

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
West Ham Park Committee	18072016
<b>Subject:</b> Revenue Outturn 2015/16 – West Ham Park	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Chamberlain and the Director of Open Spaces	<b>For Information</b>

### Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2015/16 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a better than budget position of £48,000 for the services overseen by your Committee compared with the final agreed budget for the year as set out below.

	<b>Final Agreed Budget</b>	<b>Outturn</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Local Risk</b>			
Director of Open Spaces	669	727	58
City Surveyor	334	257	(77)
<b>Central Risk</b>	9	(5)	(14)
<b>Recharges</b>	260	245	(15)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>(48)</b>

The Director's worse than budget position of £58,000 (Local Risk) is mainly due to a shortfall in income of £54,000 at the Nursery, further detail can be found in paragraph 4a). This overspend has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees, which produces an overall better than budget position of £885,000 (Local Risk) across all Open Spaces. A request to carry forward £30,000 of this underspend for West Ham Park will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

The City Surveyor's better than budget position of £77,000 is mainly due to an underspend in the additional works programme and a smaller underspend in other Surveyors Local Risk expenditure, details can be found in paragraph 4b).

## **Recommendation(s)**

It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2015/16 and the consequential implications for the 2016/17 budget are noted.

## **Main Report**

### **Budget Position for 2015/16**

1. The 2015/16 latest approved budget for the services overseen by your Committee received in December 2015 was £1.257M. This budget was endorsed by the Court of Common Council in March 2016 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 2015/16**

2. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2015/16 totalled £1.224M, a decrease of £48,000 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.

West Ham Park & The Nursery  
Comparison of 2015/16 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget

	<i>Original Budget</i>	Final Agreed Budget	Revenue Outturn	Variation Increase/ (Decrease)	
	<i>£000</i>	£000	£000	£000	
<b>LOCAL RISK</b>					
<b>Director of Open Spaces</b>					
West Ham Park (inc Rechargeables)	694	732	736	4	Reason*
Nursery	(63)	(63)	(9)	54	
<b>Total Director of Open Spaces Local Risk</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>58</b>	a
<b>City Surveyor</b>					
City Surveyors Local Risk	41	111	90	(21)	b
Additional Works Programme	301	223	167	(56)	
<b>Total City Surveyor Local Risk</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>(77)</b>	
<b>TOTAL LOCAL RISK</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>(19)</b>	
<b>CENTRAL RISK</b>					
West Ham Park (inc Rechargeables)	9	17	12	(5)	
Nursery	19	(8)	(17)	(9)	
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL RISK</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>(14)</b>	
<b>RECHARGES</b>					
Insurance	20	23	19	(4)	
Support Services	93	114	102	(12)	
Surveyor's Employee Recharge	37	39	51	12	
I. S. Recharge	21	42	42	0	
Recharges within fund (Directorate & Democratic Core)	48	42	31	(11)	
<b>TOTAL RECHARGES</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>(15)</b>	
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>(48)</b>	

\*See paragraph 4

## Reasons for Significant Variations

4. a) The Director's £58,000 worse than budget position is mainly due to a continuing decrease in the amount of annual bedding orders that the nursery received and a decrease in the number of floral displays provided in 2015/16. While as many savings as possible were made within the nursery budget this was not sufficient to compensate for the underachievement of income over all. It was predicted that this would happen and committee were advised of this position through the Superintendents updates throughout the year.
  
- b) The Surveyor's better than budget position of £77,000 is mainly due to planned nursery AWP work not being carried out (unless absolutely necessary)

## Local Risk Carry Forward to 2016/17

5. Chief Officers can generally 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 Resources Allocation Sub Committee.
6. Overspends are carried forward in full and are met from the agreed 2016/17 budgets.
7. The Director's worse than budget position of £58,000 (Local Risk) has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees which produce an overall better than budget position of £885,000 (Local Risk) of which £500,000 has been submitted for a carry forward:

West Ham Park have requested the following carry forwards:-

- £10,000 for a replacement Ride-on mower.
- £20,000 Consultant fees for various feasibility studies

## Appendices

- Appendix A – Movement between Original 2015/16 budget and the Final Agreed budget

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