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Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customers and Communities)

Report to West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 26th June 2013

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	⊠ Yes	☐ No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
Armley, Bramley & Stanningley		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	⊠ Yes	☐ No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	☐ Yes	⊠ No

Summary of main issues

- 1. 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
 - Projects deferred from May 2013
 - New applications for Armley ward
 - Projects in development

Recommendations

- 2. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - Note the balance of the Wellbeing Revenue Budget for 2013/14.
 - Consider the new applications for Armley ward
 - Review the projects deferred from the May Area Committee
 - Review the projects in development listed in Section 3.

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 and presents two new applications for consideration. It also provides an update on the Ganners Alleygating scheme deferred at the last meeting and highlights some projects in development.

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 was £136,710. After deducting any existing commitments and taking account of the 2012/13 carry forward position, the Area Committee had £141,229 of funding available for new projects. The majority of this funding has been committed to a range of schemes, as listed in Appendix 1.

3 Main issues

3.1 Current Budget Position

The current balance of the ward Wellbeing budgets are: Armley £21,313*
Bramley & Stanningley £2,044*

*Subject to delegated decisions on Youth Services Summer Activities application (£2,464 Armley £821 Bramley & Stanningley), and the Ganners Alleygating scheme (£1,890 Bramley & Stanningley).

3.2 Deferred Wellbeing projects

There were two projects considered at the May 2013 meeting that were delegated to the Area Lead for decision on the final amount approved.

3.3 Ganners Alleygating Scheme - £1,890 - Community Safety

Consultation with local residents is complete, and officers from Community Safety are currently discussing the results with the Moorside Tenants and Residents Association, West North West Homes and Ward Members. A final decision over the viability of the scheme will be taken in the next few weeks.

3.4 Youth Service summer activities budget - £2,464 Armley & £821 Bramley & Stanningley

Members were provided with further information on the proposed activities and discussions are ongoing regarding this scheme.

3.5 New Wellbeing applications

3.6 Since the last Area Committee, two new applications have been submitted for Armley ward. Project summaries are attached at Appendix 2.

3.7 a) Armley Domestic Violence Project - £800 – ACES Cluster
The Armley Cluster, along with partners from Community Safety and the charity
Watoto are requesting funding to create new support groups for young people
affected by domestic violence.

It is part of a larger scheme to raise awareness of domestic violence and its affect on children and young people in the cluster area.

- 3.8 b) Ladz Group £4,043 Christ Church Armley Youth Project
 Christ Church Armley Youth Project are seeking funding for their Friday evening Ladz
 Club which provides activities for around twenty five 11-16 year olds during term time.
- 3.9 Projects In Development

There is one project currently in development:

3.10 a) Access to community buildings budget – West North West Area Support Team A proposal is being developed to provide a budget to support community groups pay for room hire to deliver their services.

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 2011 2030
 - City Priority Plan 2011 2015
 - Joint Health & Well-being Strategy
 - Children and Young People's 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

- Wellbeing funding provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive improvements to services. The Area Committee has committed over £100,000 to local projects already this year.
- This report asks the Committee to note the current budget position, consider the new applications and review the project in development.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Area Committee is asked to:
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7 Background documents

None