

Committee(s): Planning and Transportation Committee	Dated: 18 July 2023
Subject: Business Plans 2022/23: Progress Report (Period 3, December-March)	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	9, 10, 11, 12
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
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Summary

This report provides an update on progress made during Period Three (December-March) 2022/23 against the High-Level Business Plan 2022/23 for the service areas of the Environment Department which fall within the remit of your Committee. Key performance information is provided within the covering report and at Appendix 1.

Financial information relating to this period is provided in the separate Chamberlain's Revenue Outturn report which is also presented to this Committee.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the content of this report and its appendices.

Main Report

Background

1. The 2022/23 High-Level Business Plan set out the key aims, workstreams and key performance indicators (KPIs) of the services within the remit of your Committee for the year ahead.
2. To ensure your Committee is kept informed, an update on progress made against the High-Level Business Plan is reported to you on a periodic (four-monthly) basis. This approach allows Members to ask questions and have a timely input into areas of particular importance to them.
3. Please note that the full, end of year financial position is detailed in the Chamberlain's Revenue Outturn report which is also presented to this Committee.

Current Position

4. This report provides an update on progress made against the 2022/23 High-Level Business Plan during Period Three (December 2022 - March 2023) by the following service areas of the Environment Department:

- The Planning and Development Division, including the District Surveyor
- The City Operations Division: Highways and Transportation services

5. Appendix 1 presents key performance information as infographics.

6. Progress made against key workstreams and other achievements during the period are summarised below:

a) **Climate Action Strategy**

The Department's Climate Adaptation Action Plan continued to be developed along with specific climate resilience measures.

The 'Cool Streets and Greening Programme' progressed:

- The first season of tree planting resulted in 27 new street trees.
- Funding (£21,150) was secured through the GLA's 'Rewild London Fund' to enhance Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) management.
- Work continued to identify suitable sites for Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).

b) **City Plan 2040**

Progress continued on updating the City Plan evidence base, with studies underway, commissioned or completed relating to office demand; characterisation; tall buildings; hotels; and housing.

c) **Transport Strategy**

A separate detailed report on the Transport Strategy is presented to this Committee.

d) **Fire Safety Bill**

In January 2023, your Committee approved a proposal for the District Surveyor's Office to act as a single point of contact between the Building Safety Regulator and all London Borough building control departments, when the Regulator requires assistance under Section 13 of the Building Safety Act 2022. (London District Surveyors Association HUB).

Officers continue to work with the Regulator to ensure the London District Surveyor Association HUB will be available from October 2023. They are also working to ensure that all building control surveyors are prepared to demonstrate their 'competence' via an accredited external body and achieve registration with the Building Safety Regulator, which will be a requirement from October 2023."

e) **Government Planning Reforms**

A response to the Government's consultation on reforms to the planning system related to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill was submitted in March 2023. A copy of the response was circulated to Committee Members.

f) **The London Plan**

The London Plan was adopted (March 2021). London Plan Guidance has been published and is being applied. There have been no new consultations took place during the period covered by this report. City officers continue to engage with Greater London Authority officers in relation to conformity between the City Plan and the London Plan, and related issues.

g) **Lighting Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

Public consultation on the draft Lighting SPD was completed in February 2023, with a high number of responses received. A separate detailed report is presented to this Committee.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Strategic implications – The monitoring of key improvement objectives and performance measures links to the achievement of the aims and outcomes set out in the Corporate Plan 2018-23.

Financial implications – The full, end of year financial position is detailed in the Chamberlain's Revenue Outturn report presented separately to this committee.

Resource implications – None.

Legal implications – None.

Risk implications – Risks to achieving the objectives set out in the Business Plan of each service area are identified and managed in accordance with the City of London Risk Management Framework. Risk Registers are reported to this Committee on a regular basis.

Equalities implications – None.

Climate implications – None.

Security implications – None.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Key performance information

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