

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

Report to North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 11th April 2013

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 notes those projects agreed for support from the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14.
2. It also highlights the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

Recommendations

- The North West (Inner) Area Committee is asked to:
- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2012/13 (Appendix 1).
- Note those projects agreed for support from the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14 (Appendix 2).
- Note the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting.
- Approve the rolling forward of the remaining Small Grants and Skips budgets for 2012/13 into the Small Grants and Skips budgets for 2013/14.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2012/13 and notes those projects agreed for support from the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14. It also highlights the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting.

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 by Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
- 2.2 The North West (Inner) Area Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing funding is allocated in a fair and transparent way and that 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 which requires organisations to submit proposals for projects. Once the annual Wellbeing budgets are set by Executive Board and ratified by Full Council, the Area Committee meets to agree which projects will be supported in the year ahead. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Area Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.
- 2.3 In 2012/13, the North West (Inner) Area Committee received a sum of £215,580 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, as listed in **Appendix 1** (paragraph 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

- 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 Wellbeing Budget – Large Projects

- 3.4 The North West (Inner) Area Committee agreed the allocation of its Wellbeing Budget for 2013/14 at a special meeting held on 7th March 2013. The Committee agreed to support 26 projects totalling £217,988. A full list of these projects is included at **Appendix 2**.

3.5 Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skips

3.6 **Table 1.** below outlines those Small Grant applications that have been approved since the last Area Committee meeting. **Table 2.** outlines those skips that have been approved since the last meeting. Taking these into account, there is **£314** still available for allocation for Small Grants and **£419** still available for Skip Hire in the 2012/13 budget. The Area Committee are asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants and skips that have recently been approved. Given that we are now in a new financial year, it is recommended that the remaining balances be rolled forward into the Small Grants and Skips budgets for 2013/14.

Table 1: Small Grant Approvals (1/2/13 – 31/3/13)

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Bringing people together	Bhojan Sangam Group	£740	£500
Irish Arts	Irish Arts	£3,500	£500

Table 2: Skip Approvals (1/2/13 – 31/3/13)

Location	Ward	Amount Approved
Raynal Drive (Community Cohesion Day)	Weetwood	£124
Hollin Lane	Weetwood	£139

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.

6 Recommendations

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7 Background documents¹

- None

¹ 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.