



City of Westminster

Executive Summary and Recommendations

	Cabinet Member Report
Date:	06-12-2021
Subject:	Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Churchill Ward, Knightsbridge and Belgravia Ward and Warwick Ward
1. Summary	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £10,000.00 from the Churchill, Knightsbridge and Belgravia and Warwick ward budgets in order to commission:	
(a) The Latin Programme	
Recommendation	
That the Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration approves the release of funds in the amount of £10,000.00 in respect of the above proposal, from the ward members of Churchill, Knightsbridge and Belgravia and Warwick wards, as detailed in the report.	



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Classification:	For General Release
Title of Report:	Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Churchill, Knightsbridge and Belgravia and Warwick wards.
Report of:	Head of Governance and Councillor Liaison
Wards involved:	Churchill, Knightsbridge and Belgravia and Warwick wards.
Policy context:	Ward Budget Programme
Financial summary:	The proposed expenditure of £5,000.00 from the Churchill Ward Budget leaves £14,731.95 remaining for allocation in the current financial year. The proposed expenditure of £2,500.00 from the Knightsbridge and Belgravia Ward Budget leaves £55,750.01 remaining for allocation in the current financial year. The proposed expenditure of £2,500.00 from the Warwick Ward Budget leaves £25,066.21 remaining for allocation in the current financial year.
Report Author:	Monique Shockness, Councillor and Governance Support Officer
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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 Literacy is the main focus of the school curriculum. To deliver this the Provider has found that through the Latin Programme pupils learn sophisticated and grammatical structures which can then be applied to English. The aim is to improve their spelling and grammar (SPaG) at Key Stage Two. During previous years The Latin Programme has successfully done that, by improving KS2 test results in this area.

The programme is taught from year 3 to all pupils. Pupils build up their knowledge in a systematic way. They cannot move on unless they have understood what they have learned previously. For example, year 5 pupils are taught the imperfect tense in English and Latin, before learning the imperfect passive.

Plans are sequenced so that pupils consolidate what they have learned previously and apply this to new knowledge. Vocabulary is carefully chosen so that pupils build a bank of words which they can use to decode new words. For example, pupils in year 6 easily work out the meaning of words such as pugnacious and necromancy in a text and explain their origin. The programme is delivered by fully trained classics teachers as part of the school curriculum.

£10,000.00 will fund The Latin Programme. The Latin Programme will benefit approximately 80 KS2 pupils of St Barnabas CE Primary School. There are approximately 20 pupils in each class. Pupils have a weekly lesson lasting 40 to 60 minutes.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Churchill ward budget to date total £164,268.05 leaving **£19,731.95** to be allocated.

- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£5,000.00** and leaves **£14,731.95** available for future allocation.
- 3.3 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Knightsbridge and Belgravia ward budget to date total £123,749.99 leaving **£60,250.01** to be allocated.
- 3.4 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£2,500.00** and leaves **£57,750.01** available for future allocation.
- 3.5 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Warwick ward budget to date total £156,433.79 leaving **£27,566.21** to be allocated.
- 3.6 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£2,500.00** and leaves **£25,066.21** available for future allocation.
- 3.7 This report approves the release of the above funding from the ward budget(s) as listed above. 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. Consultation

- 5.1 The proposals have been approved by all Councillors, or a majority of Councillors from all wards involved
- 5.2 The proposal for The Latin Programme has been drawn up by the Councillor and Governance Support Officer with St Barnabas CE Primary School, 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 Monique Shockness on 07929 664 890, email mshockness@westminster.gov.uk

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration

Declaration of Interest

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

Signed Date
Councillor Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration

- I have to declare an interest

State nature of interest:
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Signed Date
Councillor Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Communities and
Regeneration

(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 Churchill, Knightsbridge and Belgravia and Warwick Wards** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed
Councillor Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration

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 Heather Acton, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration

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.

Note to Cabinet Member: Your decision will now be published and copied to the Members of the relevant Policy & Scrutiny Committee. If the decision falls within the criteria for call-in, it will not be implemented until five working days have elapsed for any call-in request to be received.