



	Cabinet Member Report
Date:	09/08/2021
Subject:	Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street, Queen's Park, Regent's Park and Westbourne
1. Summary	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £18,620.00 from the Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street, Queen's Park, Regent's Park and Westbourne Ward Budget in order to commission:	
(a) Community Play Provision for Children during School Holidays 2021-22	
Recommendation	
That the Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration approves the release of funds in the amount of £18,620.00 in respect of the above proposal, from the ward members of Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street, Queen's Park, Regent's Park and Westbourne wards, as detailed in the report.	



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Report of:

Head of Governance and Councillor Liaison

Wards involved:

Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street, Queen's Park, Regent's Park and Westbourne

Policy context:

Ward Budget Programme

Financial summary:

The proposed expenditure of £7,840.00 from the Abbey Road Ward Budget leaves £39,812.19 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.

The proposed expenditure of £980.00 from the Harrow Road Ward Budget leaves £21,570.00 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.

The proposed expenditure of £1,960.00 from the Maida Vale Ward Budget leaves £26,640.03 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.

The proposed expenditure of £980.00 from the Marylebone High Street Ward Budget leaves £33,171.93 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.

The proposed expenditure of £392.00 from the Queen's Park Ward Budget leaves £32,636.91 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.

The proposed expenditure of £4,900.00 from the Regent's Park Ward Budget leaves £64,456.82 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.

The proposed expenditure of £1,568.00 from the Westbourne Ward Budget leaves £22,042.14 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.

Report Author:

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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

£18,620.00 will fund Adventure Play Hub which aims to provide 10 weeks' school holiday play provision during 2021-22 for children living in Westminster where there will be a programme of enriching activities that aim to improve wellbeing.

The provision will be delivered during the school holidays Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm and reach 40 children each day.

Summer holidays 2021 (6 weeks): Monday 26th July – Friday 6th September

October 2021 half term (1 week): Monday 25th – Friday 29th October

Christmas 2021 holidays (2 weeks): Monday 20th – Friday 31st December

February 2022 half term (1 week): Monday 14th – Friday 18th February

The project will help children to overcome the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many children have missed months of education and opportunities to interact and socialise with other children. Children have also been cooped up indoors for prolonged periods and need access to safe play space where they can run around, feel free, have fun and fresh air. The project will reduce the social isolation of all children and in particular many with ASD and SEND by offering an inclusive play provision that is accessible to all children including those with more complex needs.

Provided the Covid-19 related restrictions and road map remain as they are, the Play Hub expect to be able to facilitate all children who wish to attend. If they become very oversubscribed or the Covid-19 restrictions mean they are more limited to numbers that can attend, then the Play Hub will prioritise children with SEND, children in need, children in receipt of free school meals, then all other children.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Abbey Road budget to date total £136,347.81 leaving **£47,652.19** to be allocated.

- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£7,840.00** and leaves **£39,812.19** available for future allocation.
- 3.3 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Harrow Road budget to date total £161,450.00 leaving **£22,550.00** to be allocated.
- 3.4 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£980.00** and leaves **£21,570.00** available for future allocation.
- 3.5 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Maida Vale budget to date total £155,399.97 leaving **£28,600.03** to be allocated.
- 3.6 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£1,960.00** and leaves **£26,640.03** available for future allocation.
- 3.7 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Marylebone High Street budget to date total £149,848.07 leaving **£34,151.93** to be allocated.
- 3.8 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£980.00** and leaves **£33,171.93** available for future allocation.
- 3.9 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Queen's Park budget to date total £150,971.09 leaving **£33,028.91** to be allocated.
- 3.10 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£392.00** and leaves **£32,636.91** available for future allocation.
- 3.11 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Regent's Park budget to date total £114,643.18 leaving **£69,356.82** to be allocated.
- 3.12 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£4,900.00** and leaves **£64,456.82** available for future allocation.
- 3.13 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Westbourne budget to date total £160,389.86 leaving **£23,610.14** to be allocated.
- 3.14 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£1,568.00** and leaves **£22,042.14** available for future allocation.
- 3.15 This report approves the release of the above funding from the ward budget(s) as listed above. 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 Community Play Provision for Children during School Holidays 2021-22 has been drawn up by the Councillor and Governance Support Officer with Adventure Play Hub, 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, cokeefe@westminster.gov.uk

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration

Declaration of Interest

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

Signed Date
 Councillor Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration

- I have to declare an interest

State nature of interest:

Signed Date
 Councillor Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Communities and
 Regeneration

(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 Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street, Queen's Park, Regent's Park and Westbourne** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed
 Councillor Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration

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 Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration</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:

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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.

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