Planning & Transportation Committee

Comparison of 2023/24 Revenue Outturn with Final Budget – Local Risk

	Original Budget £'000	Final Budget £'000	Revenue Outturn £'000	Variation Better/ (Worse) £'000	Notes
LOCAL RISK					
Interim Executive Director Environment City Fund					
Town Planning	(2,648)	(2,197)	(1,331)	866	1
City Property Advisory Team	(542)	` (564)	(464)	100	2
Planning Obligations	` o´	` O´	` o´	0	
Transportation Planning	(1,474)	(1,627)	(1,299)	328	3
Directorate	(2,089)	(2,096)	(2,119)	(23)	
Road Safety	(297)	(302)	(288)	14	
Street Scene	(70)	(70)	(70)	0	
Building Control	(915)	(874)	(312)	562	4
Structural Mtce/Inspections	(720)	(663)	(528)	135	5
Highways	(3,311)	(3,358)	(3,954)	(596)	6
Traffic Management	1,207	1,177	1,957	780	7
Off-Street Parking	480	708	708	0	8
On-Street Parking	(3,622)	(3,686)	(3,686)	0	9
Drains & Sewers	(381)	(402)	(306)	96	10
Committee Contingency	1,883	155	0	(155)	11
Total City Fund	(12,499)	(13,799)	(11,692)	2,107	
Total Interim Executive Director Environment	(12,499)	(13,799)	(11,692)	2,107	
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The City Surveyor*					
Town Planning	(10)	(5)	0	5	
Highways	(1 ⁴⁸)	(13 4)	(89)	45	
Off-Street Parking	(115)	(102)	(51)	51	
Total City Surveyor	(273)	(241)	(140)	101	12
TOTAL LOCAL RISK	(12,772)	(14,040)	(11,832)	2,208	

(*excludes the Cyclical Works Programme)

Reasons for significant Local Risk variations

- Town Planning underspend due to additional income from Planning fees, Planning Performance Agreements and other contributions £958,000, and reduced salary costs as a result of vacancies £395,000. This has been partly offset by increased fees and services costs relating to Local Plan consultant costs and Statement of Historic England SLA (£487,000).
- 2. **City Property Advisory Team** underspend due to reduced salary costs as a result of vacancies £71,000 and spend not required for other running expenses £29,000.

- 3. **Transportation Planning** underspend due to reduced salary costs as a result of vacancies £361,000, reduced spend on professional and internal legal fees £106,000 and other running expenses £32,000. This has been partly offset by shortfall in staff cost recovery from capital projects due to vacancies (£171,000).
- 4. **Building Control** underspend due to reduced salary costs as a result of vacancies £453,000, increased income from Building Regulation fees £105,000 and other running cost savings £40,000. This has been partly offset by shortfall in Approvals in Principle income (£36,000).
- 5. **Structural Maintenance** underspend due to reduced inspection contract costs £62,000, highway structures breakdown maintenance works not required £59,000, and other charges for services provided £14,000.
- 6. **Highways** overspend due to:
 - Increase in repairs & maintenance FM Conway contract costs (£600,000).
 - Increase in other running costs (£21,000).
 - Shortfall in admin fee income (£20,000).
 - Partly offset by reduced electricity costs due to Power Purchase Agreement credits £45,000.
- 7. **Traffic Management** underspend due to:
 - Increase in road closure fees, hoarding & scaffolding fees, road permitting fees and Thames Tideway SLA income £737,000.
 - Reduced salary costs due to vacancies £43,000.
- 8. **Off Street Parking** whilst the overall variance was nil, there were a number of significant offsetting variances:
 - shortfall in rental income (£350,000) and car parking fees (£126,000).
 - reduction in rates costs £224,000, car parks contract management costs £93,000 and other running cost savings £18,000.
 - Deficit balance transferred from the Parking Reserve Account £141,000.
- 9. **On Street Parking** whilst the overall variance was nil, there were a number of significant offsetting variances:
 - salary underspends £308,000.
 - reductions in enforcement contract costs £244,000.
 - reduced printing costs £66,000, and other running expenses £41,000.
 - Surplus balance transferred to the Parking Reserve Account (£659,000).
- 10. **Drains & Sewers** underspend due to reduction in drainage works £46,000, salary underspends £30,000 and increase in pipe subways openings and admin fee income £20,000.
- 11. **Contingency** overspend of (£155,000) due to a vacancy factor held for the Department.
- 12. **City Surveyor** underspend of £101,000 for reduction in breakdown repairs maintenance works was due to reduction in reactive call outs and reduced costs for the new planned preventative maintenance contract.

Planning & Transportation Committee Comparison of 2023/24 Revenue Outturn with Final Budget – Central Risk

	Original Budget £'000	Final Budget £'000	Revenue Outturn £'000	Variation Better/ (Worse) £'000	Notes
CENTRAL RISK					
Interim Execuitve Director Environment City Fund					
Town Planning	748	733	1,031	298	13
Transportation Planning	773	773	364	(409)	14
Street Scene	0	(74)	(74)	O O	
Highways	2,399	2,377	2,209	(168)	15
Off-Street Parking	146	(215)	(354)	(139)	16
On-Street Parking	3,920	3,971	4,042	71	17
Structural Maintenance	60	60	68	8	
Committee Contingency	(15)	0	0	0	
TOTAL CENTRAL RISK	8,031	7,625	7,286	(339)	

Reasons for significant Central Risk variations

- 13. **Town Planning** underspend due to increased income for pre-application fees and land charges fees £298,000.
- 14. **Transportation Planning** overspend due to shortfall in staff cost recharges to capital projects as a result of staff vacancies and allocation of officer's time to projects (£409,000).
- 15. **Highways** overspend due to shortfall in staff cost recharges to capital projects as a result of staff vacancies and allocation of officer's time to projects (£168,000).
- 16. **Off-Street Parking** overspend due to lower local risk operating costs and lower central support recharges, resulting in an increased transfer of funding to the Parking Reserve Account.
- 17. **On-Street Parking** underspend due to increase in suspension and pay & display income £903,000 and reduction in bad debt provision £800,000. These were largely offset by reduced PCN income for the year (£619,000) and an increased transfer of funding to the Parking Reserve Account (£1,013,000).