

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee	Warwick Area Committee
Date of Committee	21 June 2005
Report Title	Well-Being Fund / Social Inclusion Fund – Priorities for the Warwick Area, 2005/6
Summary	This report seeks the committee's agreement on priorities for the use of the Well-being Fund and Social Inclusion Fund in 2005/6.
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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?	No.
Background papers	

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Member(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applies to all members of the area committee.
Other Elected Members	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cabinet Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Executive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Carter
Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Preece – Finance Officer.....
Other Chief Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>
District Councils	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Bodies/Individuals ☐

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by
this Committee ☐

To Council ☐

To Cabinet ☐

To an O & S Committee ☐

To an Area Committee ☐

Further Consultation ☐

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Warwick Area Committee – 21 June 2005.

Well-Being Fund/Social Inclusion Fund Priorities for the Warwick Area – 2005/06

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

That Members approve the priorities for the use of the Well-being Fund and Social Inclusion Fund for the Warwick Area in 2005/06 as set out in this report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1** This report seeks the committee's agreement on priorities for the use of the Well-being Fund and Social Inclusion Fund in 2005/6. No final decision has yet been taken on the exact level of monies available in these funds this year, however it is likely that the amounts will be very similar to the basic levels approved in 2004/5. That is £66,670 for the Well-being fund and £30,000 for the Social Inclusion Fund. If your priorities for the use of the funds can be agreed at this committee, a first tranche of funding proposals can be considered at your July meeting.
- 1.2** The total amount of the Well-being fund is available for use this year, there are no ongoing commitments against this fund. There are however ongoing commitments against the Social Inclusion Fund, totaling some £16,000, limiting the amount available for expenditure in 2005/6.
- 1.3** General Guidance on the use of the Well-being funds is contained in appendix A. Proposals for more detailed local guidance on the use of both funds are set out below.

2. Proposed Priorities for 2005/6 - Well-being Fund

- 2.1** As in 2004/5, it is proposed that the Well-being Fund should be made available to support projects that clearly contribute to the achievement of the strategic objectives of Warwick 2020, the Community Plan for the area. The strategic objectives of the plan are:
- **We want a SAFE community,**
where people can go about their daily lives feeling safe and confident.
 - **We want a HEALTHY community,**
where opportunities are available to everyone to make informed choices to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle and feeling of well-being.
 - **We want a FAIR community,**

where there are improvements in the quality of life for all and where deprivation has been eliminated.

- **We want a PROSPEROUS community,**
where a strong local economy, with a sound knowledge and skills base, provides the foundation for a successful community.
- **We want a COHESIVE community,**
where everyone in our community lives and works together in a spirit of tolerance, respect and co-operation
- **We want a SUSTAINABLE community,**
where the needs of the present do not compromise the needs of future generations and where the quality of the environment is protected and enhanced.

3. Proposed Priorities for 2005/6 – Social Inclusion Fund

3.1 The County Council's initial Social Inclusion Strategy was approved in 2001. The second version of the strategy is now in preparation, covering the period to 2008. It is recommended that any proposals for use of the Area Committee's Social Inclusion Fund should support the principles of the emerging Social Inclusion Strategy and should contribute to the County Council's activity in relation to the themes of the strategy.

3.2 The principles of the Social Inclusion Strategy are:

Improvement for all
Fastest Improvement for the Most Deprived
Better Access to services

3.3 The themes of the Social Inclusion Strategy are:

Promoting Community Cohesion
Anti Poverty Work
Achieving Equality
Improving Public Health
Reducing Crime and Promoting Community Safety
Young People
Older People
Local Initiatives (targeting the most deprived communities locally)
Working with the Community and Voluntary Sector

4. General Guidelines

4.1 All proposals for the use of the funds should be evaluated against the criteria set out above. As was the case last year, it is proposed that the Committee should not accept "bids" for funds, but that proposals from councillors or community organisations should, where appropriate, be worked up into funding proposals, with the involvement of the Area Office. Such proposals should then be submitted to the Committee for consideration, as long as the proposals meet the priorities that you have approved.

4.2 The approach to prioritisation set out above has proved useful in providing a clear focus for the use of the funds, whilst continuing to allow a degree of flexibility to respond to priorities that have developed over the year. This framework provides a structure within which to proceed and provides a clear link between the funds available to this committee and the County Council's

priorities for the area. Members are asked to agree this proposed framework for the use of the Well-being fund and Social Inclusion fund in 2005/6.

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20 May 2005

Appendix 1

Well-being Fund / Social Inclusion Fund – General Guidance 2004/05

Well-being Fund

The Well-being Fund seeks to assist projects, which enhance the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area, particularly through the local Community Plan.

Unlike the other funds which your Committee controls, the Well-being Fund is used for projects of a more strategic nature, which will benefit the wider community. Where individual groups require funding for their own specific needs they should refer their applications to one of the other funds.

If County Council or other statutory agencies apply for funding, it is not expected that this Fund will be used to carry out schemes which qualify for mainstream departmental funding.

The County Council has set clear parameters for this fund, namely that it:

- is for projects within the Area Committee's Terms of Reference
- requires clear objectives and outputs from projects and a designated lead officer to monitor and report back progress to the Area Committee,
- is designed to be more strategic in its nature, serves the needs of the wider community and is used to commission projects that will help in the implementation of the local Community Plan e.g. feasibility studies for projects which will enhance well-being,
- only provides funding for any project on a one-off basis. If the project is to last for more than one year or to require further funding, applicants need to identify and specify future funding.