

City of London Corporation Committee Report

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| Committee(s): Planning & Transportation Committee – For Information | Dated: 11 February 2025 |
| Subject: Finance Progress Report (Q3 October – December) 2024/25 | Public report: For Information |
| This proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provides business enabling functions | N/A |
| Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending? | No |
| If so, how much? | £0 |
| What is the source of Funding? | N/A |
| Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department? | N/A |
| Report of: Executive Director Environment Chamberlain | |
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Summary

This report provides an update on your Committee’s 2024/25 local risk revenue budget position as at the end of December 2024.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

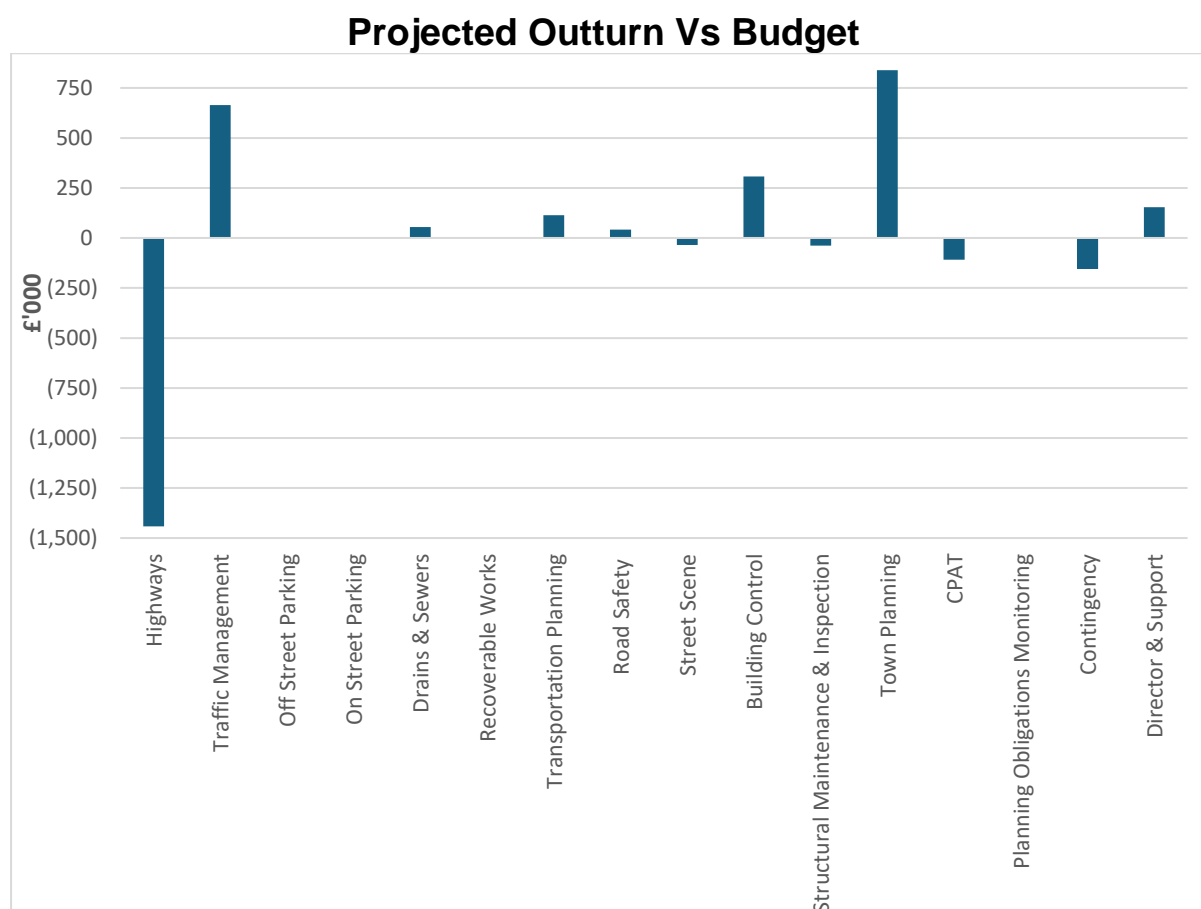
Background

1. Quarterly updates on the financial performance of your Committee's services have previously been incorporated into wider Business Plan progress updates. Where a Business Plan update is not produced for a particular reporting period, a separate finance update will be reported to you.
2. In the various tables, income, increases in income, and reductions in expenditure are shown as positive balances, whereas brackets will be used to denote expenditure, increases in expenditure, or reductions in income. Only significant variances (generally those greater than £50k) have been commented on.

Local Risk Revenue Forecast Outturn 2024/25

3. The end of December 2024 monitoring position for the overall Environment Department forecasts a projected year-end underspend of £390k. This consists of a £352k underspend on City's Estate and £38k underspend on City Fund.
4. Within the overall Environment Department position, the Divisions of Service (all City Fund) that fall into the remit of your Planning & Transportation Committee, currently have a net local risk expenditure budget of (£13.278m). As at the end of December 2024 they were projecting an outturn for 2024/25 of (£12,882m), a forecast underspend of £396k.
5. This is broken down by Division of Service in the graph below and Appendix 1 provides a more detailed financial analysis of each Division of Service, including reasons for significant variations (generally those over £50k).
6. The forecast underspend of £396k represents an increased underspend of £98k on the position reported for your Committee as at 30th September 2024, at which point an underspend of £298k was projected. The main change is due to increased salary underspends across a number of Divisions of Service due to vacancies and further increases in hoarding & scaffolding and road closure income within the Traffic Management Division of Service.
7. Due to the overall projected underspend across the Environment Department within City Fund services this financial year, the planned agreed funding draw down from the On-Street Parking Reserve (OSPR) to fund Highways maintenance works is not required this financial year and will be retained within the OSPR for future new funding bids.

8. The Executive Director Environment is also continuing to absorb other local risk overspends across the wider department whilst financial recovery plans are implemented.



Notes:

- Zero is the baseline latest approved budget for each Division of Service
- Graph shows projected outturn position against the Latest Approved Budget
- Variance above the baseline is favourable i.e. either additional income or reduced expenditure
- Variance below the baseline is unfavourable i.e. additional expenditure or reduced income
- Overall, the Committee is forecasting an underspend of £396k at year end

9. The main reasons for the projected underspend of £396k are:

- **Town Planning** - underspend £838k mainly due to salary underspends and increase in Planning fee income;
- **Traffic Management** - underspend £664k due to increase in income from Hoarding and Scaffolding licences and Road Closure fees;
- **Building Control** - underspend £308k due to salary underspends and increase in income from Building Regulation fees;
- **Director and Support** – underspend £153k due to salary underspends;

- **Transportation Planning** - underspend £114k mainly due to salary underspends.
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These underspends have been partly offset by:

- **Highways** - overspend (£1,441k) due to planned agreed funding from the On-Street Parking Reserve (OSPR) to fund Highways maintenance works not required due to overall Departmental underspend position;
- **Contingency** – overspend (£155K) relates to salary vacancy factor which has been met by salary underspends in the various Divisions of Service;
- **CPAT** – overspend (£108k) due to costs relating to Opportunity London Sponsorship, NLA partnership contract and other events spend.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Strategic implications - None

Financial implications - None

Resource implications - None

Legal implications - None

Risk implications - None

Equalities implications - None

Climate implications - None

Security implications - None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – P&T Local Risk Revenue Forecast Outturn 2024/25 (Q3)

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