

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee	16 July 2018
<b>Subject:</b> Revenue Outturn 2017/18 – Open Spaces & City Gardens	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Chamberlain & the Director of Open Spaces	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

This report compares the revenue outturn for the services overseen by your Committee in 2017/18 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a break-even position 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			
Expenditure	(2,622)	(2,454)	168
Income	730	643	(87)
Director of the Built Environment(City Gardens)	(125)	(124)	1
City Surveyor	(291)	(217)	74
<b>Recharges</b>	261	105	(156)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(2,047)</b>	<b>(2,047)</b>	<b>-</b>

The Director of Open Spaces better than budget position of £81,000 (Local Risk) is mainly due to a planned underspend in the Directorate, further details can be found under 4a).

This Outturn position has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees, which produces a City's Cash overall worse than budget position of £42,000 (Local Risk) and a better than budget Local Risk position of £505,000 for City Fund (the majority of which is an increase in income generated at the Cemetery, further detail can be found in paragraph 7) across all Open Spaces. It should be noted that Open Spaces is unable to benefit from any over achievement of income from Tower Bridge.

Details of the £74,000 decrease in the City Surveyor can be found under 4b).

Details of the £156,000 decrease in income from Recharges can be found under 4c).

### **Recommendation(s)**

It is recommended that this revenue outturn report for 2017/18 and the consequential implications for the 2018/19 budget are noted.

### **Main Report**

#### **Budget Position for 2017/18**

1. The 2017/18 latest approved budget for the services overseen by your Committee received in December 2017 was £2.061M. This budget was endorsed by the Court of Common Council in March 2018 and subsequently updated for approved adjustments. Movement of the original Local Risk budget to the final agreed budget is provided in Appendix A with explanations for larger variances over £50,000.

#### **Revenue Outturn 2017/18**

2. Actual net expenditure for your Committee's services during 2017/18 totalled £2.047M which is the same as the final agreed budget.
3. A summary comparison with the final agreed budget for the year is tabulated below. In the tables, income, increases in income and reductions in expenditure are shown as positive balances, whereas brackets are used to denote expenditure, increases in expenditure, or shortfalls in income.

**City Gardens, Bunhill Fields & The Open Spaces**  
**Directorate**  
**Comparison of 2017/18 Revenue Outturn with Final Agreed**  
**Budget**

		Original Budget £000	Final Agreed Budget £000	Revenue Outturn £000	(Increase) Decrease £000	Reason*
<b>LOCAL RISK</b>						
<b>Director of Open Spaces</b>						
<b>City Gardens</b>						
	Expenditure	(1,379)	(1,644)	(1,592)	52	
	Income	365	500	457	(43)	
		<b>(1,014)</b>	<b>(1,144)</b>	<b>(1,135)</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>Bunhill Fields</b>						
	Expenditure	(115)	(118)	(120)	(2)	
	Income	-	-	-	-	
		<b>(115)</b>	<b>(118)</b>	<b>(120)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	
<b>Directorate</b>						
	Expenditure	(454)	(466)	(413)	53	
	Income	-	-	5	5	
		<b>(454)</b>	<b>(466)</b>	<b>(408)</b>	<b>58</b>	4a)
<b>Learning Programme</b>						
	Expenditure	(385)	(394)	(329)	65	
	Income	379	230	181	(49)	
		<b>(6)</b>	<b>(164)</b>	<b>(148)</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Total Director of Open Spaces Local Risk</b>		<b>(2,333)</b>	<b>(2,622)</b>	<b>(2,454)</b>	<b>168</b>	
<b>Total Director of Open Spaces Local Risk</b>		<b>744</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>(87)</b>	
Director of the Built Environment (City Gardens)						
		(125)	(125)	(124)	1	
<b>City Surveyors Local Risk</b>						
		(58)	(42)	(41)	1	
<b>City Surveyors Additional Works Programme</b>						
		(362)	(249)	(176)	73	
<b>Total Other Local Risk</b>		<b>(545)</b>	<b>(416)</b>	<b>(341)</b>	<b>75</b>	4b)
<b>TOTAL LOCAL RISK</b>		<b>(2,134)</b>	<b>(2,308)</b>	<b>(2,152)</b>	<b>156</b>	
<b>RECHARGES</b>						
	Insurance	(18)	(19)	(15)	4	
	Admin Buildings	(80)	(72)	(72)	-	
	Support Services	(217)	(216)	(312)	(96)	
	Surveyor's Employee Recharge	(60)	(62)	(75)	(13)	
	I.S. Recharge	(84)	(107)	(110)	(3)	
	Capital Charges	(33)	(24)	(25)	(1)	
	Recharges Within Fund (Directorate, Democratic Core, & Learning)	510	575	535	(40)	
	Recharges Across Fund (Directorate Recharges)	87	186	179	(7)	
<b>TOTAL RECHARGES</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>(156)</b>	4c)
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>		<b>(2,029)</b>	<b>(2,047)</b>	<b>(2,047)</b>	<b>-</b>	

## **Reasons for Significant Variations**

4. a) The Directorate's £58,000 better than budget position is mainly due to an underspend in indirect employee related expenditure, this underspend was a planned saving in order to bring the department's overall Local Risk City Cash Position closer to budget.  
  
b) The £73,000 better than budget position under the City Surveyor's Additional Works Programme is mainly due to a number of projects which were expected to complete in 2017/18 but will now complete in early 2018/19. These projects will still complete within the three year cyclical works programme timeframe.  
  
c) The £156,000 decrease in income from Recharges is a combination of a reduction in income from recharging at the Directorate and Learning as net expenditure was lower than anticipated, and an increase in Support Services (Central Support) where there was an increase in requirement for support time provided by the Comptroller and City Solicitor on work relating to Crossrail (Finsbury Circus), I.T. (in relation to the Transformation Project), and the City Surveyor on work that was undertaken on delivery of AWP & CWP projects/Delivery of the SKANSKA contract and related FM tasks/Corporate advice etc.

## **Local Risk Carry Forward to 2018/19**

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 2018/19 budgets.
7. The Director's better than budget position of £81,000 (Local Risk) has been aggregated with budget variations on services overseen by other committees which for City's Cash produce an overall worse than budget position of £42,000 (Local Risk), and for City Fund a better than budget Local Risk position of £505,000 (the majority of which is due to a managed over production of income to cover internal recharges and to enable an optimal transfer to reserves to help replenish the reserve following its use to fund the 'Shoot' Project). The Director of Open Spaces has not submitted a 'carry forward' request.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A – Movement between Original 2017/18 and the final agreed Budget

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