



	<b>Cabinet Member Report</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>26 November 2020</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street and Regent's Park</b>
<b>1. Summary</b>	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £17,260.00 from the Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street and Regent's Park Ward Budgets in order to commission:	
(a) School Holiday Projects 2020-21 by Adventure Play Hub which will deliver full time play provision for children during school holidays in line with the Government guidance for Covid-19 protective measures for out-of-school settings.	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
That the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital approves the release of funds in the amount of £17,260.00 in respect of the above proposal, from the ward members of Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street and Regent's Park wards, as detailed in the report.	



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Title of Report:	<b>Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street and Regent's Park</b>
Report of:	<b>Head of Cabinet Secretariat, Member and Committee Services</b>
Wards involved:	<b>Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street and Regent's Park</b>
Policy context:	<b>Ward Budget Programme</b>
Financial summary:	<p><b>The proposed expenditure of £10,190.00 from the Abbey Road Ward Budget leaves £33,283.54 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.</b></p> <p><b>The proposed expenditure of £550.00 from the Harrow Road Ward Budget leaves £11,426.31 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.</b></p> <p><b>The proposed expenditure of £610.00 from the Maida Vale Ward Budget leaves £53,474.30 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.</b></p> <p><b>The proposed expenditure of £340.00 from the Marylebone High Street Ward Budget leaves £25,992.13 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.</b></p> <p><b>The proposed expenditure of £5,570.00 from the Regent's Park Ward Budget leaves £60,479.08 remaining for allocation in the current financial</b></p>

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 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

- 2.1 £17,260.00 will fund full time play provision during the school holidays during 2020-21 at the Adventure Play Hub in Summer holidays (22nd July – 28th August 2020); October half term (26th – 30th October 2020); December holidays (21 – 24 December 2020) February half term 2021 (15th – 19th February 2020).The provision will run Monday – Friday from 8.30 – 5pm. Delivery of all school holiday activities will take place in line with the Government guidance for Covid-19 protective measures for out-of-school settings.

In addition to the mainstream holiday play provision, during each day of school holiday the Adventure Play Hub will be promoting inclusive play sessions for local children who have additional needs and disabilities each day, where necessary they will allocate one-to-one workers. The programme of activities includes arts and craft, sports, cooking, games, tournaments, cultural events and outings.

## 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Abbey Road budget to date total £94,526.46 leaving **£43,473.54** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£10,190.00** and leaves **£33,283.54** available for future allocation.
- 3.3 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Harrow Road budget to date total £126,023.69 leaving **£11,976.31** to be allocated.
- 3.4 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£550.00** and leaves **£11,426.31** available for future allocation.

- 3.5 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Maida Vale budget to date total £83,915.70 leaving **£54,084.30** to be allocated.
- 3.6 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£610.00** and leaves **£53,474.30** available for future allocation.
- 3.7 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Marylebone High Street budget to date total £111,667.87 leaving **£26,332.13** to be allocated.
- 3.8 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£340.00** and leaves **£25,992.13** available for future allocation.
- 3.9 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Regent's Park budget to date total £71,950.92 leaving **£66,049.08** to be allocated.
- 3.10 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£5,570.00** and leaves **£60,479.08** available for future allocation.
- 3.11 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 wards 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. Consultation**

- 6.1 The proposals have been approved by all Councillors, or a majority of Councillors from all wards involved
- 6.2 The proposal for School Holiday Projects 2020-21 has been drawn up by the Member Services Officer with Adventure Play Hub, the financial and legal aspects of the funding have been verified by 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 Clare O'Keefe on 07811 721748, email [cokeefe@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:cokeefe@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 **Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Abbey Road, Harrow Road, Maida Vale, Marylebone High Street and Regent’s Park** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

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

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 Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Digital</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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