

<b>Committee:</b> Planning & Transportation	<b>Dated:</b> 18/07/2023
<b>Subject:</b> Property Search Income and Expenditure	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	6,9
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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### Summary

At the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting on 11 May 2023, Members asked for further information on income and expenditure for Land Charges. This report sets out the total income and expenditure for 2022/23.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note this report.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. At the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting on 11 May 2023, the Committee agreed an increase in the fees charged for property searches to ensure that fee income was sufficient to fully cover the costs incurred in providing the service.
2. At the meeting, Members requested a breakdown of the costs incurred in providing the service to be satisfied that fee income will be sufficient and to inform any future consideration of increases in fees.

#### Current Position

3. The table below sets out a breakdown of costs and income associated with running the property search function for 2022/23, providing more detail on local risk expenditure, central risk recharges and overall income.

<b>Cost Heading</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Land Charges Expenditure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff costs</li> <li>• Supplies &amp; Services (printing, IT, Subscriptions)</li> </ul>	-£55,000
Recharges	-£28,000
Land Charges Income	£106,000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£23,000</b>

4. This table does not include the cost of managerial oversight, estimated at £10,000 for 2022/23, or the costs incurred elsewhere in the Environment Department in responding to questions raised through property searches.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

Strategic implications – The income from property search fees ensures that the City Corporation can continue to provide a key service to property owners and developers, meeting Corporate Plan objectives 6 and 9.

Financial implications – none

Resource implications – none

Legal implications - none

Risk implications - none

Equalities implications – none

Climate implications - none

Security implications - none

### **Conclusion**

5. At the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting on 11 May 2023, Members asked for further information on income and expenditure for Land Charges. This report sets out the total income and expenditure for 2022/23.

### **Appendices**

None

### **Background Papers**

Report to Planning & Transportation Committee 11 May 2023: Charges for Property Searches

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