



Marylebone High Street

2008-10 Ward Budget Monitoring Report

Councillors: Harvey Marshall, Mark Page, Ian Rowley

Summary

Ward Members identified 2 priorities to allocate their ward budget from April 2008-March 2010 and 2 projects were funded over the two years in the Marylebone High Street 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. £70,584.55 of this budget was allocated, with the remaining budget being returned to the council's reserves.

Key Highlights of Projects Funded

Priority: Improvements to the Streetscape

Installation of Hanging Baskets/Bird Boxes

Provider: Parks

Total ward budget funding: £34,213.30

- The ward budget funded the installation of hanging baskets at selected locations throughout the ward, planting twice in the year.
- Following lamp column testing, 177 baskets were planted in 2008-09 and a further 139 baskets were added in 2009-10.
- Funding was also given for the installation of 14 bird boxes across the ward: six for house sparrows, six for blue tits and two for wrens.

Priority: Provision of Community Space and More Community Activities

Minibus for All Souls Clubhouse

Provider: All Souls Clubhouse

Total ward budget funding: £36,371.25

- A minibus was funded for the All Souls Clubhouse in order that they could continue their work with residents who experience loneliness, isolation, poverty and crime.

- The minibus is a 17-seater, wheelchair accessible bus and will predominantly be used for the mixed ability group of young people aged 13-19 and for outings for older people, plus any appropriate additional trips. The delivery agreement was specific that the minibus could not be used for soup runs.
- Monitoring information around usage has been requested and will be sent in the forthcoming months.

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