

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision by Councillor Julian Bell - Leader of the Council

Subject **Ward Forum 2019-20 Spending
Recommendations 1**

Portfolio **Leader of the Council**

Authority **Constitution part 3 Section 3**

Decision: **That the Leader of the Council:**

- I. Noted the wards' proposed projects for the municipal year 2019-20, detailed in Appendices 1- 16, attached to the decision sheet.**

- II. Noted that the projects had been discussed with:**
 - Acton Central ward forum at their meeting 6 March 2019**
 - Dormers Wells ward forum at their meeting on 26 March 2019**
 - Ealing Broadway ward forum at their meetings on 6 February 2019**
 - East Acton Ward Forum at their meeting on 26 March 2019**
 - Elthorne Ward Forum at their meeting on 25 March 2019**
 - Hanger Hill ward forum at their meeting on 14 March 2019**
 - Hobbayne ward forum at their meeting on 27 March 2019**
 - Lady Margaret ward forum at their meeting on 27 February 2019**
 - Northfield ward forum at their meeting on 5 March 2019**
 - Northolt Mandeville at their meeting on 22 January 2019**
 - Norwood Green ward forum at their**

meeting on 19 March 2019

- Perivale ward forum at their meeting on 7 March 2019
 - South Acton ward forum at their meeting on 27 March 2019
 - Southall Broadway ward forum at their meeting on 4 March 2019
 - Southall Green ward forum at their meeting on 4 April 2019
 - Southfield ward forum at their meeting on 19 December 2018 and 27 March 2019
- III. Authorised the relevant service assistant directors to implement the projects subject to any preliminary feasibility or technical surveys that are advised by officers and any licences or statutory consultation that may be required.
- IV. Authorised the Executive Director of Place to the Executive Director of Place to approve amendments to the agreed projects and the allocation of the contingency funds and any changes to the ward budget required as a result of changes to the project following consultation with the Leader and the appropriate ward councillors.
- V. Noted that the projects were scheduled for implementation in the year 2019-20.

**Reason for
decision and
Options
Considered:**

On 13 November 2007 Cabinet agreed to a new structure for neighbourhood governance in the borough, centred around ward councillors and that £40,000 of capital funding would be made available to each ward. This is to be spent taking into account the recommendations of those ward councillors, who would utilise and develop informal and formal networks to consult local people.

From the 2010-11 to the 2014-15 financial year Cabinet agreed an allocation per ward of £37,500 – comprising £30,000 capital and £7,500 revenue. From 2015-16 to the 2018-19 financial year each ward was allocated a budget totalling £30,000 – comprising £25,000 capital and £5,000 revenue to

fund projects. For the 2019-20 financial year the budget allocation per ward will be £20,000 comprising of £15,000 capital and £5,000 revenue to fund projects.

Since the first round of ward forum meetings, held during September 2008, ward councillors have continued to conduct consultations to collate a set of spending proposals for subsequent financial years. The consultation mechanisms used have been through various meetings with residents, initial assessment of those proposals with council officers and selection of those to be recommended to the relevant portfolio holder for spend. These recommendations were presented at ward forums to which all residents within the ward were invited. At these public meetings ward councillors outlined the proposals and the public was invited to make comments or representations. Where required, the ward councillors gave further clarity.

The approach places ward councillors at the centre of an informal system of local involvement in, and influence on, decision-making, but keeps bureaucracy to a minimum. It builds on the Councillors' local knowledge and enthusiasm, and ensures funding will be directed towards local projects. To ensure that the £20,000 earmarked for each ward is spent efficiently and effectively, detailed technical advice and support is now required if the recommended projects are agreed for implementation. This has reduced preparation work spent on schemes that do not proceed due to lack of local support.

The public engagement process is designed to reduce the likelihood of schemes that do not proceed due to lack of local support.

Date of Implementation if not called-in: 23 May 2019

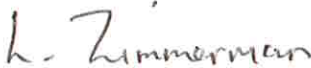
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Shadow consulted	3 May 2019
Decision recorded	14 May 2019
Decision published	15 May 2019
Call-in deadline	22 May 2019 (5pm)

Cabinet member's
signature.....



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Leader of the Council

Officer recording
decision.....



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