

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Epping Forest & Commons Committee	03/07/2017
<b>Subject:</b> Revenue Outturn 2016/17 – The Commons	<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 2016/17 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a worse than budget position of £20,000 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>£000</b>	<b>Outturn</b> <b>£000</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b> <b>£000</b>
<b>Local Risk</b>			
Director of Open Spaces	1,535	1,557	22
City Surveyor	255	293	38
<b>Central Risk</b>	18	18	-
<b>Recharges</b>	353	313	(40)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>20</b>

There are no significant variances across Local Risk, Central Risk, and Recharges. The £22,000 (Local Risk) worse than budget position has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees, which produces a City's Cash overall better than budget position of £167,000 (Local Risk) across all Open Spaces. A request to carry forward all of this £167,000 will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee, a breakdown of which can be found in paragraph 7.

### Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2016/17 and the consequential implications for the 2017/18 budget are noted.

## **Main Report**

### **Budget Position for 2016/17**

1. The 2016/17 latest approved budget for the services overseen by your Committee received in November 2016 was £2.148M. This budget was endorsed by the Court of Common Council in March 2017 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 2016/17**

2. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2016/17 totalled £2.181M, an overspend of £20,000 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.

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Comparison of 2016/17 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>				
Burnham Beeches	406	412	438	26
Stoke Common	22	22	25	3
City Commons	1,100	1,101	1,094	(7)
<b>Total Director of Open Spaces Local Risk</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>City Surveyor</b>				
City Surveyors Local Risk	204	192	221	29
Additional Works Programme	163	63	72	9
<b>Total City Surveyor Local Risk</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL RISK</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>CENTRAL RISK</b>				
Burnham Beeches	18	18	18	-
<b>TOTAL CENTRAL RISK</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>RECHARGES</b>				
Insurance	16	20	18	(2)
Support Services	197	188	158	(30)
Surveyor's Employee Recharge	40	40	38	(2)
I. S. Recharge	57	73	73	-
Recharges within fund (Directorate & Democratic Core)	60	32	26	(6)
<b>TOTAL RECHARGES</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>(40)</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>20</b>

## **Reasons for Significant Variations**

4. There were no significant variations.

## **Local Risk Carry Forward to 2017/18**

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 2017/18 budgets.
7. The Director's worse than budget position of £22,000 (Local Risk) has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees which for City's Cash produce an overall better than budget position of £167,000 (Local Risk), where the following have been submitted for a carry forward.

£18,000    Playground equipment (Hampstead Heath) to be capitalised.

£149,000    To fund the Learning Programme (as agreed by Policy & Resources)

## **8. Efficiency & Sustainability**

### **City of London overall Financial Position and context for the Efficiency and Sustainability Plan**

The Court of Common Council approved the published Efficiency and Sustainability Plan on the 13th October 2016. This plan focuses on the existing Service Based Review programme which is now nearing completion, other agreed transformation initiatives and developing a framework for continuous efficiency improvement for 2017/18 and later years. This plan needs to be viewed in the context of the overall Medium Term Financial Strategy to have a five year plan with sufficient cashable savings to present a balanced budget for all four funds and adopting an investment approach utilising the headroom to invest in one-off projects such as the Museum of London relocation project and 'bow wave' list of outstanding repairs.

To assist with this context and messaging, a set of core messages on the City of London Corporation's Finances have been developed and are set out in Appendix B for members information.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A – Movement between Original 2016/17 budget and the Final Agreed budget
- Appendix B – Efficiency & Sustainability Plan

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