

Committee(s)	Dated:
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee	15 June 2022
Subject: Revenue Outturn 2021/22 – Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11 & 12
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: The Chamberlain & the Executive Director Environment	For Information
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Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2021/22 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a better than budget position of £370,000 for the services overseen by your Committee compared with the final agreed budget for the year as set out below.

	Final Agreed Budget £000	Outturn £000	(Increase)/ Decrease £000
Local Risk			
Executive Director Environment	(4,623)	(4,430)	193
City Surveyor	(468)	(494)	(26)
Total Local Risk	(5,091)	(4,924)	167
Cyclical Works Programme	(807)	(604)	203
Central Risk	1,007	1,016	9
Recharges	(1,517)	(1,526)	(9)
Total	(6,408)	(6,038)	370

Significant variations are within local risk (Queen's Park) and the Cyclical Works Programme (CWP), with specific detail provided in paragraph 4a and 4b.

The Executive Director Environment had an overall local risk favourable variance of £193,000 (excluding City Surveyor) for your Committee. This favourable variance has been aggregated with services overseen by other Open Spaces Committees, producing a City's Cash overall local risk favourable position of £35,000 across all Open Spaces.

Recommendation(s)

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

Main Report

Budget Position for 2021/22

1. The 2021/22 latest agreed budget for Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park services overseen by your Committee (received in January 2022) was £6.358m. This budget was endorsed by the Court of Common Council in March 2022 and was subsequently updated for approved adjustments of £50,000. These consisted of a £21,000 increase to the Supplementary Revenue Project budget under central risk, £14,000 increase in recharges and £15,000 increase to the CWP. Movement of the original local risk budget to the final agreed budget is provided in Appendix A.

Revenue Outturn 2021/22

2. Actual net expenditure for your Committees' services during 2021/22 totalled £6.038m, a favourable budget variance of £370,000 compared with the final agreed budget.
3. A summary comparison with the final agreed budget for the year is tabulated below. In the tables, income, increases in income and reductions in expenditure are shown as positive balances, whereas brackets are used to denote expenditure, increases in expenditure, or shortfalls in income. Only significant variances (generally those greater than £50,000) are commented on.

Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood, and Queen's Park
Comparison of 2021/22 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget

		Original Budget £000	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	(Increase) Decrease £000	Reason Paragraph
LOCAL RISK						
Executive Director Environment						
Hampstead Heath						
	Expenditure	(5,896)	(6,329)	(6,320)	9	
	Income	2,069	2,478	2,478	-	
		(3,827)	(3,851)	(3,842)	9	
Queens Park						
	Expenditure	(587)	(657)	(532)	125	4a
	Income	147	214	234	20	
		(440)	(443)	(298)	145	
Highgate Wood						
	Expenditure	(410)	(411)	(367)	44	
	Income	82	82	77	(5)	
		(328)	(329)	(290)	39	
Total Executive Director Environment		(6,893)	(7,397)	(7,219)	178	
Total Executive Director Environment		2,298	2,774	2,789	15	
City Surveyor						
City Surveyors Local Risk						
		(413)	(468)	(494)	(26)	
Total City Surveyor Local Risk		(413)	(468)	(494)	(26)	
TOTAL LOCAL RISK		(5,008)	(5,091)	(4,924)	167	
Cyclical Works Programme		(740)	(807)	(604)	203	4b
CENTRAL RISK						
Hampstead Heath						
		1,108	1,105	1,110	5	
Queen's Park						
		(16)	(16)	(22)	(6)	
Highgate Wood						
		5	(82)	(72)	10	
TOTAL CENTRAL RISK		1,097	1,007	1,016	9	
RECHARGES						
Insurance						
		(105)	(105)	(108)	(3)	
Support Services						
		(475)	(472)	(498)	(26)	
Surveyor's Employee Recharge						
		(277)	(259)	(259)	-	
I.S. Recharge						
		(256)	(281)	(293)	(12)	
Recharges Within Fund (Directorate, Democratic Core, and Learning)						
		(315)	(383)	(362)	21	
Recharges Across Fund (Structural Maintenance - Inspections)						
		(17)	(17)	(6)	11	
TOTAL RECHARGES		(1,445)	(1,517)	(1,526)	(9)	
OVERALL TOTAL		(6,096)	(6,408)	(6,038)	370	

Reasons for Significant Variations

4. a) The £125,000 favourable variance within Queen's Park expenditure is mainly due to vacancies being held whilst the department went through the Target Operating Model (TOM), as well as delays beyond the services control over replacing play area equipment and security gates. These delays were down to continuing issues with contracting suitable qualified contractors in 2021/22, with COVID-19 still impacting up until March.
- b) The £203,000 favourable variance in respect of CWP mainly relates to works deferred to 2022/23. Hampstead Heath – All Ponds – Valve Replacement and the Mixed Bathing Pond-Sewage Pumps and Control Gear Replacement projects will now be undertaken in 2022/23 and the Parliament Hill Fields – Lido Building Complex – Paving & Terracing Overhaul project was delayed due to weather and planning issues.

Local Risk Carry Forward to 2022/23

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 was not fortuitous and the resources were for a planned purpose that was prevented from happening during the year. Such requests are subject to the approval of the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee. Any overspends are carried forward in full and are met from the agreed 2022/23 budgets.
6. The Director's favourable variance of £193,000 (local risk) has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other Open Spaces Committees, resulting in a City's Cash overall favourable variance of £35,000 (local risk) across all Open Spaces. There were no carry forward requests submitted by the Executive Director Environment within City Cash which relate to this committee.

Strategic Implications

7. None

Financial Implications

8. All financial implications contained within the report.

Resource Implications

9. None.

Legal Implications

10. None.

Risk Implications

11. None.

Equalities Implications

12. None.

Climate Implications

13. None.

Security Implications

14. None.

Conclusion

15. This report presents the revenue outturn position for 2021/22 for Members to note.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Movement between the Original 2021/22 Budget and the Final Agreed Budget 2021/22.

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Appendix A

Movement from the 2021/22 Original Budget to the 2021/22 Final Agreed Budget

Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queens Park	£000
Original Net Local Risk Budget (Executive Director Environment & City Surveyor)	(5,008)
Executive Director Environment	
Pay increases at 1.525% for grades A-C	(31)
Allocation from the Directorate to fund various projects	(3)
Release of Local Risk funding for Redevelopment of Hampstead Heath Adventure Playground capital scheme	6
City Surveyor:	
Planned & Reactive Works including Cleaning	(55)
Final Agreed Net Local Risk Budget (Executive Director Environment & City Surveyor)	(5,091)