

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Management Committee	15 September 2014
Subject: Revenue Outturn 2013/14 – Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park	Public
Report of: The Chamberlain and the Director of Open Spaces	For Information

Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2013/14 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a better than budget position of £208,000 for the services overseen by your Committee compared with the final agreed budget for the year as set out below.

	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Increase/ (Decrease) £000
Local Risk			
Director of Open Spaces Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park.	5,995	5,978	(17)
City Surveyor	1,213	980	(233)
Total Local Risk	7,208	6,958	(250)
Central Risk	(1,758)	(1,764)	(6)
Recharges	1,163	1,211	48
Total	6,613	6,405	(208)

The Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park underspend of £17,000 (Local Risk) has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees, which produces an overall better than budgeted position of £232,000 (Local Risk) across all Open Spaces. It is proposed to carry forward £217,000 of this underspend, with £30,000 for this Committee to be carried forward into the 2013/14 budgets. These requests will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

Underspends in The City Surveyor's Additional Works Programme will be available to spend in subsequent years of the scheme.

Recommendations

It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2013/14 and the proposed carry forward of underspends to 2014/15 are noted.

Main Report

Budget Position for 2013/14

1. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2013/14 totalled £6.405m, an underspend of £0.208m compared to the final approved budget of £6.613m. A summary comparison with the final agreed budget for the year is tabulated below. In this table, figures in brackets indicate income or in hand balances, increases in income or decreases in expenditure.

Summary Comparison of 2013/14 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget

	Final Agreed Budget	Revenue Outturn	Increase/ (Decrease)	Paragraph reference
	£000	£000	£000	
Local Risk				
Director of Open Spaces				
- Hampstead Heath	4,548	4,547	(1)	
- Hampstead Heath CBT	480	480	-	
- Queen's Park	540	526	(14)	
- Queen's Park CBT	31	30	(1)	
- Highgate Wood	346	345	(1)	
- Highgate Wood CBT	50	50	-	
Total Director of Open Spaces	5,995	5,978	(17)	
City Surveyor	192	257	65	2
Additional Works Programme	1,021	723	(298)	3
Total City Surveyor	1,213	980	(233)	
Total Local Risk	7,208	6,958	(250)	
Central Risk				
- Hampstead Heath	(1,192)	(1,198)	(6)	
- Hampstead Heath CBT	(480)	(480)	-	
- Queen's Park	-	-	-	
- Queen's Park CBT	(31)	(30)	1	
- Highgate Wood	(5)	(6)	(1)	
- Highgate Wood CBT	(50)	(50)	-	
Total Central Risk	(1,758)	(1,764)	(6)	
Recharges	1,163	1,211	48	4
Totals	6,613	6,405	(208)	

Reasons for Significant variations

2. The increase in City Surveyor's was due to some historical claims from the BRM contractor which had to be met, resulting in a repairs and maintenance overspend across the corporate estate.
3. The underspend in City Surveyor's Additional Works Programme was due to Lido fabric repairs not progressing as planned owing to a longer than anticipated Gateway process and the phased works on the pergola being postponed until 2014/15 as it was not possible to undertake them in 2013/14. Underspends in The City Surveyor's Additional Works Programme will be available to spend in subsequent years of the scheme. The phasing of these projects is reported to the Corporate Asset Sub Committee on a quarterly basis.
4. The increase in recharges is mainly due to an increase in City Surveyor's costs and I.S. Costs, due to the number of high value projects at Hampstead Heath that required input from various areas of the Surveyor's department and a higher level of I.T. support for the Open Spaces. In addition, there was an increase in charges from the Open Spaces Directorate, although these recharges have a corresponding contra entry in their own accounts and these charges have no overall impact on City's Cash net expenditure.

Local Risk Carry Forward to 2014/15

5. The Director's better than budget position of £17,000 (Local Risk) has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees which produce an overall better than budget position of £232,000 (Local Risk) of which £217,000 has been submitted for a carry forward as outlined below, of which £30,000 is for activities overseen by your Committee: -
 - Refurbishment of St Brides, St Dunstan's in the East, & St Paul's Cathedral Garden: **£44,000**
 - Vehicle purchase (£60,000) and installation of Photovoltaic cells (£29,000) at the Cemetery: **£89,000**
 - Great Gregories over-wintering facility at Epping Forest: **£44,000**
 - West Ham Park Nursery Business Plan: **£10,000**

- Parliament Hill feasibility study to identify possible future savings/income increases: **£10,000**
- Introduction of new Signage at Hampstead Heath: **£20,000**

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