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c.c. All Members of the Corporate Resources and

Infrastructure Select Committee

c.c. Natasha Norton, Place Directorate

c.c. David Knowles, Head of Transportation

Wards- Eastcote, Hillingdon East, Hillingdon West, Northwood, Pinkwell, West Drayton, Wood End,

Yiewsley

Date: 11 December 2024

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

NEW ALLOCATIONS FOR THE WARD BUDGET SCHEME (OCTOBER 2024)

Dear Cabinet Members,

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 19 December 2024** 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.

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Title of Report	t: NEW ALLOC	ATIONS FOR	THE WARD	BUDGET S	SCHEME (OCTOBER	2024)

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 Community & Environment



NEW ALLOCATIONS FOR THE WARD BUDGET SCHEME (OCTOBER 2024)

Cabinet Member & Portfolio

Councillor Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Community & Environment

Responsible Officer

David Knowles - Head of Transportation

Report Author & Directorate

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Papers with report

Appendix A – Details of projects submitted for the Ward Budget Scheme from 17 May to 26 September 2024

Appendix B – Ward Budget Financial Summary for October 2024

HEADLINES

Summary

This report seeks Cabinet Member approval to allocate funds from the Ward Budget Scheme for proposals submitted by Ward Councillors.

Putting our Residents First

The Ward Budget Initiative supports the adopted Council Strategy commitments to residents of 'Thriving, Healthy Households' and 'A Green and Sustainable Borough', specifically 'Live Active and Healthy Lives' and 'Enjoy Access to Green Space, Leisure Activities, Culture and Arts'.

Financial Cost

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 £1,220,377. This report seeks Cabinet Member approval to release funds of £14,130 for twelve new Ward Budget grants, taking the proposal total to £1,234,507 and leaving a balance of £195,493 available for allocation.

Relevant Select Committee

Corporate Resources and Infrastructure Select Committee

Relevant Wards

Eastcote, Hillingdon East, Hillingdon West, Northwood, Pinkwell, West Drayton, Wood End, Yiewsley



RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Community & Environment approves the allocation of £14,130 from the Ward Budget Scheme for the following proposals:

Ward	Grant Recipient	Amount
Eastcote	A replacement notice board at the Eastcote Horticultural Society Trading Hut	£385
Eastcote	To contribute towards the renovation of the school playground at Coteford Infant School	£1,000
Hillingdon East	To purchase art materials, sports equipment, and musical instruments for the St Mary's Ukrainian School summer camp	£1,500
Hillingdon West	To relocate an unused community notice board to Dowding Park	£695
Northwood	To fund a further 10 young peoples 'Creative Crew' sessions for one year at the Arts for Life Project (UK)	£3,000
Pinkwell	To contribute towards the annual Teeyan Ladies Event	£1,200
West Drayton	To fund the Colne Park Caravan Site garden project and summer fête	£400
West Drayton	For Bell Farm Christian Centre 2024 Holiday Club	£1,000
West Drayton	To upgrade the seating area for the Southlands Garden Cafe	£1,480
West Drayton	To create an outdoor classroom for the Royal Air Force Air Cadets	£1,000
Wood End	For a trip to Alton Towers for the 3 rd Hayes Guides	£1,300
Yiewsley	To purchase a defibrillator for Yiewsley Baptist Church	£1,170
TOTAL		£14,130

Reasons for recommendations

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. 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 £2,500 for each elected representative for the ward.

The reserve balance remaining at the end of 2023/24 was £219,487. Since its launch, 844 projects with a cumulative value of £1,220,377 have benefitted via the Ward Budget initiative.

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 twelve proposals, covering eight wards and totalling £14,130 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 ear	rmarked funding	to date			£1,430,000	£1,430,000
2011/12 - 2023/24		832	£1,210,513			£219,487
2024/25	July	12	9	£9,864		£209,623
2024/25	October	12	8 £14,130			£195,493
		856		£1,234,507	£1,430,000	£195,493

The updated balance of funds for each 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 2023/24, proposals with an aggregate value of £1,210,513 were approved. At the end of 2023/24, the reserve balance available for distribution was £219,487.

This financial year to date, another 12 grants, with an aggregate value of £9,864 have already been approved.

The 12 grants totalling £14,130 recommended within this report for October 2024, will take the aggregate value of proposals approved to £1,234,507, leaving an unallocated balance of £195,493 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, noting the allocation of £14k is being sought from the Ward Budget for the 12 schemes set out in this report. £195k will remain available on the Ward Budget reserve to support future initiatives.

Legal

Legal Services confirm that the Council is responsible for this function pursuant to section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Thus, as this report also confirms that each of the ward grant proposals submitted complies with the protocol on the use of Ward Budgets, there are no legal impediments to allocating funds from the Ward Budget Scheme as recommended by this report. Although, any contract that the Council enters into must comply with the Council's Procurement Standing Orders, which were last updated effective 11th July 2024.

Infrastructure/ Asset Management

None at this stage.



BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.

TITLE OF APPENDICES

Appendix A - Details of projects submitted for the Ward Budget Scheme from 17 May to 26 September 2024

Appendix B – Ward Budget Financial Summary for October 2024



APPENDIX A: DETAILS OF PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR THE WARD BUDGET SCHEME FROM 17 MAY TO 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Eastcote	WB6EA09	A replacement notice board at the Eastcote Horticultural Society (EHS) Trading Hut	£385	Cllrs Haggar, Denys & Edwards	£2,190
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Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Eastcote	WB6EA10	To contribute towards the renovation of the school playground at Coteford Infant School	£1,000	Cllrs Denys & Haggar	£1,190
		Supporting Information 1. Coteford Infant School is and Special Resourced disabilities. 2. The school currently hearth three and seven years. 3. The Ward Budget grant of the school playground and updating of marking. Target Delivery Date The grant will be paid once the Expected Outcome The grant will contribute towar 2022-2026, in particular to 'live well in education, with opportune Recipient of funding A BACS transfer will be arranch has been approved.	d Provision as 227 chi would cont d. The first gs on the p e proposal l ds the Cou e active an nities for le	ribute towards stage of this is layground. Incil's ambition of healthy lives earning at all ag	with physical aged between the renovation the repainting oved. s for residents and 'achieve ges'.

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Hillingdon East	WB6HE05	To purchase art materials, sports equipment, and musical instruments for the	£1,500	Cllrs Bridges & Martin	£6,758



	St Mary	s Ukrainian Sch	ool						
	Supporting Information								
	s d th	 St Mary's Ukrainian School, located at Oakwood School, is a setting for Ukrainian children aged three to 18 who have been displaced due to the war. It is the first one in Hillingdon, but there are numerous other St Mary's Schools in and around London. St Mary's Ukrainian School, with a legacy of more than 65 years, has been a cornerstone of the UK's Ukrainian community, fostering identity and offering educational and cultural enrichment. 							
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	3. By fostering understanding, addressing trauma, and building collaborative networks, the school empowers Ukrainian-displaced children in the UK to navigate educational challenges and thrive.								
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Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Hillingdon West	WB6HW02	To relocate an unused community noticeboard to Dowding Park.	£695	Cllrs Bennett & Chamdal	£6,643



- 1. Situated on the site of the old RAF Uxbridge base, Dowding Park offers 40 acres to explore, with a mix of country and recreational parkland and the River Pinn running through it.
- 2. The St Andrew's Park Residents Association (SAPRA) has been requesting a community noticeboard for number of years, in order to promote community events, activities and its residents' association.
- 3. The grant request is to cover the cost of moving an existing LBH noticeboard that is currently unused, from the Green Lane Car Park in Northwood to Dowding Park in Uxbridge. It will be sited in a location of significant footfall at the convergence of four pathways, making better use of an existing asset.

Target Delivery Date

Early approval was given at the discretion of the Cabinet Member.

Expected Outcome

The proposal will contribute towards the Council's ambitions for residents 2022-2026 and in particular to 'live in a sustainable borough that is carbon neutral' and "achieve well in education, with opportunities for learning at all ages"

Recipient of funding

An internal order was raised in line with early approval consent.

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Northwood	WB6NW02	To fund a further 10 young peoples 'Creative Crew' sessions for one year at the Arts for Life Project (UK)	£3,000	Cllrs Higgins & Lewis	£6,000



- 1. Arts For Life Project (UK) is a charity whose aim is to support challenged young people by transforming their lives using the therapeutic value of the Creative Arts. It primarily specialises in young people with special needs including ASD, ADHD, OCD, anxiety, depression, and self-harm.
- 2. The charity is currently funded based on 60 young people by the National Lottery; however, it now has 168 young people through the door each week.
- 3. The grant would cover 10 young peoples attendance for a year of the Creative Crew sessions. The sessions focus on empowering young people by engaging them with the therapeutic power of arts. They will also partake in a variety of fun and relaxed activities that encourage proactive mental health and emotional intelligence development.

Target Delivery Date

The grant will be paid once the proposal has been approved.

Expected Outcome

The grant will contribute towards the Council's ambitions for residents 2022-2026, in particular to 'live active and healthy lives' and 'be/feel safe from harm'.

Recipient of funding

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Pinkwell	WB6PI06	To contribute towards the annual Teeyan Ladies Event	£1,200	Cllrs Gill & Mand	£1,312



- 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.
- 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),
- This local initiative to celebrate Teeyan was initiated by a women's group over 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.
- 4. The event, supported by Ward Budget funding, was aimed at women and children, with around 300 people estimated to attend. In addition to dancing, the event included a DJ, refreshments, artists, and frum players.

Target Delivery Date

Early approval was given at the discretion of the Cabinet Member to ensure that funding was received ahead of the event.

Expected Outcome

The grant will contribute towards the Council's ambitions for residents 2022-2026, in particular to 'enjoy access to green spaces, leisure activities, culture and arts'.

Recipient of funding

A BACS transfer was arranged for the recipient in-line with the early approval consent.

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
West Drayton	WB6WD08	To fund the Colne Park Caravan Site garden project and summer fete	£400	Cllrs Farley, Sweeting & Islam	£6,950



- Colne Park Caravan site is a council owned Traveller Site located in the West Drayton Ward. The site comprises of 20 pitches each with individual amenities blocks that include a kitchen, bathing facilities and a toilet.
- 2. The Garden Project and Summer Fete was organised by the Site Manager and London Borough of Hillingdon staff member.
- 3. Part of the grant was used to clear a section of run down land and in its place, plant a flower bed. This was to brighten up and enhance the area. The remaining funds were used for a Summer Fete for the residents of Colne Park.
- 4. The Summer Fete had representatives from the council's family development, children's centres, adult services and health teams. Games for children, flower arranging for adults, and children's goodie bags were available throughout the fete.

Target Delivery Date

Early approval was given at the discretion of the Cabinet Member to ensure that funding was received prior to the events

Expected Outcome

The proposal will contribute towards the Council's ambitions for residents 2022-2026 and in particular to 'live in a sustainable borough that is carbon neutral' and 'enjoy access to green spaces, leisure activities, culture and arts.'

Recipient of funding

An internal transfer was raised to the management of the Colne Park Site.

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
West Drayton	WB6WD09	For Bell Farm Christian Centre 2024 Holiday Club	£1,000	Cllrs Sweeting & Islam	£5,950



- 1. Bell Farm Christian Centre, established in 1950, is a Christian Charity that works extensively with residents in the area to alleviate hardship, loneliness and stress.
- 2. The Centre provides children's events and holiday clubs throughout the year, parent and toddler support groups, an older persons' dining centre, and many more services to support local residents.
- 3. The grant was used to contribute towards two days of fun activities and entertainment for 65 children attending. A large karting course was set up in the hall with fancy-dress accessories to add to the adventure. Refreshments, crafts and prizes were also purchased with the grant.
- 4. The Holiday Club is free to attend as many of the families the Centre works with are on low incomes with high deprivation.

Target Delivery Date

Early approval was given at the discretion of the Cabinet Member to ensure that funding was received prior to the event

Expected Outcome

The grant will contribute towards the Council's ambitions for residents 2022-2026, in particular to 'enjoy access to green spaces, leisure activities, culture and arts' and 'live active and healthy lives'.

Recipient of funding

A BACS transfer was arranged for the recipient in-line with the early approval consent.

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
West Drayton	WB6WD10	To upgrade the seating area for the Southlands Garden Cafe	£1,480	Cllrs Sweeting, Farley & Islam	£4,470



- 1. Southlands Arts Centre is a Charity set in a Queen Anne period Mansion behind the green in West Drayton. Most of the grounds are left for wildlife to thrive, while the gardens are well tendered. Whilst open to the public, it is also the perfect backdrop for all our creative art groups, and has been the fuel behind many talented artists since the Centre was first established in the 1960's
- 2. The Centre is used by groups who engage in cultural activities across the fine arts, music, photography, film, and craft design.
- The Cafe located on site has recently extended to the outdoors. The centre would like to use the grant to purchase tables, chairs, and parasols to upgrade the seating for customers and visitors.

Target Delivery Date

The grant will be paid once the proposal has been approved.

Expected Outcome

The grant will contribute towards the Council's ambitions for residents 2022-2026, in particular to 'achieve well in education, with opportunities for learning at all ages' and 'enjoy access to green spaces, leisure activities, culture and arts'.

Recipient of funding

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
West Drayton	WB6WD11	To create an outdoor classroom for the Royal Air Force Air Cadets	£1,000	Cllrs Sweeting, Farley & Islam	£3,470



- RAF Air Cadets is the largest aviation focussed uniformed youth organisation in the UK. The mission of the RAF Air Cadets is to be a modern dynamic sustainable choice that offers challenging opportunities to young people and develop citizens with skills for the future.
- 2. The RAF Air Cadets were formed as an essential part of the RAF, supplying better trained and experienced personnel during times of war. It has since evolved into the largest air cadet organisation in the world.
- 3. The 1381 squadron at West Drayton would use the grant to build an outdoor classroom. It will enable the cadets to continue their syllabus training and would provide shelter in the winter months.
- 4. As the Air Cadets share the same site as the West Drayton Scouts, the outdoor classroom can also be shared, therefore benefitting more of the community, not just the cadets.

Target Delivery Date

The grant will be paid once the proposal has been approved.

Expected Outcome

The grant will contribute towards the Council's ambitions for residents 2022-2026, in particular to 'live active and healthy lives' and 'achieve well in education, with opportunities for learning at all ages.

Recipient of funding

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Wood End	WB6WE06	For a trip to Alton Towers for the 3 rd Hayes Guides	£1,300	Cllrs Kaur & Mathers	£7,015



- 1. 3rd Hayes Guides and Rangers have been established at Botwell since 1933. They provide weekly meetings for the Guides and Rangers on a Friday evening and do various type of activities to teach them skills, which they can take into the outside world.
- 2. The Guides go on multiple trips and camping holidays multiple times a year. They go to their first ever sleepover, canoe on rivers, learn about body confidence, and lead their own camp. Sometimes they simply have fun and try new things with friends.
- 3. The grant was used to take 22 Guides and Rangers to Alton Towers, to celebrate the school year, as there had been pressure with exams. The grant was also used to cover travel costs and dinner on the journey home.

Target Delivery Date

Early approval was given at the discretion of the Cabinet Member to ensure that funding was received during the summer holidays

Expected Outcome

The grant will contribute towards the Council's ambitions for residents 2022-2026, to 'achieve well in education, with opportunities for learning at all ages' and 'live active and healthy lives.

Recipient of funding

A BACS transfer was arranged for the recipient in-line with the early approval consent.

Ward	Ref No	Proposal	Cost	Councillor Approval Received	Balance remaining
Yiewsley	WB6YI03	To purchase a defibrillator for the Yiewsley Baptist Church	£1,170	Cllrs Punja & Abby	£5,567



- 1. Yiewsley Baptist Church began as a Sunday School meeting in a house across the road from the current site. The Yiewsley Baptist Tabernacle was built and opened in 1900. During the 1920s a new hall was built for the Sunday School and this was later expanded in the 1950s to accommodate the church.
- 2. Yiewsley Baptist Church developed Yiewsley Cornerstone Centre which became an independent charity. A brand-new centre was officially opened by The Mayor of Hillingdon on 16 December 2009 and at a dedication service in February 2010 the President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, Rev Pat Took, blessed the activities that would take place within it. The Centre is now home to Yiewsley Children's Centre which has been managed by the London Borough of Hillingdon since April 2017.
- The funds will be used to purchase a defibrillator; this will be an essential resource in trying to save the life of someone who is in cardiac arrest.

Target Delivery Date

The grant will be paid once the proposal has been approved.

Expected Outcome

The grant will contribute towards the Council's ambitions for residents 2022-2026, in particular to 'live active and healthy lives' and 'be/feel safe from harm.'

Recipient of funding

APPENDIX B: WARD BUDGET FINANCIAL SUMMARY (OCTOBER 2024 CABINET MEMBER REPORT)

Appendix B
WARD BUDGET SUMMARY (New Wards from October 2024 Cabinet Member report)

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	Aggregate			Approved	Total			
	Ward Budget	Committed to	Balance Mar	Projects	Committed	New Projects	Estimated	Balance
Ward	Funding	Mar 2024	2024	2024/25 to date	2024/25 to date	received	Cost	Remaining
Belmore			£12,500	0	£0	0	£0	£12,500
Charville			£9,200	0	£0	0	£0	£9,200
Colham & Cowley			£11,480	0	£0	0	£0	£11,480
Eastcote			£3,575	1	£1,000	2	£1,385	£1,190
Harefield Village			£4,682	1	£250	0	£0	£4,432
Hayes Town			£380	0	£0	0	£0	£380
Heathrow Villages			£7,800	0	£0	0	£0	£7,800
Hillingdon East			£8,258	0	£0	1	£1,500	£6,758
Hillingdon West			£7,338	0	£0	1	£695	£6,643
Ickenham & South Harefield			£12,500	1	£250	0	£0	£12,250
Northwood			£10,000	1	£1,000	1	£3,000	£6,000
Northwood Hills			£10,000	1	£321	0	£0	£9,679
Pinkwell			£2,512	0	£0	1	£1,200	£1,312
Ruislip			£11,234	2	£1,000	0	£0	£10,234
Ruislip Manor			£7,330	0	£0	0	£0	£7,330
South Ruislip			£4,810	2	£2,027	0	£0	£2,783
Uxbridge			£11,000	2	£3,516	0	£0	£7,484
West Drayton			£7,350	0	£0	4	£3,880	£3,470
Wood End			£8,815	1	£500	1	£1,300	£7,015
Yeading			£2,727	0	£0	0	£0	£2,727
Yiewsley			£6,737	0	£0	1	£1,170	£5,567
Unallocated Balance			£59,259	0	£0	0	£0	£59,259
Total	£1,430,000	£1,210,513	£219,487	12	£9,864	12	£14,130	£195,493