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|  | <b>Cabinet Member Report</b>  |
| <b>Date:</b>   | <b>14 June 2017</b>   |
| <b>Subject:</b>  | <b>Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for Marylebone High Street</b> |
| <b>1. Summary</b>  |   |
| 1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £30,715.20 from the Marylebone High Street Ward Budget in order to commission:   |   |
| (a) The rental, installation and maintenance of 237 550mm diameter Summer Hanging Baskets. May to September 2017, and the rental of 237 550mm diameter Winter Hanging Baskets, September/October 2017 to May 2018. |   |
| <b>Recommendation</b>  |   |
| That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community approves expenditure of £30,715.20 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.  |   |



City of Westminster

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| Cabinet Member:    | <b>Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community</b>  |
| Date:              | <b>14 June 2017</b>  |
| Classification:    | <b>For General Release</b>   |
| Title of Report:   | <b>Expenditure from the Marylebone High Street Ward Budget</b>   |
| Report of:         | <b>Head of Cabinet Secretariat</b>   |
| Wards involved:    | <b>Marylebone High Street</b>  |
| Policy context:    | <b>Neighbourhoods Programme</b>  |
| Financial summary: | £30,715.20   |
| Report Author:     | <b>Lexi Cotoulas, Member Services Officer</b>  |
| Contact details    | <b>This matter is being handled by:</b><br><b>Lexi Cotoulas, Member Services Officer</b><br><b>020 7641 4299</b><br><b>Fax 020 7641 3156</b><br><a href="mailto:lcotoulas@westminster.gov.uk">lcotoulas@westminster.gov.uk</a> |

## **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 2017/18 exists to fund ward based projects.

## **2. Proposed Projects**

- 2.1 £30,715.20 will fund the rental, installation and maintenance of 237 550mm diameter Summer Hanging Baskets. May to September 2017, and the rental of 237 550mm diameter Winter Hanging Baskets, September/October 2017 to May 2018.

## **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Marylebone High Street budget to date total **£122,865.38** leaving **£47,626.37** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£30,715.20** and leaves **£16,911.70** available for future allocation.

## **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The proposals accordingly involve expenditure which is within the City Council's general power of competence, confirmed in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 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 proposals have been agreed by all Councillors from all wards involved
- 6.2 The proposal for Summer and Winter Hanging Baskets has been drawn up and verified following consultation with Windowflowers and the Council's Finance and Legal Services Departments.

## **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 or wish to inspect one of the background papers please contact Lexi Cotoulas on 020 7641 4299, fax 020 7641 3156, email [lcotoulas@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:lcotoulas@westminster.gov.uk)**

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

**Declaration of Interest**

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

Signed ..... Date .....  
Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

- I have to declare an interest

State nature of interest: .....  
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Signed ..... Date .....  
Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

(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 **Expenditure from the Marylebone High Street Ward Budgets** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed .....  
Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

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| <p><b>For Ward Specific Reports Only</b></p> <p>In reaching this decision I have given due regard to any representations made by relevant Ward Members.</p> <p>Signed .....<br/>Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community</p> <p>Date .....</p> |
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Additional comment: .....  
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