

OPERATIONAL SERVICE OVERVIEW

Chamberlain

City Fund

Cost Of Collection

The Cost of Collection reflects the expenditure incurred in the administration and collection of the Non-Domestic Rates and the Council Tax.

City's Estate

Chamberlain's Court

The main duties of the Chamberlain's Court include assisting the Chamberlain to admit persons to the Freedom of the City; to help in the formation of new Livery Companies; and to maintain the Mansion House Plate Inventory.

Gresham - City Moiety

This includes the City's share of the income from the Royal Exchange, 89/91 Gresham Street and Gresham House annuity. It also shows the City's share of the expenses of running the Gresham Estate.

Gresham - Discretionary Expenditure

This principally consists of the grant to Gresham College, the non-mandatory elements of the Lecturer's fees and administrative costs.

Guildhall Administration

Within Guildhall Administration the Chamberlain's Department provides a wide range of financial services.

The department is organised into the Financial Services Division, Corporate Treasury, Shared Services Internal Audit and Business Support.

The work of the department (except for Cost of Collection and the Chamberlain's Court which are summarised in the notes above) are explained below.

Chamberlain's Department – General

The services provided by the **Financial Services Division**:

- revenue and capital budget preparation and financing
- budget monitoring and financial advice
- accounting and final accounts
- medium-and longer-term financial planning and technical analysis
- strategic financial advice on major projects
- capital project appraisal
- business partnering
- support to corporate governance
- Oracle System Team

The services provided by **Corporate Treasury**:

- financial investment and cash management
- VAT/tax planning

- banking
- financial appraisal of organisations

The services provided by **Financial Shared Services Division**:

- Business Rates Billing and Collection
- Business Improvement Districts Billing and Collection
- Council Tax Billing and Collection
- Miscellaneous Income Billing and Collection
- Property Rent and Service Charge Billing and Collection
- Housing Benefit Administration
- Council Tax Reduction Support Administration
- Accounts Payable

Chamberlain's Department – Insurance

Part of the Corporate Treasury but included in a separate cost centre, the Insurance Section is responsible for undertaking risk assessments and securing the required insurance cover.

Strategic Aims

As part of the Chamberlain's transformation programme a new strategic vision has also been built with all colleague's feedback being taken into consideration/implemented before finalising. This has been built on six pillars as follows:

1. Stewardship

Enable financial sustainability and manage risk through leadership on financial control, governance and assurance

2. Empowering

Empowering team members to excel through a focus on wellbeing, professional development and leadership

3. Trusted Partner

Create value and drive impact through strategic advice, ceremonial duties and professional insight as trusted advisors

4. Partnership Working

Deliver in partnership with customers and each other as a professional Chamberlain's community

5. Commercial

Champion value for money, develop opportunities and embed commercial practices in support of the communities we serve

6. Digital First

Look to the future, embrace technology and continuously improve through innovation and adaptation

Commercial Department

The Commercial Department is a key component in the transformation of how the City procures and pays for the goods and services it needs. The Commercial Service provides

professional expertise and leadership to ensure Corporation commercial relationships deliver innovative, high-quality, value for money services and responsible outcomes. Functions include strategic sourcing, category and contract management, responsible procurement, policy and assurance and key supplier performance monitoring.

Deputy Town Clerk

City's Estate Shrieval Support

This budget contains the salaries and office expenses of the Shrieval Support at the Central Criminal Court.

Mansion House Premises

This budget includes the maintenance and running expenses of the Mansion House which is a Grade 1 Listed Building incorporating working offices, function rooms, Mayoral accommodation and staff accommodation. The budget is used for the fabric of the building both internal and external.

Corporate Services – This includes:

- the cost of catering in respect of Committee lunches.
- the Sheriff's election allowances.
- the cost of Shrieval mementos; and
- a proportion of ward and election expenses.

City Surveyor

City Fund

Central Criminal Court

The City provides the premises of the Central Criminal Court for the Court Service of the Lord Chancellor's Department and accommodates not only the eighteen courts, but also offices for the City of London Police, HM Prison Services, Serco Prisoner Handling Services, Crown Prosecution Service, Probation Service, Treasury Council, the Crown Court Witness Service, HMCTS List Office, Coroner's Court, Coroner's and Coroner's staff offices, Probationary Service Offices, Mental Health Services Office, Press Office and Met Police administration Office.

The eighteen courts are made ready for use on Monday to Friday and may be required to sit on public holidays and weekends.

The City is responsible for the care of the building and the provision of its facilities which includes the maintenance of the fabric of the Central Criminal Court, its furnishing, fittings and all the mechanical and electrical equipment, the daily cleaning of the building and the provision of security services.

A proportion of the employee costs and 95% of other running costs are reimbursed by the Lord Chancellor's Department.

Walbrook Wharf

This budget relates to the operational management of Walbrook Wharf including repairing, maintaining and renewing the building and services.

Mayors and City of London Court

The provision of the present court, which is an amalgamation of the Mayor's Court and the City of London Court, is covered by the Courts Act 1971. The City Surveyor is responsible for repairing and maintaining the building and its services for use as a court. This is achieved through a combination of direct ordering, and supervision and management of contractors. Occupational issues are dealt with in consultation with the Court Service.

City's Estate

Central Criminal Court

This consists of the salaries, pensions and national insurance contributions for the posts of City Recorder and Common Serjeant.

Guildhall Complex

The Guildhall Manager has overall responsibility for security, facilities and contracted services at the Guildhall complex and is responsible for operating, repairing, maintaining and renewing buildings and services throughout the Guildhall complex. This is achieved through a combination of direct operations, and supervision and management of contractors. The emphasis is on value for money, quality and safety, with precise arrangements being regularly reviewed and refined to optimise performance. Capital projects are undertaken for significant Guildhall complex improvements.

Remembrancer

City's Estate

Corporate Services

This includes the cost of catering in respect of Committee Hospitality Allowances. The purpose is to enable committees, by means of hospitality, to establish and maintain contact with leading outside organisations that have been or could be of assistance to the City of London Corporation in its work, and to pay tribute to the past Chairman. These estimates also include expenditure relating to fees for parliamentary work.

Guildhall Complex

This contains the expenditure and income relating to the letting of Guildhall function areas for private events such as banquets, receptions or conferences. The areas available for hire currently are the Great Hall (subject to the concurrence of the Court of Common Council), the Old Library, the Livery Hall, the Crypts, the Print Room, the Chief Commoners Parlour, Guildhall Art Gallery, the Basinghall Suite and occasionally, Guildhall Yard.

As the Guildhall, Great Hall is a Grade 1 Listed Building, use is limited and subject to strict terms and conditions. Permission to hire is granted following Officer recommendation and Member approval. Applications are considered directly by the Policy and Resources Committee for the hire of the Great Hall and by the Chair of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee and Chief Commoner. The Guildhall complex hosts approximately 300 private events per annum and charges are reviewed annually by committee.

Director of Community and Children's Services

City's Estate

Gresham - Mandatory Expenses

This service is part of the Gresham Estates and shows the cost of maintaining the Almshouses and paying the Alms folk allowances, together with the mandatory element of the City of London Corporation's four Lecturers' fees (£400).