

Report of: Area Leader

**Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley and Hyde Park,
Little London and Woodhouse, Weetwood**

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For decision

Wellbeing Fund update for 2018/19 Q3

Purpose of report

1. This report provides the Inner North West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activity Fund for 2018/19 and the current position of the small grants and skips pot.
2. The report also asks the Community Committee to approve the Wellbeing funding round process and timescales for the 2018/19 Wellbeing budget.

Recommendations

3. The Inner North West Community Committee is asked to:
 - Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19 (**Appendix 1**)
 - Note the current position of the Small Grants and Skips pots (**Table 1**)
 - Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date (**Table 2**)
 - Note the current position of the Wellbeing Capital fund including CIL
 - Consider applications listed in report and agree relevant adjustments to the budget where appropriate

Main issues

4. This report provides members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19. The report highlights the current position of the small grants and skips pots. It also provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.
5. Community Committees have a delegated responsibility for the allocation of Wellbeing funding. The amount of Wellbeing funding provided to each committee is calculated using a formula agreed by Council, taking into consideration both population and deprivation of an area.
6. The Inner North West Community Committee seeks to ensure that Wellbeing funding is allocated in a fair and transparent way and that recipients are able to commence delivery of their projects as early as possible in the financial year. These projects are then monitored and assessed by the Community Committee throughout the year to ensure they are fully meeting their objectives.
7. The Wellbeing Fund Large Grant programme supports the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of a Community Committee area by funding projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities. A group applying to the Wellbeing fund must fulfil various eligibility criteria including evidencing appropriate management arrangements and finance controls are in place; have relevant policies to comply with legislation and best practice e.g. safeguarding and equality and diversity; and be unable to cover the costs of the project from other funds. Projects eligible for funding could be community events; environmental improvements; crime prevention initiatives or opportunities for sport and healthy activities for all ages. In line with the Equality Act 2010 projects funded at public expense should provide services to citizens irrespective of their religion, gender (including Trans), marital status, race, ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation or disability; under the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities.
8. Funding for projects specifically targeted at certain groups is allowed under the Equality Act provided there is a clear evidence base for doing so (such as activities to promote women's health through sport projects or a project targeted at people with hearing impairments, or one for new migrants to help them integrate). Further advice on these can be given on a case by case basis if required.
9. The fund cannot be used to support an organisation's regular business running costs; it cannot fund projects promoting political or religious viewpoints to the exclusion of others; projects must represent good value for money and follow Leeds City Council Financial Regulations and the Council's Spending Money Wisely policy; applications should provide, where possible, three quotes for any works planned and demonstrate how the cost of the project is relative to the scale of beneficiaries; the fund cannot

support projects which directly result in the business interests of any members of the organisation making a profit.

10. In addition, the Inner North West Community Committee receives a sum of Youth Activity Fund monies. This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people age 8-17. This should be allocated with the involvement and participation of children and young people in the decision making process.
11. For 2018/19 the Inner North West Community Committee received a wellbeing allocation of £102,264. Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2017/18, the total fund available for new projects in 2018/19 was **£109,323**. This funding has so far been committed to 20 projects for 2018/19, as listed in **Appendix 1** totalling **£107,737**. The current wellbeing balance is **£1,586**.
12. In addition to revenue, the Community Committee also receives an allocation of Wellbeing capital funding. The current Capital balance is **£43,692**. See **Appendix 1** for a full budget update. This includes a **£10,000** return to the pot for the Lovell Park Flats project which has been cancelled.
13. For 2018/19, the Inner North West Community Committee received a sum of £23,040 Youth Activity Fund (YAF) monies. Taking into account project underspends and roll forward from 2017/18, the total fund available for new YAF projects in 2018/19 was **£28,845**. This funding has so far been committed to 7 projects for 2018/19, this leaves **£556** available for YAF allocation following an under spend of **£337** from INW.16.11.YF Cardigan centre – Weetwood Youth Group.
14. As agreed at the last meeting on 21st June, the shortfall of available funding for YAF was agreed to be taken from additional allocation of the wellbeing budget for 2018/19.

15. Wellbeing budget statement 2018/19

The latest Wellbeing budget statement for 2018/19 is included at **Appendix 1** to this report. There is **£1,586** remaining to allocate this financial year.

16. There is 1 wellbeing project for consideration at the meeting today, see below:

Project name	Organisation/Department	Amount requested	Project detail
Health and Wellbeing Project	Ireland Wood Residents Group	£2,200	Non-contact boxing based exercise class to be held on Wednesday nights – delivered by Unorthobox (Registered Public Interest Company providing exercises classes). Class will take place at St Paul's Church, Ireland Wood. Immediately after the class: Free healthy food, provided for by the Real Junk Food Project and cooked by the Keepers Café (Lighthouse School) to be served at Keepers Café after the exercises class.

17. If members wish to approve, due to insufficient large grant wellbeing monies, it is recommended that small grants monies are utilized for future applications in the financial year of 2018/19.
18. Appendix 1 sets out the current budget position for Wellbeing projects showing the amount approved by the Community Committee and the value of funds spent to date. The Wellbeing budget statement also outlines the current budget position of those projects funded in previous years which still have funding left to spend.

19. Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants & Skip

There have been 0 small grants approved since the last committee meeting and 1 skip. These are listed in **Table 1** below. There is currently **£3,696** available for allocation for small grants and skip hire in the 2018/19 budget. The Community Committee is asked to note the current position of the budget and those grants and skips that have recently been approved.

20. Table 1: Small grants and skips – Projects funded to date from last committee

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Lovell park view skip – Community clean up	Councillor Javaid Akthar	£190	£190

21. Youth Activity Fund

This fund is to commission sports and cultural activity for young people aged 8 -17.

Table 2 below lists those projects currently agreed from the Youth Activity Fund.

22. Table 2: Youth Activity Fund – Projects funded to date for 2018/19.

Project Name	Organisation /Department	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
DJ school UK/ Breaking through Leeds	East Urban Arts Week 2018	£5,061	£5,061
Mini Breeze	Breeze	£7,200	£7,200
Activity Programme 2018/19	West Leeds Activity Centre	£5,500	£5,500
Youth Group at the Welcome Inn	Leeds Youth Service	£2,339	£2,339
Wednesday Night Youth Group at the Welcome Inn	Cardigan Centre	£7,952	£7,952
Rosebank Rangers	Hyde Park Source	£4,560	£4,560

23. 2018/19 Wellbeing Capital Projects

The current budget for capital projects is **£43,692** available for allocation. This includes a **£10,000** return to the pot for the Lovell Park Flats project which has been cancelled. A full update regarding those capital projects currently ongoing is available at Appendix 1. There have been no additional projects approved since the last meeting.

24. There are 2 capital projects for consideration at the meeting today, see below:

Project name	Organisation/Department	Amount requested	Project detail
Access Improvements to Burley Willows	Parks and Countryside	£11,000	The funding for this scheme will be used to secure land off Willow Road, formerly known as Burley Willows. The site includes sheltered housing accommodation and grassed open spaces which include thoroughfares, areas residents use to relax, enjoy for exercise and recreation.
Leeds Little Free Libraries	Leeds little Free Libraries	£1,000	The ultimate aim of the little free libraries is to make links between the people who live in a neighbourhood. The arrival of a little library in the community creates real excitement, developing curiosity and bringing people together.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

25. As previously reported the Inner North West receives an allocation of CIL funding. As part of this payment schedule, Leeds City Council retains up to 70-80% centrally, 5% for administration and 15-25% goes to a Community Committee or the relevant Town or Parish Council. This 15-25% of the CIL receipt (25% if there is an adopted neighbourhood

plan, 15% if there isn't) is known as the 'Neighbourhood Fund'. In the absence of a Town or Parish Council, the Neighbourhood Fund element of CIL is allocated to the Community Committee.

26. The Inner North West committee agreed at a workshop on 7 November 2017 to allocate the CIL Neighbourhood Fund in the INW area. Members agreed that funds raised through CIL are allocated in line with the current Wellbeing process; with the money to be pooled to be allocated across all three wards. The current available balance of CIL is **£21,098**.

Inner North West Wellbeing fund priorities

1. Increase community activity and local residents' involvement in decision making
2. Work with our partners to improve services in our local neighbourhoods
3. Support activities that make people and places feel safer
4. Enhance the quality of our parks and public spaces
5. Develop and make better use of community assets
6. Support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired
7. Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities
8. Provide opportunities for people to get jobs, volunteer or learn new skills
9. Improve access and engagement in sport and cultural activities

The Communities Team will consult with Members before and during the process, bringing everyone together for a workshop to review all applications.

Members are asked to approve the above process.

Corporate considerations

27. **Consultation and Engagement**

The 2018/19 Wellbeing application round was advertised to all Community Committee contacts. The Youth Activity Fund application rounds are promoted through the Breeze Culture Network and local providers, with consultation from children and young people also being taken into account.

28. **Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

All Wellbeing funded projects are assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration.

29. **Council policies and City Priorities**

Projects submitted to the Community 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

30. **Resources and value for money**

Aligning the distribution of Community Committee Wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

31. **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

32. **Risk Management**

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

33. **Conclusion**

The Inner North West Community Committee Wellbeing Fund provides an important opportunity to support local organisations and drive forward improvements to services. This report provides members with an update on the Wellbeing programme for 2018-19.

34. **Recommendations**

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