



	Cabinet Member Report
Date:	13th December 2017
Subject:	Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for Hyde Park
1. Summary	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £15,000 from the Hyde Park Ward Budget in order to commission:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Additional street trees to provide visual amenity and increased bio-diversity(b) Install resin bound aggregate in selected tree bases to improve appearance of location(c) Programme of minor works to recently planted and small trees in the ward(d) Prune plane trees on Connaught Street	
Recommendation	
That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community approves expenditure of £15,000 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.	



City of Westminster

Cabinet Member Report

Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

Date:

13 December 2017

Classification:

For General Release

Title of Report:

Expenditure from the Hyde Park Ward Budget

Report of:

Head of Cabinet Secretariat

Wards involved:

Hyde Park

Policy context:

Neighbourhoods Programme

Financial summary:

The proposed expenditure of £15,000 from the Hyde Park Ward Budget leaves £76,468.92 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.

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1. Background Information

- 1.1 Ward budgets were established under the City Council's Neighbourhood Programme agreed by the Cabinet in November 2007. The extension to the ward budget programme was agreed in March 2010 for continuation until March 2014.
- 1.2 The renewal of the ward budget programme for the years 2014-2018 was agreed in June 2014.
- 1.3 Budget provision of £46,000 for the financial year 2017/18 exists to fund ward based projects.

2. Proposed Projects

- 2.1 £15,000 will fund additional street trees, the installation resin bound aggregate in selected tree bases, a programme of minor works to recently planted and small trees in the ward, and the pruning of plane trees on Connaught Street.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Hyde Park budget to date total £92,531.08 leaving **£91,468.92** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£15,000** and leaves **£76,468.92** available for future allocation.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Section 1 of the Localism Act, aka "the general power of competence" enables authorities "to do anything that individuals generally may do". The proposals within this report are consistent with the Council exercising this power.

5. Outstanding Issues

- 5.1 There are no outstanding issues.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The proposals have been agreed by all Councillors within the ward.
- 6.2 The proposal for Tree Planting and Works has been drawn up and verified following consultation with Westminster City Council's Arboricultural Works within Growth, Planning and Housing and the Council's Finance Departments.

7. Equalities

- 7.1 The proposal in this report will support the Council's wider equalities and diversity agenda by focusing on addressing local issues with enhanced local engagement.

If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect one of the background papers please contact Gemma on 020 7641 3411, fax 020 7641 3156, email gjones1@westminster.gov.uk

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

Declaration of Interest

- I have no interest to declare in respect of this report

Signed Date
 Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

- I have to declare an interest

State nature of interest:

Signed Date
 Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

(N.B: If you have an interest you should seek advice as to whether it is appropriate to make a decision in relation to this matter.)

For the reasons set out above, I agree the recommendation(s) in the report entitled **Recommendation(s) for Expenditure from the Hyde Park Ward Budgets** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed
 Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

Date

<p>For Ward Specific Reports Only</p> <p>In reaching this decision I have given due regard to any representations made by relevant Ward Members.</p> <p>Signed Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community</p> <p>Date</p>
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If you have any additional comment which you would want actioned in connection with your decision you should discuss this with the report author and then set out your comment below before the report and this pro-forma is returned to the Secretariat for processing.

Additional comment:

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