

Executive Summary City of Westminster | and Recommendations

	Cabinet Member Report
Date:	04/02/2022
Subject:	Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Little Venice

Summary 1.

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £60,600.00 from the Little Venice Ward Budget in order to commission:
 - (a) Bike Hanger Sites - £12,600.00
 - (b) Fleming Court – Road Works £33,000.00
 - (c) Crompton Street Doctor Bays £15,000.00

Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration approves the release of funds in the amount of £60,000.00 in respect of the above proposal, from the ward members of Little Venice ward, as detailed in the report.



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Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration

Date:

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Classification:

For General Release

Title of Report:

Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Little Venice

Report of:

Head of Governance and Councillor Liaison

Wards involved:

Little Venice

Policy context:

Ward Budget Programme

Financial summary:

The proposed expenditure of 60,600.00 from the Little Venice Ward Budget leaves £1,084.90 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 £12,600.00 will fund Bike Hanger Sites, to install Cycle hangers, one in Sutherland Avenue, one in Little Venice walk and one in Warwick Avenue.
- 2.2 £33,000.00 will fund Fleming Court Road works, the works will involve stripping back all the surface layer of 2122 Meters of tarmac and levelling out the sub level below with machinery on St Mary's Terrace Estate that lead up to the security gates.
- 2.3 £15,000.00 will fund Crompton Street doctor bays, for the surveys, design and implementation with associated traffic orders and utility works, of two new doctors' bays on the SW bound carriage way footway of Crompton St, W2. This includes alterations to a BT chamber to be suitable for vehicle overrunning.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Little Venice budget to date total £122,315.10 leaving £61,684.90 to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to £60,600.00 and leaves £1,084.90 available for future allocation.
- 3.3 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 Bike hanger sites, Fleming Court Road Works and Crompton Street Doctor Bays have been drawn up by the Councillor and Governance Support Officer with the Project Managers, 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 Mariame Lelenta on 07890380422 email mlelenta1@westminster.gov.uk

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration

Declaration of Interest

Thave 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 Little Venice 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
For Ward Specific Reports Only
In reaching this decision I have given due regard to any representations made by relevant Ward Members.
Signed Councillor Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration
Date
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 <u>not</u> 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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