute to improving their neighbourhoods. • Support volunteering within our local communities. • Improve the local environment and our parks and open spaces
Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities
Children and Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for children and young people to access to out of school activities.
Housing and Regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved public service co-ordination ensuring that services working together with local residents to improve our most deprived neighbourhoods • Ensure that the public are informed of planning issues as they relate to the Inner North West

3.6 Should the Area Committee agree these priorities, they will be included in the guidance note to applicants as enclosed as **Appendix 2** and distributed as part of the commissioning process. Applicants will be advised that there are limited funds available and that projects which help to achieve these priorities will score more favourably on assessment.

3.7 2012-13 Commissioning Round

3.8 To facilitate the distribution of Area Committee Wellbeing, a commissioning round is proposed to take place with the following key milestones:

- **15 December 2011:** Area Committee recommended to approve 2011-12 wellbeing priorities and details of the proposed commissioning round
- **19 December 2011:** Commissioning round begins. All previous applicants and Area Committee contacts to be informed. A press release be produced announcing the launch of the commissioning round.

- **20 January 2012:** Commissioning round ends. Deadline for all Wellbeing Funding applications to be received.
- **Week commencing 30 January 2012:** Members briefing to review Wellbeing funding applications.
- **23 February 2012:** Area Committee meets to agree 2012-13 Wellbeing Funding allocations.
- **2 March 2012:** Letters written to successful applicants requesting them to complete funding agreements and project delivery statements. Letters written to unsuccessful applicants inviting them to receive feedback.
- **1 April 2012:** All funding agreements returned by successful applicants. Projects begin implementation of project activity.

3.9 It should be noted that at the point of writing this report, it is unclear what level of funding will be available for the Area Committee to allocate at its February meeting. Should an announcement on Wellbeing allocations to Area Committees by Full Council not be forthcoming in time for the 23 February Area Committee, then it will be recommended that the Area Committee postpone its decisions on Wellbeing allocations until the next available meeting.

3.10 In an effort to ensure that projects are able to begin spending funds in April, there has been a requirement for a supplementary Area Committee meeting to be held during March in previous years.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Elected members have been consulted on local priorities through the Area Business Plan briefing. The commissioning round will begin with a communication to all Area Committee contacts.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 All Well-being funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality and Diversity and Cohesion and Integration.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 Projects submitted to the Area Committee for Wellbeing funding are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan

- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 Aligning the distribution of Area Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.
- 4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all well-being applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 Wellbeing funding provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services. This report provides members with an update on the Inner North West Wellbeing programme and seeks the Area Committee's approval for 2012-13 funding priorities and plans for the implementation of the commissioning round.

6 Recommendations

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7 Background documents

- Appendix 1: Wellbeing Budget Statement
- Appendix 2: Draft Inner North West Wellbeing Guidance Notes 2012-13