

**Report of Deputy Chief Executive**

**Report to Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**Subject: Well-Being Fund Report**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley Bramley & Stanningley		
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?	<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 presents a small grant application for consideration by the Area Committee, and recommends a new, lower limit for future small grant applications.

**Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to:

- Approve the small grant request IW.12.01.S – Firefly stickers;
- Reduce the maximum amount for individual small grants to £300.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to consider the small grant application ref. IW.12.01.S from West Yorkshire Fire Service for the 'Firefly' sticker project.
- 1.2 Following feedback from Members, the report also recommends limiting the maximum amount that can be applied for under the small grant scheme to £300.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 On 27<sup>th</sup> April, a small grant request for £500 was circulated to Members from the Fire Service for a project to provide reflective stickers to quickly identify bedrooms in the event of a domestic fire. No negative feedback was received, and one Ward Member suggested that the amount be limited to £300, given the reduction in the small grants budget for 2012/13. The small grant summary is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 Including carry forward, the combined small grants and skips budget for 2012/13 is £5,289. This would provide 10 grants at £500 or 17 grants at £300.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 The Area Committee's small grants budget limit is £500 for a project covering one ward or £1,000 if it benefits more than one ward. This is in line with the other nine Area Committees in the city, and is advertised on the Leeds City Council website.
- 3.2 Last year, the Area Committee approved 13 small grants totalling £4,790. The average grant was for £368, with 5 awarded at the maximum amount.
- 3.3 The small grant fund was almost fully allocated by December, leaving three months before the new financial year without grants available.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 The Area Committee receives regular updates on the small grants budget through the Well-being Budget Report.

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

- 4.2.1 All Well-being funded projects are considered prior to their submission to Area Committee for their impact on Equality and Diversity and Cohesion and Integration.

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

- 4.3.1 Small grant applications submitted to the Area Committee for funding support are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities. Area Management's work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the:

- 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 The small grant programme outlined in this report is resourced by Area Support Team staff
- 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 This report is the report of the Area Leader for West North West Leeds who has delegated responsibility to action decisions in accordance with Area Management's work programme in accordance with part 3 of the Council's Constitution in relation to Area Committee Functions.
- 4.5.2 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.
- 4.5.3 This report is eligible for call in.

#### **4.6 Risk Management**

- 4.6.1 Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all Well-being applications.

### **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 The Inner West Area Committee has received a small grant application from West Yorkshire Fire Service for 'Firefly' safety stickers. Members did not reach a consensus when the grant was circulated for approval, and the grant has been referred to the Area Committee meeting for a decision.
- 5.2 The small grants and skips budget for 2012/13 is £4,790. As in previous years, the budget is likely to be fully committed before the end of the financial year. Members are asked to consider reducing the maximum amount that can be applied for under the small grants scheme.

### **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 Members are asked to:
- Consider the application reference IW.12.01.S – Firefly Stickers and indicate whether it should be approved for funding, and ;
  - Consider reducing the maximum amount per small grant application to £300.

## Background documents<sup>1</sup>

### 6.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author

## INNER WEST AREA COMMITTEE WELL BEING FUND – SMALL GRANT APPLICATION

Date : 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012

Reference number : IW/12/01/S

Organisation : West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue

Name of Project : Firefly fire safety system

Funding Requested: £500

### Summary of Project:

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue have been trialling a new system that fits highly reflective stickers to the base of internal doors where people are sleeping so as to quickly evacuate a household in the event of a fire.

It is proposed that the service purchase 250 packs of the Firefly stickers to use in homes where the occupant has been identified as 'vulnerable' by the High Risk Team. A 'vulnerable' household is generally identified as one where the occupant may have difficulty evacuating the premises. To maximise the effectiveness of the limited number of packs available, the beneficiaries could be further narrowed to include those whose condition / behaviour might lead to an increased risk of fire in their home. These could include smokers on home oxygen, drug / alcohol misuse, dangerous hoarding, safeguarding issues or medication that impedes an individual's ability to escape.

Recipients will be identified by targeting the most at risk households and carrying out home fire safety checks.

The trial was carried out using stickers donated by the manufacturer, but there is no funding within the service's core budget to extend the scheme.

Area Committee Priority Met: Safe neighbourhoods, Healthy Living

Total costs: £500 – 250 packs @ £2 per pack

Other grants applied for: None – although the service is applying to all WNW Area Committees to extend the scheme across the area.

Area Management Approval: Sohail Effendi

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012