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**Report of the North East Area Manager**

**North East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

**Subject: Well-Being Fund 2006/07**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Chapel Allerton  
Moortown  
Roundhay

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities   
Women   
Disabled people   
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 the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group. The Area Committee is requested to consider the recommendations of the Working Group and indicate if they approve the level of grant requested.

## Background Information

1. The North East (Inner) Area Committee received an allocation of £166,774 Well-Being revenue funding for the 2006/07 financial year.
2. In addition, the Committee has a three year capital allocation of £317,925. Members are requested to note that 2006/07 is the final year for spending the remainder of this allocation.
3. The current position with both budgets and details of the large and small grant projects approved to date is summarised in Appendix 1 and 2.

## Project applications

### Revenue – Large Grants

#### **Leeds Ahead Ltd (INE.06.07.LG) – requesting £12,000**

4. Leeds Ahead is a not for profit social enterprise who facilitate business involvement in regeneration projects and promote corporate responsibility to businesses. This bid is for a contribution to the cost of employing a dedicated Business Broker to work in North East and East Leeds. The role of the Business Broker is to involve businesses through volunteering time and/or business expertise to local community projects, donations of products and services, sponsorship and support to jobs and enterprise and training initiatives. The Broker could be guided to work to Area Committee priorities by asking them to approach businesses to get involved with projects or work that will contribute towards one or more of the area priorities.
5. *Working group recommendation:* The project offers an opportunity to involve the private sector in delivering activities that will meet area priorities. **Recommend - £5,000 contribution**

#### **REEMAP (INE.06.08.LG) – requesting £15,000**

6. REEMAP are an educational focused charity who is requesting a contribution towards delivering out of school hours study support programmes for BME students. The schools that it will work with are Allerton Grange, Roundhay, Carr Manor, NE City Learning Centre and CHALCS (Chapelton & Harehills Assisted Computer School, based at TechNorth). The aim is to raise educational achievement at GCSE level. The study support programmes will cover Maths, English Language, Science, ICT, Urdu and Punjabi Language.
7. *Working group recommendation:* The project meets the area priority to provide initiatives to improve school attendance and achievement and particularly targets young people who are underachieving academically. **Recommend - £10,000 contribution, subject to confirmation that the schools have signed up for the programme to commence in September 2006.**

**Leeds Locality Network – North East Network (INE.06.10.LG) – requesting £2,759**

8. Leeds Locality Network is a citywide service that has established five local networks matching the five area management wedges. The aim of the network is 'to enable an increasing number and diversity of people using community care services to participate more effectively in planning local services through the development of their own agendas and responding to the agendas of service providers'. They have secured Lottery funding to cover 75% of their core costs, and are applying to all the Area Committees requesting a contribution towards the remaining 25% relating to each wedge Network.
9. *Working group recommendation:* The project does not directly fall under any of the area priorities. However, the working group feel it provides a valuable service and ensures users of community care services are able to get involved and be consulted on service development. **Recommend – £2,759 contribution**

**Summer Sports Activities (INE.06.12.LG) – requesting £4,865**

10. Leeds City Council Sports & Active Recreation Service are requesting funding to enhance their summer sports programme targeting young people from the Meanwood 7 Estates, Queenshills and Brackenwoods, although the programme will be open to any young person resident in inner north east. The project will run for 3 weeks in August across 4 venues. It is aimed primarily at the 8-13 age group with one activity, the Junior Sports Leaders Awards course aimed at 14-19 year olds.
11. *Working group recommendation:* The working group recommend a full Area Committee decision on the basis that differing views were expressed in the working group meeting. One view is that the full amount be approved as childhood obesity is an increasing problem. The other view is that as the working group are recommending approval of funding to the Youth Service for holiday programmes, this seems unnecessary duplication and therefore should not be approved. **Recommend – full Area Committee decision**

**Developing opportunities through new media (INE.06.13.LG) – requesting £28,962**

12. HOST Media Centre have revised their application and resubmitted, on the basis of discussions and advice from previous Area Committee meetings. The new bid focuses on the work that the Outreach Workers could develop in the wider Chapel Allerton ward and Moortown and Roundhay. The project currently receives funding from Objective 2 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) which restricts the areas they can work in to Chapeltown, Harehills and Scott Hall. The Project Manager has made contact with a number of organisations in the wider inner north east area including Open Door, Youth Service and Roundhay and Allerton Grange High Schools. Programmes that could be implemented include digital photography, radio broadcasting, music production, DJing and TV/film production.
13. *Working group recommendation:* The Area Committee is already funding a number of projects that provide programmes and activities for young people. The working group recognises a need to prioritise these bids and given the funding constraints, cannot recommend all the projects for approval. **Recommend – no contribution**

**Chapelton Young People's 10-2 Club/Yes Cyber (INE.06.14.LG) – requesting £28,000**

14. The organisation have secured funding for their staffing costs for 2006/07 to run youth programmes which aim to re-engage and provide learning opportunities for the most socially excluded young people in the area. The target age group is 13-19, and the Well-Being Fund is sought to cover premises rental, utilities and broadband access.
15. *Working group recommendation:* Yes Cyber have secured their staffing costs for the year and deliver a service which meets area priorities including activities for children and young people and reducing incidents of anti-social behaviour. The working group would not wish to see this provision lost to the area, and are impressed with the links being made by Yes Cyber with organisations outside of Chapelton including the Open Door project. **Recommend – £20,000 contribution subject to clarification on the premises rental position.**

**Youth Service commissioning (INE.06.15.LG) – requesting £59,218**

16. The Youth Service is listed as lead agency for achieving a number of actions in the Area Committee 06/07 Action Plan. Some of these will be achieved through influencing core provision, but others, where the Area Committee wishes to see additional provision, require funding. The commissioning approach will enable the Youth Service to progress the actions efficiently and effectively. The 06/07 actions that the Youth Service require additional funding to deliver are:
- Increase and improve provision for young people
  - Deliver targeted holiday schemes (over and above core provision)
  - Acquire a mobile vehicle to widen the range of provision
  - Detached work to reduce anti-social behaviour
17. The Youth Issues working group have been consulted on the proposals and are supportive of the commissioning approach. The funding if approved will be managed by the Senior Area Youth Officer. Regular progress reports will be presented to the Youth Issues working group and then the Area Committee.
18. *Working group recommendation:* The working group recognise that to deliver additionality some extra funding is necessary. The group recommend funding is commissioned to deliver the following services which will meet actions in the Area Action Plan – 1 additional 18.5hrs detached post, intensive detached work Meanwood project and holiday programmes for all wards for summer 2006, October 2006 half term and February 2007 half term. **Recommend - £33,518 contribution**

**Chapelton Townscape Heritage Initiative (INE.06.16.LG) – requesting £10,000**

19. Major Projects Team, Department of Neighbourhoods & Housing have submitted a stage 1 bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for £1.2m to repair and reinstate the historic fabric of selected sites along Chapelton Road. If the stage 1 bid is successful, there is a requirement that appraisal and feasibility work is undertaken as part of stage 2 bidding. The decision on the stage 1 bid will be made by the HLF in October 2006. The HLF guidelines state that 25% of this cost should be met by match funding. The HLF will provide £25,000 towards the costs of appraisal and feasibility. This application for Well-Being Funding is seeking a contribution to the appraisal and feasibility costs.

20. *Working group recommendation:* The appraisal and feasibility work will not directly deliver the area priorities, and the benefit is limited to one part of the inner north east area. With such demands on the Well-Being Fund, the working group would not recommend prioritising this bid at this stage. **Recommend – no contribution**

#### **Mini Breeze event (INE.05.66.LG)**

21. A Well-Being Fund contribution of £6,000 was approved by the Area Committee at the last meeting. The funding was to be used by Learning & Leisure to hold a mini Breeze event on King Alfred's Fields. Learning & Leisure have secured additional funding for their 2006 Breeze programme, which means they are now able to fund the mini Breeze without the Area Committee's contribution. They have asked if the Area Committee would like an additional mini Breeze to be put on in Meanwood, using the Well-Being Fund contribution.
22. *Working group recommendation:* The working group recommend a full Area Committee decision on the basis that differing views were expressed in the working group meeting. One view is that the funding should go back into the pot, as one mini Breeze will go ahead now on King Alfred's Fields anyway. The main Breeze event this year will be held on Scott Hall Playing Fields. The other view is that the Well-Being Fund contribution should remain with Learning & Leisure to pay for an additional mini Breeze in Meanwood. **Recommend – Full Area Committee decision**
23. For the Area Committee's information, if the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund working group are accepted, the revenue balance remaining unallocated will be £28,205.

#### **Revenue – Small Grants requiring a full Area Committee decision**

##### **Leeds Caribbean Domino Social Club (INE.05.34.LG) – requesting £500**

24. The Club have applied for a small grant to contribute towards the cost of room hire for 6 months (1 hour per week) on a Sunday to enable the group to continue meeting and socialising. The group meet at the Palace Youth project building, Shepherds Lane in Chapeltown.
25. During the consultation with Members phase, some Members indicated they do not support the application on the basis it does not meet any of the Area Committee's priorities. As per the delegated decision making process agreed at a previous Area Committee, Members are reminded that any small grant application which is questioned by one or more Members is automatically referred to the next Area Committee meeting for decision. **Recommend – full Area Committee decision**

#### **Revenue – Small Grants approved since the last Area Committee meeting**

##### **Mary Seacole Memorial Garden (INE.06.01.SG)**

26. The Mary Seacole Nurses Association has created a community memorial garden outside Chapeltown library. To coincide with the official public inauguration of the garden on 10<sup>th</sup> June, the Association sought funding towards a bespoke spectator seat for the chess and drafts area. **Approved - £500**

### **Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods fun day (INE.05.31.SG)**

27. Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods are organising a fun day to encourage greater community involvement with the woods. The money will be used to provide a marquee and seating for the event on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2006. **Approved - £500**

### **Celebrating Our Heritage 2006 (INE.06.02.SG)**

28. People In Action has supported people with learning difficulties and disabilities to be involved in Leeds Carnival for the last three years. The £500 Well Being fund will be used for costume materials and equipments for a multicultural group of 15 people with learning difficulties and disabilities from the North East (Inner) Area to participate in the 2006 Leeds Carnival in August. **Approved - £500**

### **Beckhill Community Fun Day (INE.06.03.SG)**

29. Beckhill Tenants and Residents Association are planning to hold a community funday event at Stainbeck Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006. The small grant will contribute towards the cost of refreshments, bouncy castle hire, face painting and event insurance. **Approved - £500**

### **Chapelton Football (INE.06.04.SG)**

30. Chapelton Football Youth Development Centre is based at the Prince Philip Centre and is used by over 60 young people from the inner north east area. The aim of the group is to provide activities for young people and prevent instances of anti-social behaviour. The organisation recruits participants from referrals by the Youth Service and local advertising. The organisation is holding a celebration event on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The small grant will purchase trophies and medals for the young people who have participated in the group's activities over the last 12 months. **Approved £500**

## **Capital - Large Grants**

### **Chapel Allerton Methodist Church (INE.06.11.LG) requesting £30,000**

31. The Church wish to improve accessibility and usability of the Church Centre in order to increase its use by local groups. Current usage includes a baby clinic, Chapel Allerton Residents Association, Stainbeck Arts Club, Chapel Allerton Seniors, yoga and karate lessons. The works that the Church would like a Well-Being Fund contribution towards are to install a disabled platform lift, upgrade the kitchen and upgrade the entrance hall.
32. *Working group recommendation:* The enhancement of facilities will make the centre more suitable as a venue for activities that meet the Area Committee's priorities, including activities for young people and the priority to support work that delivers sustainability to the voluntary and community sector. The centre draws clients from parts of all three wards. **Recommend – £14,400 (£2,520 VAT also to be paid if the Church cannot claim it back) contribution towards the disabled platform lift.**

### **Youth Service mobile provision (INE.06.17.LG) requesting £23,310**

33. This is the capital element of the Youth Service commissioning approach. One of the actions in the Area Committee 06/07 Action Plan is to explore the option of

purchasing a mobile vehicle to widen the range of provision. The proposal is to use the mobile across the whole north east wedge, both to maximise its use and for cost effectiveness. It is proposed the North East (Inner) Area Committee fund half the cost to reflect the split of usage. The mobile will enable the Youth Service to effectively engage and work with young people who do not want to, or are unable to access building based youth provision.

34. *Working group recommendation:* The group are supportive of mobile provision, however, there is not enough capital funding remaining to allocate the full sum. On that basis, and because funding for the outer north east usage has not been secured yet, the group recommend no contribution is made. **Recommend – no contribution**
35. For the Area Committee's information, if the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund working group are accepted, the capital balance remaining unallocated will be £3,665 or £1,145 if the VAT is payable on project INE.06.11.LG.

## **Recommendations**

36. The Area Committee is requested to consider the recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group and indicate if they support;
- a) The level of grant proposed from the 2006/07 revenue Well-Being Fund and the three year capital allocation.