Committee	Dated:
Community & Children's Services	11 December 2015
Subject: REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS – 2016/17	Public
Report of: The Chamberlain Director of Community & Children's Services	For Decision

Summary

This report is the annual submission of the revenue and capital budgets overseen by your Committee. In particular it seeks approval to the provisional revenue budget for 2016/17, for subsequent submission to the Finance Committee. Details of the Committee's draft capital budget are also provided. The budgets have been prepared within the resources allocated to the Director.

The provisional nature of the revenue budgets particularly recognises that further revisions may arise from the necessary realignment of funds resulting from corporate projects.

Summary of Table 2	Latest Approved Budget 2015/16 £'000	Original Budget 2016/17 £'000	Movement £'000
Expenditure	25,225	23,656	(1,569)
Income	(15,222)	(13,648)	1,574
Support Services and Capital Charges	1,813	1,762	(51)
Total Net Expenditure	11,816	11,770	(46)

Overall, the 2016/17 provisional revenue budget totals £11,770m a decrease of £46,000 compared with the Latest Approved Budget for 2015/16. Main reasons for this reduction are:

- Latest Approved Budget for 2015/16 includes expenditure of £205,000 funded from the previous year's underspend which is not included in 2016/17
- Decrease of £103,000 due to the savings arising from the Service Based Review. Note these savings were agreed by this Committee in November 2014.
- Increase of £137,000 due to 1.5% inflation for pay and price increases

- Increase of £56,000 to compensate for the ending of the national insurance rebate for 'contracted out' pension schemes.
- Increase of £83,000 in relation to Surveyors Repairs & Maintenance

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

- review the provisional 2016/17 revenue budget to ensure that it reflects the Committee's objectives and, if so, approve the budget for submission to the Finance Committee;
- review and approve the draft capital budget;
- authorise the Chamberlain to revise these budgets to allow for further implications arising from departmental reorganisations and other reviews, corporate projects, changes to the Additional Works Programme.
- If specific service based review proposals included with this budget report are rejected by the Committee, or other committees request that further proposals are pursued, that the substitution of other suitable proposals for a corresponding amount is delegated to the Town Clerk in discussion with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the relevant Committee. If the substituted saving is not considered to be straight forward in nature, then the Town Clerk shall also consult the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee prior to approving an alternative proposal(s).

Main Report

Introduction

- 1. The Director of Community & Children's Services comprises three main service areas:
 - People Services (which includes Adult Services & Children & Families Services)
 - Commissioning and Partnerships (which includes Commissioned Services)
 - Housing Services (including the Housing Revenue Account and the Barbican Estate Office). The Housing Revenue Account and The Barbican are reported separately and are therefore not included in this report.

The Services provided by the Department are overseen by the Community and Children's Services Committee with the exception of the Barbican Estate which is overseen by the Barbican Residential Committee.

- 2. This report sets out the proposed revenue budget and capital budgets for 2016/17. The revenue budget management arrangements are to:
 - Provide a clear distinction between local risk, central risk and recharge budgets
 - Place responsibility for budgetary control on departmental Chief Officers
 - Apply a cash limit policy to Chief Officers' budgets
- 3. The budget has been analysed by service expenditure and compared with the latest approved budget for the current year.
- 4. The report also compares the current year's budget with the forecast outturn.

Business Planning Priorities 2015-2018

- 5. The Departmental Business Plan strategic priorities were agreed by Committee in May 2015. They are:-
 - Safeguarding and early help: Ensuring effective arrangements are in place for responding to safeguarding risks, promoting early identification and support to prevent escalation of issues and keeping children and vulnerable adults safe.
 - Health and wellbeing: Promoting the health and wellbeing of all City residents and workers and improving access to health services in the Square Mile.
 - Education and employability: Enabling children, young people and adults to learn, thrive and achieve their full potential.
 - Homes and communities: Developing strong neighbourhoods and ensuring people have a decent place to live.
 - Efficiency and effectiveness: Delivering value for money and outstanding services.

Proposed Revenue Budget for 2016/17

- 6. The proposed Revenue Budget for 2016/17 is shown in Table 2 analysed between:
 - Local Risk budgets these are budgets deemed to be largely within the Chief Officer's control.
 - Central Risk budgets these are budgets comprising specific items where a
 Chief Officer manages the underlying service, but where the eventual financial
 outturn can be strongly influenced by external factors outside of his/her control
 or are budgets of a corporate nature (e.g. interest on balances and rent
 incomes from investment properties).

- Support Services and Capital Charges these cover budgets for services provided by one activity to another. The control of these costs is exercised at the point where the expenditure or income first arises as local or central risk.
- 7. The provisional 2016/17 budgets, under the control of the Director of Community & Children's Services being presented to your Committee, have been prepared in accordance with guidelines agreed by the Policy and Resources and Finance Committees. These include continuing the implementation of the required budget reductions across local risk, as well as the proper control of transfers of non-staffing budget to staffing budgets. An allowance towards any potential pay and price increases of 1.5% for 2016/17 has been included. The budget has been prepared within the resources allocated to the Chief Officer.
- 8. The Service Based Review aims to deliver sustainable savings and / or increased income in order to balance City Fund and City's Cash over the medium term. The proposals approved by the Policy & Resources Committee included a total of £680k (over 3 years) for this Committee. These proposals were reported to and agreed by this Committee in November 2014 and are reflected in the 2016/17 budgets as below:

Table 1	
Agreed 2016/17 Service Based Review Savings	£'000
Housing benefit administration	10
Increased income received from Fusion Lifestyle in relation to sports and fitness at Golden Lane	45
Reduced financial support to external early years settings	48
Total	103

9. All Service Based Review savings are currently expected to be met and are identified as green in terms of their RAG status.

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COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES SU Analysis of Service Expenditure	Local	Actual	Latest	Original	Movement	Paragraph
Analysis of service Experiantic	or	Actual	Approved	Original	2015-16	Reference
	Central		Budget	Budget	to	Reference
	Risk	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	
	IVION	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
EXPENDITURE			£ 000	£ 000	2000	
Employees	L	4,576	5,112	4,869	(243)	12
Employees (mainly social workers	С	583	185	169	(16)	12
dealing with Asylum Seekers)						
Premises Related Expenses (see note i)	L	289	357	273	(84)	13
Premises Related Expenses (SRP:	С	100	0	0	0	
Islington Arts Factory)						
City Surveyor – Repairs & Maintenance	L	51	47	129	82	18
City Surveyor - Cleaning	L	0	7	8	1	
Transport Related Expenses	L	22	23	18	(5)	
Home to School Transport (met from	С	25	21	21	0	
Dedicated Schools Grant)						
Supplies & Services (mainly prof fees	L	4,167	4,906	4,111	(795)	14
which are largely met from grant income						
plus expenses relating to contracts such						
as Broadway						
Supplies & Services (mainly costs of our	С	234	173	176	3	
Private, Voluntary & independent childcare						
providers which are met from DSG)						
Third Party Payments (mainly social care	L	4,496	4,896	4,379	(517)	15
clients plus contract costs such as Toynbee						
Hall & Hackney College)		0 = 0.4	2.10=		_	
Third Party Payments (mainly agency costs	С	3,531	3,195	3,200	5	
relating to Asylum Seekers plus costs which are met from DSG)						
Transfer Payments (mainly payment to	L	13	131	131	0	
Fusion Lifestyle funded by income from	_	10	101	101		
London Marathon Charitable Trust)						
Rent allowances (funded by DoWP rent	С	6,261	6,172	6,172	0	
benefit rebates)						
Transfer to Reserve (unspent Public	L	767	0	0	0	
Health & Children's workforce						
development grant)						
Total Expenditure		25,115	25,225	23,656	(1,569)	
INCOME						
Government Grants (mainly Public Health	L	(3,203)	(3,815)	(2,628)	1,187	16
& Skills Funding Agency grant income)		(-,)	(5,5-5)	(,===)	_,	
Government Grants (mainly DSG, DoWP	С	(8,687)	(8,828)	(8,815)	13	16
rent benefit rebates)		(,)	(-,)	, , , , , ,		
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Analysis of Service Expenditure						
	Local	Actual	Latest	Original	Movement	Paragraph
	or		Approved		2015-16	Reference
	Central		Budget	Budget	to	
	Risk	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Other Grants, Reimbursements and	L	(517)	(809)	(559)	250	17
contributions (mainly B&B rent						
allowances, S256 Monies & London						
Marathon Charitable Trust						
Other Grants, Reimbursements and	С	(433)	(182)	(184)	(2)	
contributions (City's Cash contributions						
towards Toynbee Hall contract & Strings						
project at Sir John Cass School)		(4.04.4)	(4.000)	(004)	00	
Customer, Client Receipts (mainly fee	L	(1,011)	(1,003)	(921)	82	
income and client contributions towards						
their social care packages) Customer and client receipts	С	(38)				
Transfer from Reserves (Children's	L	(332)	(48)	0	48	
workforce development grant)		(332)	(40)	0	40	
Transfer from Parking Meter Reserves (in	С	(648)	(537)	(541)	(4)	
relation to Concessionary fares & taxi		(0.10)	(001)	(0 11)	(')	
cards)						
Total Income		(14,869)	(15,222)	(13,648)	1,574	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE BEFORE SUPPORT		10,246	10,003	10,008	5	
SERVICES AND CAPITAL CHARGES						
SUPPORT SERVICES AND CAPITAL						
CHARGES						
Central Support Services and Capital Charges		3,267	2,518	2,456	(62)	
Recharges within Fund		(1,407)	(705)	(694)	11	
Total Support Services and Capital		1,860	1,813	1,762	(51)	Appendix2
Charges					_	
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE / (INCOME)		12,106	11,816	11,770	(46)	

Notes - Examples of types of service expenditure:-

⁽i) Premises Related Expenses – includes repairs & maintenance, energy costs, rates, water services

- 10. Income and favourable variances are presented in brackets. An analysis of this Revenue Expenditure by Service Managed is provided in Appendix 1. Only significant variances (generally those greater than £100,000) have been commented on in the following paragraphs.
- 11. Overall there is a reduction of £46,000 in the budget between the 2015/16 latest approved budget and the 2016/17 original budget. This movement is explained by the variance explanations given in the following paragraphs.
- 12. Analysis of the movement in total manpower and related related staff costs are shown in Table 3 below:

	Latest Approved Budget		Original Budget			
	201	2015/16		2015/16		L6/17
Table 3 - Manpower statement	Manpower	Estimated	Manpower	Estimated		
	Full-time	cost	Full-time	cost		
	equivalent	£000	equivalent	£000		
People Services	39	2,419	35	2,385		
Partnership Services (inc Central	37	2,050	34	1,803		
Directorate)						
Housing Services	17	828	17	850		
TOTAL COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S	93	5,297	86	5,038		
SERVICES						

The main reason for the reduction in employee costs relates to the Adult & Community Learning team which is running a grant funded English Language Course 18 months from April 2014 and the Substance Misuse service which was commissioned to a third party in October 2015 resulting in a decrease in both manpower and associated costs.

- 13. Premises Related expenditure has decreased as the 2015/16 Latest Approved Budget includes the anticipated costs of the development of the Golden Lane Playground. This has been met by savings in Early years due to low take up of programmes such as Tranforming families and Every Child a Talker.
- 14. The decrease in Supplies & Services related expenditure of £795,000 is due in the main to:
 - £177k budgets carried forward from 2014/15 which are included in the 2015/16 Latest Approved Budget but not the 2016/17
 - £49k reduction in next year's budget following the previously agreed Service Based Review savings.
 - 2015/16 Latest Approved Budget included £259k expenditure which is met from carried forward Government Grant which will not be received in 2016/17.

- Expenditure of £221k in 2015/16 met from S256 Monies in relation to implementation of the new Care Act which is not included in 2016/17.
- Expenditure in relation to the Children's inspection has been included in the 2015/16 Latest Approved budget but not in 2016/17.
- 15. The decrease in third party payments is largely due to
 - expenditure of £501k met from carried forward grant income from Skills Funding Agency in 2014/15 which will not be received in 2015/16
- 16. The reduction in Government grants is mainly due to
 - The 2015/16 grant figure includes carry forward balance of £1,029k which will be spent in the year and will not be carried forward to 2016/17.
 - new one off grants received during 2015/16 in relation to the Care Act, Mental Health Pilot scheme and SEND Implementation of £168k which will not be received next year
- 17. Other grants, reimbursements and contributions for 2015/16 include S256 Monies which will not be received in 2016/17. £248k income in relation to the Better Care Fund is included in both years budgets however the City of London's allocation for 2016/17 has not yet been confirmed. It is anticipated that the budget will be in line with the current allocation however once finalised, adjustments will be made to the budget. This is offset by expenditure and will not affect the Director's overall local risk budget.
- 18. The 2015/16 Latest Approved Budget reflects the re-allocation of the full programme to reflect the expenditure that is anticipated will be incurred in the year.

A decision on funding of the programme for 2016/17 will be made by the Resource Allocation Sub Committee in January 2016. It may therefore be necessary to adjust budgets to reflect the Resource Allocation Sub Committee's decision.

TABLE 4 - CITY SURVEYOR LOCAL RISK	Latest	
	Approved	Original
Repairs and Maintenance	Budget	Budget
	2015/16	2016/17
	£'000	£'000
Additional Works Programme	25	108
Minor Improvements		
Community Education Centre	7	6
Sir John Cass School Kitchen	15	15
Total City Surveyor	47	129

Potential Further Budget Developments

- 19. The provisional nature of the 2016/17 revenue budget recognises that further revisions may be required, including in relation to:
 - budget reductions to capture savings arising from the on-going PP2P reviews;
 - budget adjustments relating to the implementation of the City Procurement Service
 - decisions on funding of the Additional Work Programme by the Resource Allocation Committee
 - budget adjustments relating to the Surveyors Repairs & Maintenance projects;
 and
 - budget adjustments relating to the Service Based Review.
 - Budget adjustments relating to the Better Care Fund

Revenue Budget 2016/17

20. The forecast outturn for the current year is likely to be a small underspend compared to the Latest Approved Budget of £11,816m. Appendix 3 shows the movement between the Original Budget 2015/16 and the Latest Approved Budget 2015/16.

Draft Capital and Supplementary Revenue Budgets

21. The latest estimated costs for the Committee's draft capital and supplementary revenue projects are summarised in the Table below.

		Exp. Pre			
Service Managed	Project	01/04/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Pre-implementation					
Public Health	Workplace Health Centre - Middlesex St. Estate		15		15
Education	Sir John Cass School expansion		357		357
Young People	Golden Lane Playground		35		35
Services to Adults	Disabled facilities grant	6	36		42
Authority to start work gr	anted				
Homelessness	The Lodge II S.106			1,400	1,400
TOTAL COMMUNITY &	CHILDREN'S SERVICES	6	443	1,400	1,849

- 22. Pre-implementation costs comprise feasibility and option appraisal expenditure which has been approved in accordance with the project procedure, prior to authority to start work.
- 23. The implementation phase of the Golden Lane Playground project is due to start on site early in 2016, whilst the Sir John Cass School expansion project is anticipated to commence in 2016/17, subject to further approvals.
- 24. The Lodge II expenditure reflects the City's capital contribution to the scheme, to be funded from a mixture of S.106 affordable housing monies and some of the capital receipt from the disposal of the former YMCA Hostel building.
- 25. The latest Capital and Supplementary Revenue Project budgets will be presented to the Court of Common Council for formal approval in March 2016.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: Revenue Expenditure by Service Managed
- Appendix 2: Support Service and Capital Charges from / to Community & Children's Services Committee
- Appendix 3: Movement between 2015/16 Original Book Budget and 2015/16 Latest Approved Budget

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APPENDIX 1

Analysis by Service Managed	Actual	Latest	Original	Movement	Paragraph
		Approved		2015-16	Reference
	2014-15	Budget	Budget	to	
	£'000	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	
CITY FUND					
Services to Adults	2,849	2,892	2,872	(20)	
Services to Older People	1,505	1,551	1,589	38	
Children & Family Services	1,096	1,275	1,160	(115)	14
Early Years & Childcare	1,494	1,349	1,476	127	13 & 14
Sir John Cass School Delegated	0	0	0	0	
Budget					
Other Schools Related Activities	28	(54)	(18)	36	
Homelessness	928	741	735	(6)	
Substance Misuse Team	22	0	0	0	
Service Strategy – Adult Services	361	424	455	31	
Strategic Management - Family &	382	372	390	18	
Young People					
Asylum Seekers Service	334	313	309	(4)	
Commissioning	1,032	1,043	1,028	(15)	
Public Health	20	0	0	0	
Adult & Community Learning	185	213	247	34	
Recreation facilities and Sports	180	92	82	(10)	
Development					
Youth Service	310	243	251	8	
Other Housing Services	76	43	28	(15)	
Benefits Administration	562	347	387	40	
Supporting People	723	960	767	(193)	13 & 14
Service Strategy – Housing Services	17	12	12	0	
TOTAL	12,106	11,816	11,770	(46)	

Services to Adults (inc. Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Physical Disabilities)

The adult social care team provides care and services to all those aged over 18 who live in the City, who are in need of services because of their vulnerability, physical or learning disability, carer status, homelessness, dependence on drugs or alcohol, or mental illness. Services are provided following an assessment, which is undertaken with the person concerned. This forms the basis of the resulting Person-Centred Care Plan, which gives details of the services that will be provided. These may include an Individual Budget or Direct Payment, a programme of home care visits, day activities, counselling, assistance with finances and home management, permanent or temporary residential care, mental health services and making contact with relevant outside agencies or providers.

Services to Older People

As with other adult social care services, the emphasis for older people is on supporting them for as long as possible in their own homes. For a small number, care in a residential or nursing home is the best option.

Children & Family Services

The Children's social care service is responsible for ensuring resident children and young people accessing services in the City are safeguarded. The main strategic objective for Children and Families services is to ensure children and families are free from harm and are able to live in a safe environment that supports emotional, physical and learning development. A key strand of the work is to provide preventive intervention at an early stage to support City families and to avoid family breakdown and disruption. Whilst, it is rare for children in the City to be subject to formal child protection procedures or be looked after but for a very small number, placements with foster carers are necessary.

Early Years and Childcare

This area includes the Cass Child and Family Centre, Family and Young People's Information Service, provision and maintenance of extended services at the Sir John Cass Site, support to private, voluntary and independent providers of nursery services for children who are under 5 and promoting access to affordable childcare for City parents.

Sir John Cass Foundation Primary School Delegated Budget

This is the proportion of funding received by the City of London through the Dedicated School's Grant given directly to the Governors of the Sir John Cass Foundation Primary School. It is then the responsibility of the School Governors to spend the budget share on the purposes of their School.

Other Schools Related Activities

This includes the Local Authority's duties to support and coordinate school admissions for local parents, the assessment and support of pupils with Special

Educational Needs and home to school transport which are mainly funded through government grants with additional contribution from the City Fund.

Homelessness

The Community and Children's Services Department provides advice for homeless and potentially homeless people. The Department assesses applicants for assistance against statutory criteria and arranges temporary accommodation where necessary and oversees the commissioning of the Outreach Contract with our rough sleepers provider.

Substance Misuse Team

The substance misuse team provides a range of services relating to drug and alcohol misuse. For residents of the City of London information, treatment and advice is offered via the care management service and dedicated substance misuse nurse; for individuals who work in or visit the City advice and support is provided enabling access to information and assistance in their local areas. Additionally, as part of the Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) Arrest Referral workers based at Bishopsgate police station, offer help and avice to those coming through custody with identified drug and / or alcohol needs. The SMT also provides a needle exchange programme in the City as well as training and information to a variety of services around key issues such as substance use awareness and drugs / alcohol in the workplace.

This service was commissioned to a third party from 1st October 2015.

Asylum Seekers

The City has a statutory responsibility for housing and supporting unaccompanied asylum seeking minors arriving in the City as their first point if contact in the UK. The majority of children looked after by the City are unaccompanied asylum seekers.

Commissioning

About ninety organisations annually receive payments, all commissions via contract, to provide for services to residents, workers and homeless people in the City. These include services for information and advice (Toynbee Hall); volunteering (CSV); Telecare (Millbrook's); Community equipment; organisations working with rough sleepers (Broadway, St Mungo's Project, Providence Row, and others); playgroups (Barbican); agencies providing day care for older people; advice and counselling services; victim support; and support for people who have HIV or AIDS and others. Most of the services are a statutory requirement and support and assist in the delivery of community care and education for adults, children and young people, and promote the welfare of the vulnerable and dependent elderly, the very young and people who are ill or disabled. Other major items within this section are expenditure relating to concessionary travel arrangements through Taxicards and freedom passes, and expenditure on various government initiatives associated with government grant income.

Public Health

The City's public health function is responsible for local aspects of health protection; health improvement; and improving health services. This is achieved through intelligence gathering and analysis, including the statutory Joint Strategic Needs Assessment; and formulating strategy, including the statutory Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, to address local health needs.

Public health services are provided to our populations through commissioning, e.g. Healthy behaviours with includes smoking cessation, substance misuse (from October 2015) and NHS health checks; as well as working in partnership with other organisations, such as the NHS clinical commissioning groups, and the London Borough of Hackney. Public health also conducts and commissions research to evaluate effectiveness, and to tackle gaps in intelligence.

The public health team supports the City's Health and Wellbeing Board, which is a statutory committee within the City, and has strong links with the public health team in Hackney, including a shared Director of Public Health and shared Public Health Consultants, who provide clinical and professional governance to the team.

Adult Skills and Community Learning

This covers the direct provision of all adult learning services by the City of London and a partnership contract with Hackney Community College for the provision of tutors. The service works with its internal and external partners to annually deliver more than 110 vocational courses to more than 4000 City and City Fringe learners'. In addition to this, more than 100 young adults have engaged onto the apprenticeship programme and more than 90% have successfully completed their apprenticeship training with 82% securing permanent employment. There are currently 50 employers who are engaged with the programme, supporting our apprentices through training, qualification and active work experience.

Recreation Facilities and Sports Development

This comprises the Golden Lane Sport and Fitness Centre and a wide range of sporting opportunities for all sections of the community now provided under contract by Fusion Lifestyle. Activities such as swimming, tennis, badminton, Pilates, zumba and weight training courses are all provided at Golden Lane Sport and Fitness. The Sports Development team provides a varied programme of activities that provides opportunities for participation in active recreation for both residents and workers. Programmes such as City of Sport and Young at Heart are designed to make people more active and improve their health and wellbeing by helping them to reduce blood pressure and lose weight. The Sports Development team are also involved in the organisation of various sporting events such as the world famous London Marathon and the London Youth Games.

Youth Service

City Gateway are commissioned to provide three contract strands to young people aged 10 – 19 (to 25 with special needs) resident in the City.

 Targeted youth provision incorporating 121 support when required; themed workshops, for example in partnership with our Substance Misuse Team; and a weekly Girls Group.

- Universal provision incorporating weekly open access youth clubs at the Artizan Centre and GreenBox, and holiday activities.
- Youth Participation incorporating rolling out the new Youth Participation Strategy, engaging young people to establish a new youth 'forum' and to take part in elections for the Young Mayor.

Prospects Limited are commissioned to provide Information, Advice and Guidance on 14 – 19 options to City residents (including Looked after Children and Care Leavers) with the aim of supporting young people to meet the RPA requirements and to be EET (in Education, Employment or Training).

15Billion provide our Information Advice and Guidance and Youth Activities database (IYSS) and thereby provide the City's data links that meet DfE requirements.

Other Housing Services

The Community and Children's Services Department provides advice for homeless and potentially homeless people. The Department assesses applicants for assistance against statutory criteria and arranges temporary accommodation where necessary. The costs of the temporary accommodation are included within the 'Other Homeless Persons' division of service. This is a statutory service. In addition the department co-ordinates and directs the work of agencies dealing with rough sleeping in the City. The costs for this are met primarily through Government grant. This area also includes Spitalfields Residential (there are 32 properties that were not built under Housing Act powers and have not been appropriated to the HRA), Enabling Activities and general housing advice. In 2006, the City of London agreed an Affordable Housing Strategy. The City has agreed that 30% of future Planning Gain agreements will be allocated towards providing additional off site affordable housing. The Department of Community & Children's Services is exploring ways to facilitate the provision of additional affordable housing and has a programme of development opportunities on existing estates which is currently being prioritised.

Benefits Administration

The administration of all benefits is undertaken by the Community and Children's Services Department. This incorporates rent allowances, council tax benefit, and rent rebate "payments" in respect of HRA dwellings, together with the associated Government subsidy. The service also administers council tax and housing benefit for those in private sector tenancies who are eligible.

Supporting People

The Supported Housing service includes funding for six schemes, three in the City and the three sheltered schemes the City provides in Southwark, Lewisham and Islington. Payments are made monthly in advance, directly to the provider based on resident numbers and resident eligibility (primarily those eligible for Housing Benefit). In addition, a floating Tenancy Support Team helps vulnerable tenants to sustain their tenancies, both within the City and on our housing estates in other boroughs.

APPENDIX 2

Support Service and Capital Charges from/to Community & Children's Services Committee	Actual 2014/15 £000	Latest Approved Budget 2015/16 £000	Original Budget 2016/17 £000
Support Service and Capital Charges			
Administrative Buildings	184	200	225
City Surveyor's Employee Recharge	18	13	13
Insurance	63	67	67
IS Recharges – Chamberlain*	676	502	495
Capital Charges	346	370	343
Support Services -			
Chamberlain*	784	468	464
Comptroller and City Solicitor	346	382	361
Town Clerk	442	310	288
City Surveyor	83	88	88
CPS	325	118	112
Total Support Services and Capital Charges	3,267	2,518	2,456
Recharges Within Funds			
Corporate and Democratic Core – Finance			
Committee	(49)	(32)	(32)
HRA*	(1,272)	(649)	(640)
Barbican Residential Committee*	(86)	(24)	(22)
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICE AND CAPITAL			
CHARGES	1,860	1,813	1,762

^{*}The actual for 2014/15 includes a proportion of central support costs which have been allocated directly to the HRA and Barbican Residential in the Latest Approved Budget 2015/16 and 2016/17 Original Budget.

APPENDIX 3

	£'000
Original Budget 2015/16 (Excluding support service and capital charges)	8,862
Calcutta House: - transfer to Surveyors	1,043
Local risk carry forward from Director's underspend in 2014/15	205
Virement to libraries for delivery of children's reading services such as 'Story	(45)
time'	
Net other movements including contribution pay adjustment	41
Decrease in Surveyors repairs & maintenance charge	(103)
Final Agreed Budget (Excluding support services and capital charges)	10,003