

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access & Performance)

Report to North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 23rd February 2012

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Headingley; Hyde Park & 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. Details of the 2012/13 Wellbeing commissioning round approval process, including proposed dates for both the Members Workshop and a supplementary Area Committee.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Note the current Wellbeing budget position as set out in **Appendix 1**.
- Agree the 2012-13 Wellbeing commissioning round approval process, including proposed date to hold a supplementary Area Committee on 8th March 2012.

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 the 2012/13 Wellbeing commissioning round and note the proposed dates for both the Members Workshop and a supplementary Area Committee.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Area Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of 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 the possibility of any under spend by year end.
- 2.4 To facilitate this funding distribution process for the financial year 2012/13, a commissioning round has been initiated which sets out the Area Committee funding priorities and requests that Wellbeing applicants submit applications forms by Friday 3 February 2012.
- 2.5 Once the annual Wellbeing budgets are set by Executive Board and ratified by full council, the Area Committee will meet 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 Commissioning and Approval

- 3.4 As agreed at the Inner North West Area Committee meeting on 15th December 2011, applications have been sought as part of the commissioning round for the

2012/13 Wellbeing Fund. The application window was open from 21st December 2011 until 3rd February 2012 and more than 40 applications have been received, totalling over £450,000. The next part of this process is for these applications to be assessed against the funding criteria for the Wellbeing Fund.

- 3.5 It should be noted that at the point of writing this report, it is unclear what level of funding will be available to the Area Committee for 2012/13, as Full Council has currently not approved the budget allocation. It is therefore recommended that the Area Committee postpone its decisions on Wellbeing allocations until the next available meeting.
- 3.6 In an effort to ensure that projects are able to begin spending funds it is recommended that a supplementary Area Committee meeting be held on 8th March 2012, to formally consider and approve the allocation of Wellbeing Funding for 2012/13.
- 3.7 Prior to this meeting, it is proposed that Members hold a workshop session. This session will give Members the chance to look at each application in detail and raise any questions and seek clarification on any points before they are formally considered and approved at the supplementary Area Committee meeting.

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 began 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, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Area Committee Wellbeing process is currently being reviewed citywide, which will include undertaking a new Equality Impact Assessment to ensure the Wellbeing process complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

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 agreement of the 2012-13 approval process for applications.

6 **Recommendations**

6.1 Members are asked to:

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- Agree the 2012-13 Wellbeing commissioning round approval process, including proposed date to hold a supplementary Area Committee on 8th March 2012.

7 **Background documents**

7.1 Wellbeing Commissioning Report – North West (Inner) Area Committee 15 Dec 2012.

7.2 Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C.