

Committee(s):	Date(s):	Item no.
Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committee	23 July 2012	
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Consolidated Revenue Outturn 2011/12		
Report of:	For Information	
The Chamberlain and the Director of Open Spaces		

Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2011/12 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a better than budget position of £1,873,000 for the services overseen by your Committee compared with the final agreed budget for the year as set out below.

	Final Agreed Budget	Revenue Outturn	Increase/ (Decrease)
	£000	£000	£000
Local Risk			
Director of Open Spaces	12,584	12,292	(292)
City Surveyor	3,920	2,678	(1,242)
Director of Environmental Services (COS)	169	171	2
Total Local Risk	16,673	15,141	(1,532)
Central Risk	(2,068)	(2,353)	(285)
Recharges	3,609	3,553	(56)
Total	18,214	16,341	(1,873)

In accordance with the budgetary arrangements for local risk resources the Director has submitted a carry forward request of £217,000 of her £292,000 underspend.

The City Surveyor's underspend of £1,242,000 has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees and a request made to carry forward the net underspending for corporate priorities. 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 consolidated revenue outturn report for 2011/12 be noted.

Main Report

Budget Position for 2011/12

1. The 2011/12 consolidated latest approved budgets for all the Open Spaces services were received by you in February 2012 and endorsed by the Court of Common Council in March 2012. 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 2011/12

2. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2011/12 totalled £16.341m. 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 2011/12 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget

Director of Open Spaces Local Risk	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Increase/ (Decrease) £000
Open Spaces Directorate	758	758	0
City Open Spaces	1,117	1,079	(38)
Bunhill	111	110	(1)
West Ham Park	661	665	4
West Ham Park - CBT	75	75	0
The Nursery	(61)	(61)	0
Epping Forest	2,754	2,742	(12)
Epping - CBT	365	365	0
HLF – Branching Out	8	14	6
Chingford Golf Course	(91)	(75)	16
Wanstead	110	107	(3)
Woodredon & Warlies	(25)	(26)	(1)
Burnham Beeches	471	462	(9)
Stoke Common	22	1	(21)
City Commons	1,152	1,105	(47)
Hampstead Heath	4,823	4,821	(2)
Hampstead Heath – CBT	480	480	0
Queen’s Park	561	565	4
Queens Park - CBT	30	30	0
Highgate Wood	357	362	5
Highgate Wood - CBT	50	50	0
City Cemetery & Crematorium	(1,144)	(1,337)	(193)
Total Director of Open Spaces Local Risk	12,584	12,292	(292)
<i>City Surveyor Local Risk</i>	3,920	2,678	(1,242)
<i>Director of Env Ser (COS) Local Risk</i>	169	171	2
Total Local Risk	16,673	15,141	(1,532)
Central Risk	(2,068)	(2,353)	(285)
Recharges	3,609	3,553	(56)
Overall Totals	18,214	16,341	(1,873)

3. Each Open Spaces Committee 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 2012/13

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.
5. Overspends are carried forward in full and are met from the agreed 2012/13 budgets.

The Director's total local risk underspend of £292,000 is split between City Fund (£231,000) and City's Cash (£61,000). The Director has also requested to carry forward £217,000 of her £292,000 underspend.:-.

Director of Open Spaces

- £18,000 to remove the Jubilee themed bedding and replace it with Olympic themed bedding.
- £14,000 for the provision of 16 floral towers as part of the essential dressing around St Paul's Cathedral for the Jubilee and Olympics.
- £14,000 to backfill empty beds with sustainable planting in light of the 12/13 budget reductions which impact on annual bedding.
- £37,000 emergency expenditure to address the highly infectious tree disease (*Massaria*) discovered in the City stock of plane trees at the end of March.
- £26,000 to erect a cattle building at Great Gregories.
- £8,000 to complete veteran tree management work at Ashted Common.
- £26,000 to purchase a vehicle and trailer, and award honoraria at Burnham Beeches.
- £30,000 Supply and fit photovoltaic cells to the modern crematorium
- £44,000 tractor and mower purchases at the City Crematorium.

City Surveyor

The City Surveyor's underspend of £1,242,000 relating mainly to the Additional Works Programme will be rolled over to 2012/13. This programme is approved over a 3 year period and the budget is phased over the life of the programme. Any underspend is rolled over to subsequent years. The phasing of these projects is reported to the Corporate Asset Sub Committee on a quarterly basis.

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