

City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committee(s): Licensing Committee	Dated: 10/07/2025
Subject: Revenue Outturn 2024/25	Public report: For Information
This proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes • provides statutory duties • provides business enabling functions 	Leading Sustainable Environment Vibrant Thriving Destination Providing Excellent Services
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	n/a
What is the source of Funding?	n/a
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	n/a
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Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2024/25 with the budget for the year. Overall total net expenditure during the year was (£320,000) whereas the total budget was (£351,000), representing an underspending of £31,000 as set out below.

Summary Comparison of 2024/25 Revenue Outturn with Budget			
	Budget	Revenue Outturn	Variation Better/ (Worse)
	£000	£000	£000
Direct Net Expenditure			
Environment	(375)	(345)	30
Capital and Support Services	24	25	1
Overall Total	(351)	(320)	31

The Executive Director Environment submitted a request to carry forward local risk underspendings within the Department, but none for Licensing Committee. This request will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Revenue Outturn for 2024/25

1. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2024/25 totalled (£320,000), an underspend of £31,000 compared to the budget of (£351,000). A summary comparison with the budget for the year is tabulated below. In this and subsequent tables, expenditure and adverse variances are presented in brackets.

Summary Comparison of 2023/24 Revenue Outturn with Budget			
	Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variation Better/ (Worse) £000
Local Risk			
Environment	(375)	(345)	30
Total Local Risk	(375)	(345)	30
Capital and Support Services	24	25	1
Overall Total	(351)	(320)	31

2. The significant local risk variations were:
 - An increase in staff costs of (£55,000), primarily due to additional policy support and agency staff.
 - Additional income of £91,000, mainly from pavement licences following an increase in fees, and from street trading
3. Appendix 1 shows the movement from the 2024/25 opening budget to the closing budget.
4. The table below shows the degree to which costs were recovered through fees by licence type.

Revenue Outturn by Licence/Activity Type	Revenue Outturn £000
Late Night Levy ¹	
Expenditure	(153)
Income	153
Total Late Night Levy	0

Gambling Act ²	
Expenditure	(14)
Income	8
Total Gambling Act	(6)
Tables & Chairs	
Expenditure	(12)
Income	12
Total Tables & Chairs	0

¹ Including administration costs

² The cost of administering some application types have now exceeded the statutory maximum fees, therefore it is not possible to fully recover costs in those instances.

³ The costs relating to premises (excluding Late Night Levy), pavement licences and street trading are not separately identified at present. This category also includes any non-recoverable costs.

Local Risk Carry Forwards to 2025/26

5. The Executive Director Environment had a local risk underspending of £30,000 on the activities overseen by your Committee. Across the wider Department the Executive Director had net local risk underspendings totalling £209,000 on activities overseen by other Committees, after adjusting for unspent carry-forwards from 2023/24. The Executive Director has requested that £200,000 out of their maximum eligible underspend of £239,000 be carried forward, none of which relates to activities overseen by your Committee.

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 – Movement from 2024/25 opening budget to closing budget

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