

Committee(s): Port Health and Environmental Services	Dated: 13 07 2021
Subject: Revenue Outturn 2020/21	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	n/a
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	n/a
What is the source of Funding?	n/a
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	n/a
Report of: Chamberlain Director of the Built Environment Director of Markets and Consumer Protection Director of Open Spaces	For Information
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Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2020/21 with the final budget for the year. Overall total net expenditure for the year was £16.274m, whereas the total agreed budget was £18.534m, representing an underspend of £2.260m as set out below:

Summary Comparison of 2020/21 Revenue Outturn with Final Budget				
	Original Budget £000	Final Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variation Better/ (Worse) £000
Direct Net Expenditure				
Built Environment	(8,796)	(8,845)	(8,516)	329
Markets & Consumer Protection	(2,180)	(3,869)	(3,265)	604
Open Spaces	1,675	1,753	3,066	1,313
City Surveyor (including Cyclical Works Programme)	(1,211)	(488)	(576)	(88)
Total Direct Net Expenditure	(10,512)	(11,449)	(9,291)	2,158
Capital and Support Services	(6,679)	(7,085)	(6,983)	102
Overall Total	(17,191)	(18,534)	(16,274)	2,260

Chief Officers have submitted requests to carry forward underspendings, and these will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report and the proposed carry forward of local risk underspendings to 2021/22

Main Report

Revenue Outturn for 2020/21

- Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2020/21 totalled £16.274m, an underspend of £2.26m compared to the final budget of £18.534m. A summary comparison with the final budget for the year is tabulated below. In this and subsequent tables, figures in brackets indicated expenditure, increases in expenditure or decreases in income.

Summary Comparison of 2020/21 Revenue Outturn with Final Budget				
	Original Budget £000	Final Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variation Better/ (Worse) £000
Local Risk				
Built Environment	(8,796)	(8,815)	(8,485)	330
Markets & Consumer Protection	(2,112)	(2,600)	(2,104)	496
Open Spaces	1,675	1,765	3,078	1,313
City Surveyor	(367)	(397)	(504)	(107)
Total Local Risk	(9,600)	(10,047)	(8,015)	2,032
Central Risk				
Built Environment	0	(30)	(31)	(1)
Markets & Consumer Protection	(68)	(1,269)	(1,161)	108
Open Spaces	0	(12)	(12)	0
Total Central Risk	(68)	(1,311)	(1,204)	107
Cyclical Works Programme	(844)	(91)	(72)	19
Capital and Support Services	(6,679)	(7,085)	(6,983)	102
Overall Total	(17,191)	(18,534)	(16,274)	2,260

- The most significant local risk variations comprise:
 - Built Environment £330,000 underspend
 - a reduction in street cleansing contract costs, £757,000
 - a reduction in employee costs, £173,000
 - a reduction in commercial waste royalty income, (£241,000)

- a reduction in transfers from the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) reserve, (£300,000)
 - Markets and Consumer Protection £496,000 underspend
 - a reduction in contingencies, £301,000
 - a reduction in bad debt provision, £141,000
 - an increase in Ports income, £206,000
 - an increase in grant income for Brexit preparations and sampling, £1.098m
 - an increase in transfers to reserves, (£1.046m)
 - an increase in employee costs, (£199,000)
 - an increase in sampling costs, (£121,000)
 - Open Spaces £1.313m underspend
 - an increase in Cemetery & Crematorium income, £1.683m
 - an increase in transfers to reserves, (£500,000)
 - City Surveyor £107,000 overspend
 - an increase in routine repairs and maintenance costs across the operational properties
3. The £107,000 underspend on central risk is primarily due to lower than anticipated costs of the Fishmonger's Hall inquest falling in 2020/21.
 4. The £102,000 underspend on capital and support services is due mainly to a reduction in the cost of Walbrook Wharf depot recharged from Finance Committee (£390,000 underspend), changes in the cost and allocation of central support services (£221,000 overspend) and increased costs for the Markets & Consumer Protection Directorate recharged from Markets Committee (£55,000 overspend).
 5. Appendix 1 provides a more detailed comparison of the local risk outturn against the final budget, including explanation of significant variations. Appendix 2 shows the gross local risk expenditure and income against budget for each Division of Service.
 6. Appendix 3 shows the movement from the 2020/21 original budget to the final budget.

Local Risk Carry Forward to 2021/22

7. The Director of the Built Environment has a local risk underspending of £330,000 on the activities overseen by your Committee. The Director had net local risk overspendings totalling £270,000 on activities overseen by other Committees. The Director is proposing that his maximum eligible underspend of £500,000 be carried forward, of which £200,000 relates to activities overseen by your Committee for the following purposes:
 - £150,000 towards the potential cost of redundancies as result of contract service reductions in street cleansing provision;
 - £40,000 for modification of a newly purchased vehicle to enable it for multiple uses including as a backup Garchey vehicle, gully tanker, and gritter;

- £10,000 for implementation of contactless payment facilities at public conveniences.
8. The Director of Markets and Consumer Protection has a local risk underspending of £496,000 on the activities overseen by your Committee. The Director had net local risk overspendings totalling £84,000 on activities overseen by other Committees. The Director is proposing that a total of £379,000 of his maximum eligible underspend of £412,000 be carried forward, of which £356,000 relates to activities overseen by your Committee for the following purposes:
- £350,000 for replacement of Lady Aileen's engines;
 - £6,000 for completion of air quality citizen science work started in 2020/21 and delayed due to the impact of the pandemic.
9. The Director of Open Spaces has a local risk underspending of £1.313m on the activities overseen by your Committee. The Director had net local risk underspendings totalling £80,000 on activities overseen by other Committees. The Director is proposing that a total of £168,000 of his maximum eligible underspend of £500,000 be carried forward, none of which relates to activities overseen by your Committee.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Strategic implications – none.

Financial implications – none.

Resource implications – none.

Legal implications – none.

Risk implications – none.

Equalities implications – none.

Climate implications – none.

Security implications – none.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Port Health and Environmental Services Committee Comparison of 2020/21 Local Risk Revenue Outturn with Final Budget
- Appendix 2 – Port Health and Environmental Services Committee Analysis of 2020/21 Local Risk Revenue Outturn by Service
- Appendix 3 – Port Health and Environmental Services Committee Analysis of Movements 2020/21 Original Budget to Final Budget

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