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## Report of the North East Area Manager

### North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2007

### Subject: Well-Being Fund

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Chapel Allerton

Moortown

Roundhay

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council  
Function

Delegated Executive  
Function available  
for Call In

Delegated Executive  
Function not available for  
Call In Details set out in the  
report

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## Executive Summary

This report contains a summary of Well-Being Fund expenditure in 2006/07 and the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group for commissioning projects from the 2007/08 allocation. The Area Committee is requested to consider the recommendations of the Working Group and indicate if they approve them.

## **Purpose Of This Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present a review of 2006/07 Well-Being Fund expenditure and also proposals for spending the 2007/08 allocation, as recommended by the Well-Being Fund working group. The report contains the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group and the Area Committee is requested to consider these and indicate if they support allocating the funding.

## **Background Information**

2. The North East (Inner) Area Committee received an allocation of £166,774 Well-Being revenue funding for the 2006/07 financial year. The first Area Committee meeting of 2007/08 municipal year is scheduled for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June (subject to approval of a separate report). In order that projects and initiatives can begin in April and May, the Area Committee is requested to consider giving approval for expenditure from the 2007/08 Well-Being Fund revenue budget, subject to final confirmation of the allocation. It is expected to be similar to the 2006/07 allocation. For full details of projects approved in 2006/07 see appendices 1 and 2.
3. In addition, the Committee had a three year capital allocation of £317,925. 2006/07 has been the final year for spending this allocation. A further three year capital allocation starting in 2007/08 is expected to be granted, subject to final confirmation. The previous allocation was based on a citywide pot of £3.5m capital funding, the new citywide allocation is expected to be in the region of £3m. Therefore the Area Committee can expect to get an allocation in the region of £270,000, however this is subject to final confirmation.
4. A detailed financial reconciliation has been undertaken since the last Area Committee meeting. This has looked at the Well-Being Fund expenditure since 2004 and a further £60,341 revenue has been identified for expenditure by the Area Committee. This will be available to spend in 2007/08, giving an expected overall revenue allocation of £227,115.

## **Commissioning approach**

5. The Area Committee is asked to agree an annual Area Delivery Plan (see separate report) which sets out priorities and actions for the local area. For 2007/08 the Area Committee's priority areas have been linked to the blocks of the Local Area Agreement. Members have been consulted on the content, which will be used to set the work programme for the Area Management Team and partners.
6. In 2006/07 the Area Committee agreed to commission under the community safety and youth themes. The Community Safety Co-ordinator was commissioned to deliver projects against actions in the plan, without reapplying for funding each time. This approach has worked well, minimising delays in implementation that would have been created by the grant application process. Monitoring reports have been regularly sent to the Area Committee (last one in December 2006) and the Community Safety working group has closely monitored progress.

7. Many of the actions and projects identified in the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan will require additional funding if they are to be delivered. This is where the Area Committee is looking for additionality, rather than co-ordination or influence over service delivery. Where it is suggested in the plan that Well-Being Funding will be needed to deliver the action, the Area Committee is requested to consider officers in area management identify delivery organisations and approach them on behalf of the Area Committee to commission them to deliver a project that will achieve the desired outcome. The Well-Being Fund working group have discussed and are supportive of this approach.
8. It is proposed that this approach is supported for all four of the priority themes, and that the Committee looks at splitting the Well-Being Fund allocation to achieve this. In addition, some Members have indicated their support for setting aside a level of funding for delivery of ward based projects. Members are requested to consider that the amount they decide to set aside for this purpose will have an impact on the ability to deliver the Area Delivery Plan actions as this has been developed on a theme basis.
9. The Area Committee is requested to consider the table below and indicate which option they prefer for the revenue allocation. These have been informed by discussion at the working group and with the Chair;

### Revenue

Theme / Ward	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Chapel Allerton	10,000	15,000	20,000	0	0
Moortown	10,000	15,000	20,000	0	0
Roundhay	10,000	15,000	20,000	0	0
Ongoing commitments (see para 21-23)	35,317	35,317	35,317	40,000	35,317
Children & Young People	65,000	60,000	55,000	80,000	75,000
Safer & Stronger Communities	50,000	45,000	40,000	50,000	50,000
Healthier Communities & Older People	28,399	25,899	23,399	50,000	33,399
Economic Development & Enterprise	18,399	15,899	13,399	7,115	33,399
<b>Total</b>	<b>227,115</b>	<b>227,115</b>	<b>227,115</b>	<b>227,115</b>	<b>227,115</b>

19. It is also suggested to split the capital allocation between the four themes. Below are two options for the Area Committee's consideration. They have been developed following discussion at the working group. With the equal split option, it is suggested that this is reviewed at each Well-Being Fund working group for progress and if it becomes apparent that there are significant differences in terms of demand on each theme budget, this approach can be reviewed and a paper presented to the Area Committee for consideration.

### Capital

Theme	Option 1	Option 2
Children & Young People	67,500	50,000
Safer & Stronger Communities	67,500	90,000
Healthier Communities & Older People	67,500	100,000
Economic Development & Enterprise	67,500	30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>

25. This approach will allow progress on achievement to move on target, and also resolve issues such as capacity where in the past Area Management officers have tried to deliver several projects at the same time. Through commissioning, other organisations will be given the responsibility of project co-ordination and implementation. The Area Committee can expect detailed progress reports on a quarterly basis.

### 2007/08 Well-Being allocations – revenue

26. If the Committee agree the commissioning approach outlined above Members are asked to confirm the following ongoing commitments;
27. **INE.07.01.LG – Grant & Fundraising Advice Worker**  
 The Area Committee approved £75,317 Well-Being Fund at the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2005 meeting to fund a three day per week post to support voluntary and community organisations in achieving long-term sustainability through fundraising and business planning advice. The funds were split over three years, with the post coming to an end at the end of November 2007. The Area Committee is requested to confirm its contribution from the 2007/08 allocation of £25,317, which will cover the costs of the post to the end of November. **Recommend - £25,317**
28. **Small Grants allocation - £5,000**  
 The Area Committee is requested to set aside £5,000 of the 2007/08 Well-Being Fund allocation. In 2006/07 the Committee awarded £4,834 worth of small grants to voluntary and community groups to deliver a wide range of activities. **Recommend - £5,000**

29. **Community engagement allocation - £5,000**  
The Area Committee is requested to set aside £5,000 for community engagement and consultation activities. This includes the cost of publicity, materials, leaflets and other sundry items associated with events. As identified in the Area Delivery Plan report, there will be greater investment of resource from the Area Management Team into community engagement work next year and consequently this will require adequate financial resources to deliver. **Recommend - £5,000**
30. Several organisations have applied for grant funding prior to the Area Committee considering commissioning proposals. In many cases the projects will contribute towards achieving Area Delivery Plan outcomes. The Well-Being Fund working group have taken this into consideration and their recommendations are made on this basis.

### **Children and young people theme**

31. **INE.06.37.LG – ACIAMAJ Complementary Educational project - £5,000**  
The ACIAMAJ Complementary Educational Project is an academic and cultural support programme, which provides complementary as well as supplementary education, as the project seeks to address the issue of educational underachievement among children of African Caribbean descent to prevent disengagement, disaffection and/or exclusion from the mainstream school system, in order to improve their prospects for employment and/or further education and training.
32. The project is run by the Jamaica society and has been up and running since 2004. The funding is requested to cover costs of tutors, contribution to project co-ordinator costs, educational trips and other running costs.
33. *Working group recommendation:* The Area Committee has funded a number of projects in recent years with very similar aims targeting young people from Black and Minority Ethnic communities including Leeds REACH and REEMAP. The working group recommendation is to defer consideration of this bid at this time whilst officers establish what provision already exists and any potential links or duplication, and for the youth issues working group to consider the proposal.  
**Recommend – no contribution.**

### **Safer and stronger communities theme**

34. **INE.06.26.LG – Moortown Community Fair - £3,287**  
To bring together different faith communities in Moortown through the Iqra Centre and Stainbeck Church organising a one day Community Fair. The Muslim women's group at the Centre would like to do a community event with the women's faith group from Stainbeck Church to offer a positive contribution to the community, breakdown barriers and challenge stereotypes. The day will include stalls, food and entertainment for children and provide an opportunity for bringing communities together. The event will be held at Carr Manor High School – date to be decided on confirmation of funding.

35. *Working group recommendation:* The community fair is one element of the project – this bid also includes costs for project planning and leadership skills training for the Church and Iqra Centre members over 12 sessions. This sort of training can be accessed free of charge through Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL). The working group recommend deferring decision on the project to allow time for the organisers to make links with the Meanwood Extended Services Network Co-ordinator and VAL. **Recommend – no contribution.**
36. **INE.06.36.LG – Meanwood Festival - £3,100**  
A week long festival celebrating Meanwood as part of Celebrate Leeds 2007 commencing on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007, organised by the Three Churches project. Activities will include a creative light and sound exhibition, a local history exhibition, art and craft work produced by local people, creative workshops in local schools and a main event fun day in Meanwood Park with live, local entertainment, Leeds’ artists and family activities. The Well-Being fund is requested as a contribution towards the overall costs of the festival and towards the publication of a book produced by young people from Meanwood. The Three Churches project works in Meanwood and particularly targets young people from Beckhill and Miles Hill.
37. *Working group recommendation:* The project meets a number of Area Committee priorities and the working group would recommend a contribution to the project. **Recommend - £2,000**
38. **INE.06.33.LG – Roundhay Neighbourhood Design Statement - £11,984**
39. The Roundhay Planning Forum are a group of residents who came together in 2004 to be better able to influence decisions on planning applications and development in their ward by producing a Neighbourhood Design Statement (NDS) for the ward which can be adopted by the Council as a Supplementary Planning Document for the area. The group are requesting funding to cover the costs of printing and publicity, public meetings, questionnaires and workshops which are all a statutory requirement in the production of a NDS.
40. *Working group recommendation:* The project meets Area Committee priorities to improve the quality of the local environment and to empower local communities. The working group appreciate that professional, technical support is required to guide the community group through the process and recommend a Well-Being contribution is made. **Recommend - £10,000**
41. **INE.06.39.LG – Sound of Steel with Angel Voices - £2,325**  
As part of the Leeds Bi-centenary community initiative to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Parliamentary Act to abolish slavery, an event is being planned for Easter Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April from 3-7pm. It will be held at the Mandela Centre and will feature choirs from local churches and the New World Steel Orchestra. There will be refreshments.
42. *Working group recommendation:* The project meets the Area Committee priority to empower local communities and the working group feel a contribution would be appropriate. **Recommend - £1,000**

## Healthier communities and older people

### 43. INE.06.32.LG – Hibiscus Carers Support - £7,500

44. The association provide support for Afro-Caribbean stroke sufferers and their carers through workshops, trips, meetings and a befriending network. They applied for Well-Being fund support in 2006 for core funding support but were turned down at that time on the basis that the Area Committee felt the service was too similar in provision to Leeds Black Elders, and as a newly formed organisation they should make links with Social Services and other service providers before a Well-Being fund contribution would be considered.

Hibiscus have since secured funding to cover some of their core costs. However, the application they have submitted asking for Well-Being to cover the remainder is identical to last year's. They currently work with 12 carers and those that are cared for and this is the same amount they worked with last year.

45. *Working group recommendation:* The application does not demonstrate that links have been made with Leeds Black Elders or with Social Services in terms of securing funding for the service over the last 12 months. On this basis the working group recommends Hibiscus arrange to meet with Social Services and the PCT to establish how their service fits with relevant strategies and to explore funding options through this route rather than the Area Committee. **Recommend – no contribution.**

## 2007/08 Well-Being allocations – capital

### Safer stronger communities theme

### 46. INE.06.31.LG – Gledhow Valley Path - £10,120

47. To continue making accessible a path that runs along the lakeside in Gledhow Valley Woods. The path will allow wheelchair users to access the lakeside for the first time. It will lead from Gledhow Valley Road to the lakeside. The Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods group will work with the British Conservation Trust for Volunteers (BCTV), who will undertake most of the physical improvement work. The funding requested is mainly to cover the labour costs from BCTV & volunteers, along with materials to construct the path.

48. *Working group recommendation:* The project meets Area Committee priorities to improve the quality of the local environment and empower local communities. It provides benefit across the inner area, being located in the centre and drawing membership from all three wards. **Recommend - £10,120**

## Healthier communities and older people

49. **INE.06.34.LG – North Leeds Cricket Club - £15,000**

The club are requesting a capital grant to replace the railings at the top end of their ground on Old Park Road. They have fundraised £10,000 towards the total cost of replacing the railings, which are iron. The current ones are broken and makes the ground open to vandalism and allows access to the clubhouse.

The club received £15,000 last year from the Well-Being Fund to pay for cricket nets to allow them to increase their junior membership and number of teams in general.

50. *Working group recommendation:* The project meets the Area Committee priority to increase uptake of leisure activities to improve health and fitness. The group were impressed with the fundraising work the Club undertakes, and recognised that this project is expensive due to the materials involved. **Recommend - £15,000**

## Economic development and enterprise

51. **INE.06.35.LG – Seven Community Arts Centre - £20,000**

52. Seven will open in July 2007 in Chapel Allerton. It has previously received £25,000 Well-Being fund capital towards the building costs in 2005. Seven has raised a total of £890,000 from private sector donations and European Funding (ERDF). New needs have developed as the project has progressed and it now aims to complement its planned programme of poetry, theatre and dance with a service of independent film screenings. To have a flexible space that is capable of hosting arts events as well as community events, specialist retractable seating is needed. Seven are requesting £20,000 towards the overall cost of purchasing the seating and cinema projection equipment. This represents 50% of the total cost, the rest is secured from ERDF provided Seven can raise the other half.

53. *Working group recommendation:* The working group recognises the benefits Seven will deliver for the communities of inner north east and the significant amount of funds the organisation have already raised. As part of any grant given, the contribution of the Area Committee should be recognised in all publicity and on any permanent feature listing the funding sources of the Centre. **Recommend - £20,000**

## Recommendations

37. The Area Committee is requested to consider the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group both in terms of the commissioning approach and indicate if they support the level of grant proposed from the Well-Being Fund for the projects outlined in the report.