



## Democratic Services

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**To: COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS MILLS  
CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES**

c.c. All Members of the Finance and Corporate Services Select Committee

c.c. Natasha Norton, Place Directorate

c.c. Perry Scott, Corporate Director of Place

c.c. Ward Councillors for Hayes Town, Pinkwell, Ruislip, Yeading and Yiewsley

**Date:** 26 October 2022

## Non-Key Decision request

## Form D

### NEW ALLOCATIONS FOR THE WARD BUDGET SCHEME (OCTOBER 2022)

Dear Cabinet Member

Attached is a report requesting that a decision be made by you as an individual Cabinet Member. Democratic Services confirm that this is not a key decision, as such, the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice period does not apply.

You should take a decision **on or after Thursday 03 November 2022** in order to meet Constitutional requirements about publication of decisions that are to be made. You may wish to discuss the report with the Corporate Director before it is made. Please indicate your decision on the duplicate memo supplied, and return it to me when you have made your decision. I will then arrange for the formal notice of decision to be published.

Steve Clarke  
Democratic Services Officer

**Title of Report:** New Allocations for the Ward Budget Scheme (October 2022)

**Decision made:**

**Reasons for your decision:** (e.g. as stated in report)

**Alternatives considered and rejected:** (e.g. as stated in report)

Signed .....Date.....

*Cabinet Member for Corporate Services*

## NEW ALLOCATIONS FOR THE WARD BUDGET SCHEME (OCTOBER 2022)

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Douglas Mills
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
<b>Officer Contact</b>	Natasha Norton – Place Directorate
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A - Details of projects submitted for the Ward Budget Scheme from 1 August to 4 October 2022 Appendix B - Ward Budget Financial Summary to 4 October 2022

### HEADLINES

<b>Summary</b>	This report seeks Cabinet Member approval to allocate funds from the Ward Budget Scheme for proposals submitted by Ward Councillors.
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>	The Ward Budget Initiative supports the following Council objectives of: <i>Our People; Our Natural Environment; Our Built Environment; Our Heritage and Civic Pride.</i>
<b>Financial Cost</b>	The overall funds earmarked for the Ward Budget Scheme since its inception in 2011 total £1,430,000. The aggregate value of proposals to date is £1,152,761. This report seeks Cabinet Member approval to release funds of £8,367 for six new Ward Budget grants, taking the proposal total to £1,161,128 and leaving a balance of £268,872 available for allocation.
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Finance and Corporate Services Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	Hayes Town, Pinkwell, Ruislip, Yeading and Yiewsley

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services approves the allocation of £8,367 from the Ward Budget Scheme for the following proposals:

Ward	Grant Recipient	Amount
Hayes Town	YMCA Football Project training sessions	£2,500
Pinkwell	Teeyan Ladies Community Event 2022	£1,500
Ruislip	Bulbs for Howletts Lane residents	£94

Yeading	Update CCTV system and additional cameras at Barnhill Community Association	£1,250
Yeading	Yeading boxing Club equipment	£1,523
Yiewsley	Family Fun Day at St Matthew's Church, raising awareness for child cancer - Daniella Logun Foundation	£1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£8,367</b>

### **Reasons for recommendation**

The Ward Budget Scheme enables Councillors, with their local knowledge and insight, to submit proposals for expenditure, supporting local priorities using their specific ward allocation. Each of the proposals submitted complies with the protocol on the use of Ward Budgets.

### **Alternative options considered / risk management**

None.

### **Select Committee comments**

None at this stage.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Between 2011/12 and 2019/20, three tranches of Ward Budget growth funding, totalling £1,430,000, were agreed by Cabinet. The reserve balance remaining at the end of 2021/22 was £283,763. Since its launch, 775 projects with a cumulative value of £1,152,761 have benefitted via the Ward Budget initiative

At its meeting in June 2022, Cabinet agreed a revised Ward Budget allocation of £237,500 (from the reserve balance) based on the area/population density of each of the new 21 wards following the Local Government Boundary Commission's recommendations and as implemented for the May 2022 Council elections. The 21 new wards were allocated £5,000 plus £2,500k for each elected representative for the ward.

Ward Budget funding is used for proposals that make a difference in a local area and to give residents a chance to influence how their local priorities are met. Primarily, the funds are intended for one-off expenditure on physical works, events or activities that have a positive impact within the ward. Proposals are submitted with the agreement of all relevant ward councillors.

A further six proposals, covering five wards and totalling £8,367, have been received; the details of these are set out in Appendix A of this report.

Financial Year	Cabinet Member Approval	No. of Proposals	No. of Wards	Total Proposal Value	Growth Funding	Balance Remaining
Aggregate earmarked funding to date					£1,430,000	£1,430,000
2011/12 to 2021/22		769		£1,146,237		£283,763
2022/23	August	6	5	£6,524		£277,239
2022/23	October	6	5	£8,367		£268,872
		<b>781</b>		<b>£1,161,128</b>	<b>£1,430,000</b>	<b>£268,872</b>

The updated balance of funds for each new ward under the Ward Budget Scheme is set out in Appendix B.

### Financial Implications

The total growth allocation to date for the Ward Budget Scheme is £1,430,000. Between 2011/12 and 2021/22, proposals with an aggregate value of £1,146,237, covering all of the 22 former wards, were approved. At the end of 2021/22, the reserve balance available for distribution was £283,763.

As referenced above, at its June 2022 meeting, Cabinet agreed a revised Ward Budget allocation of £237,500, across the 21 new wards.

The six grants totalling £8,367 recommended within this report for October 2022 will take the aggregate value of proposals approved to £1,161,128 leaving an unallocated balance of £268,872 on the reserve available for distribution.

## RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

### The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities

Ward Budgets help Councillors to make a difference in their Ward. They address specific local priorities by delivering proposals to benefit residents and local organisations.

### Consultation carried out or required

Consultation with the lead Councillor from each Ward and officers internally has taken place, where appropriate. Where other services are involved, such as Residents' Associations, and community organisations, the views of these groups have helped to shape the nature of the proposals.

## CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

### Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications set out above. If the schemes set out in this report are approved, £269k will remain available to support future initiatives.

## **Legal Implications**

The Borough Solicitor confirms that the projects being funded comply with the protocol on the use of Ward Budgets and there are no legal impediments to prevent the Cabinet Member from authorising this expenditure.

## **Infrastructure / Asset Management**

None at this stage.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL.

## APPENDIX A: DETAILS OF PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR THE WARD BUDGET SCHEME

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Hayes Town	WB6HT01	YMCA Football Project training sessions	£2,500	Cllr's Gardner, Sansarpuri, & Curling	£10,000
		<p><u>Supporting Information</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. YMCA West London has been successfully running a football project for more than eight years at Botwell Leisure Centre and the project has been commended by local police and other community representatives. In addition, they provide other activities from their town centre venue in Station Road, such as gym sessions, youth club sessions and music evenings which all are encouraged to join. Some ninety young people aged from 10-21 attend regularly each week, with over 120 registered participants.</li> <li>2. The project runs over 46 weeks of the year and is staffed by a youth worker who is also a trained football coach, with three additional staff members. It is free to the young people to encourage those from the poorest local families. Where needed, individuals also have an opportunity to receive one-to-one support and advice</li> <li>3. The activities are focused on encouraging young people to become valued members of their community, to improve physical fitness and mental health and to prevent their involvement in anti-social behaviour.</li> </ol> <p><u>Target Delivery Date</u> The grant will be paid once the proposal has been approved.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome</u> The grant will contribute towards priorities within the draft Council Strategy 2022-2026 and in particular to achieve Safe and strong communities and Thriving healthy households.</p> <p><u>Recipient of funding</u> A BACS transfer will be arranged for the recipient once the proposal has been approved.</p>			

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Pinkwell	WB6PI01	Teeyan Ladies Community Event 2022	£1,500	Cllr's Lakhmana & Gill	£11,000
		<p><u>Supporting Information</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teeyan is the Punjabi name of the festival of Teej which is celebrated in Punjab and dedicated to the onset of the monsoon, focusing on daughters and sisters.</li> <li>2. The festival is mainly celebrated in India and Pakistan throughout July and August, where the main highlight is Giddah, (a traditional Indian Ladies dance.)</li> <li>3. This local initiative to celebrate Teeyan was initiated by a women's group four years ago. The group focused on parents of Pinkwell Primary children, helped support its members during lockdown and has now evolved into organising community events such as litter picking, picnics and meet-ups.</li> <li>4. The event, supported by Ward Budget funding, was aimed at women and children, with around 300 people attending. In addition to dancing, the event included a singer, refreshments, children's entertainment, and a photographer.</li> </ol> <p><u>Target Delivery Date</u> Early approval has been given at the discretion of the Cabinet Member as the event was taking place in mid-August.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome</u> The grant will contribute towards priorities within the draft Council Strategy 2022-2026 and in particular to achieve Thriving healthy households.</p> <p><u>Recipient of funding</u> A BACS transfer has been arranged in-line with the early approval request.</p>			

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Ruislip	WB6RU01	Bulbs for Howletts Lane Residents	£94	Cllr's Corthorne & Smallwood	£12,406
		<p><u>Supporting Information</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ward Budget funding has been proposed to facilitate bulb planting carried out by the residents of Howletts Lane who take a keen interest in their living environment and wish to improve this local green space to benefit all local residents.</li> <li>2. A selection of bulbs including Tête-à-Tête, (dwarf variety daffodils) will aesthetically improve the area during the late winter and increase biodiversity.</li> <li>3. The bulb planting will create an opportunity to harness the good will and civic pride of the residents of Howletts Lane.</li> </ol> <p><u>Target Delivery Date</u> Early approval has been given at the discretion of the Cabinet Member to facilitate the purchase and planting of the bulbs during the correct season</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome</u> The grant will contribute towards priorities within the draft Council Strategy 2022-2026 and in particular to achieve a Green and sustainable borough.</p> <p><u>Recipient of funding</u> A BACS transfer has been arranged in-line with the early approval request.</p>			

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Yeading	WB6YE02	Update CCTV system and additional cameras at Barnhill Community Association	£1,250	Cllr's J Dhot & R Dhot	£7,750
		<p><u>Supporting Information</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Barnhill Community Centre is a non-profit charity organisation running since 1993, providing a wide array of events, activities, and a place to meet and socialise with people of all ages and cultures.</li> <li>2. The community centre has one large hall and two smaller halls with fully working kitchens available for hire for birthday parties, wedding receptions, christenings, discos, charity, and live music events. The large hall also has a bar which can be staffed for events. All halls have a safe enclosed garden area suitable for play and bouncy castles etc. There is a family-friendly social club bar for members, meeting rooms and ample parking including designated disabled bays at the entrance.</li> <li>3. The centre relies on the funds gained from the hiring of the halls to run the centre. Any surplus generated by the centre is invested in the local community, for example providing coach trips to the seaside for local families and older members and a Christmas lunch for older residents.</li> <li>4. The increased security funded through this Ward Budget proposal will help in hiring the halls, especially for evening events.</li> </ol> <p><u>Target Delivery Date</u> The grant will be paid once the proposal has been approved.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome</u> The grant will contribute towards priorities within the draft Council Strategy 2022-2026 and in particular to achieve Safe and strong communities.</p> <p><u>Recipient of funding</u> A BACS transfer will be arranged for the recipient once the proposal has been approved.</p>			

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Yeading	WB6YE03	Yeading boxing club equipment	£1,523	Cllr's J Dhot & R Dhot	£6,227
		<p><u>Supporting Information</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yeading Boxing Club is a newly registered amateur boxing which has been based at Yeading Community Centre for nine months.</li> <li>2. Classes are held for all age groups above five years, Monday to Friday, with a women-only class two days a week. The club currently has 40 members and approximately 20 "walk-ins".</li> <li>3. Since opening, the club has held four boxing tournaments in which boxers located around the UK competed.</li> <li>4. The Ward Budget funding will be used to purchase equipment including an Air Bike and a Ski Erg.</li> </ol> <p><u>Target Delivery Date</u> The grant will be paid once the proposal has been approved.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome</u> The grant will contribute towards priorities within the draft Council Strategy 2022-2026 and in particular to 'achieve thriving and healthy households.'</p> <p><u>Recipient of funding</u> A BACS transfer will be arranged for the recipient once the proposal has been approved.</p>			

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Yiewsley	WB6YI01	Family Fun Day at St Matthew's Church raising awareness for child cancer - Daniella Logun Foundation	£1,500	Cllr Punja & Cabinet Member	£8,500
		<p><u>Supporting Information</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Daniella Logun Foundation (DLF) is a new and growing children's Cancer charity established in memory of Daniella Logun who passed away from a brain tumour in 2016, and is one of the Mayor of Hillingdon's chosen charities.</li> <li>2. The Daniella Logun Foundation is a pioneering service and offers holistic wellbeing support (emotional, practical &amp; spiritual) to Children &amp; Young People (CYP) diagnosed with brain tumours, other cancers and to their families.</li> <li>3. September is childhood cancer awareness month, and the grant will be used to fund the family fun day held on 24 September at St Matthew's Church at the centre of Yiewsley High Street. The event includes children's entertainment, arts and crafts and refreshments, as well as awareness raising.</li> </ol> <p><u>Target Delivery Date</u> Early approval has been given at the discretion of the Cabinet Member as the event was being organised for September.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome</u> The grant will contribute towards priorities within the draft Council Strategy 2022-2026 and in particular to achieve Thriving and healthy households.</p> <p><u>Recipient of funding</u> A BACS transfer has been arranged in-line with the early approval request.</p>			

## APPENDIX B: WARD BUDGET SUMMARY (OCTOBER 2022 CABINET MEMBER REPORT)

Appendix B

### WARD BUDGET SUMMARY (New Wards from October 2022 Cabinet Member report)

Ward	Total Ward Budgets since Oct 2011	Committed to Mar 2022	Balance remaining Mar 2022	Budget £ (May 2022)	Approved Projects	Total Committed to date £	New Projects received	Estimate cost £	Balance Remaining £
Belmore				£ 12,500	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 12,500
Charville				£ 10,000	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 10,000
Colham & Cowley				£ 12,500	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 12,500
Eastcote				£ 12,500	1	£ 3,000	0	£ -	£ 9,500
Harefield Village				£ 7,500	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 7,500
Hayes Town				£ 12,500	0	£ -	1	£ 2,500	£ 10,000
Heathrow Villages				£ 10,000	2	£ 1,000	0	£ -	£ 9,000
Hillingdon East				£ 12,500	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 12,500
Hillingdon West				£ 10,000	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 10,000
Ickenham & South Harefield				£ 12,500	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 12,500
Northwood				£ 10,000	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 10,000
Northwood Hills				£ 10,000	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 10,000
Pinkwell				£ 12,500	0	£ -	1	£ 1,500	£ 11,000
Ruislip				£ 12,500	0	£ -	1	£ 94	£ 12,406
Ruislip Manor				£ 10,000	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 10,000
South Ruislip				£ 12,500	1	£ 500	0	£ -	£ 12,000
Uxbridge				£ 12,500	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 12,500
West Drayton				£ 12,500	1	£ 1,024	0	£ -	£ 11,476
Wood End				£ 12,500	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 12,500
Yeadon				£ 10,000	1	£ 1,000	2	£ 2,773	£ 6,227
Yiewsley				£ 10,000	0	£ -	1	£ 1,500	£ 8,500
Unallocated Balance				£ 46,263	0	£ -	0	£ -	£ 46,263
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,430,000</b>	<b>£ 1,146,237</b>	<b>£ 283,763</b>	<b>£ 283,763</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>£ 6,524</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>£ 8,367</b>	<b>£ 268,872</b>