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City of London Scholarship - Anglo-Irish Literature	TC	£19,850	£0	£19,850	The Remembrancer has been in discussions with the Policy Chair over using the remainder of this funding to sponsor an award for Anglo-Irish Literature. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has meant this has been delayed but Remembrancer's intend to put a report to Committee to this effect
Police Arboretum Memorial Fundraising Dinner	DIG	£30,000	£0	£30,000	This dinner was due to take place at Guildhall on 15 July – on 21 June, the Govt extended Covid-19 lockdown restrictions which then limited the benefits of holding the reception and dinner at Guildhall. Therefore a decision was made to postpone the dinner to early September 2021. We are awaiting confirmation of this new date from the Home Office. All guests and senior representatives involved have been kept up to date with this approach.
Census 2021	TC	£18,000	£0	£18,000	This payment relates to the City Corporation's subscription to the Census Information Scheme 2021. An order was made to the GLA the body co-ordinating the Scheme in March 2021, but as yet the City Corporation has not been invoiced.
Electoral Registration Campaign Manager	TC	£150,000	£68,581	£81,419	Creation of new online campaign portal, "Speak for the City", due to go live in late July/early August – created by one of the world's leading digital campaigns and elections agencies – to provide a single source of information and engagement with our elections. Move to CRM-based email communications, allowing for continuous tracking and improvement of our email list.

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Common Council Elections in March 2021	TC	£126,645	£0	£126,645	This funding was agreed to cover promotional and other activities in the lead up to the March 2021 Ward Election. As a result of the pandemic, the date of the election was changed to March 2022 and this funding was subsequently transferred from 2020/21 Policy Committee contingency to 2021/22. An Elections Engagement Manager (EEM) was appointed earlier this year to manage and drive this area of work. Consequently with the exception of £48,000 which was earmarked to employ two additional (temporary) members of staff in electoral services to cover the canvass and election period, the remaining £79,000 of this allocation is now being managed by the EEM. Arrangements are currently underway to recruit the two temporary employees with the intention of having them in place by early August 2021
Smithfield Negotiation – Mediation Fees	TC	£57,000	£0	£57,000	A day's mediation was held on 23 June 2021

Key Responsible Officer:

DIG Director of Innovation and Growth

TC Town Clerk