

Committee(s):	Date(s):	Item no.
Community and Children's Services	10 July 2015	
Subject: Revenue Outturn 2014/15 – Community and Children’s Services Committee (City Fund)	Public	
Report of: The Chamberlain and the Director of Community and Children's Services	For Information	

Summary

1. This report compares the 2014/15 revenue outturn for the non-Housing Revenue Account (HRA) services overseen by your Committee with the final agreed budget for the year. The Director of Community and Children’s Services local risk budget was underspent by £346,000 with an underspend on all risks of £44,000. There was an overspend on recharges of £193,000. This is summarised in the table below. Note that the Revenue Outturn for the HRA is reported separately.

Summary Comparison of 2014/15 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget – Community & Children’s Services Committee			
	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variations Increase/ (Reduction) £000
Local Risk	9,664	9,318	(346)
Central Risk	626	928	302
Total all Risks	10,290	10,246	(44)
Recharges	1,667	1,860	193
Overall Totals	11,957	12,106	149

2. The Director of Community and Children’s Services is proposing to carry forward £340,000 of his local risk underspend for identified purposes of this Committee. These proposals will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and, if agreed, will be added to the Director’s budgets for 2015/16.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2014/15 is noted together with the Director of Community and Children’s Services’ proposal to carry forward £340,000 to 2015/16.

Main Report

Revenue Outturn for 2014/15

4. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2014/15 totalled £12.106m. A summary comparison with the final agreed budget for the year of £11.957m is tabulated below. In the tables, figures in brackets indicate income or in hand balances, increases in income or decreases in expenditure. A reconciliation of original local risk budget to the final agreed local risk budget is provided in Appendix A.

Comparison of 2014/15 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget				
	Final Agreed Budget	Revenue Outturn	Variations Increase / (Reduction)	Paragraph
	£000	£000	£000	
Local Risk				
Supervision & Management	1,417	1,277	(140)	5
Partnerships & Commissioned Services	947	826	(121)	6
People's Services	6,560	6,424	(136)	7
Housing Services	740	791	51	8
Total Local Risk	9,664	9,318	(346)	
Central Risk	626	928	302	9
Recharges	1,667	1,860	193	10
Overall Totals	11,957	12,106	149	

Reasons for significant variations

5. The underspend of £140k on Supervision & Management relates largely to lower than anticipated spend on furniture & equipment £67k and professional fees £53k
6. Unplanned income was received in relation to usage of solar panels at Golden Lane leisure centre amounting to £6k along with £8k income from libraries. In addition to this income, expenditure on professional

fees and premises related costs were lower than originally budgeted by £77k along with minor variances in other areas.

7. During the year, additional income of £124k was received from the NHS under S256 agreements which has contributed to the £136k People's Services underspend.
8. The overspend of £51k on Housing Services is due in the main to higher temporary accommodation costs of £35k along with minor variances in other services.
9. The central risk budget includes services to Asylum seekers, housing benefits, concessionary fares and Special Educational Needs transport. The overspend of £302k is mainly attributable to higher than expected housing benefit payments along with lower than budgeted grant income from the DoWP.
10. The table below shows a breakdown of the Capital and Support Services budgets and expenditure.

	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Variation Increase/ (Decrease) £000
CAPITAL & SUPPORT SERVICES			
Capital Charges	343	345	2
Support Services, including Chamberlains, Comptrollers & Town Clerks	1,860	1,981	121
Surveyors Employee & IS Recharges	748	694	(54)
Guildhall Admin Buildings	193	184	(9)
Insurances, including premises & Liability	32	63	31
Recharges within Fund	(1,509)	(1,407)	102
TOTAL CAPITAL & SUPPORT SERVICES	1,667	1,860	193

The overspend in support services is due to higher than budgeted recharges for central support costs. The Town Clerks Department have a new method for apportioning their time which has resulted in an increased charge to this committee. In addition, the charge to HRA & Barbican Residential (recharges within fund) were lower than budgeted partly due to the underspend on supervision & management services.

Recharges have a corresponding contra entry in their own accounts. Consequently these charges have no overall impact on net expenditure.

Local Risk Budget Carry Forward to 2015/16

11. Chief Officers can request underspends of up to 10% or £500,000 (whichever is the lesser) of the final agreed local risk budget to be carried forward provided the underspending 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 Resources Allocation Sub Committee.
12. The Director of Community and Children’s Services’ is able to request a carry forward of £400,000 to 2015/16 across the Committees for which he is Chief Officer, in accordance with the budgetary arrangements for local risk resources.
13. The Director is proposing to allocate £340,000 of his carry forward to this Committee, on the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People’s Services: Includes the cost of external auditors to meet Ofsted Inspection requirements, continue to develop the Children in Care Council, cost of a temporary Independent Review Officer until a permanent placement is appointed, IT upgrade, extension of a pilot mental health project and a temporary part time worker to help implement the Gold Standard City which the Department for Communities & Local Government have recommended that all Boroughs throughout the UK apply. 	£108,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning & Partnerships: Includes the launch of the One Portsoken Forum, learning centres at Shoe Lane & Barbican Libraries, headline event promoting tackling mental health issues in the workplace, Child poverty case management project development, project manager for the Co-location / hot-desking project and to commission support for children & Families Team contracts & commissioning activities for 6 months. 	£108,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Services: Includes volunteer & 	£124,000

community engagement co-ordination for Aldgate float & community play projects, pilot community safety project covering Golden Lane, Middlesex Street and Mansell Street estates and an outdoor gyms project.	
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14. These requests will be considered by the Chamberlain in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee and, if agreed, added to the budgets for 2015/16. All requests for carry forwards are currently being consolidated into a report to be submitted before the summer recess.

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Appendix A

	£'000
Original Local Risk Budget 2014/15	9,383
Local risk carry forward from Director's underspend in 2013/14	450
Virement to libraries for delivery of children's reading services such as 'Story time'	(45)
Net other movements including contribution pay adjustment	(118)
Decrease in Surveyors repairs & maintenance charge	(6)
Final Agreed Local Risk Budget	9,664