

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

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. This is the first report combining the Directorate, City Gardens, and West Ham Park, which were previously reported separately. There was a better than budget position of £194,000 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	2,661	2,626	(35)
Director of Environmental Services – COS	169	171	2
City Surveyor	431	243	(188)
Total Local Risk	3,261	3,040	(221)
Central Risk	(43)	(73)	(30)
Recharges	(265)	(208)	57
Total	2,953	2,759	(194)

The Director's underspend of £35,000 has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees, which produces an overall better than budget position of £292,000 across all Open Spaces. In accordance with the budgetary arrangements for local risk resources, the Director proposes to carry forward a total of £217,000 of which £83,000 relates to this Committee. This proposal 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 2012/13.

The City Surveyor's underspend 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. In the tables, figures in brackets indicate income or in hand balances, increases in income or decreases in expenditure.

Recommendations

It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2011/12 and the consequential implications for the 2012/13 budget be noted.

Main Report

Budget Position for 2011/12

- The 2011/12 final agreed budgets for the services overseen by your Committees were £2.953m and were received by your Committee in December 2011, endorsed by the Court of Common Council in March 2012 and subsequently updated for approved adjustments.

Revenue Outturn 2011/12

- Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2011/12 totalled £2.759m, an underspend of £194,000 compared with the budget.
- 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			
	Final Agreed Budget	Revenue Outturn	Increase/ (Decrease)
	£000	£000	£000
Local Risk			
West Ham Park	675	679	4
City Open Spaces	1,117	1,079	(38)
Open Spaces Directorate	758	758	0
Bunhill Fields	111	110	(1)
Total Director of Open Spaces	2,661	2,626	(35)
Local Risk			
Director of Env Services - COS	169	171	2
City Surveyor	431	243	(188)
Total Local Risk	3,261	3,040	(221)
Central Risk			
West Ham Park	(43)	(73)	(30)
Total Central Risk	(43)	(73)	(30)
Recharges			
Central Recharges	476	535	59
Recharges Within Funds	(632)	(634)	(2)
Recharges Across Funds	(109)	(109)	0
Total Recharges	(265)	(208)	57
NET EXPENDITURE	2,953	2,759	(194)

Annex A provides more detail and explanations of the significant variations.

Local Risk Carry Forward to 2012/13

4. 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, so long as 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 Resource Allocation Sub Committee.
5. Overspends are carried forward in full and are met from the agreed 2012/13 budgets.
6. The Director's better than budget position of £35,000 has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees, which produces an overall better than budget position of £292,000 across all Open Spaces. In accordance with budgetary arrangements for local risk resources, the Director proposes to carry forward a total £217,000 of which £83,000 relates to Open Spaces, City Gardens, and West Ham Park Committee, comprising:-
 - £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.
7. If agreed, this proposal will be added to the Director's budgets for 2012/13.
8. The City Surveyor's underspend of £188,000 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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