

Inner North West

Wellbeing Monitoring: Quarter 4 2012-13

1.1 REVENUE PROJECTS 2012/13

1.2 This section updates the Area Committee on progress against Wellbeing funded revenue projects approved in March 2012.

1.3 **Project Name:** Community Planning Officer
Lead Organisation: LCC - Planning Services
Amount: £40,000

Project Description: To employ a planning officer for the Inner North West Area to assist with the Localism Act. The role will emphasis on neighbourhood planning - assisting communities to understand the new legislation, implementing the neighbourhood planning regulations, developing neighbourhood plans and facilitating increased participation of the community in the planning process.

Project Update: A total of 34 significant planning applications/ pre-planning enquiries have been discussed at the monthly Planning Sub Groups meetings held during 2012-13. Major topics and ongoing themes which have been discussed include neighbourhood planning, the Leeds LDF Core Strategy, the Letting Board Code, and the DCLG 'Streamlining the Planning Application Process' consultation. Outside of the Planning Sub Group the Community Planner has advised ward members on 155 occasions in relation to planning applications and planning enforcement cases during the period. There have been almost 260 enquiries from resident associations and individual residents during the year which have included general planning related queries, those in relation to specific planning applications, enforcement enquiries, as well as queries which are indirectly relating to planning requiring consultation with council officers from other council teams. The Community Planner has also attended a number of meetings throughout the year with residents associations and community groups to discuss planning related issues.

1.4 **Project Name:** Dedicated Environmental Services Co-ordinator

Lead Organisation: LCC – WNW Locality Team

Amount: £36,591

Project Description: To employ a senior technical enforcement officer in order to further enhance the new service the Locality Team now offers. The multi skilled officer will direct the cleansing staff through local management and co-ordination, and carry out enforcement duties when required. The role will offer additionality to the current supervision and management arrangements.

Project Update: The post holder has been heavily involved in a intensive operation within Hyde Park & Woodhouse. The operation tackles a number of environmental issues in the area, including bins being left on the street. During the last quarter the Dedicated Environmental Services Co-ordinator has spent a lot of time working closely with the Area Support Team to plan and coordinate Student Change Over.

- 1.5 **Project Name:** Additional Resources for Student Changeover
Lead Organisation: LCC – WNW Environmental Services
Amount: £10,000
Project Description: The Service is applying for funding to hire an additional vehicle (26 tonne), plus staff for a period of 3 weeks. The Service will stand the cost of the fuel and tipping charges for this vehicle.
Project Update: This project is complete. The final report was presented in the September Wellbeing monitoring report.
- 1.6 **Project Name:** Leave Leeds Tidy
Lead Organisation: Leeds University Union
Amount: £10,000
Project Description: To minimise waste and increase recycling over the student changeover period, the scheme employs Leave Leeds Tidy (LLT) wardens to deliver publicity about how to dispose of household waste, and LLT branded collection bags for clothes and re-useable items. Items collected will be given away at free shops at the universities and local neighbourhoods, or recycled through donations to homeless charities.
Project Update: This project is complete. The final report was presented in the September Wellbeing monitoring report.
- 1.7 **Project Name:** Re-float doorstep glass recycling
Lead Organisation: Leeds Metropolitan Student Union
Amount: £2,280
Project Description: The funding will pay for a battery for the electric milk float that will provide a doorstep glass collection and recycling service for glass waste from residential houses in the Hyde Park area of Leeds lead by student volunteers
Project Update: The group have experienced numerous delays regarding the ordering and installation of the new battery which was only fitted on the 23rd January. Due to the bad weather in quarter 4 the group have been unable to carry out any glass collections but two collections are planned for Hyde Park and Headingley in May to coincide with the end of the academic term for Leeds Met Students. Residents on the designated streets will be notified about the collections and bags will be distributed. The group are also working with Leeds University Union to support the Green Street Project to offer glass collection along side the charity collection. Over the course of the year the group have recruited a team of student volunteers to help develop the project in the future.
- 1.8 **Project Name:** Off road bikes
Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount: £1,500
Project Description: To enhance the safety and quality of life of residents living in the North West Police Division area by providing an effective response to illegal off road motor cycling and anti social behaviour, and to assist with high visibility patrols, particularly focusing on green spaces.
Project Update: During the final quarter the service saw an increased to 8 calls in

January 2013 compared with 0 the same period last year. February saw a decrease to 2 calls compared with 4 in February 2012. There was also a reduction in March from 8 calls in 2012 to 4 March 2013. The majority of calls were for Woodhouse and the surrounding area. The service has issued 12 verbal warnings, 1 Sec 59 warnings and 17 FPT's. The team have been involved in ongoing patrols of the bus lanes through Headingley with numerous verbal warnings and Fixed Penalty Notices issued, as a result of continuing complaints from cyclists and bus drivers. The Service has now moved to Pudsey Police Station and have a new dedicated Nuisance Motorcycle / Quad hotline contact number - 0113 2414892.

- 1.9 **Project Name:** Community Payback
Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount: £4,000
Project Description: To provide tools needed for the Community Payback team, such as fuel, refreshments, tipping charges or other costs, to carry out work in INW to deliver the project
Project Update: The Area Committee agreed to decommissioned the funding at the October Area Committee and reallocate the funding for additional festive lights across the ward.
- 1.10 **Project Name:** Kirkstall Festival
Lead Organisation: Kirkstall Festival
Amount: £5,000
Project Description: Kirkstall Festival is an annual event bringing together the local community at Kirkstall Abbey with entertainment, competitions, stalls and food. The event regularly attracts over 10,000 people and is organised and run by a group of dedicated volunteers. Area Committee funding was provided to pay for the hire the stage, marquee, dance floor, tables and chairs
Project Update: Around 15,000 people attended Kirkstall Festival on 14th July. The main stage and youth stage hosted over 12 live acts whilst the dance floor saw hundreds of people throughout the day in the tea dance tent. The group hosted numerous local groups who were able to promote themselves to the local community. Local schools participated along with church groups, scouts, sports clubs and other locally based groups and societies.
- 1.11 **Project Name:** Hyde Park Unity Day
Lead Organisation: Hyde Park Unity Day Committee
Amount: £5,000
Project Description: Hyde Park Unity Day is an annual festival held on Woodhouse Moor for the local community including live bands, stalls, children's entertainment and art workshops. It celebrates the cultural diversity of the area and has activities for all ages. The Area Committee funding will be used to security, fencing and the hire of the main stage.
Project Update: Hyde Park Unity Day took place on 7th July 2012 and it was estimated roughly 4,000 people attended. The day after Unity Day 20 volunteers cleaned up the rubbish and returned the park back to its original state in 10 hours. Due to the groups commitment to reduce anti-social behaviour on the park the event

finished at 7pm. Feedback from the community was good. People enjoyed the diverse programme of music and entertainment across the festival site. Hyde Park Unity Day was covered in North Leeds Life, Hyde Park Heat and Yorkshire Post and through social media channels like Twitter and Facebook.

1.12 **Project Name:** Weetwood Festive Lights

Lead Organisation: LCC – AST

Amount: £2,480

Project Description: To hire and install festive light motifs from the Chapel Allerton (Inner North East Area Committee) boundary to Bentley Lane from November 2012 to January 2013.

Project Update: Two motifs were installed near to the boundary of Inner North West and Inner North East Area Committee on Meanwood Road. Twelve festive motifs were installed near the Three Horse Shoes pub in Headingley. All the lights were switched on 27th November and taken down in mid January.

1.13 **Project Name:** Woodsley Road Girls Group

Lead Organisation: Youth Service

Amount: £2,560

Project Description: To pay for the hire of Woodsley Road Community Centre over the financial year so Youth Service can continue running the Woodsley Road Girls Group. The group addresses issues around careers, health, experience opportunities, whilst giving young women the space to meet and socialise with other young women in a safe environment.

Project Update: **Waiting for monitoring to be returned**

1.14 **Project Name:** Additional Enforcement Staff at Woodhouse Moor

Lead Organisation: LCC – Parks & Countryside

Amount: £11,646.61

Project Description: To fund additional dedicated staff to curtail anti-social activities on Woodhouse Moor and educate visitors on issues of Parks Byelaws.

Project Update: This project is complete. The final report was presented in the September Wellbeing monitoring report.

1.15 **Project Name:** Friday Night Project (FNP)

Lead Organisation: FNP Steering Group

Amount: £5,000

Project Description: To fund the activities; currently staffing from ESNW Cluster and Leeds Youth Service are being provided as an “in kind” contribution from the project partners.

Project Update: In total 44 sessions ran over the year with 102 different young people attending. Numbers varied at each session – approx 14 – 17 in school holidays, 25 – 30 in term time. Attendance is approximately 50% Adel & Wharfedale, 50% Weetwood. 75% of the young people who attend come from the 60% most deprived areas. Generally feed back about the sessions / activities was positive and trips and residential were well received. The project has continued to provide a

social focus for local young people and somewhere to unwind on a Friday. Many discussions and interventions have taken place with individuals or groups of friends about issues that young people face, often around family or school. The Leisure Centre closed down in December and with it their purpose built youth centre and the swimming pool which affected attendance. The FNP arranged the use of a sports hall and social area in Ralph Thoresby School. This provision has proved to be unsuitable for a number of reasons, mainly as the building is closed one week in three.

- 1.16 **Project Name:** Open XS Work Well Drop in Session
Lead Organisation: Open XS Employment Education and Training Action Group
Amount: £4,000
Project Description: The funding will be used to work with relevant partners to help raise awareness of the potential implications of the changes in welfare reform, offer advice and support to those individuals who express an interest/need to develop their range of job search skills.
Project Update: Work Place Leeds were commissioned to facilitate a drop in for members of the community who are on Incapacity Benefit, have health issues and will be transferring to Job Seekers Allowance. The team struggled to get people to sign up to the drop in sessions and after several attempts to increase uptake the group decided to withdraw the provision. The group received funding to cover the costs incurred during quarter 1 and 2. At the February 2013 Area Committee, Members agreed to decommission the underspend and return the under spend back to the Well-being budget for reallocation.
- 1.17 **Project Name:** Leeds Gold Get Sporty
Lead Organisation: LCC – Sports Development
Amount: £2,690
Project Description: To deliver an Olympic themed program that will raise the profile of City Of Leeds High School which also raises the profile of the up and coming London 2012 Olympic & Paralympics Games.
Project Update: This project is complete. The final report was presented in the September Wellbeing monitoring report.
- 1.18 **Project Name:** Woodsley Employability Project
Lead Organisation: Woodsley Road Multicultural Community Centre
Amount: £4,764
Project Description: To assist the BME communities of Hyde Park & Woodhouse, Burley and Kirkstall areas to improve their chances of employability and support them to get on to the career ladder.
Project Update: The project has worked with 27 people to improve their CVs, write online applications, provide them with mock interviews and secure jobs. The group have also provided voluntary experience to some participants which has enabled them to put real work experience on their CVs. Over the course of the year 6 people have found work. The group held a Jobs and Training event held at Woodsley Centre on 16th May to promote the project to a wider audience.

1.19 **Project Name:** You Garden, We Garden Project

Lead Organisation: HOPS

Amount: £8,740

Project Description: To deliver a volunteer project in Hawksworth Wood to tackling overgrown hedges and untidy gardens to help improve the other all look of the estate.

Project Update: Whilst there have been some difficulties in the early stages the project has helped a number of resident resolve issues of overgrown and untidy gardens. In total 8 hedges and 5 lawns were managed. Over the course of the year the group banked volunteer hours from 8 residents, the equipment was loaned on 3 occasions and training was delivered to all residents using equipment

1.20 **Project Name:** NEET New start

Lead Organisation: The City of Leeds YMCA

Amount: £10,000

Project Description: To engage with 14-16 year olds currently at risk of exclusion from school and those who are excluded and currently not in education.

Simultaneously the project aims to engage with 16-25 year olds who are currently not in education, training or employment (NEET).

Project Update: During this quarter the group have commenced with a further 10 week learning programme to 6 NEET young people predominantly from the Hawksworth Wood area. The programme focused on developing leadership skills in young people and is accredited through the ASDAN Short Course Leadership Award. The course includes development of effective communication skills, developing personal confidence in tackling challenging situations, heightening aspirations and developing trust. Participants have undertaken a team building challenge at Leeds Wall, taken part in experiential learning sessions around personal motivation and aspiration and are due to visit Leeds University as part of the programme's commitment to support participants into further training, education and employment. Course participants, both current and from the previous course, have taken part in an Emergency First Aid at Work course on 16th May. All participants from the previous 10 week programme continue to be supported by the Training and Development Officer. One participant was successful in obtaining an interview for employment, whilst two others are being supported with applications to further training. The group are currently investigating avenues for further funding beyond the life of this project, in order to expand the training available, hopefully to incorporate a sports leadership programme.

1.21 **Project Name:** Aireborough Summer Activities Scheme

Lead Organisation: Aireborough Summer Activities Scheme

Amount: £3,462

Project Description: To deliver the Aireborough Summer Activities Scheme for young people aged between 4 and 19 years with learning and/or physical disabilities.

Project Update: With the ever increasing demand for places, increase in the services the group provides and the high levels of monitoring and evaluation now required, the group have recruited an assistant coordinator to help with the

administrative duties for the play schemes to enable the Project Manager to concentrate more on the residential breaks. The group are using social media to regularly posting useful information for parent/carers who have children with disabilities. It is also used by parents to request help and support and by workers offering advice and support. One service user has had such a positive experience through the group with her daughter that she has now applied to volunteer on the play scheme. The group have strengthened their links with support groups/service providers to children with disabilities in Leeds – EPIC, Leeds ABC, Zigzag & SNAPS. The group have carried out two residential breaks for 36 children with disabilities to Low Mill in February and Lineham Farm in March.

- 1.22 **Project Name:** Caring together... Moving forward
Lead Organisation: Caring Together
Amount: £10,000
Project Description: To allow the group to return to Woodhouse Community Centre, following an 'Asset transfer' from Leeds City Council to Oblong.
Project Update: The group has been back in their office base at Woodhouse Community Centre since May 2012 and a number of their regular groups and activities are also back in the community centre.
- 1.23 **Project Name:** Community Arts Classes
Lead Organisation: Little London Association
Amount: £2,820
Project Description: To run a weekly adult community arts classes but paying for the hall hire and advertising material.
Project Update: Twenty one people attended the 50 sessions that ran. The participants gained new experiences, learned new skills, met new people and benefited from increased positive mental health, confidence and social interaction. The venue - Space@ Little London was limited and decreased in size even further during the project which made it hard for the group to accommodate the number of participants that the activity would have been able to cater for. The group worked with the Grand Theatre / City Varieties education team to organise additional activities and visits at no extra cost. They undertook work and put together a display on the theme of 'Found Objects' which can be seen at City Varieties for the next 5 months. There have also been links with the wider local community through projects: 'A Little Bit Of History' and 'TEN...and counting' and the wider heritage / education work of the Grand Theatre / City Varieties.
- 1.24 **Project Name:** Rosebank Green Summer Project
Lead Organisation: Rosebank Green Summer Project
Amount: £5,694.37
Project Description: To engage 20 disadvantaged local young people aged 13 to 25 by carrying out improvement works to the orchard area of the Millennium green: turning a potentially dangerous "unofficial pathway" into safer steps, creating mosaic signage, building benches positioned to make the most of a beautiful view across the city and adding further fruit bushes to the orchard.
Project Update: The orchard steps were installed with a mosaic sign on the path at

the bottom and two benches have been installed at the top and bottom of the path. Fruit bushes and trees have been planted. All the work was achieved with the young people who were managed by Hyde Park Source. Workshops were also held in the summer as part of the project to encourage local people to be involved as volunteers on the Rosebank. This project has been a successful cooperative venture between the Rosebank Millennium Green Trust and Hyde Park Source. One of the proposals following on from the project is for vegetables to be grown on site with the eventual aim of local people taking responsibility.

1.25 **Project Name:** Summer Music Camp

Lead Organisation: Artsforms, Children's Services

Amount: £3,260

Project Description: To support a 3-day pilot holiday music camp for young people to take place. The camp will offer a broad range of activities accessible to young people of all ability and skill levels and aims to engage young people who have had no regular opportunity for music-making and encourage them to continue in September at one of the Music Centres.

Project Update: This project is complete. The final report was presented in the September Wellbeing monitoring report.

1.26 **Project Name:** Healthy Living for Older People

Lead Organisation: OPAL

Amount: £2,820

Project Description: To run an exercise class for older people consisting of 2 weekly chair exercise classes, 2 weekly Tai Chi classes, 1 weekly aerobic exercise classes, 1 weekly yoga classes.

Project Update: This project is complete and the final report was presented in the September Wellbeing monitoring report.

1.27 **Project Name:** Word of Life

Lead Organisation: Left Bank Leeds

Amount: £5,500

Project Description: To create more regular and better structured volunteer opportunities, which will allow Left Bank to involve more people and give them the chance to learn new skills and receive relevant training courses, such as health and safety and first aid.

Project Update: Left Bank Leeds plan to host the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, called the Narnia Experience, which will take place for a fortnight in November and December and will involve 500 volunteers. To date 250 prospective volunteers have signed up. The group now has a member of the Leeds University's volunteering hub working with us to help increase volunteering numbers. The group can provide on-the-job training with volunteers coming in to help with events, particularly serving refreshments and serving on the bar. In January the group held a strategic planning day with their volunteer trustees and steering group and volunteers who have been involved with Left Bank over the last 12 months. They have used this feedback from volunteers into their future planning.

1.28 **CAPITAL PROJECTS 2012**

1.29 No capital projects have been funded from the 2012/13 budget.

1.30 **REVENUE PROJECTS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS**

1.31 This section updates the Area Committee on the progress of on going Well-being projects from previous years.

1.32 **Project Name:** Kirkstall Ward Revenue Budget

Lead Organisation: LCC – Area Management

Amount: £10,000

Project Description: To support Member led projects in the Kirkstall Ward.

Project Update: Kirkstall Members had indicated that they would like to use the balance of the Kirkstall Revenue Budget to support the costs of establishing a community hub for Hawksworth Wood within the vacant rooms adjacent to Hawksworth Wood Children's Centre. However, Children's Services have now indicated that they will need the use of these rooms for core service delivery. Kirkstall Members will need to consider how else they may wish to use this funding.

1.33 **Project Name:** Hyde Park Neighbourhood Management

Lead Organisation: LCC – WNW Area Management

Amount: £19,568

Project Description: To deliver additional improvements/initiatives that tackles deprivation within Hyde Park, which fall outside the normal service delivery. Concentrating on crime and grime issues including fly tipping, litter, graffiti, refuse collection, burglary and anti-social behaviour.

Project Update: This work has been much more extensive than first envisaged and demand on Highways is high due to high profile schemes such as the Arena, Tour de France, Trinity and Eastgate Developments. After 21st June to discuss with members the findings of the survey and the options which could be considered to deal with the parking issues.

1.34 **Project Name:** Design Statement and Conservation Area Review Budget

Lead Organisation: Area Management

Amount: Multiple projects

Project Description: This budget has been set up to support the implementation of a Neighbourhood Design Statements and Conservation Area Reviews for specific areas of inner North West Leeds.

Project Update: The group distributed a leaflet advertising the revised document. The remaining under spend was returned to the Well-being pot. This project is now complete.

1.35 CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

1.36 This section updates the Area Committee on the progress of on going Well-being projects from previous years.

1.37 **Project Name:** HOPS Church hall refurbishment

Lead Organisation: HOPS - Hawksworth Older People Support

Amount: £10,000

Project Description: To refurbish and bring back into community use St Mary's Hawksworth Wood). The refurbishment will bring up to standard inline with disability law and building regulations and requires new toilet facilities including disability access, new kitchen and dining area, new heating system and electrical rewiring. HOPS will use the newly refurbished base all its administration, support work, events and activities within the building which will allow them to expend and improve delivery of their existing services.

Project Update: Work has started to refurbish the church hall. The project will be continued to be monitored.

1.38 **Project Name:** Word of Life

Lead Organisation: Left Bank Leeds

Amount: £8,861

Project Description: The project will improve the security of the building and employ a part time worker to bring the space up to the standard required for a permanent licence. Once granted, the permanent licence will create a unique performance venue for the local artistic community and organisations from further afield.

Project Update: After the removal of the asbestos and the other capital expenditure, it was agreed the remaining funding could be used to part fund tarmac-ing the front drive. The group could not secure additional other funding needed to complete the tarmac-ing so the remaining funding was spent on the installation of an outdoor porch light, two large space heaters, a glasswasher, a lockable fridge and an additional PA equipment. This project is now complete.

1.39 **Project Name:** Headingley Bin Yards

Lead Organisation: Area Management

Amount: Phase 3 - £17,528

Project Description: To provide physical improvements to bin yards in the Headingley area with the aim of reducing the accumulation of waste and the concealment of criminal activity.

Project Update: The bins and powder coated frames have been installed on Spring Grove View and Thornville Street. This completes the final stage of the bin yards project.

1.40 **Project Name:** Sparrow Park

Lead Organisation: Area Management

Amount: £10,000

Project Description: The project will turn an abandoned and neglected area of former green space known locally as 'Sparrow Park' and an adjacent little used public highway, into an accessible green space for the use of the local community. The existing landowners cannot be identified. The council intends to acquire a CPO of both sites in order to carry out an environmental improvement scheme. This will improve the over all look of the area and will help to create an area of publicly accessible green space for the community to use.

Project Update: Planning are putting together their recommendation for the making of the CPO which will go to the June Planning Board. The CPO is for a less complicated scheme which should take four months to deliver once approved. Once the work has been completed the group will be able to apply for external funding to further develop the scheme.