

**Report of ENE Area Leader**

**Report to Inner East Area Committee**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Subject: Wellbeing Fund**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	Killingbeck & Seacroft Gipton & Harehills Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 provides an overview of spending to date, and presents for consideration a number of new project proposals requesting funding.

**Recommendations**

- Consider the following project proposals and approve where appropriate the amount of grant to be awarded:

Crossgates Christmas Motifs	£525
'Safe & Secure' new windows for St Philips PCC	£2,360
Welfare Reform Support	£5,000
'Off the Streets' football project	£1,002

## Purpose of this report

- 1.0 The purpose of this report is to provide details of its well being fund spend to the Area Committee, including details of new projects for consideration.

## Background information

- 2.0 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 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area, which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
- 2.1 It has been agreed that the revenue wellbeing budget for the Inner East Area Committee for 2012/13, based on these calculations is £261,760. This is the same revenue budget that was allocated last year. Carryover of uncommitted revenue funds from 2011/12 has also continued, and added to this the additional underspend as reported at June Area Committee the total budget for 2012/13 is £410,868. It must be noted by the Area Committee that this figure includes schemes approved and ongoing from 2011/12 which are carried forward to be paid.
- 2.3 As agreed at the March meeting, once the agreed topsliced projects are removed the remaining budget will be split three ways between the wards. Including this additional carry forward figure, the amount available for each ward is £71,114.97 (as set out in **appendix A**) and leaves a balance within the area wide budget of £5,000 for contingencies.
- 2.2 From their ward allocation members were recommended to set aside a pot for small grants and pot/s for Tasking teams. These decisions have been discussed at ward member meetings and members have agreed the following;

### Killingbeck & Seacroft

Small grants	£3,000
Tasking	£12,000

### Gipton & harehills

Small Grants	£3,000
Gipton Tasking	£6,000
Harehills Tasking	£6,000

### Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

Small Grants	£2,000
Tasking	£10,000
Community Engagement	£1,072 (This money will be added to the Community Engagement pot for spend specifically in BRH)

This was agreed at June 2012 Area Committee

- 2.3 Wellbeing fund applications are considered at the relevant Ward Member meetings, where possible, for Members recommendations to the Area Committee prior to the meeting.

- 2.4 The Area Committee wellbeing fund is used to commission activity and projects which support activities in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans which in turn support the overarching priorities of the Community Charter, and the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan. Applications are also accepted from organisations in the local area who can demonstrate that their project supports these priorities. These projects are monitored quarterly on progress, with a final evaluation taking place when the project is completed.
- 2.5 **Appendix A** to this report shows spend to date and current balance of the revenue budget for Members information.

### **Small Grants**

- 2.6 Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of two grants of up to £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit. These are approved by Councillors outside of the Area Committee meeting and are funded from a small grant pot set aside by ward members from their ward allocation. Details of spending for small grants are included in **Appendix B**.

### **Community Engagement**

- 2.7 The Area Committee approved an amount of £3,000 at its March 2012 meeting for Community Engagement. Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Members have since agreed to allocate an additional £1,072.75 to this pot to be spent on activity in their ward. **Details of spend to date under this heading are attached at Appendix B**

### **Crime and Grime Tasking**

- 2.8 Each of the priority neighbourhoods in the Inner East Area has a multi-agency tasking team which focuses on tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental problems. Ward members have set aside a portion of their ward allocation to support the work of these teams, this pot is managed by the Area Support Team. **Details of spend to date under this heading are attached at Appendix C**

### **Project Update**

- 2.9 Projects which are awarded wellbeing funding are required to submit project monitoring returns giving details of what the project has achieved. **Details of recent updates are attached at Appendix D.**

### **3.0 New projects for Consideration**

- 3.1 **Project:** Crossgates Christmas Lights  
**Organisation:** Area Support Team  
**Ward affected:** Killingbeck & Seacroft  
**Amount applied for:** £525

A total of 6 festive motifs will be placed on lamp posts along Station Road in Crossgates (Library side of the road). Festive lights are annually placed along this stretch of road but central resources are no longer available to fund them. Outer East Area Committee has agreed to fund 50% of the lights, if Inner East Area Committee pays the other 50%.

**Ward Member recommendations:** Members approve spend as this is something that is joint funded annually and it contributes towards Best City...to live

- 3.2 Project:** Safe & Secure  
**Organisation:** St Phillips PCC  
**Wards affected:** Burmantofts & Richmond Hill  
**Amount applied for:** £2,360

To replace 7, 40 year old, rotting single glazed windows at St Phillips Centre with double glazed ones. Also to install a fire safety door and repair the roof that was damaged when thieves stole the lead. The project costs £4,360 in total but £2,000 will be funded through other sources

**Ward Member recommendations:** Members are supportive of the project as the centre is used by the community and this contributes towards Best city... to live'

- 3.3 Project:** Welfare Reform Support  
**Organisation:** ENE Welfare Reform Project Team  
**Ward affected:** All  
**Amount applied for:** £5,000

Further to the report received at June Area Committee regarding the on going work to address the impact Welfare Reform is likely to have in the Inner East, the project team working on this have identified that although there are comprehensive plans to inform and support social rented tenants through these changes, there is significant concern about how private sector tenants will be engaged and supported.

A £30,000 project is proposed, with £20,000 funded through the NHS and £5,000 requested from both the Inner North East and Inner East Area Committees. The project will commission Feel Good Factor to develop promotional material, provide a drop in service, outreach work, workshops and link with all housing providers and front line staff

This project provides additional support, specifically for the Inner East and Inner North East areas, given the volume of residents the welfare changes will effect. This project will go further than just advising on the changes, support will be given to help people back into to work and with wider lifestyle and budgeting advice.

**Ward Member recommendations:** This application was not received in time to be discussed at ward member meetings, but an update on welfare reforms was brought to the last Area Committee meeting in June.

- 3.4 Project:** Off the Streets  
**Organisation:** Young Peoples Awareness project  
**Ward affected:** Gipton & Harehills  
**Amount applied for:** £3,974

The applicant has requested funding to run football provision twice a week for hard to reach young men. This will include pitch hire, refreshments and kits. The sessions will take place at Thomas Danby college every week for 12 months.

**Ward Member recommendations:** After much discussion and liaison with the applicant, ward members recommend that the Area Committee part fund this project. So that one football session runs per week for 6 months. This would reflect a **reduced amount of £1,002**

This will enable the Committee to support the applicant to build partnership networks with agencies working locally, such as IGEN and Archway, as current links are not yet well established. It would be hoped that these links will enable a wider reach of young person to access the provision and also allow existing users to access these support services.

The Young Peoples Awareness Project is a very new provider. Ward members are keen to support this start up enterprise. To ensure the longevity of its work they recommend that the project should link into existing agencies and provision. They also wish to safeguard public funds by reducing the amount of provision funded until the group is more established in the local area.

- 3.5** **Project:** Saxton Gardens TRO  
**Organisation:** Area Support Team/ LCC Highways  
**Wards affected:** Burmantofts & Richmond Hill  
**Amount applied for:** £3,000

To fund the implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order for the Saxton Gardens estate. This scheme will extend the current Permit Holders only scheme from running 8am-6pm to being 24 hour. The funds will pay for legal notices, changes to signage, design of the scheme and road markings.

The scheme will cost £8,500 in total, LCC Highways are contributing £2,500 from their core budget and £3,000 has been applied for from ENEHL Area Panel.

**Ward Member recommendations:** Ward members support this project as it contributes towards Best city... to live.

- 3.6** **Project:** Welcome to Burmantofts Stone  
**Organisation:** Area Support Team  
**Wards affected:** Burmantofts & Richmond Hill  
**Amount applied for:** £3,750

This scheme aims to provide an attractive Gateway Stone to define the physical location of Burmantofts, as a result of specific requests to, and then by, Ward Members, from local residents. The Gateway Stone will be large with a finished height of approximately 1.2m and will be installed into concrete footings in the most appropriate location at the junction of Lincoln Green Road and Beckett Street.

The stone will also incorporate a large coloured metal plaque fixed securely into a flat recess in the front, which will form a visual welcome to visitors and passers-by. The Gateway Stone and Plaque, when finished, will define the Burmantofts community and give a sense of place to residents and visitors. It will also encourage

members of the local community to take pride in the area and feel that there is a focal point for that feeling of pride and wellbeing

**Ward Member recommendations:** Members support this project as it contributes towards Best city .... To live.

## **Corporate Considerations**

### **4.0 Consultation and Engagement**

In order for ward members to make an informed decision on wellbeing spending they are provided with details of the projects and the opportunity to discuss them at ward member meetings. The Neighbourhood Managers are also consulted to assess how the project supports the relevant Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

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

All projects funded by wellbeing monies must demonstrate:

- Equality and diversity issues have been considered in the planning of the project,
- How equality and diversity issues have shaped the project delivery;
- The impact of the project will be on different groups;
- how the project will promote good community relations between different groups and how barriers that might prevent their involvement will be overcome.

### **4.2 Council Policies and City Priorities**

Wellbeing funding is used to support the priorities set out in the Inner East Community Charter which are agreed with the local communities of Inner East and key stakeholders. More detailed action plans, Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) are prepared for each priority neighbourhood. Both the Charter and the NIPs support the Vision for Leeds.

### **4.3 Resources and Value for Money**

Spending and monitoring of the Wellbeing budget is administered by the Area Management Team in accordance with the decisions made by this Area Committee.

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

The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of capital and revenue wellbeing budgets within the framework of the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3D) and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

#### **4.5 Risk Management**

All wellbeing funded projects must demonstrate that they have identified any potential risks for the project and what action would/will take to avoid or minimise them. Details of the risk assessments individual projects are available from the author of this report.

#### **5.0 Conclusions**

The well-being fund provides financial support for projects in the Inner East Area which support the priorities of the Community Charter and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

#### **6.0 Recommendations**

The Area Committee is requested to:

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#### **7.0 Background documents**

Report to Inner East Area Committee, 23 June 2011, Area Committee Roles 2011/12

Report to Executive Board, 11 February 2011, Revenue Budget 2011/12 and Capital Programme.