

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner North East Area Committee

Date: 15th October 2012

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Revenue Budget

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay	<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 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

1. This report provides members with an update on the current position of the wellbeing revenue budget for the Inner North East.
2. Applications made for funding are included in the report for members consideration.
3. The budget for 2012/13 has now been approved as £161,810, which is the same allocation as last year.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to note the contents of this report, and
5. Consider the following project proposals and approve the working group recommendations:
 - Agree not to approve funding of £1,190 to Youth Forward.
 - Agree not to approve funding of £3,500 to the Education Achievement Academy.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The report provides members with an update on the current position of the revenue Wellbeing funding for the Area Committee and sets out applications made for consideration by the Area Committee.

2 Background information

- 2.1 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 population and deprivation in each area which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
- 2.2 It has been agreed that the revenue wellbeing budget for the Inner North East Area Committee for 2012/13, based on these calculation is £161,810. This is the same revenue budget that was allocated last year.
- 2.3 The Area Committee have nominated a representative from each ward to form a Well Being Member Working Group to consider applications made for funding and also receive feedback and evaluations regarding projects that have already been funded.
- 2.4 The Area Committee wellbeing fund is used to commission activity and projects to support the promises in the Community Charter. Applications are also accepted from organisations in the local area who can demonstrate that their project supports the Community Charter promises. These projects are monitored quarterly on progress, with a final evaluation taking place when the project is completed.
- 2.5 The current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing budget is provided at Appendix 1 for Members information.
- 2.6 Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community, these are approved by ward members.

3 Main Issues - New Applications for Consideration

3.1 Youth Forward - £1,512.91

- 3.1.1 This project aims to give young people from disadvantaged backgrounds living in the area the opportunity to take part in creative and artistic pursuits, for example drama and music making.
- 3.1.2 There will be two workshops run a week, with different participants to each. The group have been give free space at Park Lane college and all workshops will be run from there.
- 3.1.3 The workshops will be the hook to get young people involved but will focus around building keys skills, such as confidence and allowing young people to express their emotions.
- 3.1.4 The young people will also be signposted to relevant courses within the college and helped to find appropriate training and/or employment. This facility will still be

available even after the workshops have ended with the provision of a drop in facility.

- 3.1.5 The project has received East North East Homes Leeds funding of £1,420 to put on the production at the end of the course.
- 3.1.6 It is recommended by the Wellbeing working group that the application is not funded due to no clear sustainability plan put forward and the project does not take place in the area.

3.2 Chapeltown and Harehills basic literacy - £3,500

- 3.2.1 The Education Achievement Academy provides paid for college courses for people wanting to learn English and basic literacy. However they have identified a need for people who are in employment that also need to upskill in these areas.
- 3.2.2 Many people have learnt coping mechanisms and often had to leave school early due to pregnancy or criminal activity so never learnt basic skills when young. These people are now working but still have low literacy levels.
- 3.2.3 The project will be run as a social enterprise and with the funding will be able to offer places to 50 adults in the first year. It is hoped by learning these skills it will assist with them possibly attending college in the future and their own career development
- 3.2.4 Funding of £5,000 has already been secured from Leeds Christian Community Trust and Inner East Area Committee also has an application for £3,500 going to their next committee.
- 3.2.5 It is recommended by the Wellbeing working group that the application is not funded as similar courses are available via other providers.

3.3 Area Committee Apprenticeship post update

- 3.3.1 The Apprenticeship Training Agency (ATA) will be launched in Autumn 2012 as part of the City Deal that will, over the next three years, generate 2500 additional apprenticeships primarily with small to medium enterprises (SMEs), throughout the Leeds City Region. The Leeds ATA will effectively operate as a recruitment agency for smaller businesses in Leeds, matching their needs with young people who want to develop a career through an Apprenticeship. The ATA will be set up as a limited company jointly owned by Leeds City Council and Leeds City College. Leeds has already seen a significant growth in Apprenticeships in recent years. However, the scale and breadth of employers, particularly SMEs offering an Apprenticeship still remains one of the lowest in the region.
- 3.3.2 The ATA will target SMEs in growth sectors, including Finance and Business, Manufacturing and Engineering and Retail and Customer Services. Other sectors such as Hospitality and Catering and Construction that play an important role in driving Leeds' economy over the next decade, will also be considered. The ATA will not however, exclude other industries if there is a demand.

- 3.3.3 A robust communications and business engagement strategy has been developed to ensure that the opportunities presented by the Leeds ATA are publicised widely and effectively through Leeds. It is also suggested that a link should be added to the re-launched Leeds Pathways website which receives over three million hits a year from 110,000 unique users and therefore has a significant potential audience and the opportunity to easily signpost young people to positive opportunities.
- 3.3.4 As previously reported, the Inner East and Inner North East Area Committee have approved funding for an apprentice each for 12 months. The Outer North East Area Committee has now considered the proposals and decided it wishes to spend its Well-being fund on initiatives which benefit greater numbers of young people who are NEET. The apprenticeship proposals will now be progressed on the basis of two apprentices within ENE. Discussions are still ongoing with the Police with regard to each apprentice being based with them for 1/3 of their training. Discussions are also ongoing with Business in the Community's new Business Connector for Leeds for their advice on selection of a private sector partner to work with, who would have an apprentice based with them for 1/3 of the programme. It is hoped that a timetable for implementation will be presented to the next ALT and advice is sought from ALT in terms of publicity and recruitment to the scheme

3.4 2012/13 budget

- 3.4.1 The allocation of revenue wellbeing funding for 2012/13 is £161,810. This is the same amount of revenue funding as the Inner North East Area Committee received last year.
- 3.4.2 The Area Support Team have also done some work on projects which have come in under budget or are no longer going ahead. Below are the new figures for this financial year showing the amount of funding left in each of the area pots.

Funding / Spend Items	Chapel Allerton Ward Pot	Moortown Ward Pot	Roundhay Ward Pot	Area Wide	Total
Balance b/f from 2011-12	£8,308.97	£13,839.41	£23,597.70	£55,124.93	£100,871.01
Schemes Approved from 2011-12 budget to be spent in 2012-13	£5,959.53	£3,859.98	£9,800	£26,312.25	£45,931.76
Amount of b/f budget available for new schemes 2012-13	£2,349.44	£9,979.43	£13,797.70	£28,812.68	£54,939.25
New Allocation for 2012-13	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£131,810	£161,810
Total available for new schemes in 2012-13	£12,349.44	£19,979.43	£23,797.70	£160,622.68	£216,749.25
Total Projected Spend 2012-13	£9,745.80	£2,743.92	£5,197.44	£139,788.50	£157,475.66
Remaining Balance Unallocated	£2,603.64	£17,235.51	£18,600.26	£20,834.18	£59,273.59

3.4.3 Attached at Appendix 1 is a full breakdown of wellbeing funding for 2012/13 and amounts already allocated, including ward pot funding.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 The local community and VCFS groups are consulted and the well being fund grant process is shared with them via the community engagement strategy and events that are attended. In addition feedback is provided via the Community Charter. Consultation on the priorities within the Community Charter is undertaken on an annual basis and shapes the priorities which the Well Being Fund is used to deliver.

4.1.2 The Wellbeing Member Working Group considers the applications for funding and makes a recommendation for the Area Committee to consider.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 Well Being Funding is used to ensure that inequalities within the local area are addressed through local projects and schemes and equality impact assessments carried out where necessary.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The Wellbeing Fund projects seek to contribute to the City Priorities by improving the local area and addressing inequalities in the Inner North East.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 All relevant applications to the wellbeing fund are requested to get three quotes for the work to make sure it is good value for money.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The above groups have applied for funding to the Inner North East Area Committee and the Area Committee is asked to consider its budget and whether it would like to fund the applications.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and;

- Agree not to approve funding of £1,190 to Youth Forward.
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7 Background documents¹

7.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.