



Bayswater

2008-10 Ward Budget Monitoring Report

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Summary

Ward Members identified 3 priorities to allocate their ward budget from April 2008-March 2010. A total of 8 of projects were funded over the two years in the Bayswater ward. The key outputs/achievements of each project funded have been highlighted under the priority headings in this document.

Ward Members were given £200,000 ward budget funding to allocate over the two year pilot programme. £103,146.28 of this budget was allocated, with the remaining budget being returned to the council's reserves.

Key Highlights of Projects Funded

Priority: Improving the Local Environment

Queensway and Westbourne BID

Provider: Urban Practitioners and New Horizons

Total ward budget funding: £15,000

- Ward budget funding was used to part fund a project to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) for Queensway and Westbourne Grove.
- The funding contributed to the cost of consultants to complete research work with local businesses in Westbourne Grove and Queensway to assess whether businesses in the area would like to work with the City Council to form a BID.
- A final research report from the consultants was produced which was taken forward with local businesses to develop a BID.

Installation of Christmas Lights on Westbourne Grove

Provider: Piggotts

Total ward budget funding: £9,635

- This funding was used to provide, install and remove Christmas lights on 20 lamp columns on Westbourne Grove.

Pavement Improvements

Provider: Transportation Commissioning

Total ward budget funding: £30,000

- This project saw the completion of improvement works on sections of Westbourne Grove and Porchester Road.
- At Westbourne Grove the mastic asphalt surface was replaced with paving slabs at the East and North footways from Hereford Mews to and including frontage of property 96 (Starbucks); the North footway from outside property number 86 to Monmouth Road junction; and the North footway from Monmouth Road junction to outside property number 62a.
- At Porchester Road the mastic asphalt surface was replaced with paving slabs at the West footway from Bishop's Bridge Road junction to outside property number 25.



Priority: Supporting Children and Young People

Work Experience Placements for Young People

Provider: DePaul UK

Total ward budget funding: £18,000 (£10,000 plus 6 month extension of £8,000)

- This funding allowed DePaul UK to increase the hours of their project worker on the Broadening Horizons project, which matches disadvantaged teenagers with businesses to provide them with work experience.
- October 2008-September 2009: 23 young people successfully completed placements (the target was 15). Of these, four obtained permanent work directly because of their work placement. 90% of participants have gone onto further training, education or volunteering.
- October 2009-March 2010: 11 young people successfully completed placements (the target was 12). Of these, two are now regularly volunteering one day a week at the organisation where they had their placement. 80% of participants have gone onto further training, education or volunteering.

Additional Youth Worker Hours

Provider: Westbourne Park Family Centre

Total ward budget funding: £14,024.28 (£10,774.28 plus 4 month extension of £3,250)

- This funding allowed the Westbourne Park Family Centre to employ two outreach youth workers and a lead worker to engage with local young people to reduce anti-social behaviour. Feedback from residents and businesses has been very positive.
- December 2008-November 2009: 62 sessions were delivered (the target was 50) and the project engaged with 71 young people (the target was 40). Sessions included a football project and trips such as to the Hyde Park Winter Wonderland and the Queensway Ice Bowl.

- December 2009-March 2010: 18 sessions were delivered as per the target and the project engaged with 34 young people (the target was 30). Sessions included further football projects (in particular, trials culminating in a match between Brunel/Wessex and the Hallfield Estates) and a Film Night at Westbourne Park Family Centre; the latter was not as successful as the young people preferred to play football.



Priority: Improving the Lives of Older People Living in the Ward

Silver Surfer Sessions

Provider: The Library Service

Total ward budget funding: £6,000

- This project ran 9 Silver Surfer courses, of 6 weeks each, at Paddington Library.
- 59 older people participated in the courses and, of these, 54 completed a 6 week programme. This is slightly lower than anticipated as it was hoped that 10 people per group would attend.
- Participants learnt how to use the internet to obtain information, do their shopping, book holidays, seek out services and read the news. They also learnt how to use email to keep in touch with family and friends.

Silver Surfer Improver Sessions

Provider: The Library Service

Total ward budget funding: £6,548



- This further project enabled Paddington Library to develop and expand the beginners classes, taking learners onto the next level and empowering them as confident independent internet and email users. The project ran 6 Silver Surfer Improver courses, of 6 weeks duration each, at Paddington Library.
- 39 older people participated in the courses and of these, 36 completed a 6 week programme. The target was 56 people.
- Feedback from participants was very positive: examples are “I have enjoyed the lessons as the tutor had great patience and was very helpful” and “I feel now more confident and I believe I can progress with more tuition and more practice”.

Trips and Visits for Older People

Provider: Westminster Adult Education Service

Total ward budget funding: £3,939

- This project aimed to provide 13 safe enjoyable trips within London for the over 50's within the Bayswater Ward between September 2009 and March 2010. All residents expressed a strong demand for opera, ballet as it has become a treat or unattainable due to cost especially the Royal Opera House, which many had never attended in the past 20 years.
- The project delivered four trips as follows: one trip to the opera 'Cunning Little Vixen' at the Royal Opera House, one trip to the ballet 'Judas Tree' at the Royal Opera House, one trip to the theatre production 'War Horse' and one trip to Eltham Palace. Due to such poor weather conditions over the winter period all trips were postponed until March 2010.
- In total, 66 people went on a trip which is lower than expected, and 14 people signed up but did not attend. The main reason for this was the very poor weather conditions in the run up to the events. WAES suggest that in future, these trips are only run over the summer months which is particularly important when offering trips to older people.
- However, the feedback from the trips was very good with comments such as: "We cannot fault one thing, the transport, show and information was spot on" and "House and grounds beautiful, lunch delicious and traditional, coach comfortable and driver and organiser very helpful fantastic day out and educational too."

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