

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

Report to West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 17th May 2013

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Commissioning Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley, Bramley & Stanningley		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

- The purpose of this report is to advise the Inner West Area Committee of:
 - The balance of the Inner West Wellbeing revenue budget 2013/14
 - A change of use for a grant awarded in 2012
 - Deferred and new Wellbeing applications for consideration
 - Projects in development

Recommendations

- The Area Committee is asked to:
 - Note the balance of the Wellbeing Revenue Budget for 2013/14.
 - Consider the new and deferred Wellbeing applications listed in Section 3
 - Review the projects in development listed in Section 3.
 - Consider the change of use request from Interplay Theatre Company at 3.6

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Area Committee on the current position of the Inner West Wellbeing revenue budget. It also presents a number of new projects for approval and lists the applications received during the commissioning round that were deferred at the last meeting.
- 1.2 The report also seeks approval for a change of use for a large grant awarded to Inerplay Theatre Company in 2012, and advises Members of two projects that are currently in development pending a full application.

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 at Full Council taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
- 2.2 The 2013/14 Inner West Area Committee's Wellbeing revenue allocation is £136,710. After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2012/13 carry forward position, the Area Committee had £140,731 of funding available for new projects. The majority of this funding was committed to a range of schemes at the 20th March Area Committee meeting, as listed in Appendix 1.

3 Main issues

Current Budget Position

- 3.1 The current balance of the ward Wellbeing budgets are:
Armley £26,234
Bramley & Stanningley £17,145

Projects deferred from March

- 3.2 Appendix 2 lists applications deferred at the March Area Committee meeting. Members have been given further information on the schemes, and some have secured additional funding since that meeting. It is recommended that projects that have been unable to provide adequate additional information, or significantly changed since the first application be declined. Applicants may re-apply taking into account their new circumstances, subject to funds being available.

Interplay change of use request

- 3.3 In November 2012, the Area Committee awarded a capital grant of £7,500 towards the development phase of a capital improvement scheme to transform their current hall into a quality performance space and provide an improved educational offer.
- 3.4 The Area Committee funding was to pay for a Green Energy Audit and architect fees, and a large grant application was made to the Arts Council for the build costs. The Arts Council declined the application on the basis that the feasibility study was completed in 2009. Feedback on their application was very positive, and the organisation has been encouraged to re-apply with an updated feasibility study.

3.5 Interplay would like to request a change of use for the Area Committee grant to fund an updated feasibility study, and are optimistic this will secure the large scale investment needed for this project.

3.6 Members are asked to approve the change of use request which is still eligible for capital funding.

New Wellbeing applications

3.7 Since the last Area Committee three new Wellbeing applications have been received. Project summaries are attached at Appendix 3.

3.8 Project 1 - St Catherine's Replacement Bicycles - £410
(Bramley & Stanningley Ward)

St Catherine's Drive Children's Home in Bramley would like to purchase five new mountain bikes for their residents to replace ones that were stolen. Bramley Ward Members are contributing £300 MICE funding towards the project.

3.8 Project 2 – Ganners Alley Gates – £1,890
(Bramley & Stanningley Ward)

Moorside Tenants and Residents' Association are working with Leeds Community Safety on a scheme to fence around the garages on Ganners Lane to deter burglary, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. The scheme will install railings and gates the entrance and behind the garages to cut off a potential access route for criminals. Match funding has been applied for from West North West Homes Area Panel.

3.9 Project 3 – Bramley Grit Bins - £530
(Bramley & Stanningley Ward)

In 2011, the Area Committee funded additional grit bins in seven locations across Bramley and Stanningley ward; Beecroft Close, Horsforde View, Ivy Gardens, Landseer View, Westover View and Coal Hill Green. As part of the installation, Members agreed to fund the refill costs which last year were £530. Members are asked to set aside the same amount for this financial year.

3.10 Project 5 – Armley Town Street Interpretation Panel - £80 + Potential repair costs
(Armley Ward)

The Heritage Lottery funded Armley Town Street regeneration scheme is almost complete. One of the final pieces of work is to install an interpretation panel by the compass feature to explain the scheme and provide further detail on the keystones which highlight important people and dates in Armley history.

The Heritage Lottery is funding the cost of the panel but stipulates that the council should put in place a cleaning schedule and guarantee repair or replacement for a two year period. The Environmental Locality Team have been approached to provide the cleansing service, and this will be provided at a cost of £80 per year.

The Area Committee is asked to underwrite the cost of replacing or repairing the panel should it be vandalised during the first two years, to a maximum of £1,250. Funds will not be committed from the budget without Ward Member approval.

3.11 Bramley Villagers - £2,500 – Community Boxing Facility

(Bramley & Stanningley Ward)

Bramley Villagers have applied for funding for the first stage of a £5,000 project to convert the basement of their building into a community boxing club for all ages. Access to the facility will cost no more than £2 a session, and youth service providers will be contacted to offer taster sessions for the young people to try.

The first phase of the project is to level the floor and purchase new equipment. The second phase will be to construct a new boxing ring.

50% match funding is required for the scheme, and the organisation looking to establish a voluntary organisation to enable them to apply to grant funds for the remainder.

Projects In Development

3.12 The following project has been put forward by the Youth Service and a full application is expected to be submitted in June.

3.13 Project 5 – Lazer Centre Subsidy - £TBC, expected in the region of £5,000
(Both wards)

The Youth Service needs to increase income from the Lazer centre and is looking to charge organisations that are currently using the facilities for free. Some of these groups have indicated they may struggle to pay the charge, and Members are currently being consulted on the criteria for a possible subsidy scheme for groups from the inner West.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Elected Members have been consulted on local priorities through the Area Business Plan. The commissioning round began with a communication to all Area Committee contacts and a press release.

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 are considered on all Wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 Wellbeing funding provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive improvements to services. The Area Committee has committed over £96,000 to local projects already this year.
- 5.2 This report asks the Area Committee to consider the remaining projects from the commissioning round and three new applications received since the last meeting.

6 Recommendations

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7 Background documents

- None