



	<b>Cabinet Member Report</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>15 January 2018</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Expenditure from the Churchill Ward Budget for works to enclose the south side of Grosvenor Railway bridge</b>
<b>1. Summary</b>	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £17,600 from the Churchill Ward Budget in order to commission:	
(a) A joint project supporting Network Rail in enclosing the area beneath Grosvenor Railway bridge, the south side of Grosvenor Road SW1, in order to remove access to an environmentally hazardous rough sleeping site.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community approves expenditure of £17,600 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.	



City of Westminster

# Cabinet Member Report

Cabinet Member:

**Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community**

Date:

**15 January 2018**

Classification:

**For General Release**

Title of Report:

**Expenditure from the Churchill Ward Budget**

Report of:

**Head of Cabinet Secretariat**

Wards involved:

**Churchill**

Policy context:

**Neighbourhoods Programme**

Financial summary:

**The proposed expenditure of £17,600 from the Churchill Ward Budget leaves £3,405.99 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 2017/18 exists to fund ward based projects.

## 2. Proposed Projects

- 2.1 £17,600 will contribute to a joint project supporting Network Rail in enclosing the area beneath Grosvenor Railway bridge, the south side of Grosvenor Road. This will remove access to environmentally hazardous rough sleeping site.

For several years the location beyond the support pillars of the south side of Grosvenor Road railway bridge has attracted a rough sleeping fraternity, this has led to ongoing community complaints and concerns over the environmental impact. The site is a health hazard and has effectively become a fly-tipping site. In the event of fire, there is a fear over the subsequent closure of Victoria mainline train station that the bridge serves, as a safety precaution.

The benefit of closing off and securing this area will negate this fire risk, the subsequent community impact, and the ensuing great financial loss. It will also remove the hazardous environmental impact by denying the space for fly-tipping and rough sleeping associated detritus.

Network rail estimate the total cost of the project will be £35,200, and are aiming to complete the work by the end of February 2018.

## 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Churchill budget to date total £161,292.61 leaving **£21,005.99** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£17,600** and leaves **£3,405.99** available for future allocation.

## 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. Outstanding Issues**

- 5.1 The proposal has been agreed by Councillor Gassanly and Councillor Williams; whilst Councillor Talukder has agreed to fund a £10,000 contribution.

## **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 The proposals have been agreed by two of the Councillors from the wards involved; the other ward Councillor has agreed to a £10,000 contribution.
- 6.2 The proposal is for a joint project to support Network Rail in enclosing the area beneath Grosvenor Railway bridge, has been drawn up and verified following consultation with Network Rail 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 Sonia Sekhon on 020 7641 4299, email [ssekhon@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:ssekhon@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 Churchill Ward Budget for works to enclosure the south side of Grosvenor Railway bridge** 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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