

# Lancaster Gate

## 2008-10 Ward Budget Monitoring Report

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### Summary:

Ward Members identified six priorities for how to allocate their ward budget from April 2008 – March 2010.

A total of seventeen projects were funded over the 2 years to meet these priorities.

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 2 year pilot programme.

£176,544.43 of this budget has been allocated, with the remaining budget (£23,455.57) being returned to the council's reserves.

### Key Highlights of Projects Funded:

#### Priority 1: Improving the retail environment

- **Establishment of a BID**

**Total ward budget funding: £26,003.49 (joint with Bayswater ward)**

- Consultants were employed to conduct a feasibility study into the possibility of a BID for Queensway and Westbourne Grove.
- Once the study was completed the consultants then assisted the preferred organisation in establishing the vote for the BID.
- The Bayswater BID was formally established in November 2009.

#### Priority 2: Improving the street environment

- **Installation of Christmas tree and lights**

**Total ward budget funding: £11,212.11**

- A Christmas tree was installed outside Queensway tube station and lights were fitted to lamp columns along Queensway.
- Funding also covered invitations to a lighting ceremony and a contribution to the refreshments at the event.

- **Lamp column testing**

**Total ward budget funding: £697.83**

- Four columns have been tested on Craven Terrace to clarify whether hanging baskets can be installed, at a later date.



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### **Priority 3: Supporting children and young people**

- **Rock climbing sessions**

***Total ward budget funding: £1,200***

- Rock climbing sessions were held over the summer holidays in 2009 at the Westway climbing wall, on Monday and Wednesday evenings; thirteen young people participated.

- **Weekly sports activities**

***Total ward budget funding: £4,947***

- From October to December 2008 sessions were held on Monday and Wednesday evenings (Monday – football, Wednesday - rock climbing); nine young people attended.
- From September 2009 to March 2010 sessions were held again on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Table tennis, badminton, trampolining and rock climbing were held; badminton and trampolining replaced the original choice of canoeing as it was not popular with the young people. On average eight young people attended each session.

- **Olympic taster weeks**

***Total ward budget funding: £3,000***

- The first taster week was held in the February half term 2009; seventeen young people attended.
- The second week was held in the October half term 2009; ten young people attended.
- The third week was held during the Easter holidays 2010; nine young people attended.

- **Support for local table tennis champions**

***Total ward budget funding: £6,000***

- Funding was provided over 2 years to cover travel costs and competition expenses for Ping and Tin Tin Ho.



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### **Priority 3: Supporting children and young people (cont.)**

- **Summer activities during 2009 summer holidays**

***Total ward budget funding: £14,670***

- 10 young people participated in a week's theatre skills course at the Sylvia Young Theatre School. Workshops covered drama, auditioning skills, microphone skills, dancing, circus skills and singing. Funding covered the course fees, lunch for the young people and transport.
- Two youth workers and a youth leader were employed over the summer period and a full programme of activities were arranged for young people in the Lancaster Gate area. Thirty five days of activities were provided and on average 35 young children attended, a large majority of whom were unknown to youth services beforehand.
- Activities included: educational workshops, t-shirt design, swimming, ice skating and go-karting.

- **Homework club**

***Total ward budget funding: £10,000***

- A homework club was held on Fridays between 4 and 6pm on the Hallfield Estate, for children from 8 to 16 years of age; over 38 children attended.
- Funding was provided over two financial years and covered staff costs and hall hire.

- **Sayers Croft trip**

***Total ward budget funding: £4,880***

- 13 young people attended the residential week, held in the February half term 2010.
- Activities included: shelter building, a high ropes course, table tennis and climbing.

### **Priority 4: Community safety**

- **Policing**

***Total ward budget funding: £66,637.73***

- Two PCs were funded from October 2008 until March 2010.
- Patrols were made on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights between 7pm and 2am.



## **Priority 5: Supporting older people**

- **Lunch clubs**

***Total ward budget funding: £18,331.26***

- Lunch clubs were delivered by Open Age from October 2008 until March 2010.
- From October 2008 to September 2009 24 lunches were held with an average of 11 people attending each one. Lunches were held at the Lancaster Hall Hotel and Pickering Hall on the Hallfield Estate.
- From October 2009 until March 2010 12 lunches were held at the same venues, but only twice a month instead of three times; the average attendance increased to 15 people per lunch.

- **Day trips**

***Total ward budget funding: £6,316.48***

- Free trips were run to Runnymede, Hampton Court and the Bluebell Line railway, coaches were also provided for local older people to attend a free performance of Les Miserables, in January 2010.
- Twenty five people went to Runnymede in July 2009; the trip included a boat trip and lunch.
- Forty people attended the Hampton Court trip in August 2009; the trip included a boat trip, entrance to the Palace and Gardens and refreshments.
- Fifty people attended the trip to the Bluebell Line railway in March 2010; the trip included train travel, on the Bluebell Line, and lunch.

- **Christmas Hampers**

***Total ward budget funding: £1,266.80***

- Letters were delivered to all local older people, via the Meals on Wheels service, asking if they would like a Christmas food hamper; only 30 responses were received.
- Christmas hampers were filled with Christmas food and drink and delivered to local older residents; Waitrose provided the hampers and contents and the Estate Office delivered them to all in the days before Christmas.

## **Priority 6: Community cohesion**

- **Community day on Hallfield**

***Total ward budget funding: £1,000***

- Funding was used for the fancy dress competition on the day in October 2009, costs included: gazebo/marquee, prizes and a PA system.



## Priority 6: Community cohesion (cont.)

- **Street sign**

***Total ward budget funding: £217.93***

- A replica Westminster street sign was produced and presented to Wilson's Fair in recognition of the work they do for the City.

- **Printer**

***Total ward budget funding: £163.80***

- A printer has been purchased for the Hallfield Residents Association



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