

Committee(s): Port Health and Environmental Services	Date(s): 2 July 2013
Subject: Revenue Outturn 2012/13	Public
Report of: The Chamberlain Director of the Built Environment Director of Markets and Consumer Protection Director of Open Spaces	For Information

Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2012/13 with the final agreed budget for the year. Overall total net expenditure during the year was £15.6m, whereas the total agreed budget was £16.5m, representing an underspending of £0.9m as set out below:

Summary Comparison of 2012/13 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget			
	Final Approved Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variations Increase/ (Reduction) £000
Direct Net Expenditure			
Director of the Built Environment	8,444	8,104	(340)
Director of Markets and Consumer Protection	3,229	2,869	(360)
Director of Open Spaces	(352)	(370)	(18)
City Surveyor	714	438	(276)
Total Direct Net Expenditure	12,035	11,041	(994)
Capital and Support Services	4,419	4,530	111
Overall Totals	16,454	15,571	(883)

Chief Officers have submitted requests to carry forward underspendings, and these requests will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

Recommendations

- It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2012/13 and the proposed carry forwards of underspendings to 2013/14 are noted.

Main Report

Revenue Outturn for 2012/13

1. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2012/13 totalled £15.6m, an underspend of £0.9m compared to the final approved budget of £16.5m. A summary comparison with the final agreed budget for the year is tabulated below. In this and subsequent tables, figures in brackets indicate income or in hand balances, increases in income or decreases in expenditure.

Summary Comparison of 2012/13 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget				
	Final Approved Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variation Increase/ (Reduction) £000	Variation Increase/ (Reduction) %
Local Risk				
Director of the Built Environment	7,746	7,454	(292)	(3.8)
Director of Markets and Consumer Protection	3,221	2,861	(360)	(11.2)
Director of Open Spaces	(369)	(387)	(18)	(4.9)
City Surveyor	714	438	(276)	(38.7)
Total Local Risk	11,312	10,366	(946)	(8.4)
Central Risk				
Director of the Built Environment	698	650	(48)	(6.9)
Director of Markets and Consumer Protection	8	8	0	0
Director of Open Spaces	17	17	0	0
Total Central Risk	723	675	(48)	(6.6)
Capital and Support Services	4,419	4,530	111	2.5
Overall Totals	16,454	15,571	(883)	(5.4)

2. The main local risk variations comprise:

- **Director of the Built Environment** – a reduction in the net cost of waste disposal due to changes in the composition of the waste stream and in market prices for disposal of recyclables together with additional income from third party waste disposal, £184,000.
- **Director of Markets and Consumer Protection** – an increase in net income at the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre due to a combination of additional income from quarantine and fish import services, and savings across a number of budgets including premises repairs and maintenance and veterinary fees, £305,000.
- **City Surveyor** – a reduction in repairs and maintenance costs mainly as a result of rephasing of the Additional Works Programme, £276,000.

3. The £111,000 variation in capital and support services relates mainly to an increase in IS recharges as a result of changes in the level and attribution of central costs.

4. Appendix A provides a more detailed comparison of the local risk outturn against the final agreed budget, including explanation of significant variations. Appendix B shows the gross local risk expenditure and income against budget for each service.

Local Risk Carry Forward to 2013/14

5. The Director of the Built Environment has a local risk underspending of £292,000 on the activities overseen by your Committee, of which £283,000 is eligible to carry forward to 2013/14. The Director also had local risk underspending totalling £74,000 on activities overseen by other Committees. The Director is proposing that his total eligible underspend of £341,000 be carried forward, of which £92,000 relates directly to activities overseen by your Committee for the following purposes:

- £24,000 contribution towards Operation Poncho, a tripartite agreement between Housing, City Police and Cleansing Services to tackle rough sleepers in the City;
- £35,000 for additional resources to respond to an increased number of Freedom of Information requests; and
- £33,000 for replacement PCs that were ordered in 2012/13 but unable to be supplied until 2013/14.

A further £185,000 is intended to allow planned use of the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) reserve to be deferred to 2014/15 to offset some of the estimated shortfall of £600,000 in that year.

6. The Director of Markets and Consumer Protection has a local risk underspending of £360,000 on the activities overseen by your Committee, of which £307,000 is eligible for carry forward to 2013/14. The Director also had net local risk underspendings totalling £5,000 on activities overseen by the Markets and Licensing Committees. The Director is proposing that his total eligible underspend of £310,000 be carried forward, of which £275,000 relates to activities overseen by your Committee for the following purposes:

- £70,000 for replacement of three vehicles nearing the end of their useful life;
- £55,000 for match funding for a range of air quality projects;
- £28,000 to replace flooring and staffroom seating at the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre;
- £20,000 for re-fit and engine replacement for launches;
- £18,000 to extend three existing apprenticeships for the remainder of 2013/14;
- £18,000 for repairs and refurbishment at two Port offices;
- £15,000 for out of hours support for night time economy and nuisance investigation and enforcement;
- £11,000 for 16 officers to complete the Advanced Professional Certificate in Investigative Practice qualification;
- £10,000 for integration software to provide interface between the City's Corporate Records Management system and the local M3PP database;
- £10,000 to engage expert consultants for noise and vibration work in respect of Crossrail;
- £6,000 to employ two City Business Trainees to assist with several short-term projects;

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- £6,000 for training of Street Enforcement Officers to raise competencies to respond to, assess and where necessary take enforcement action in respect of out of hours noise complaints;
 - £5,000 to engage a consultant to undertake an in-depth review of the Public Protection service; and
 - £3,000 for installation of high speed network cabling at new London Gateway Port offices.
7. The Director of Open Spaces has a local risk underspending of £18,000 on the activities overseen by your Committee. The Director had local risk overspending totalling £52,000 on activities overseen by other Committees. The net overspend of £34,000 will be carried forward in full to be met from agreed 2013/14 budgets.
8. The City Surveyor's underspend of £276,000 relating mainly to the Additional Works Programme will be rolled over to 2013/14. The Additional Works Programme has been approved by the Policy and Resources Committee to enable the highest priority schemes and precautionary surveys from the City Surveyor's 20 year plan to proceed as soon as possible. The progress of schemes is monitored quarterly by the Corporate Asset Sub Committee. Budget transfers are permitted between schemes and also between years in order to allow for the rephasing and completion of works.

Appendices

Appendix A – Port Health and Environmental Services Committee – Comparison of 2012/13 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget

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