

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>	<b>Item no.</b>
Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee	21 July 2014	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Public</b>	
Consolidated Revenue Outturn 2013/14		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>For Information</b>	
The Chamberlain and the Director of Open Spaces		

### Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by the Director of Open Spaces in 2013/14 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a better than budget position of £188,000 for the services overseen by your Committee compared with the final agreed budget for the year as set out below.

	<b>Final Agreed Budget £000</b>	<b>Revenue Outturn £000</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease) £000</b>
<b>Local Risk</b>			
Director of Open Spaces (excluding Nursery)	11,157	10,925	(232)
Nursery	(61)	(5)	56
City Surveyor	3,147	3,163	16
Director of the Built Environment (City Open Spaces)	140	131	(9)
<b>Total Local Risk</b>	<b>14,383</b>	<b>14,214</b>	<b>(169)</b>
<b>Central Risk</b>	<b>(2,168)</b>	<b>(2,233)</b>	<b>(65)</b>
<b>Recharges</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>4,017</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,186</b>	<b>15,998</b>	<b>(188)</b>

It is proposed to carry forward £217,000 from the Director's better than budget position of £232,000 (Local Risk) across all Open Spaces. These requests will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

The shortfall of £56,000 at the Nursery will be transferred to reserves.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that this consolidated revenue outturn report for 2013/14 and the consequential implications for the 2014/15 budget are noted.

## **Main Report**

### **Budget Position for 2013/14**

1. The 2013/14 consolidated latest approved budgets for Open Spaces was £15.750m and were received by your Committee in February 2014 and endorsed by the Court of Common Council in March 2014 and subsequently updated for approved adjustments. For information, the Cemetery and Crematorium has also been included in this report, to show the overall position for the Department, although it is reported to Port Health & Environmental Services Committee.

### **Revenue Outturn 2013/14**

2. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2013/14 totalled £15.998m. A summary comparison with the final agreed budget for the year is tabulated below. In the tables, figures in brackets indicate income or in hand balances, increases in income or decreases in expenditure.

## Summary Comparison of 2013/14 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget

<b>Director of Open Spaces Local Risk</b>	<b>Final Agreed Budget £000</b>	<b>Revenue Outturn £000</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease) £000</b>
Open Spaces Directorate	437	439	2
City Open Spaces	1,011	967	(44)
Bunhill	107	109	2
West Ham Park	615	599	(16)
West Ham Park - CBT	75	75	0
The Nursery	(61)	(5)	56
Epping Forest	2,444	2,410	(34)
Epping - CBT	366	365	(1)
HLF – Branching Out	15	12	(3)
Chingford Golf Course	(95)	(52)	43
Wanstead	120	106	(14)
Woodredon & Warlies	(27)	(19)	8
Burnham Beeches	461	459	(2)
Stoke Common	19	14	(5)
City Commons	1,123	1,061	(62)
Hampstead Heath	4,548	4,547	(1)
Hampstead Heath – CBT	480	480	0
Queen’s Park	540	526	(14)
Queens Park - CBT	31	30	(1)
Highgate Wood	346	345	(1)
Highgate Wood - CBT	50	50	0
City Cemetery & Crematorium	(1,509)	(1,598)	(89)
<b>Total Director of Open Spaces Local Risk</b>	<b>11,096</b>	<b>10,920</b>	<b>(176)</b>
<i>City Surveyor Local Risk</i>	787	1,023	236
<i>Additional Works Programme</i>	2,360	2,140	(220)
<i>Director of the Built Environment (City Open Spaces) Local Risk</i>	140	131	(9)
<b>Total Local Risk</b>	<b>14,383</b>	<b>14,214</b>	<b>(169)</b>
<b>Central Risk</b>	<b>(2,168)</b>	<b>(2,233)</b>	<b>(65)</b>
<b>Recharges</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>4,017</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Overall Totals</b>	<b>16,186</b>	<b>15,998</b>	<b>(188)</b>

3. Each Open Spaces Committee (except Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park which will be reported on 15 September 2014) has previously received an outturn report relating to the services it oversees including explanations of the significant variations. Port Health & Environmental Services Committee has received a similar report in respect of the Cemetery & Crematorium.

### **Local Risk Carry Forward to 2014/15**

4. Chief Officers can request under spends of up to 10% or £500,000 (whichever is the lesser) of the final agreed local risk budget to be carried forward, so long as the under spending is not fortuitous and the resources are required for a planned purpose. Such requests are subject to the approval of the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

### **Director of Open Spaces**

5. Of the Local Risk £232,000 better than budget position (£176,000 underspend + £56,000 Nursery shortfall being transferred to reserves), the Director of Open Spaces wishes to carry forward £217,000 as outlined below:
  - i) £44,000 towards refurbishment of St Brides, St Dunstan's in the East, & St Paul's Cathedral Garden.
  - ii) £89,000 (£60,000 vehicle purchase & £29,000 photovoltaic installation) at the Cemetery.
  - iii) £44,000 Great Gregories over-wintering facility at Epping Forest.
  - iv) £10,000 West Ham Park Nursery Business Plan.
  - v) £10,000 Feasibility Study – Parliament Hill.
  - vi) £20,000 New Signage – Hampstead Heath

### **City Surveyor**

6. Underspends in The City Surveyor's Additional Works Programme will be available to spend in subsequent years of the scheme.

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