

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

Report to West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 12th December 2012

Subject: Well-being Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley, Bramley & Stanningley	<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

- 5.1 This report provides the Inner West Area Committee with an update on the budget position for the Well-being revenue fund for 2012/13.
- 5.2 The report also seeks approval for additional funding for Bramley Events Budget.

Recommendations

5.3 Members are asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Well-being Fund for 2012/13,
- Approve the change to the CASAC target hardening grant to lower the customer contribution from £75 to £25
- Consider the three applications at Appendix 2 and advise whether it should be approved for Well-being funding

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on the budget position for the Well-being Fund for 2012 -13.
- 1.2 It provides information on two projects that are not progressing in line with expectation, and a new Well-being application for consideration.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Area Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of Area Well-being funding. The amount of Well-being funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed at Full Council taking into consideration the population and deprivation of an area.
- 2.2 At its last meeting, the Area Committee was provided with information on those projects not achieving their expected spend. An update on these projects is provided in this report.
- 2.3 The 2012/13 Inner West Area Committee's Well-being budget was £136,710. After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2011/12 carry forward position, the Area Committee had £152,055 of funding available for projects. The majority of this funding was committed to a range of projects at the 21st March 2012 Area Committee meeting, as listed in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 No additional Capital Well-being was allocated to the Area Committee in 2012/13. Following approvals at the last Area Committee meeting, the balance of the Inner West Capital Well-being budget is £4,195.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Well-being Budget Statement 2012 -13
- 3.2 The balance of the Inner West Well-being are as follows:

Armley - £10,907

Bramley and Stanningley - £5,479

Small Grants & Skips - £1,938

- 3.3 Well-being revenue projects approved in 2012/13

IW/12/01	Broadleas CCTV	£ 1,784
IW/12/02	Bramley Baths	£27,720
IW/12/03	Community Centre Consortium	£35,000
IW/12/04	Police Off Road Bikes	£ 1,500
IW/12/05	Armley Festive Lights	£ 1,750
IW/12/06	I Love West Leeds Festival	£10,000
IW/12/07	Small grants & Skips	£ 6,789
IW/12/08	Inner West Events Budget	£ 8,000
IW/12/09	Armley Sports Project	£ 2,250
IW/12/10	Summer Sports & Coaching	£ 2,500
IW/12/11	Environmental Clean Ups	Decommissioned

IW/12/13	Neet Reduction Project	£ 6,750
IW/12/14	Armley Saturday Night Project	£ 3,000
IW/12/15	Armley Noticeboard	£ 2,200
IW/12/16	Target hardening in Armley	£ 3,000
IW/12/17	Stop Loan Sharks Campaign	£ 1,900
IW/12/18	Bramley Floodlights	£ 16,000

3.5 One small grant has been approved since the last Area Committee:

Parkfield Football Club - £300 contribution towards pitch hire costs

3.6 Update on projects not achieving spend

As reported at the last Area Committee, two projects are not achieving their expected outcomes:

3.7 IW.12.16 Armley Target Hardening

There has been a very low take up of the target hardening service offered through this scheme. Consultation with Community Safety, CASAC and the police identified that many residents find the £75 contribution to the service a barrier. The Area Committee is asked to approve a change to the grant to lower the customer contribution to £25.

3.8 IW.12.18 Bramley Floodlights

The scheme is progressing, and final negotiations are underway with the Phoenix Rugby Club regarding a maintenance agreement and community access. The final design is ready and it is expected that planning permission will be applied for very soon.

3.9 New Well-being applications

3.10 Four new Well-being applications have been submitted for Members' consideration.

3.11 1) Bramley Music Festival

In November, Ward Members were advised that the eagerly anticipated free Bramley Music Festival was at risk because of a funding shortfall when additional security staff had to be hired at short notice. Ward Members agreed to provide £700 from the Bramley Events Budget to enable the concert to take place.

Because of this, there is no longer enough money in the budget to pay for the Bramley festive lights. Members are asked to approve an additional £700 revenue funding for the Bramley Events budget to cover this.

3.12 2) Rodley Festive Lights

3.13 Following a request from Ward Members, five festive light motifs were ordered at a cost of £875 for Rodley. Due to the time sensitive nature of this request, it was agreed that the order could be raised from the Bramley Events budget with the

agreement it would be topped up with funds from the Bramley Well-being allocation.

3.14 Members are therefore asked to approve £1,575 for the Bramley Events budget to cover the above two projects.

3.15 3) Aston Drive Ginnel Closure

3.16 For some years, residents living on and near Aston Drive in Armley Ward have complained of criminal damage, arson, drug use and anti-social behaviour centred around the ginnel that runs from Aston Drive to Kings Approach. In 2008, officers from Leeds Community Safety responded to a request from Ward Members to investigate whether local residents would support a gating order to close part of the ginnel.

3.17 The gating order was not taken forward due to the number of objections received. The problems of anti-social behaviour have persisted, and Ward Members have asked officers to re-visit the possibility of applying for a closure order. The first stage of this process would be to consult on a proposal to close 100m of the ginnel from 3b Aston Drive to behind 35 Aston Drive. The part of the ginnel between the proposed gate and Kings Approach would remain open.

3.18 Residents living near the Kings Approach end are likely to object as they are concerned the problems would be shifted to behind their properties. To mitigate this, a proposal has been put forward to install high fencing along the open ginnel and an improved motorbike restrictor to stop nuisance bikes from accessing it.

3.19 Residents living nearby a second ginnel behind Aston Mount have also requested a closure on the grounds of anti-social behaviour. Although residents have made complaints to Ward Members, and there is evidence of litter and some damage, the police have not reported many formal complaints which would make applying for a gating order at this time difficult.

3.20 A full description of the proposals is at Appendix 1, including a map of the area. Members are asked to consider whether any of the following proposals should receive funding, subject to planning permission and sufficient support from local residents.

Option 1 - Closing 100m Aston Drive Ginnel - £2,350

Option 2 - Fencing and motorbike restrictor for Kings Approach side - £4,285

Option 3 – Fencing Aston Mount ginnel - £1,700

3.21 4) Lazer Centre Motorbike

3.22 The Lazer Centre in Armley ward runs motorcycle training courses for young people as a diversionary activity. Their fleet of four motorbikes need replacing, and a request is made to the Committee for a contribution of £3,500 towards the cost of a new bike.

3.23 A summary of the project is attached at Appendix 2, and West North West Homes Leeds have committed £500 towards the project.

3.24 2013-14 Commissioning Round

3.25 As reported at the last Area Committee meeting, a new Well-being commissioning round was launched on 1st December. Applications for Well-being funding in the 2013/14 financial year will be accepted until 31st January.

3.26 The Area Support Team has contacted a wide range of community, voluntary and statutory organisations as well as all previous applicants and forum invite lists to advise them of the application process.

3.27 Members are asked to discuss any organisations or projects they would like to receive applications from with officers from the Area Support Team.

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.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 All Well-being funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Area Committee Well-being process is currently being reviewed citywide, which will include undertaking a new Equality Impact Assessment to ensure the Well-being 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 Well-being 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 Well-being 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 they are able to deliver the intended benefits.

5 Conclusions

5.4 The Inner West Area Committee Well-being Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive improvements to services. This report provides members with an update on current Well-being funded projects as well as the start of the commissioning process for 2013/14.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Well-being Fund for 2012/13,
- Consider a request to change to the CASAC target hardening grant to lower the customer contribution from £75 to £25
- Consider the request at 3.12 to provide an additional £1,575 towards the Bramley Events Budget.
- Consider the request at 3.13 for funding towards a gating scheme for ginnels at Aston Drive and Aston Close

7 Background documents¹

- None

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.