



	Leader's Report
Date:	29 January 2018
Subject:	Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for Vincent Square
1. Summary	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £30,000 from the Vincent Square Ward Budget in order to commission:	
(a) Two security guards to cover the hours from 11:30pm to 6:30am, 7 days a week at Westminster Cathedral Piazza and Ashley Place for three months from January to March 2018.	
Recommendation	
That the Leader of the Council approves expenditure of £30,000 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.	



City of Westminster

Cabinet Member Report

Cabinet Member:

Leader of the Council

Date:

29 January 2018

Classification:

For General Release

Title of Report:

Expenditure from the Vincent Square Ward Budget

Report of:

Head of Cabinet Secretariat

Wards involved:

Vincent Square

Policy context:

Neighbourhoods Programme

Financial summary:

The proposed expenditure of £30,000 from the Vincent Square Ward Budget leaves £12,190.24 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 £30,000 will fund The Welcome People to rota two security guards to cover the hours from 11:30pm to 6:30am, 7 days a week. The security guards will monitor and target rough-sleeping and anti-social behaviour hotspots. This would cover the period from January to March 2018.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Vincent Square budget to date total £141,809.76 leaving **£42,190.24** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£30,000** and leaves **£12,190.24** 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 Councillor David Harvey cannot approve the expenditure for this project as he is both a ward member for Vincent Square and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The proposals have been agreed by all Councillors from all wards involved
- 6.2 The proposal for Victoria Security has been drawn up and verified following consultation with the Victoria Business Improvement District 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 Gemma Jones on 020 7641 3411, fax 020 7641 3156, email gjones1@westminster.gov.uk

For completion by the Leader of the Council

Declaration of Interest

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

Signed Date
 Councillor Nickie Aiken, Leader of the Council

- I have to declare an interest

State nature of interest:

Signed Date
 Councillor Nickie Aiken, Leader of the Council

(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 **Recommendation(s) for Expenditure from the Vincent Square Ward Budgets** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed
 Councillor Nickie Aiken, Leader of the Council

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 Nickie Aiken, Leader of the Council</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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