

**Report of the Area Leader – South East Leeds**

**Report to Outer East Leeds Area Committee**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012**

**Subject: Well Being Budget (Revenue) 2012/13**

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**

1. This report updates members on the Well Being Budget for Outer East in 2012/13 and how Area Committee decided to allocate the funds against specific work streams. It also seeks approval for new project work and progress on work already funded.

**Recommendations**

2. Members 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:
    - Open Spaces' Red Ladder Theatre Event - £750
    - Off Road Motorcycles - £2,500
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3. Members are also asked to consider the proposal to establish 2 Neighbourhood Development/Improvement Officers in the south east.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report reminds Members of the Well Being Budget allocated to Outer East in 2012/13 and how Area Committee agreed to allocate the funds against specific work streams. It also requests funding for specific projects in Outer East.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The Well Being Budget allocated to Outer East for 2012/13 is £185,220. The carry over figure from 2011/12 is £35,873 providing a total budget of £221,093.

- 2.2 The budget had one commitment of £33,000 to fund the annual cost of its 11 Leedswatch CCTV cameras.

- 2.3 At its May 2012 meeting, Area Committee agreed to set aside funding for:

- Dedicated Probation Services 'Community Payback' Team - £15,000
- Gardening service for the elderly and disabled - £20,000
- Small grants budget (up to £500 per project) for local community based projects - £10,000
- Older Persons' Event Week 2012 - £3,500
- Cricket coaching for young people - £5,000
- Skips - £5,000
- Ad-hoc projects that meet Business Plan priorities - £20,000

- 2.4 The remainder of the budget was allocated by ward to focus on the following priority areas:

- Additional services for young people - £36,000
- Tackling crime and grime through tasking meetings - £40,000
- Community engagement and involvement - £40,000

## **3 Main Issues – funding requests for new projects**

### **3.1 The Red Ladder Company - Open Space Conversation**

- 3.1.1 The Red Ladder Company is working with Garforth Academy to deliver an 'Open Space Conversation' for young people who attend the Academy, elderly people from the villages, business leaders, community leaders, elected representatives and anyone else who wants to share their views on what matters. The project is about

having an open conversation and instilling civic pride through an inter-generational conversation that cuts across all issues and individuals living in Outer East Leeds.

- 3.1.2 The Open Space forum is a new concept for the area and allows 100 individuals to emphasise what is of interest to them. It may be the state of the roads, what their elected representatives say, how children react with older people etc. It is up to those present to raise the items and develop the discussions.
- 3.1.3 The project will be facilitated by the Red Ladder Company and refreshments will be provided for the event that is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2012 at the Academy.
- 3.1.4 Ward Members for Garforth & Swillington have expressed support for this application.

### **3.2 Off Road Motorcycles**

- 3.2.1 This application is for funding to retain 2 off-road motorcycles within the North East Police division for 12 months at a total cost of £6,000. The division will continue to fund costs such as fuel, specialist uniform and staff resources. The aims of the service are to reduce complaints of anti social behaviour relating to nuisance motorbikes and noise, increase public confidence and contribute towards increased safety in green spaces and public places.
- 3.2.2 The Outer East Area accounts for 40% of the call outs in the division and consequently the request is the same as last year of £2,500 from Outer East Tasking budgets. (£625 per Ward.) £2,500 is also being sought from Inner East, and £500 each from Inner NE and Outer NE.

### **3.3 Garforth & Swillington and Kippax & Methley Wards Youth Programme**

- 3.3.1 LCC Youth Service working in the villages has requested £10,000 to provide additional activities for young people comprising £5,000 from the Garforth & Swillington budget and £5,000 from the Kippax & Methley budget
- 3.3.2 The bulk of the funding will be used to support a range of trips and local workshops which focus on: learning new skills, health, sports, arts, citizenship and youth participation. A 3-day activity residential will be included for 24 of the most vulnerable young people selected from across both wards.
- 3.3.3 Ward Members for Kippax & Methley have expressed support for the full cost of the project in their ward. Ward Members for Garforth & Swillington do not support the the full programme of work but do support the 3 day activity residential provided that the work is focused on young people living in Swillington.

### **3.4 Temple Newsam Youth work out of schools activities**

- 3.4.1 LCC Youth Service in Temple Newsam has requested £5,500 towards additional youth work over the summer months. The total cost of the project is £9,000 with Youth Service covering the remainder of the cost.

3.4.2 The project will provide out of school activities for young people 11+ from Temple Newsam Ward of the city. The programmes available will include activities that have a focus on: learning new skills, sports, arts, citizenship & youth participation as well as a range of trips and local workshops intended to provide young people with opportunities to make positive use of their leisure.

3.4.3 All programmes aim to contribute to the five outcomes of Leeds City Council Children plan.

### **3.5 Cross Gates and Whinmoor Youth work team out of schools activities**

3.5.1 LCC Youth Service in Cross Gates & Whinmoor has requested £7,000 for additional Services to Young People in the ward.

3.5.2 The Project will provide a full range of educational and social activities for Young People aged 11 to 19 resident in the Crossgates & Whinmoor Ward and deliver a "Fun day" within their community.

3.5.3 Activities will also provide young people with the opportunity to build on social skills, self esteem and confidence and channel their energies into positive activities while out of school and hence divert from possible nominal criminal activities. The project aims to provide opportunities for a minimum of 250 young people within the Youth Service Target age.

### **3.6 Garforth Gala 2012**

3.6.1 This annual event in Garforth is organised by the Garforth Lions and held in July on Glebelands sports fields. The majority of costs required to deliver the event is through fund raising and sponsorship.

3.6.2 Area Committee is requested to award £1,000 towards the cost of the following:

- Portable toilets
- Parade costs
- Skips

3.6.3 Ward Members for Garforth & Swillington have expressed support for this application.

### **3.7 Small Grants**

3.7.1 The details of small grants received since April 2012 is detailed on **Appendix 1**.

### **3.8 Community Engagement – proposal to establish 2 Neighbourhood Development/Improvement Officers covering the South East Area**

3.8.1 The main strategy for engagement in the Outer East area over recent years has been through its 7 community forums that meet quarterly, its older persons event week and various ad-hoc consultations that usually reflect a project or proposal being considered for the area. Added to this is this is the citizens panel that

consults with a cross section of people across the whole of the city on a wide range of issues.

3.8.2 At recent Area Committee meetings reference has been made for the need to provide more focused and intensive support to communities to get involved in the citizenship agenda and civic pride. In the more deprived communities of the south east area this need is most apparent.

3.8.3 With this in mind Area Committee is requested to consider funding 2 Neighbourhood Development/Improvement Officers to work across the south east area. The funding for the posts would be covered by equal contributions from all 3 south east area committees.

3.8.4 The main responsibilities of the post are as follows:

- To support the South East Area Committees to identify needs and priorities in south east wards utilising a range of consultation techniques.
- To build the skills capacity of communities and groups (particularly those which are hard to reach), and co produce with Elected Members local solutions to local issues organising appropriate training where needed.
- To help establish new community groups and increase membership of established community groups.
- To promote participation, citizenship and community cohesion.
- To help support community events and galas
- To encourage community involvement in Area Committees, community events, community galas, Christmas markets etc as appropriate.
- To build good working relationships and partnerships with local people, statutory and voluntary agencies, community groups and elected members.
- To support the work of Neighbourhood Improvement Boards (NIB) where they exist and their sub-groups and help with the development of a plan for each NIB.
- To develop Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIP's) for specific neighbourhoods in each ward to address issues of concern
- To support the establishment of Trader forums with colleagues in the Area Support Team
- To initiate new projects and take the lead on helping community organisations acquire funds from available sources e.g. Grantscape, Green Leeds etc.
- To work with the Area Support Team and Ward Members to devise an asset strategy for the ward that takes into account new legislation included in the Localism Act.
- To work with the Area Support Team and local communities in relation to aspects of the Localism Act, especially Neighbourhood Planning, community right to challenge and assets of community value
- To keep effective records and provide regular reports as required.
- To work within equalities policies to promote diversity and equality.
- To maintain good Health and Safety practice.

3.8.5 The posts are graded at SO1 which equates to £25,326 rising to £26,071 (this includes 6.5% WYPF and 6% NI). The cost to each Area Committee would be £16,884.

## **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 targets and priorities set out in the following council policies:

- Vision for Leeds
- Safer & Stronger Communities Plan
- Children & Young Peoples Plan
- Health & Well Being City Priority Plan

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

4.4.1 There is no new resource implications as a result of any projects detailed within this report. In all requests for funding from Area Committee applicants are asked to consider value for money during the application process.

### **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 no longer 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 information on how the well being budget 2012/13 has been allocated and includes new project proposals to be delivered in the near future.
- 5.2 The report also requests that Area Committee consider a proposal to establish Neighbourhood Development Workers in the south east.

## **6 Recommendations**

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- 6.2 Members consider the proposal to establish 2 Neighbourhood Development/Improvement Officers in the south east.

## **7 Background documents**

- 7.1 Well Being Budget report to Outer East Area Committee – May 2012
- 7.2 Area Functions schedule report to Outer East Area committee – July 2012