



	Cabinet Member Report
Date:	18/12/2020
Subject:	Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Vincent Square
1. Summary	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £10,000.00 from the Vincent Square Ward Budget in order to commission:	
(a) Anchor Court Security Works which includes the installation of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secure number-locked vehicle gate – off Douglas Street• Secure number-locked pedestrian gate – off Carey Place, into the car park• Higher wrought iron fencing – around the car park• Automatic-opening electronic connections to the building fire safety systems	
Recommendation	
That the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital approves the release of funds in the amount of £10,000.00 in respect of the above proposal, from the ward members of Vincent Square ward, as detailed in the report.	



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Classification:	For General Release
Title of Report:	Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Vincent Square
Report of:	Head of Cabinet Secretariat, Member and Committee Services
Wards involved:	Vincent Square
Policy context:	Ward Budget Programme
Financial summary:	The proposed expenditure of £10,000.00 from the Vincent Square Ward Budget leaves £40,070.04 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.
- 1.2 The programme enables ward members to fund projects in the local area which benefit residents of that area and/or meet local priorities.
- 1.3 £46,000 is provided to each ward in each financial year of a 4-year electoral cycle. Monies not spent in year roll-over to the next until the end of the cycle.
- 1.4 Budget provision for the financial years 2018 to 2022 equates to £184,000 per ward
- 1.5 All decisions on projects to be funded are made by the ward members from the wards concerned, to support their local priorities.

2. Proposed Projects

- 2.1 £10,000.00 will fund the installation of the following:

- Secure number-locked vehicle gate – off Douglas Street
- Secure number-locked pedestrian gate – off Carey Place, into the car park
- Higher wrought iron fencing – around the car park
- Automatic-opening electronic connections to the building fire safety systems

The above installations aim to reduce anti-social behaviour in the car park off Douglas Street at the rear of Anchor Court Sheltered Housing. The 55 tenants at Anchor Court Sheltered Housing scheme are elderly and vulnerable. This project would further improve safety of the neighbourhood and would therefore also benefit their residential and business neighbours.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Vincent Square budget to date total £87,929.96 leaving **£50,070.04** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£10,000.00** and leaves **£40,070.04** available for future allocation.
- 3.3 This report approves the release of the above funding from the central pot. The individual decisions taken on the projects being funded are made by the ward members for the ward(s) involved.

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. Consultation

- 5.1 The proposals have been approved by all Councillors, or a majority of Councillors from all wards involved
- 5.2 The proposal for ‘Anchor Court Security Works’ has been drawn up by the Member Services Officer with Anchor Hanover Group, the financial and legal aspects of the funding have been verified by the Council’s Finance and Legal Services Departments.

If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect one of the background papers please contact Clare O’Keefe on 07811 721748, email cokeefe@westminster.gov.uk

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital

Declaration of Interest

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

Signed Date
 Councillor Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital

- I have to declare an interest

State nature of interest:

Signed Date
 Councillor Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital

(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 **Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Vincent Square** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed
 Councillor Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital

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 Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital</p> <p>Date</p>

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:

NOTE: If you do not wish to approve the recommendations, or wish to make an alternative decision, it is important that you consult the report author, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the Director of Finance and Performance and, if there are staffing implications, the Director of Resources (or their representatives) so that (1) you can be made aware of any further relevant considerations that you should take into account before making the decision and (2) your reasons for the decision can be properly identified and recorded, as required by law.

Note to Cabinet Member: Your decision will now be published and copied to the Members of the relevant Policy & Scrutiny Committee. If the decision falls within the criteria for call-in, it will not be implemented until five working days have elapsed for any call-in request to be received.