

# City of London Corporation Committee Report

<b>Committee(s):</b> Port Health & Environmental Services	<b>Dated:</b> 22/07/2025
<b>Subject:</b> Revenue Outturn 2024/25	<b>Public report:</b> For Information
<b>This proposal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes</b></li> <li>• <b>provides statutory duties</b></li> <li>• <b>provides business enabling functions</b></li> </ul>	Leading Sustainable Environment Vibrant Thriving Destination Providing Excellent Services
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	No
<b>If so, how much?</b>	n/a
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	n/a
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	n/a
<b>Report of:</b>	Chamberlain Executive Director Environment
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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 for the year was (£20.291m), whereas the total agreed budget was (£17.686m), representing an overspend of (£2.605m) as set out below:

Summary Comparison of 2024/25 Revenue Outturn with Budget			
	Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variation Better/ (Worse) £000
<b>Direct Net Expenditure</b>			
Environment	(10,149)	(11,393)	(1,244)
City Surveyor (including Cyclical Works Programme)	(1,182)	(1,378)	(196)
<b>Total Direct Net Expenditure</b>	<b>(11,331)</b>	<b>(12,771)</b>	<b>(1,440)</b>
<b>Capital and Support Services</b>	<b>(6,355)</b>	<b>(7,520)</b>	<b>(1,165)</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>(17,686)</b>	<b>(20,291)</b>	<b>(2,605)</b>

The Executive Director Environment has submitted a request to carry forward local risk underspendings within the Department, none of which relates to your Committee, and this will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

## Recommendation

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 (£20.291m), an overspend of (£2.605m) compared to the budget of (£17.686m). A summary comparison with the budget for the year is tabulated below. In this and subsequent tables, figures in brackets indicate expenditure, increases in expenditure or decreases in income.

Summary Comparison of 2024/25 Revenue Outturn with Budget			
	Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variation Better/ (Worse) £000
<b>Local Risk</b>			
Environment	(10,138)	(11,408)	(1,270)
City Surveyor	(443)	(531)	(88)
<b>Total Local Risk</b>	<b>(10,581)</b>	<b>(11,939)</b>	<b>(1,358)</b>
<b>Central Risk</b>			
Environment	(11)	15	26
<b>Total Central Risk</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Cyclical Works Programme</b>	<b>(739)</b>	<b>(847)</b>	<b>(108)</b>
<b>Capital and Support Services</b>	<b>(6,355)</b>	<b>(7,520)</b>	<b>(1,165)</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>(17,686)</b>	<b>(20,291)</b>	<b>(2,605)</b>

2. The most significant local risk variations comprise:
  - **Environment, (£1.270m) overspend:**
    - a planned reduction in transfers from reserves for Street Cleansing (£1.516m)
    - increases in employee and grave construction costs at the Cemetery & Crematorium, (£0.246m)
    - a reduction in income from the Cemetery & Crematorium, (£0.113m);
    - reductions in contract costs from:
      - Waste Disposal, £0.097m
      - Street Cleansing, £0.052m

- an increase in grant funding and other contributions, City Environmental Health, £0.086m
- increases in income from:
  - o Street Cleansing, £0.249m
  - o commercial waste, £0.050m
  - o Waste Disposal, £0.040m

- **City Surveyor, (£88,000) overspend:**

- increases in reactive repair works mainly at the Cemetery & Crematorium and Public Conveniences

3. The (£108,000) overspend on the Cyclical Works Programme (CWP) is primarily in relation to changes in phasing of works, most significantly at Heathrow Animal Reception Centre.
4. The (£1,165,000) overspend on capital and support services is due primarily to:
  - capital charges, resulting mainly from changes in accounting requirements for leases, (£594,000);
  - Walbrook Wharf depot, (£618,000).
 These overspends are offset by corresponding underspends in Finance Committee.
5. Appendix 1 provides a more detailed comparison of the local risk outturn (including CWP) against the budget, including explanation of significant variations.
6. Appendix 2 shows the movement from the 2024/25 opening budget to the closing budget against which the outturn has been compared.

### **Local Risk Carry Forward to 2025/26**

7. The Executive Director Environment has a local risk overspending of (£1.270m) on the activities overseen by your Committee. Across the wider Environment Department the Executive Director Environment had net local risk underspendings totalling £1.509m on activities overseen by other Committees, after adjusting for unspent carry-forwards from 2023/24. The Executive Director Environment 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.
8. Carry-forward requests will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Resource Allocation Sub 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 – Port Health and Environmental Services Committee Comparison of 2024/25 Local Risk Revenue Outturn with Budget
- Appendix – Port Health and Environmental Services Committee Analysis of Movements 2024/25 Opening Budget to Closing Budget

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