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| | Cabinet Member Report |
| Date: | 23 February 2018 |
| Title | Expenditure from the Abbey Road Ward Budget |
| Subject: | Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for lamppost strength testing along Abbey Road, Grove End Road and Abercorn Place. As well as, the installation and supply of double brackets along these roads, and rent and maintenance of these hanging baskets. |
| 1. Summary | |
| 1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £13,021.45 from the Abbey Road Ward Budget in order to commission: | |
| (a) Lamppost strength testing along Abbey Road, Grove End Road and Abercorn Place provided by FM Conways. | |
| (b) The installation and supply of double brackets along these roads, as well as the rent and maintenance of these hanging baskets, by Windowflowers. | |
| Recommendation | |
| That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community approves expenditure of £13,021.45 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:

23 February 2018

Classification:

For General Release

Title of Report:

Expenditure from the Abbey Road Ward Budget

Report of:

Head of Cabinet Secretariat

Wards involved:

Abbey Road

Policy context:

Neighbourhoods Programme

Financial summary:

The proposed expenditure of £13,021.45 from the Abbey Road Ward Budget leaves £22,525.91 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 £13,021.45 will fund lamppost strength testing, the installation and supply of hanging baskets and one planting of hanging baskets along Abbey Road, Grove End Road and Abercorn Place.
- 2.2 FM Conways are charging £2,025.45 for the testing lampposts strength along Abbey Road, Grove End Road and Abercorn Place.
- 2.3 Windowflowers are in charge of the supply and installation of brackets for the lamppost columns, as well as the rent and maintenance of the hanging baskets. Initially supplying and installing forty double brackets on eleven lamp columns will cost £6,600. The rental of eighty no. 550mm diameter Winter/Spring hanging baskets and maintenance until they are removed will cost an additional £4,396.
- 2.4 Windowflowers have assessed the suitability of lampposts on the selected roads, and provided a quote accordingly. They have not costed for some columns which have signs or are heavily shaded by trees, and would therefore not be suitable for hanging baskets.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Abbey Road budget to date total £148,452.64 leaving **£35,547.36** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£13,021.45** and leaves **£22,525.91** 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 All the ward members have approved this proposal.

6. Consultation

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

6.2 The proposal for lamppost testing, installation and supply hanging baskets and one planting along Abbey Road, Grove End Road and Abercorn Place, has been drawn up and verified following consultation with FM Conways and Windowflowers, and the Council's Finance and Legal Services Departments.

7. Equalities

7.1 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, email 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 Abbey Road Ward Budget** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

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

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| <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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