

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Council		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	23 rd October 2025 7 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Serena Van Schepdael: R.F.O		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	9.2 Budget Update Report		
Background	Annual budgets were approved in January 2025 for the financial year 2025-2026. During the financial year, there can be unexpected expenditures and costs which may cause overspends or the requirement to cover these costs with the Ear Marked Reserves (EMR)		
Updates			
Overspends:			
Nominal	Budget	Spend/Projected Spends	Difference/Further Info
Paddling Pool-Chemicals	£3,900	£6,095	£2,196 Due to continuous warm weather, absorption of chemical higher.
Streetscape-Vehicle Lease	£81,000	£86,000	£5,000 £4400 for hiring of a mower to use while our own was in for repair, mowing season two required. £1950 to Quartix (Trackers) Ltd, admin fee.
Streetscape-Horticultural Supplies	£14.000	£18,500	£4,500 £3,500 order placed twice, but the plants were put to use and enhanced the display.
EMR Use			
EMR	Nominal	Spend/Projected Spends	Info
Legal	101- Corp Management	£5,000	To cover costs of legal fees for Market Square Toilets, £2,745

	4064-Legal		spends to date. This will leave a balance of £16,118 in the EMR
Salix/Boiler Replacement	221-Town Hall- 4041-Property Maintenance	£5,127	To cover the emergency repair of the boiler control panel, revenue budget is insufficient. This will leave a balance of £74,564 in the EMR.
Marketing	102-Civic Website	£5,000	To pay for services to transfer the data transfer from the old website to the new website. This will fully use the EMR.
Financial		Decisions requested are in line with our Financial Regulations.	
Environmental		No implications for this report.	
Equality and Diversity		No implications for this report.	
Decision Request		To approve: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The overspends as noted in the report 2. The use of EMR as noted in the report 	