



	<b>Cabinet Member Report</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>18 June 2018</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for Church Street ward for the Floating Classrooms</b>
<b>1. Summary</b>	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £10,225 from the Church Street Ward Budget in order to commission:	
(a) Floating Classrooms, which provides ten learning trips for pupils of Christ Church Bentinck CE Primary School, Gateway Academy and King Solomon Academy during 2018-19 autumn and spring terms.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
That the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Education and Community approves expenditure of £10,225 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.	



City of Westminster

# Cabinet Member Report

Cabinet Member:

**Cabinet Member for Economic Development,  
Education and Community**

Date:

**18 June 2018**

Classification:

**For General Release**

Title of Report:

**Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for Church  
Street ward for the Floating Classrooms**

Report of:

**Head of Cabinet Secretariat**

Wards involved:

**Church Street**

Policy context:

**Neighbourhoods Programme**

Financial summary:

**The proposed expenditure of £10,225 from the  
Church Street Ward Budget leaves £31,975  
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.
- 1.2 Budget provision of £46,000 per ward for the financial year 2018/19 exists to fund ward-based projects.

## **2. Proposed Projects**

- 2.1 £10,225 will fund Floating Classrooms which provides ten learning trips for pupils of Christ Church Bentinck CE Primary School, Gateway Academy and King Solomon Academy during 2018-19 autumn and spring terms. Each trip will last 2 to 4 hours with the boat travelling from Little Venice to either Camden Lock or Ladbroke Grove and back. Each trip will host approximately 22-25 pupils. Altogether 220-250 children will participate in these learning activities, exploring and learning more about the rich ecology and heritage of their neighbourhood.

## **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Church Street ward budget to date total £14,025 leaving **£31,975** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£10,225** and leaves **£31,975** 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 There were no outstanding issues – all the ward councillors agreed to the full funding.

## **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 The proposal have been agreed by all Councillors from all wards involved
- 6.2 The proposal for floating classrooms has been drawn up and verified following consultation with Beauchamp Lodge Settlement 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 Economic Development, Education and Community

**Declaration of Interest**

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

Signed ..... Date .....  
Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Education and Community

- I have to declare an interest

State nature of interest: .....  
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Signed ..... Date .....  
Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Education 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 Ward Budgets for Church Street ward for the Floating Classrooms** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed .....  
Councillor David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Education 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 Economic Development, Education 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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