

Committee(s):	Date(s):
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Revenue Outturn 2014/15 - West Ham Park	
Report of:	For Information
The Chamberlain and the Director of Open Spaces	

Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2014/15 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a better than budget position of £54,000 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 (excluding Nursery)	682	682	0
Director of Open Spaces - Nursery	(52)	(8)	44
City Surveyor	160	111	(49)
Total Local Risk	790	785	(5)
Central Risk	17	(33)	(50)
Recharges	241	242	1
Total	1,048	994	(54)

The Director's overspend of £44,000 (Local Risk) has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees, which produces an overall better than budget position of £846,000 (Local Risk) across all Open Spaces. It is proposed to carry forward £437,000 of this underspend. These requests will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee. The City Surveyor's £49,000 underspend is mainly due to the re-phasing of the Additional Works programme over its 3 year life, expenditure has been planned for later years. In the tables, figures in brackets indicate income or in hand balances, increases in income or decreases in expenditure.

Recommendations

It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2014/15 and the consequential implications for the 2015/16 budget be noted.

Main Report

Budget Position for 2014/15

1. The 2014/15 latest approved budgets for the services overseen by your Committee received in December 2014 was £1,029. This budget was endorsed by the Court of Common Council in March 2015 and subsequently updated for approved adjustments. Movement of the Original Local Risk budget to the final agreed budget is provided in Appendix A.

Revenue Outturn 2014/15

2. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2014/15 totalled £994,000, an underspend of £54,000 compared with the final agreed budget.
3. A summary comparison with the final agreed budget for the year is tabulated below. In the tables, figures in brackets indicate income or in hand balances, increases in income or decreases in expenditure.

Summary Comparison of 2014/15 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget				
	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Increase/ (Decrease) £000	Reason(s))
Local Risk				
West Ham Park	682	682	0	
Nursery	(52)	(8)	44	
Total Director of Open Spaces	630	674	44	
Local Risk				
City Surveyor	41	58	17	
Additional Works Programme	119	53	(66)	4
Total City Surveyor	160	111	(49)	
Total Local Risk	790	785	(5)	
Central Risk				

West Ham Park Nursery reserve	transfer to/(from)	9	9	0	5
		8	(42)	(50)	
Total Central Risk		17	(33)	(50)	
Recharges					
Insurance		20	24	4	
Central Support		106	104	(2)	
I.S. Recharges		24	24	0	
Surveyors Recharges		47	43	(4)	
Recharges within Fund (CDC/Dir)		44	47	3	
Total Recharges		241	242	1	
NET EXPENDITURE		1,048	994	(54)	

Reasons for Significant Variations

- The £66,000 underspend within City Surveyors is due to the re-phasing of the additional works programme over its 3 year life (expenditure has been planned for later years).
- The £50,000 increase in transfer from reserve is mainly due to the shortfall in income at the Nursery, this was due to reductions in the requirement for floral provision by the Remembrancer, and the amount of bedding that clients have ordered from the Nursery, most notably cut backs at City Gardens and North London Open Spaces.

Local Risk Carry Forward to 2014/15

- Chief Officers can request underspends of up to 10% or £500,000 (whichever is the lesser) of the final agreed local risk budget to be carried forward, so long as the underspending is not fortuitous and the resources are required for a planned purpose. Such requests are subject to the approval of the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.
- Overspends are carried forward in full and are met from the agreed 2015/16 budgets.
- The Director's worse than budget position of £44,000 has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees, which produces an

overall better than budget position of £846,000 (Local Risk) of which £437,000 has been submitted for a carry forward as outlined below.

i) £35,000 for the Installation of heat exchange equipment to recycle waste heat at the Cemetery.

ii) The Directorate require £30,000 Specialist consultancy for user questionnaires and analysis which aligns with the Open Spaces Learning Programme as part of Service Based Review, £25,000 for a Business Analyst to undertake work in support of the Sports Programme (part of the SBR), £25,000 for the engagement of a specialist consultant to undertake an options appraisal to consider operating models and market potential for sports provision which is part of the Service Based Review sports programme, and a further £95,000 as a contribution to partly fill a shortfall in the budget which was previously met centrally and currently awaiting the outcome of a CBT funding application.

iii) £32,000 for the engagement of a temporary para-legal Wayleave Officer to update Oracle R12 and secure income as part of the Service Based Review is required by Epping Forest.

iv) Further to a business case £16,000 is required to replace a vehicle for the Hampstead Heath Constabulary, which was ordered during 2014/15 but not supplied before year end.

v) £75,000 is required by Epping Forest for a specialist Tractor/Crane designed to increase productivity of wood chipping and reduce health & safety liabilities from RSI and Hand/Arm vibration. The business case was approved in 2014/15 but the supply is still awaited. A further £40,000 is required for landlord responsibilities to improve wiring, flooring etc ahead of Additional Works Programme investment following a recommendation by Environmental Health (L.B.Waltham Forest).

vi) £24,000 is required by Queens Park for new play equipment partly funded by community donations.

vii) £40,000 is required by West Ham Park for an 'invest to save' project as part of the Service Based Review to undertake improvements to vacant lodges to bring them up to a suitable standard for letting. Combined income will off-set carry forward after 2 years and aligns with the Corporate Asset Realisation Programme.

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Appendix A

	£000
Original Local Risk Budget (Director of Open Spaces & City Surveyor)	987
Director of Open Spaces	
Employees – The reduction is mainly associated with gardeners and temp agency staff.	(54)
Premises – This rise is due to a requirement in minor improvements work.	18
Supplies & Services – The majority of this increase relates to Consultancy fees at the Nursery.	34
Third Party Payments – This rise is within Private Contractors (Transport and Machinery)	19
Reduction in contributions is due to a reduction in income for Horticultural Work training.	6
Increase in transfer from reserve is due to the continuing under achievement of the Nursery.	(15)
City Surveyor	
The £205,000 decrease in City Surveyors is due to re-phasing of the Additional Works Programme as the 2014/15 original includes the full value of the 2014/15 programme which is then smoothed out for revised estimates.	(205)
Final Agreed Local Risk Budget (Director of Open Spaces & City Surveyor)	790