



City of Westminster

# Executive Summary and Recommendations

	<b>Cabinet Member Report</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>04/02/2022</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Bryanston and Dorset Square</b>
<b>1. Summary</b>	
1.1 This report seeks approval for the expenditure of £81,562.95 from the Bryanston and Dorset Square Ward Budget in order to commission:	
(a) x10 planters in ward	
(b) Air Filter System	
(c) Air Quality Monitoring	
(d) Forest Area in Playground	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
That the Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration approves the release of funds in the amount of £81,562.95 in respect of the above proposal, from the ward members of Bryanston and Dorset Square ward, as detailed in the report.	



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Date:	<b>04/02/2022</b>
Classification:	<b>For General Release</b>
Title of Report:	<b>Approval of Expenditure from the Ward Budget of Bryanston and Dorset Square</b>
Report of:	<b>Head of Governance and Councillor Liaison</b>
Wards involved:	<b>Bryanston and Dorset Square</b>
Policy context:	<b>Ward Budget Programme</b>
Financial summary:	<b>The proposed expenditure of £81,562.95 from the Bryanston and Dorset Square Ward Budget leaves £41,291.73 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**

- 2.1 £25,602.50 will fund x10 planters in the following locations across the Bryanston and Dorset Square ward. The planters will be installed, planted and maintained by Continental Landscapes.
  - York Street / Seymour Place – in front of lamp column, avoiding service cover (1 planter)
  - Bryanston Square – where recycling bins were previously located (2 planters)
  - George Street – in line with existing street furniture (2 planters)
  - Rossmore Road – at top of the stairs leading down to Boston and Taunton Place (2 planters)
  - Glentworth Street / Melcombe Street – on 3 of 4 corners, where the buildouts are located (3 planters)
- 2.2 £24,589.45 will fund the installation of IQAir CleanZone Air Filtration systems in three rooms within the Fourth Feathers' Youth centre used on a daily basis on average by 100 young people and adults. Current monitoring at Marylebone Station shows that nitrogen dioxide levels are 7x higher than those recommended by WHO, with each of the rooms they propose to install an air filtration system backing directly onto the train station which operates diesel trains who account for 70% of the immediate pollution.
- 2.3 £11,520.00 will fund the installation of Breathe London air quality monitors at St Edward's Primary School, St Mary's Bryanston Square, Four Feathers Youth and Hampden Gurney Club, St Vincent's Catholic Primary and St Marylebone CE School to give the local communities real time data on local air quality, specifically to measure the air quality impact of trains at Marylebone Station and Marylebone Road. Any accumulated data from the monitor will be tracked by Westminster City Council's Policy and Projects team and be publicly available.

- 2.4 £19,851.00 will fund the creation of a forest area in St Mary's Primary School playground. The work will take place from 21 February 2022 and will be completed on 11 March 2022. Children from the school and clubs/organisations who use the school's space will benefit from: a mud kitchen, reading area and nature observation spot.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 Expenditure and approvals in process from the Bryanston and Dorset Square budget to date total £61,145.32 leaving **£122,854.68** to be allocated.
- 3.2 The proposals for expenditure in this report amount to **£81,562.95** and leaves **£41,291.73** available for future allocation.
- 3.3 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 all projects have been drawn up by the Committee and Councillor Coordinator with the Project Managers, 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 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 Bryanston and Dorset Square** 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.

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