



**Report of: Jane Maxwell, East North East Area Leader**

**Report to: Inner North East Community Committee (Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay)**

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**For Decision**

## **Wellbeing Budget Report**

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### **Purpose of this report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Inner North East Community Committee with details of its Wellbeing budget.

### **Main Issues**

2. The report provides Members with an update on the current position of the revenue and capital budgets for the Inner North East Community Committee.
3. The report sets out the Wellbeing/YAF allocation budget arrangements for the INE Community Committee for 2017/18.
4. Funding decisions made by delegated decision are included for Members to note.

### **Background information**

#### **Revenue**

5. Each of the ten Community Committees receives an annual allocation of revenue funding. The amount of funding for each Community Committee is determined by a formula based on 50% population and 50% deprivation in each area, which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.

6. The allocation of Youth Activity Fund budget has been calculated based on NHS population data of young people aged 8 – 17 living in the Inner North East Community Committee boundaries.
7. As agreed at the March 2016 meeting of the Inner North East Community Committee, once the agreed funding had been allocated to specific budget headings the remaining budget was made available for large grants across the whole of the Inner North East area.
8. Wellbeing fund applications are considered at Wellbeing Advisory Group meetings, a sub group of the Community Committee. This group comprises a nominated Elected Member from each of the wards in the Inner North East Community Committee Area; Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay.
9. At the time of writing this report, the Inner North East Community Committee Wellbeing allocation for 2017/18 had yet to be agreed pending approval of the Council's budget proposals by Full Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017. Details of the allocation and breakdown will therefore be contained in a supplementary appendix presented as a late item.
10. A full end of year financial reconciliation will be undertaken in the weeks leading up to the financial year end. This will determine the exact carry forward figures for the YAF, Area-wide Wellbeing and Ward Pots. The Committee will be informed of the carry forward figures and balances on completion of the year end reconciliation.

### **Ward Budgets**

11. In previous years, each ward (Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay) has been delegated a budget of £10,000 from the Wellbeing budget. This budget is for projects taking place at a ward level. Applications are subject to an approval process through ward member meetings and may also include cross ward projects. Decisions are taken as a delegated decision and reported to the Community Committee for information. Members are asked to consider whether the delegated ward budgets will remain at £10,000 for 2017/18.
12. Within the ward budgets, budget allocations of £500 per ward have been made for the provision of community skips.

### **Community Engagement**

13. As with the 2016/17 budget, it is proposed that a budget of £1000 is set aside in 2017/18 to spend on community engagement activities across the Community Committee area.
14. The funds are to be spent on items such as room hire, refreshments and stationary costs associated with community meetings and the annual volunteer thank you event. The expenditure to date against this budget can be found at **Appendix 1**.

## Capital Receipts Programme

15. The establishment of a Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) was approved by Executive Board in October 2011. The key feature of the scheme is that 20% of each receipt generated will be retained locally for re-investment, subject to maximum per receipt of £100k, with 15% retained by the respective Ward – via the existing Ward Based Initiative Scheme - and 5% pooled across the Council and distributed to Community Committees on the basis of need.
16. The Ward Based Initiative balances for each ward are provided directly to Elected Members from the Capital Finance team and have not been detailed in this report.
17. A CRIS injection of £5,200 was provided to the Inner North East Community Committee capital budget in September. The current Inner North East CRIS balance as provided by the Capital Finance team is **£31,700**.

## Area-wide Wellbeing budget

18. As in previous years, it is proposed that the following project costs are top-sliced from the Community Committee's Well-being budget. These are as follows:

**Project:** Neighbourhood Improvement (staffing budget)

**Organisation:** Communities Team (East North East)

**Wards affected:** all wards

**Amount applied for:** £27,000

### Project Overview

- Budget allocation towards staffing for neighbourhood improvement activity in Inner North East.
- Further details of this spend will be progressed via delegated decision

**Project:** Festive lights

**Organisation:** Communities Team (East North East)

**Wards affected:** all wards

**Amount applied for:** £15,500

### Project overview

- In previous years the Community Committee has allocated funds from the Wellbeing budget to pay for festive lights across all 3 wards

## Delegated Decisions

19. The following projects have been approved since the Inner North East Community Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016. These approvals were made under the delegated authority of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities), due to the need for a decision to be made before the next scheduled Committee round. Members have been consulted and were supportive of the following applications:

| Wellbeing Fund - Area-wide            |                                          |                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Organisation                          | Project                                  | Total approved                                                     |
| BHI Fusion Café                       | DV 16 Days of Action Launch Event        | £250                                                               |
| Fever FM                              | DV 16 Days of Action – Prince Charming   | £125                                                               |
| DEEN Project                          | Youth Club Equipment                     | £1,893.99                                                          |
| Wellbeing Fund - Chapel Allerton Ward |                                          |                                                                    |
| Organisation                          | Project                                  | Total approved                                                     |
| LCC Hubs / NCDT                       | Chapeltown Winter Festival               | £475                                                               |
| LCC Communities Team                  | Chapel Allerton Festive Lights Switch On | £3,024                                                             |
| Wellbeing Fund - Moortown Ward        |                                          |                                                                    |
| Organisation                          | Project                                  | Total approved                                                     |
| LCC Communities Team                  | Moortown Grit Bin Refills                | £1,611.88                                                          |
| Wellbeing Fund - Roundhay Ward        |                                          |                                                                    |
| Organisation                          | Project                                  | Total approved                                                     |
| LCC Parks & Countryside               | Roundhay Skate Park Refurb               | £300                                                               |
| Youth Activity Fund                   |                                          |                                                                    |
| Organisation                          | Project                                  | Total approved                                                     |
| LCC Communities Team                  | INE Youth Summit                         | £1,000                                                             |
| Area CRIS                             |                                          |                                                                    |
| Organisation                          | Project                                  | Total approved                                                     |
| LCC Parks & Countryside               | Carr Manor Field Playground              | £3,000<br>(Reallocation from defunct Stonegate Skate Park project) |

## Declined Applications

20. For transparency, also noted are those applications that were not successful:

| Wellbeing Fund |                                                           |        |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| MAECare        | Building Capacity and Sharing Skills Through Volunteering | £3,250 |

## New Revenue Projects for consideration from 2016/17 budget

21. At the time of completing this report, there were no new revenue applications for the committee to consider.

## Inner North East Community Committee Priorities 2017/18

22. The Wellbeing Advisory Group has recently undertaken review of the Inner North East Community Committee priorities which are listed on the guidance provided with the Wellbeing Fund application form.
23. Whilst the priorities have broadly remained unchanged from those agreed in March 2014, the Wellbeing Advisory Group recommended some changes to the wording and a better link to the Best Council Plan 2015-2020, and the Vision for Leeds 2011-2030.
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## Corporate considerations

25. Wellbeing funding is used to support the Inner North East Community Committee's priorities. The annual priorities support the Council's Vision for Leeds 2011 to 2030 and Best Council Plan 2015-20.
26. Youth Activity Funding supports the Children and Young People's plan outcome – 'Children and Young People Have Fun Growing Up'.
27. Sometimes decisions need to be made between formal meetings of the Community Committee and therefore the Area Leaders have delegated authority from the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) to approve spend outside of the Community Committee cycle. All delegated decisions are taken within an appropriate governance framework and must satisfy the following conditions:

- a. consultation must be undertaken with all committee/relevant ward Members prior to a delegated decision being taken;
  - b. a delegated decision must have support from a majority of the Community Committee Elected Members represented on the committee (or in the case of funds delegated by a Community Committee to individual wards, a majority of the ward councillors), and;
  - c. details of any decisions taken under such delegated authority will be reported to the next available Community Committee meeting for Members' information.
28. The Community Committee, supported by the Communities Team (East North East), has delegated responsibility for taking of decisions and monitoring of activity relating to utilisation of capital and revenue Wellbeing budgets (including the Youth Activity Fund) within the framework of the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3D) and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.
29. In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Community Committees are not eligible for Call In.
30. There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

## **Conclusion**

31. The Wellbeing fund provides financial support for projects in the Inner North East area which support the annual priorities of the Community Committee.
32. The report has set out the current budget position and applications recently approved through delegated decisions in consultation with ward Members.

## **Recommendations**

Members are asked to:

33. Note the current balances for 2016/17 and the spend to date against these budgets as set out in Appendix 1
34. Note the budget allocation for 2017/18 as agreed at Full Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017
35. Approve the 2017/18 INE Wellbeing budget top slicing arrangements as outlined in paragraphs 11-18
36. Note the delegated decisions made since the last meeting of the Inner North East Community Committee (5<sup>th</sup> December 2016) as outlined in paragraph 19-20
37. Approve the Inner North East Community Committee priorities for 2017/18 outlined in paragraphs 22-24 and Appendix 2