



	<b>Cabinet Member Report</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>28/11/17</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Expenditure from the Ward Budget for Little Venice</b>
<b>1. Summary</b>	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £57,373.84 from the Little Venice Ward Budget in order to commission:	
(a) The installation of tree pits along Sutherland Avenue and Warrington Crescent. The new material will be used on 70 large and 10 small tree pits in Sutherland avenue and 24 large and 10 small tree pits in Warrington Crescent.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community approves expenditure of £57, 373.84 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.	



City of Westminster

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Date:	<b>28/11/17</b>
Classification:	<b>For General Release</b>
Title of Report:	<b>Expenditure from the Little Venice Ward Budget</b>
Report of:	<b>Head of Cabinet Secretariat</b>
Wards involved:	<b>Little Venice</b>
Policy context:	<b>Neighbourhoods Programme</b>
Financial summary:	<b>The proposed expenditure of £57,373.84 from the Little Venice Ward Budget leaves £0 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.</b>
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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 £57,373.84 will fund the Installation of Tree Pits along Sutherland Avenue and Warrington Crescent.

It is proposed that a new surface dressing is used in the tree pits along Sutherland Avenue and Warrington Crescent. The new product is a rubberised material that is both permeable and flexible and has been used successfully on Edgware Road by TfL. This will ensure a uniformity of appearance and allow the tree roots in particular to grow without causing cracking or the break-up of the surface.

The new material will be used on 70 large and 10 small tree pits in Sutherland avenue and 24 large and 10 small tree pits in Warrington Crescent. The works will commence by February 2018 and involve excavating the exiting material and replacing it with the new rubberised compound. All works will be completed by end March 2018.

## 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Little Venice budget to date total £126,626.16 leaving **£57,373.84** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£57,373.84** and leaves **£0** 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. Procurement Implications

- 5.1 The contract is to be awarded to FM Conway who are the Council's term maintenance contractor under Contract A; these works are within scope of the

contract and will be completed before the expiry date of the contract. The FM Conway contract is compliant with Westminster's Procurement Code

## **6. Outstanding Issues**

6.1 There are no outstanding issues regarding this proposal.

## **7. Consultation**

7.1 The proposals have been agreed by all Councillors from all wards involved

7.2 The proposal for the Installation of Tree Pits along Sutherland Avenue and Warrington Crescent has been drawn up and verified following consultation with FM Conways and the Council's Finance and Legal Services Departments.

## **8. Equalities**

8.1 The proposals 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 Sonia Sekhon on 020 7641 4299, fax 020 7641 3156, email [ssekhon@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:ssekhon@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: .....  
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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 Little Venice 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><b>For Ward Specific Reports Only</b></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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