



Maida Vale

2008-10 Ward Budget Monitoring Report

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Summary

Ward Members identified 4 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 Maida Vale 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. £165,611.97 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

Christmas Lights on Elgin Avenue

Provider: EML Installations

Total ward budget funding: £1,790

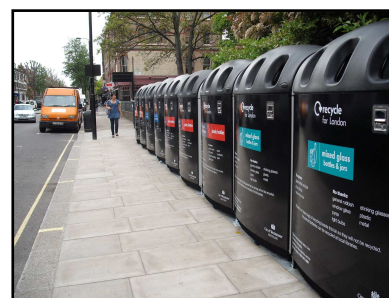
- The funding was used to supply, install and decommission 30 sets of LED mini leds at Elgin Avenue.
- The provider conducted a site visit and advised on the number and type of lights to install in a tree located opposite Maida Vale tube station and outside the chemist shop on Elgin Parade.
- The lights are now in storage.

Streetscape Improvements to Elgin Parade

Provider: Transportation Commissioning

Total ward budget funding: £47,900

- This project carried out a range of improvement works at Elgin Parade, which is the section of Elgin Avenue between Randolph Avenue and Maida Vale.
- Works to supply and install a 9-bay housing unit have been completed and a new drop kerb has been installed to enable this very well-used recycling centre to be serviced without damaging the footway.



- Improvements to paving on the stretch along Elgin Parade were undertaken, in particular to address footway levels and ponding issues outside Barclays Bank on the south side of Elgin Parade by repaving between the building line and the kerb.
- A de-cluttering exercise to reduce street clutter was undertaken which included the removal of existing signs and posts at various locations along the shopping area at Elgin Parade and the removal of existing signs, posts and rails at the recycling station. Further work will be undertaken to replace the cycle racks near the tube station and the removal of a redundant post at the corner of Lanark Road and Elgin Parade.

Priority: Greening Maida Vale

Installation of Hanging Baskets

Provider: Parks

Total ward budget funding: £18,667

- The ward budget funded the installation of hanging baskets at selected locations throughout the ward, planting twice in the year.
- Following lamp column testing, 126 baskets were installed and planted.

Greening and Improvement Projects at Paddington Recreation Ground

Provider: Parks

Total ward budget funding: £20,000

- This project funded greening and improvement projects in Paddington Recreation Ground which comprised planting a tree, greening work near the Essendine Gate entrance and lighting improvements.
- A suitable location for the tree is being identified with ward members and a semi-mature tree will be planted.
- At the Essendine Gate entrance, the railway sleeper bed was removed and replaced with a mounded shrub border planted with a mixture of large established shrubs.
- Installation of five light columns near the Carlton Gate entrance was suggested following residents' concerns.

Priority: Community Safety

City Guardian Patrols

Provider: Street Management

Total ward budget funding: £41,281.45

- The ward budget funded two City Guardians between 1 August 2009 and 31 March 2010 who operated across the ward Wednesday to Friday 12.00pm-10.00pm and Saturday 10.00am-8.00pm.

- As part of the project, the City Guardians completed a street audit across the ward in August 2009, looking at graffiti, highways and lighting, to establish key issues that they then put forward for further action.
- Monitoring reports have been produced on a monthly basis and show examples of issues that the City Guardians have tackled, such as anti-social behaviour, crime reduction and youth engagement; one example is their work with the North Paddington Youth Club to put on a football competition. The young people involved in the competition had been involved in anti social behaviour at the corner of Lanark Road and Elgin Avenue.

Joint Funding of a Police Car to Patrol in Little Venice and Maida Vale

Provider: Street Management/Metropolitan Police

Total ward budget funding: £9,627.50

- In this joint project, the ward budget was used to sponsor a police car to patrol in Maida Vale and Little Venice in order to provide a visible police presence to reassure local residents.
- Delivery of the car will be taken in mid-May 2010 and monitoring information will be reported subsequently.

Priority: Supporting Children and Young People

Outreach Youth Workers

Provider: North Paddington Youth Club

Total ward budget funding: £21,466.02

- This project provided both outreach and centre-based youth work along with a weekly range of activities through the employment of two youth workers.
- The club provided onsite activities including football competitions, tennis, climbing, fitness sessions and IT sessions. They have provided offsite activities including go-karting, quad biking, laser quest and film nights. A forum was established where the young people have been working with City Guardians to organise a football competition and a residential. Several members of the group gained AQA accreditation for climbing, football skills, and cooking.
- Three members of the group have begun a Level 2 accredited Youth Workers course and a further group member is looking to do the Level 1 Youth Worker training course. Other members of the group are engaged in the Duke of Edinburgh programme and have been delivering activities to younger members of the club.
- Incidents of anti social behaviour among the group have been reduced, with fewer complaints from residents and shop keepers.

Trip to Sayer's Croft for Young People

Provider: Sports Unit

Total ward budget funding: £4,880

- The trip to Sayer's Croft was aimed at taking 20 young people from the ward. Whilst 20 young people registered for the trip, ultimately 18 attended.
- Participants had the opportunity to explore the outdoors as well as make friends with young people from different areas, as the trip covered five wards. Activities included orienteering, search and rescue, shelter building, clay modelling and archery.
- Feedback from the young people was very positive. Some had never been away from home, others had never had to make their own bed, so it was a good experience for them.

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