



City of Westminster

# Executive Summary and Recommendations

	<b>Cabinet Member Report</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>7 July 2017</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Expenditure from the Harrow Road, Queen's Park, Maida Vale and Westbourne Ward Budget</b>
<b>1. Summary</b>	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £15,160 from the Harrow Road, Queen's Park, Maida Vale and Westbourne Ward Budget in order to commission:	
(a) Paddington Academy's PGL Trip to Osmington Bay for Year 8 students	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community approves expenditure of £15,160 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.	



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Date:	<b>7 July 2017</b>
Classification:	<b>For General Release</b>
Title of Report:	<b>Expenditure from the Harrow Road, Queen's Park, Maida Vale and Westbourne Ward Budget</b>
Report of:	<b>Head of Cabinet Secretariat</b>
Wards involved:	<b>Harrow Road, Queen's Park, Maida Vale and Westbourne</b>
Policy context:	<b>Neighbourhoods Programme</b>
Financial summary:	£15,160
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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 2016/17 exists to fund ward based projects.

## 2. Proposed Projects

- 2.1 £15,160 will fund 140 students from year 8 at Paddington Academy to spend a weekend in Wales at an activity centre in Autumn 2017 where students will be involved in a mix of outdoor activities to: improve confidence, social skills, motivation and self-reliance; support growth as students overcome challenges with each activity; inspire & motivate students; reach students who have never been on holiday or indeed travelled outside of London; and provide grants to students who cannot afford a contribution.

## 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Harrow Road budget to date total £110,482.52 leaving **£73,517.48** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£5895.60** and leaves **£67,621.88** available for future allocation.
- 3.3 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Maida Vale budget to date total £132,652.28 leaving **£51,347.72** to be allocated.
- 3.4 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£1263.30** and leaves **£50,084.42** available for future allocation.
- 3.5 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Queen's Park budget to date total £136,521.62 leaving **£47,478.38** to be allocated.
- 3.6 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£1263.30** and leaves **£46,215.08** available for future allocation.
- 3.7 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Westbourne budget to date total £136,775.63 leaving **£47,224.37** to be allocated.
- 3.8 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£6737.80** and leaves **£40,486.57** 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 Councillor Thomas Crockett rejected the application on the premise he believes the ward budget should not be used to fund projects which already have or should have funding.

## **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 The proposals have been agreed by Councillors Ruth Bush, Guthrie McKie, Barrie Taylor, Paul Dimoldenberg, Patricia McAllister, Rita Begum and Cllr Jan Prendergast.
- 6.2 The proposal for Paddington Academy's PGL Trip to Osmington Bay for Year 8 students has been drawn up and verified following consultation with Paddington Academy 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, 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 Harrow Road, Queen’s Park, Maida Vale and Westbourne Ward Budget** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

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

Date .....

<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 ..... Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community</p> <p>Date .....</p>
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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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