

Executive Summary City of Westminster | and Recommendations

	Cabinet Member Report
Date:	19 th May 2016
Subject:	Expenditure from the Ward Budget for Knightsbridge and Belgravia

Summary 1.

- This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £72,000 from the Ward Budget in order to commission:
 - (a) A Senior Planning Enforcement Officer for the Knightsbridge and Belgravia ward

Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member for Sports and Leisure approves expenditure of £72,000 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.



Cabinet Member Report

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Cabinet Member for Sports and Leisure

Date:

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Classification:

For General Release

Title of Report:

Expenditure from the Ward Budget for Knightsbridge and Belgravia

Report of:

Head of Cabinet Secretariat

Wards involved:

Knightsbridge and Belgravia

Policy context:

Neighbourhoods Programme

Financial summary:

The proposed expenditure of £72,000 from the Ward Budget leaves £29,930 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 for the electoral cycle 2014-2018 was agreed in May 2014.
- 1.2 Budget provision of £46,000 for the financial year 2016/17 exists to fund ward based projects.

2. Proposed Projects

2.1 £72,000 will continue to fund a senior planning enforcement officer post to work in Knightsbridge and Belgravia ward for a period of 18 months; it includes all on-costs and costs associated with advertising the role.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure from the Knightsbridge and Belgravia Ward budget for 2016-17 amounts to £0.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to £72,000 and leaves £29.930 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.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The proposals have been agreed by all three ward members.
- 6.2 The proposal for the planning enforcement officer has been drawn up and verified following consultation with Planning Enforcement, 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.

If you have any queries about this report please contact Janis Best on 020 7641 3255, fax 020 7641 3156, email jbest@westminster.gov.uk

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Sports and Leisure

Declaration of Interest

•	I have no interest to declare in respect of this report
	Signed Date
•	I have to declare an interest
	State nature of interest:
	Signed Date Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Sports and Leisure
	B: If you have an interest you should seek advice as to whether it is appropriate make a decision in relation to this matter.)
Re Be	the reasons set out above, I agree the recommendation in the report entitled commendation for Expenditure from the Ward Budget for Knightsbridge and Igravia and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not ommended.
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	reaching this decision I have given due regard to any representations made by levant Ward Members.
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with you	ou have any additional comment which you would want actioned in connection your decision you should discuss this with the report author and then set out ir comment below before the report and this pro-forma is returned to the cretariat for processing.
Ado	ditional comment:

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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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