City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committee(s): Port Health & Environmental Services	**Dated:** 21/07/2026
Subject: Revenue Outturn 2025/26	**Public report:** For Information
This proposal: • **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
Report of:	Chamberlain Executive Director Environment
Report author:	Jenny Pitcairn, Chamberlain's Department

Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2025/26 with the budget for the year. Overall total net expenditure for the year was £20.930m, whereas the total agreed budget was £20.238m, representing an overspend of £0.692m as set out below:

Summary Comparison of 2025/26 Revenue Outturn with Budget			
	Budget £000	**Revenue Outturn £000**	**Variation (Better)/ Worse £000**
Direct Net Expenditure			
Environment	10,614	10,710	96
City Surveyor (including Cyclical Works Programme)	2,642	2,947	305
Total Direct Net Expenditure	**13,256**	**13,657**	**401**
Capital and Support Services	**6,982**	**7,273**	**291**
Overall Total	**20,238**	**20,930**	**692**

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 2025/26

1. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2025/26 totalled £20.930m, an overspend of £0.692m compared to the budget of £20.238m. A summary comparison with the budget for the year is tabulated below. In this and subsequent tables, figures in brackets indicate income, decreases in expenditure or increases in income.

Summary Comparison of 2025/26 Revenue Outturn with Budget			
	Budget £000	**Revenue Outturn £000**	**Variation (Better)/ Worse £000**
Local Risk			
Environment	10,606	11,027	421
City Surveyor	453	611	158
Total Local Risk	**11,059**	**11,638**	**579**
Central Risk			
Environment	8	(317)	(325)
Total Central Risk	**8**	**(317)**	**(325)**
Cyclical Works Programme	**2,189**	**2,336**	**147**
Capital and Support Services	**6,982**	**7,273**	**291**
Overall Total	**20,238**	**20,930**	**692**

2. The most significant local risk variations comprise:
    - **Environment, £0.421m overspend:**
        - unidentified savings of £0.753m;
        - a reduction in income from Animal Heath Services, £0.700m;
        - a planned reduction in transfers from reserves for Street Cleansing £0.320m
        - new grant income for waste management and recycling, (£0.372m)
        - reductions in contract costs from:
            - Waste Disposal, (£0.107m)
            - Street Cleansing, (£0.116m)
        - reductions in staff costs due to posts held vacant, (£0.338m)

- increases in income from:
    - Street Cleansing, (£0.300m)
    - City Environmental Health, (£0.113m)

- **City Surveyor, £158,000 overspend:**
    - increases in reactive repair works mainly at the Cemetery & Crematorium and Public Conveniences

3. The £325,000 central risk underspend relates to accounting adjustments for leases that have been deemed as capital assets under IFRS 16, the credit is the transfer between the revenue ledger and capital balance sheets of the annual lease payments.

4. The £147,000 overspend on the Cyclical Works Programme (CWP) is primarily in relation to changes in phasing of works, with increases for the Cemetery & Crematorium and Public Conveniences partly offset by a reduction at Heathrow Animal Reception Centre.

5. The £291,000 overspend on capital and support services is due primarily to increased capital charges, resulting mainly from changes in accounting requirements for leases. This is offset by corresponding underspends in Finance Committee.

6. Appendix 1 provides a more detailed comparison of the local risk outturn (including CWP) against the budget, including explanation of significant variations.

7. Appendix 2 shows the movement from the 2025/26 opening budget to the closing budget against which the outturn has been compared.

Local Risk Carry Forward to 2026/27

8. The Executive Director Environment has a local risk overspending of £0.421m on the activities overseen by your Committee. Across the wider Environment Department the Executive Director Environment had net local risk underspendings totalling £2.107m on activities overseen by other Committees. The Executive Director Environment has requested that £66,000 out of their maximum eligible underspend of £500,000 be carried forward, none of which relates to activities overseen by your Committee.

9. 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 2025/26 Local Risk Revenue Outturn with Budget
- Appendix 2 – Port Health and Environmental Services Committee Analysis of Movements 2025/26 Opening Budget to Closing Budget

Jenny Pitcairn
Chamberlain's Department

T: 020 7332 1389
E: jenny.pitcairn@cityoflondon.gov.uk