

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

**Report to North West (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Subject: Wellbeing Fund 2012-13 Update 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. This report provides the North West (Inner) Area Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2012 -13 and provides budget monitoring information for Quarter 1.
2. The report also outlines the findings of a financial review of Wellbeing revenue projects approved between 2004/05 to 2011/12.

**Recommendations**

Members are asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2012 -13 (Appendix 1).
- Note the content of the Quarter 1 Monitoring Returns (Appendix 2).
- Note the additional revenue funding identified through the financial review of Wellbeing revenue projects approved between 2004/05 to 2011/12.
- Consider how they would wish to use the additional revenue funding identified.

## 1 Purpose of this report

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## 2 Background information

- 2.1 Area Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of Area Wellbeing Funding. The amount of Wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed at Full Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
- 2.2 The Inner North West Area Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing fund recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. To facilitate this process, a commissioning round is held prior to the financial year and the Area Committee meets to agree which projects will be funded in the year ahead.
- 2.3 In 2012-13, the North West (Inner) Area Committee received a sum of £215,581 of Wellbeing revenue. After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2011-12 carry forward position, the Area Committee had £211,722 of funding available for allocation. All of this funding was committed to 27 projects at the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 Area Committee meeting, as listed in Appendix 1 (para. 1.2).
- 2.4 No additional Capital Wellbeing was allocated to the Area Committee in 2012-13.

## 3 Main issues

- 3.1 Wellbeing Budget Statement 2012 -13 and Quarter 1 Monitoring Returns
- 3.2 The latest Wellbeing Budget Statement for 2012-13 is included as **Appendix 1** to this report. This sets out the current budget position for Wellbeing projects showing the amount approved by the Area Committee and the value of funds spent to date. The Wellbeing Budget statement also outlines the current budget position of those projects funded in previous years which still have funding left to spend.
- 3.3 Details of monitoring returns provided by Wellbeing funded projects for Quarter 1 are set out in **Appendix 2**. It shows what progress has been made by projects to deliver the activity as agreed through the application process, which projects are now complete and which are still live. All projects are currently meeting the outputs as agreed in the project delivery statements. Members are asked to note the content of the Wellbeing monitoring returns.
- 3.4 Financial Review of Wellbeing Revenue Projects 2004/05 – 2011/12
- 3.5 The West North West Area Support Team has completed a financial review of Well-being revenue projects approved between 2004/05 to 2011/12. This involved working with the Resources Directorate to review Well-being project

actual spend and identifying any unspent revenue funding from previous years. The review also took into account and settled any anomalous outstanding commitments of funding from future years, such as the final instalment of the abortive Town & District Centre fees due for payment by the Area Committee in 2013/14.

- 3.6 For the North West (Inner) Area Committee, the amount of additional revenue identified is £918.00. This money is now available to spend as part of the 2012/13 budget and Members are asked to consider how they would like to use this money.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 The Area Committee has previously been consulted on the projects detailed within the report. Local priorities are set through the Area Business Plan process and the commissioning round began with a communication to all Area Committee contacts.

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

- 4.2.1 All Wellbeing 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 continues to comply 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 not 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 The North West (Inner) Area Committee Wellbeing Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2012-13.

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

- Report: *Wellbeing Funding Commissioning Report* – North West (Inner) Area Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

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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.