



	<b>Cabinet Member Report</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 July 2020</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for Warwick and Tachbrook Wards</b>
<b>1. Summary</b>	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £14,278.40 from the Warwick and Tachbrook Ward Budgets in order to commission:	
(a) Hydra Fountain for St Georges Square	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
That the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital approves the release of funds in the amount of £14,278.40 in respect of the above proposal from the Warwick and Tachbrook Ward Budgets as detailed in the report.	



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Classification:	<b>For General Release</b>
Title of Report:	<b>Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for Warwick and Tachbrook Wards</b>
Report of:	<b>Head of Cabinet Secretariat</b>
Wards involved:	<b>Warwick and Tachbrook</b>
Policy context:	<b>Ward Budget Programme</b>
Financial summary:	<b>The proposed expenditure of £7,139.20 from the Warwick Ward Budget leaves £45,672.23 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.</b> <b>The proposed expenditure of £7,139.20 from the Tachbrook Ward Budget leaves £77,690.33 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.</b>
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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 The programme enables ward members to fund projects in the local area which benefit residents of that area and/or meet local priorities.
- 1.3 £46,000 is provided to each ward in each financial year of a 4-year electoral cycle. Monies not spent in year roll-over to the next until the end of the cycle.
- 1.4 Budget provision for the financial years 2018 to 2022 equates to £184,000 per ward
- 1.5 All decisions on projects to be funded are made by the ward members from the wards concerned, to support their local priorities.

## **2. Proposed Projects**

£14,278.40 will provide labour plant and materials to: create a safe working area, excavate and cast a concrete base in the turfed area to the site the water fountain upon. Adapt the local water supply and run a new water supply to the local are to be terminated within a new hydrant chamber and lockable lid. Create local soak way for water to discharge into. Install water valves.

## **3 Implications**

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Warwick budget to date total £85,188.57 leaving £52,811.43 to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to £7,139.20 and leaves £45,672.23 available for future allocation.
- 3.3 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Tachbrook budget to date total £53,170.47 leaving £84,829.53 to be allocated.
- 3.4 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to £7,139.20 and leaves £77,690.33 available for future allocation
- 3.5 This report approves the release of the above funding from the central pot. The individual decisions taken on the projects being funded are made by the ward members for the ward(s) involved.

## **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 was no outstanding issues as the ward councillors approved the expenditure.

## **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 The proposals have been approved by the Ward Councillors.
- 6.2 The proposal for St George Hydra Fountain has been drawn up and verified following consultation with St Georges Square Gardens and the Council’s Finance and Legal Services Departments.

**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](mailto: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 **Expenditure from the Ward Budgets for Warwick and Tachbrook Wards** 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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NOTE: If you do not wish to approve the recommendations, or wish to make an alternative decision, it is important that you consult the report author, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the Director of Finance and Performance and, if there are staffing implications, the Director of Resources (or their representatives) so that (1) you can be made aware of any further relevant considerations that you should take into account before making the decision and (2) your reasons for the decision can be properly identified and recorded, as required by law.

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