

# INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER'S DECISION – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014

Decision by Councillor JULIAN BELL

**Subject** Ward Forum Budgets 2014/15

**Portfolio** The Leader

**Authority** Constitution, Part 3, Section 3

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

- i) Notes the ward's proposed projects for 2014-15, detailed in the attached Appendix 1.
- ii) Notes that the projects were discussed and agreed at Hanger Hill ward – at their ward forum on 6 March 2014.
- iii) Notes that the budget includes a small contingency, to allow for minor cost variances and project amendments agreed at further ward forums during the year.
- iv) Agrees that the projects can be implemented, subject to any preliminary feasibility or technical surveys that are advised by officers and any licenses or statutory consultation that may be required.
- v) Authorises the Executive Director Environment & Customer Services 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.
- vi) Notes that these projects are scheduled for implementation in the municipal year 2014-15.

**Reason for Decision** On 13 November 2007 Cabinet agreed to a new structure for neighbourhood governance in the borough, centred around ward councillors and that £40k 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.

For the 2010-11 financial year Cabinet agreed a further allocation per ward of £37.5k – comprising £30k capital and £7.5K revenue. As part of the 2012-13 Star Chamber process Cabinet approved switching the annual £7.5k revenue allocation with a one off funding allocation from the Ealing Civic Improvement Fund (ECIF). Each Ward has now been allocated a total of £22.5k to fund projects from 2012/13 to 2014/15. This funding can be used to fund both capital and revenue schemes.

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 in the current 2012-13 financial year. 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.


These publicly supported recommendations now need to be approved for spend via an Individual Cabinet Member Decision.

**Date of Implementation if not called-in: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014**

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Cabinet Member's signature.....



Councillor Julian Bell

Officer recording decision.....



Linda Zimmerman  
Democratic Services

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Appendix 1

**Hanger Hill ward budget 2014-15**

**Proposed projects**

Available budget £30,700 capital, £14,600 revenue

| <b>Service Area</b>          | <b>Proposed Scheme</b>   | <b>Capital (£)</b> | <b>Revenue (£)</b> | <b>Total Costs (£)</b> |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Trees/ Parks</b>          | Tree and bulb planting in Hanger Hill  | -                  | 6,000              | 6,000                  |
| <b>Economic Regeneration</b> | Hanger Hill's hanging baskets  | 6,720              | -                  | 6,720                  |
| <b>Highways</b>              | Heritage street signs in the ward's conservation areas:<br>- Brentham<br>- Hanger Hill Estate<br>- Ealing Cricket Club | 18,000             | -                  | 18,000                 |
| <b>Highways</b>              | Restoration of street furniture<br>- West Twyford Road railings<br>- Victorian stench pipes                            | -                  | 8,250              | 8,250                  |
| <b>Highways</b>              | Time limited entrance scheme in Connell Crescent   | 4,150              | -                  | 4,150                  |
| <b>Total</b>                 |  | <b>28,870</b>      | <b>14,250</b>      | <b>43,120</b>          |

**Notes:**

- Presented for Individual Cabinet Members Decision 22 July 2014

<sup>1</sup> Footnote/s

