

Committee(s)	Dated:
Community and Children's Services – For Information	8 June 2022
Subject: Revenue Outturn 2021/22 – Community and Children's Services Committee (City Fund)	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1,2,3,4,8,9,12
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Summary

This report compares the 2021/22 revenue outturn for the non-Housing Revenue Account (HRA) services overseen by your Committee with the final agreed budget for the year. The Director of Community and Children's Services local risk budget was overspent by £249,000 with an overspend on all risks including recharges of £1m. This is summarised in the table below.

Summary Comparison of 2021/22 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget – Community & Children's Services Committee			
	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variations (Increase) / Reduction £000
Local Risk	(11,774)	(12,023)	(249)
Central Risk	(698)	(1,330)	(632)
Surveyors R&M	(253)	(5)	248
Total all Risks	(12,725)	(13,358)	(633)
Recharges	(2,585)	(2,971)	(386)
Overall Totals	(15,310)	(16,329)	(1,019)

Due to the adverse variance on Local Risk, there will be no requests for carry forwards this year for purposes of this Committee.

Recommendation

It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2021/22 is noted

Main Report

Revenue Outturn for 2021/212

- Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2021/22 totalled £16,329m. A summary comparison with the final agreed budget for the year of £15,310m is tabulated below. In the tables, figures in brackets indicate expenditure or adverse variance.

Comparison of 2021/22 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget					
	<i>Original Budget</i> £000	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variations to Final Agreed Budget (Increase) / Reduction £000	Paragraph
Local Risk					
Supervision & Management	(1,413)	(1,234)	(1,226)	8	
Partnerships & Commissioned Services	(1,208)	(1,240)	(1,256)	(16)	
People's Services	(8,700)	(8,447)	(8,702)	(255)	4, 7
Housing Services	(513)	(853)	(839)	14	
Total Local Risk	(11,834)	(11,774)	(12,023)	(249)	
Central Risk	(401)	(698)	(1,330)	(632)	5, 6, 7,8
Surveyors R&M	(6)	(253)	(5)	248	9
Recharges	(1,951)	(2,585)	(2,971)	(386)	10
Overall Totals	(14,192)	(15,310)	(16,329)	(1,019)	

- A reconciliation of original local risk budget to the final agreed local risk budget is provided in Appendix A.
- The 2021/22 final approved central risk budget includes significant additional resources due to successful bids from the Priorities Investment Pot along with additional resources in relation to the flexible retirement scheme.

Reasons for significant variations

- The net adverse variance of £255k in People's Services is due to the continued pressures within the social care service area. This is due to rising care costs and a change in client numbers / circumstances throughout the year. The overspend would have been higher however the Director managed

to contain some of these pressures within his overall DCCS local risk budget from savings and additional income elsewhere however it is unlikely that this will continue.

5. The Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers central risk budget was under pressure this year due to the number of children aged 18-25. The funding received from the Home Office is not adequate to cover the full cost of those asylum seekers who have now become care leavers. Once a client turns 18, the funding from the Home Office is reduced and this stops when they turn 21. The city has decided to support these clients until they are 25.
6. Recently, 21 of the care leavers have been granted leave to remain which entitles them to receive benefits such as universal credit. There are a further 11 clients who are either waiting for an interview or the outcome of their interview. If leave to remain is granted, this would result in savings going forwards for the city as support costs will be lower.
7. DCCS are currently reviewing the highest care cost placements which could potentially result in savings however both the social care and asylum budgets are very volatile and a small change in client numbers could have a major effect on the outturn.
8. During the year, the City signed up to the Afghanistan Resettlement Programme and the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. The costs involved with these programmes have been fully met from government grants and have had no impact on the Directors overall net outturn.
9. Due to slippage of the procurement and delivery timeframe for these cyclical works at the Golden Lane Leisure Centre; the budget was underspent. Works are now commencing and the budget will be drawn down during 22/23.

10. The table below shows a breakdown of the Capital and Support Services budgets and expenditure.

	<i>Original Budget</i> £000	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variation (Increase)/ Decrease £000
CAPITAL & SUPPORT SERVICES				
Capital Charges	(486)	(485)	(485)	0
Support Services, including Chamberlains, Comptrollers* & Town Clerks	(908)	(1,138)	(1,451)	(313)
Surveyors Employee Recharges	(1)	(1)	(1)	0
IS Recharges	(606)	(721)	(752)	(31)
Guildhall Admin Buildings	(254)	(270)	(281)	(11)
Insurances, including premises & Liability	(56)	(55)	(66)	(11)
Other recharges	328	53	33	(20)
Corporate & Democratic Core	32	32	32	0
TOTAL CAPITAL & SUPPORT SERVICES	(1,951)	(2,585)	(2,971)	(386)

*The Comptrollers and City Solicitors department continue to recharge departments for any external legal fees that they have incurred.

The budgets for Community & Children's Services departmental support service costs and IS costs were based on 2020/21 actual attributions whereas the final charges for 2021/22 reflect the most recent time and costs attributions.

Recharges have a corresponding contra entry in their own accounts. Consequently, these charges have no overall impact on net expenditure for the Corporation as a whole

Local Risk Budget Carry Forward to 2022/23

11. Chief Officers can request underspends of up to 10% or £500,000 (whichever is the lesser) of the final agreed local risk budget to be carried forward provided 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.
12. The Director of Community and Children's Services' is not able to request a carry forward this year due to the adverse variance on Local Risk.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Financial implications: None

Resource implications: None

Legal implications: None
Risk implications: None
Equalities implications: None
Climate implications: None
Security implications: None

Appendices

- Appendix A – A reconciliation of 2021/22 original local risk budget to the final agreed local risk budget 2021/22

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