City of Westminster

Executive Summary and Recommendations

		Cabinet Member Report
Date:		**28 April 2020**
Subject:		**Expenditure from the Little Venice Ward Budget for Hanging Baskets**

1. Summary

1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £21,255 from the Little Venice Ward Budget in order to commission:

(a) Hanging Baskets for Little Venice

Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital approves expenditure of £21,255 in respect of the above proposal detailed in the report.

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Cabinet Member:	**Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital**
Date:	**28 April 2020**
Classification:	**For General Release**
Title of Report:	**Expenditure from the Little Venice Ward Budget for Hanging Baskets**
Report of:	**Head of Cabinet Secretariat**
Wards involved:	**Little Venice**
Policy context:	**Neighbourhoods Programme**
Financial summary:	**The proposed expenditure of £21,255 from the Little Venice Ward Budget leaves £67,015.76 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.**
Report Author:	**Mariam Kazem-Malaki, Member Services Officer**
Contact details	**This matter is being handled by:** **Mariam Kazem-Malaki, Member Services Officer** **020 7641 5377** mmalaki@westminster.gov.uk

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 £138,000 per ward for the financial years 2018 to 2021 exists to fund ward-based projects.

2. Proposed Projects

2.1 £21,255.00 will fund 550mm diameter hanging baskets for Summer and Winter, the Summer totalling to £12,262.50 being installed in May and maintained throughout the summer period until late September. The Winter baskets total to £8,992.50 being installed in September/October until May 2021 when they will be removed.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Little Venice budget to date total £49,729.24 leaving **£88,270.76** to be allocated.

3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£21,255** and leaves **£67,015.76** 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 with the project proposal as the ward councillors approved the expenditure.

6. Consultation

6.1 The proposals have been agreed by all Councillors from all wards involved

6.2 The proposal for Little Venice Hanging Baskets has been drawn up and verified following consultation with Window Flowers 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 Mariam Kazem-Malaki on 020 7641 5377 email mmalaki@westminster.gov.uk

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital

Declaration of Interest

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

  Signed …….…… Date ……
  Councillor Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital

- I have to declare an interest

  State nature of interest: ……..……

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  Signed …….…… Date ……
  Councillor Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital

(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 Little Venice Ward Budget for Hanging Baskets** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed ……
Councillor Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital

Date …….……

For Ward Specific Reports Only

In reaching this decision I have given due regard to any representations made by relevant Ward Members.

Signed ……
Councillor Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital

Date …….…….…

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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