

Inner West Well-being Project Monitoring

April to September 2012

- 1.1 This section updates the Area Committee on progress against Well-being funded revenue projects approved since March 2012.
- 1.2 **Project Name:** Bramley Baths
Lead Organisation: LCC Sports Development
Amount: £27,720
Project Description: The funding is to enable Bramley Baths to open for an additional twenty hours per week, from 29 hours core funded to 49 hours from April to September while negotiations took place to transfer the facility over to a community led consortium.
Project Update: The additional 20 hours a week were delivered from April – September 2012 in addition to the 29 budgeted hours. An estimated 12,373 additional visits were generated by this project, limiting the fall in visits to only 18%, when hours had reduced by 48%. Supporting staff during the period of uncertainty has been the main issue, however, the figures for visits suggest they have been very successful in maintaining a positive outlook to customers. The asset transfer has been approved by Executive Board, and Leeds City Council is funding the additional 29 opening hours until this takes place.
- 1.3 **Project Name:** Community Centre Consortium
Lead Organisation: BARCA Leeds
Amount: £35,000
Project Description: This funding is to support the New Wortley and Fairfield Community Centres by employing a Social Enterprise and Business Facilities Manager until September 2012 and providing financial support through to March 2013. The Social Enterprise and Business Facilities Manager is responsible for developing an exit strategy for the project that will provide the management committees of the centres with procedures and skills to support the future viability of the centres.
Project Update: Barca's involvement has helped develop these centres through the Social Enterprise and Business Facilities Managers role. The two centres are in a much better financial position than at the beginning of the project. Fairfield Centre in particular seeing a remarkable change from a run down tired building into a vibrant hub of community activity, supported in part by a community development worker employed by Barca. New Wortley Centre has seen a turnaround in the way the social enterprises have been run on site, making them more efficient, business like and successful. The centre is still in need of targeted support and the Area Support Team is helping the Board apply for funding to continue with a centre manager post until April next year. £6,000 has already been secured from NHS Leeds, and the outcome of an application to Leeds Transition Fund is expected in the next two months.
- 1.4 **Project Name:** Police off Road Bikes
Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount: £1,500

Project Description: The funding will hire four off road bikes to be shared across the West North West police division to combat anti-social behaviour caused by nuisance motorbikes on community greenspace and woodland.

Project Update: The police employ their powers under the 'No Insurance' scheme and Section 59 of the Police Reform Act wherever possible and in conjunction with Council's Parkswatch to seize offending vehicles and prosecute their riders. Off road motorcycle offending can be difficult to combat, with marked vehicles unable to carry out pursuits on open land. Using off road bikes, the officers are working well with the Parkswatch service in undertaking joint initiatives and co-ordinating patrols to tackle issues of anti social behaviour and illegal motor-bike nuisance in areas such as New Wortley, Bramley Falls Woods, the towpath of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal as well as parks and green spaces and hotspots in inner West.

1.5 **Project Name:** Armley Festive Lights

Lead Organisation: WNW Area Support Team

Amount: £1,750

Project Description: Funding ten festive light motifs for Armley town centre.

Project Update: The order has been placed with Leeds Lights and a community switch on event is planned for Saturday 24th November.

1.6 **Project Name:** I Love West Leeds Festival

Lead Organisation: I Love West Leeds Festival Committee

Amount: £10,000

Project Description: I Love West Leeds is an annual arts festival rooted in the community of west Leeds. The Area Committee's funding will support the 8th festival, including two outdoor film screenings and a free festival day at Pudsey Park.

Project Update: The festival was programmed for July 2012 with the Big Free Festival Day scheduled to place in Pudsey Park and outdoor film screenings taking place in New Wortley and Raynville Road Park. Unfortunately, due to bad weather the festival had to be cancelled 48 hours before the event. Short notice of cancellation meant that financial contracts had to be honoured, hence rescheduling was not an option. The weather forecast for the film screenings was no better, so in an attempt to safeguard finances the screenings were postponed until October.

1.7 **Project Name:** Small Grants and Skips Budget

Lead Organisation: West North West Area Support Team

Amount: £5,289 (£4,000 plus previous year's carry forward)

Project Description: To provide a budget for community and voluntary groups to apply to for funding for small projects and skips for community use.

Project Update: To 4th October, a total of ten projects received small grant funding to the sum of £3,250, and six skips have been provided costing a total of £801. There is £738 remaining in the budget, and Members may wish to top it up to ensure sufficient funding is available until March next year.

1.8 **Project Name:** Inner West Events Budget

Lead Organisation: West North West Area Support Team

Amount: £7,500 (£5000 Armley, £2,500 Bramley & Stanningley)

Project Description: To provide a budget for Ward Members to allocate towards community events and celebrations.

Project Update: Jubilee celebrations in both wards were funded through this budget. The remainder of the budget is earmarked for the Christmas Light Switch On event in Armley and hiring festive lights for Bramley centre.

- 1.9 **Project Name:** Small grants and skips fund
Lead Organisation: West North West Area Support Team
Project Description: To provide a budget for community groups to apply to for small grants up to £300 and skips for environmental clean ups.
Project Update: To the end of September the Area Committee had provided funding for eleven small grants and six skips.
- 1.10 **Project Name:** Armley Spots Project
Lead Organisation: Youth Service
Amount: £2,250
Project Description: Continuation of a football based project running every Tuesday evening in Armley Sports centre. It is a multi cultural session with young people from a variety of backgrounds, ages and gender who organise themselves into teams and play football against each other. The main aim of the project is diversionary which together with the Tuesday New Wortley Youth clubs ensures that young people are fully occupied all evening every Tuesday.
Project Update: 24 sessions in total have been delivered between April and September with an average of 20 young people attending each session in first quarter and 12 in the second. Football coaching and five-a-side football is the main activity of these sessions, being delivered in partnership with the leisure centre and PCSOs providing support when they can. There was an issue with older youths trying to access the sessions, and the scheme was closed for two weeks to resolve these tensions. There is now a very successful 12 – 16 group who are really enjoying the sessions and are getting a lot out of the project.
- 1.11 **Project Name:** Summer Sports Coaching
Lead Organisation: LCC Sports
Amount: £2,500
Project Description: This funding is for the delivery of sports sessions during the summer months in partnership with local sports clubs and support for young people to take coaching qualifications.
Project Update: Over 800 children and young people from the inner West are have participated in this project. The majority attended the primary school football coaching sessions and Olympic event at the John Charles Stadium. Eight sports clubs ran summer camps covering sports including tennis, rugby and gymnastics. Young people from the area are enrolled in coaching courses and will be supported to volunteer in their local clubs.
- 1.12 **Project Name:** Environmental Clean Ups
Lead Organisation: To be confirmed
Amount: £6,000
Project Description: To fund a Probation community payback team to clear overgrown ginnels and carry out other environmental improvement works.
Project Update: The Probation Service were unable to accept the contract as they were carrying out a review of the service. Groundwork Leeds were asked to provide a quote for the work that would involve their young trainees. The cost is

significantly higher than the probation scheme, and officers have recommended that the scheme be decommissioned as the overgrown vegetation will start dying back in the winter months.

- 1.13 **Project Name:** NEET Reduction Project
Lead Organisation: IGEN
Amount: £6,750
Project Description: The project organises fun activities for young people not in education, employment or training who are working with IGEN to motivate them to keep attending sessions and work towards re-engaging with school or training opportunities.
Project Update: There were three activity days held in quarter one, and eight in quarter two with a total of forty three young people from the area taking part, of which fifteen were classed as long term NEET and eighteen classed at risk as at risk of NEET. The activities helped connexions advisors engage positively with the young people. Four have been referred to social care following disclosures on activity days, and two have been signposted to drug addition services. The remaining young people have continued to work with IGEN to secure employment or education placements.
- 1.14 **Project Name:** Community Hanging Baskets
Lead Organisation: Armley Community Rights Trust
Amount: £1,800
Project Description: The project brings together local residents to make up hanging baskets to take home and display.
Project Update: The project was well advertised in the local shops and leaflets distributed through primary schools. The event was held on Saturday 26th May, with nine volunteers helping organise the distribution of 160 baskets and plants. The feedback from organisers, volunteers and participants was extremely positive.
- 1.15 **Project Name:** Armley Saturday Night Project
Lead Organisation: Out of School Activities Team
Amount: £3,000
Project Description: This funding is to pay for staff and equipment to support the 42 week Saturday night youth provision at Armley Sports Centre.
Project Update: The project runs at the Armley Leisure Centre on a Saturday evening from 6:00-9:00pm. A junior session for 8-13 year olds between 6:00-7:30pm and a senior session for 12-18 year olds between 7:30-9:00pm. In the ten weeks before the summer break, attendance averaged at around 75 for the juniors and ten seniors. Work is ongoing to recruit more seniors to the session with 14 joining the senior session in September.
- 1.16 **Project Name:** Bramley Floodlights
Lead Organisation: Parks & Countryside / Bramley Phoenix Rugby Club
Amount: £16,000
Project Description: The funding is to install floodlights on the Leeds City Council owned Bramley Phoenix Rugby Club pitch.
Project Update: Parks and Countryside are working with the club on suitable design and licensing arrangements, as the club will take full responsibility for the running and maintenance of the lights. The scheme will need planning permission,

and early indications are that the club will need to find additional funds to meet the full cost. Parks and Countryside remain confident that the scheme is viable, but it is unlikely that work will start before Christmas.

1.17 **Project Name:** Target Hardening in Armley

Lead Organisation: CASAC

Amount: £3,000

Project Description: The project provides additional security for properties at risk of burglary, identified through Operation Optimal, the police's predictive anti-burglary initiative. Funding will be allocated as grant with the householder / landlord covering the first £75 of the standard target hardening package, plus any expenditure over £150. Referrals will come through West Yorkshire Police crime reduction officers. CASAC will provide the target hardening service based on the needs of the property.

Project Update: The scheme was delayed until August while match funding was secured from Safer Leeds. So far, no referrals have come through for the scheme from Armley Ward. The Community Safety Co-ordinator is working with the police and CASAC to ensure properties at risk are offered the service.

1.18 **Project Name:** Armley Notice board

Lead Organisation: Area Support Team

Amount: £2,350

Project Description: The funding is for the installation of a notice board, which would be maintained by local key holders to advertise community events.

Project Update: Malcolm Lane & Sons will be delivering and installing the notice board, once the relevant paperwork including the pre installation survey is completed.