



	Cabinet Member Report
Date:	10 July 2014
Subject:	Expenditure from the Ward Budget for Little Venice
1. Summary	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £13, 802.40 from the Ward Budget in order to commission: The installation and maintenance of 108 hanging baskets throughout the Little Venice ward in June and October 2014.	
Recommendation	
That the Cabinet Member for Sports, Leisure and Open Spaces approves expenditure of £13, 802.40 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.	



City of Westminster

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Classification:	For General Release
Title of Report:	Expenditure from the Ward Budget for Little Venice
Report of:	Head of Cabinet Secretariat
Wards involved:	Little Venice
Policy context:	Neighbourhoods Programme
Financial summary:	£46,000 is available in 2014/15 So far in 2014/15 £24,617 has been committed to ward projects in Little Venice. The proposed expenditure of £13,802.40 from the Ward Budget leaves £7,580.60 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 2014/15 exists to fund ward based projects.

2. Proposed Projects

- 2.1 £13,802.40 will fund the installation and maintenance of 108 hanging baskets throughout the Little Venice ward in June and again in October.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 To date £24,617 has been committed from the 2014/15 ward budget for Little Venice.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to £13,802.40 and leaves £7, 580.60 available for future allocation.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The proposals accordingly involve expenditure which is within the City Council's power, and within the guidelines for the use of Ward Budgets.

5. Outstanding Issues

- 5.1 There are no outstanding issues. All ward councillors' agree to the expenditure.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The proposal has been agreed by all three ward members.
- 6.2 The proposal for the installation of summer hanging baskets has been drawn up and verified following consultation with the provider, Windowflowers, Finance and Legal.

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.

8. Reason for Decision

- 8.1 The expenditure is expected to help address the priority of 'greening' throughout the Little Venice ward.

If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect one of the background papers please contact Daniella Bonfanti on 020 7641 5371, fax 020 7641 3156, email dbonfanti@westminster.gov.uk

Background Papers

- Windowflowers quote
- Councillors agreement

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Sports, Leisure and Open Spaces

Declaration of Interest

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

Signed Date
 Councillor Steve Summers, Cabinet Member for Sports, Leisure and Open Spaces

- I have to declare an interest

State nature of interest:

Signed Date
 Councillor Steve Summers, Cabinet Member for Sports, Leisure and Open Spaces

(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 in the report entitled **Recommendation for Expenditure from the Ward Budget for Little Venice** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed
 Councillor Steve Summers, Cabinet Member for Sports, Leisure and Open Spaces

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 Steve Summers, Cabinet Member for Sports, Leisure and Open Spaces</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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