

Committee(s)	Dated:
Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee	10102016
Subject: Consolidated Revenue Outturn 2015/16	Public
Report of: The Chamberlain and the Director of Open Spaces	For Information
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Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2015/16 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a better than budget position of £1,381,000 for the services overseen by your Committee compared with the final agreed budget for the year as set out below.

	<i>Original Budget</i> £000	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	Increase/ (Decrease) £000
Local Risk				
Director of Open Spaces	10,673	10,962	10,077	(885)
Director of the Built Environment	159	165	150	(15)
City Surveyor	5,039	3,907	3,617	(290)
Central Risk	(619)	(607)	(528)	79
Recharges	3,992	4,477	4,207	(270)
Total	19,244	18,904	17,523	(1,381)

The Director of Open Spaces actual Local Risk underspend was £885,000. This better than budget position is mainly due to underspends at the Directorate, Epping Forest, and Hampstead Heath, accompanied by an over achievement in income at the Cemetery. Of this £885,000 underspend the Director has an agreed carry forward totalling £435,000 of the £500,000 that was originally submitted, a breakdown of these agreed carry forwards can be found in paragraph 7. The £290,000 better than budget position in the City Surveyor is mainly due to an underspend in the additional works programme, and the £79,000 decrease in income within Central Risk is mainly due to a reduction in income generated by the Hampstead Heath Trust Fund. The £270,000 reduction in Recharges is mainly due to a reduction in support services costs.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2015/16 and the consequential implications for the 2016/17 budget are noted.

Main Report

Budget Position for 2015/16

1. The 2015/16 consolidated latest approved budget for the services overseen by your Committee received in February 2016 was £18.186M. This budget was endorsed by the Court of Common Council in March 2016 and subsequently updated for approved adjustments. Detailed movement between Local Risk and the latest approved budget can be found in Appendix A. 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 2015/16

2. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2015/16 totalled £17.523M, an underspend of £1.381M compared with the final agreed budget.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Comparison of 2015/16 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed Budget

	<i>Original Budget</i>	Final Agreed Budget	Revenue Outturn	Variation Increase/ (Decrease)
	<i>£000</i>	£000	£000	£000
LOCAL RISK				
Director of Open Spaces				
Open Spaces Directorate	504	683	569	(114)
City Open Spaces	1,014	1,015	967	(48)
Bunhill Fields	110	110	110	0
West Ham Park (inc Rechargeables)	694	732	736	4
The Nursery	(63)	(63)	(9)	54
Epping Forest	2,758	2,813	2,706	(107)
Chingford Golf Course	(74)	(74)	(29)	45
Wanstead Flats	125	125	102	(23)
Woodredon & Warlies	(29)	(29)	(29)	0
Burnham Beeches	410	406	401	(5)
Stoke Common	22	12	12	0
City Commons	1,071	1,088	1,070	(18)
Hampstead Heath	4,783	4,805	4,583	(222)
Hampstead STEM	49	43	43	0
Queens Park	540	540	506	(34)
Highgate Wood	373	373	345	(28)
City Cemetery & Crematorium	(1,614)	(1,617)	(2,006)	(389)
Total Director of Open Spaces Local Risk	10,673	10,962	10,077	(885)
Director of the Built Environment	159	165	150	(15)
City Surveyor	5,039	3,907	3,617	(290)
TOTAL LOCAL RISK	15,871	15,034	13,844	(1,190)
Central Risk	(619)	(607)	(528)	79
Recharges	3,992	4,477	4,207	(270)
Overall Total	19,244	18,904	17,523	(1381)

Local Risk Carry Forward to 2016/17

5. Chief Officers can generally 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 Resources Allocation Sub Committee.
6. Overspends are carried forward in full and are met from the agreed 2016/17 budgets.
7. The Director of Open Spaces has had the following Local Risk carry forwards approved:

Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee

- £40,000 to complete the consultation of the sports review project and to fund the options appraisal (Hampstead Heath).
- £50,000 café improvement work in preparation for re-tendering exercise (Hampstead Heath).
- £60,000 for various consultations including the cafes, the Hampstead Heath Management Plan, and customer satisfaction surveys.
- £16,000 for replacement Pay & Display machines which have either been vandalised or have technical problems (Hampstead Heath)
- £15,000 electronic gate installation at Highgate Wood which needs to be installed for health & safety reasons.

Port Health and Environmental Services Committee

- £35,000 for a new leaf sucker at the Cemetery & Crematorium to replace the existing machine which has exceeded its 5 year life expectancy.

Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee

- £20,000 Tower Hill Garden Safety items.
- £71,000 Various planting refurbishment schemes.
- £10,000 Alternate ways of working programme.

West Ham Park Committee

- £10,000 for a replacement ride-on mower.

Epping Forest and Commons Committee.

- £43,000 for resurfacing and gating at Hill Wood Car Park.
- £50,000 is required for electrical work, and work to walls and floors of the golf course café.
- £15,000 for car park infrastructure.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Movement between the Original 2015/16 and the final 2015/16 agreed budget.

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