CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Environment								
MEETING DATE	4 th December 2025	LOCATION		Congleton Town Hall					
AND TIME	7.00 pm								
REPORT FROM	Serena Van Schepdael – Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)								
AGENDA ITEM	7								
REPORT TITLE	Congleton In Bloom Working Group - Floral/In Bloom Management Accounts								
Background	Variance analysis of the Management Accounts for the year 2025-2026 for the month ending 30 th September 2025, month 6, see Appendix 1.								
Updates	These accounts in the appendix show information for month 6 of 2025-2026, which equates to 50% of the budget. Please refer to the summary for notes/comments. The main expenditure and income for plants and baskets are now complete for the year, with only a few costs yet to arrive. Income 357% of expected income at month 6, this is due to sponsorship income being received this year, which does not have an expected budget allocated, see Appendix for total income.								
	 176% spend at month 6, Floral spends mainly take place at the start of the financial year due to the timings of the events, so it shows as an overspend early on in the year. Based on the full budget, the expenditure sits at 88%. The budget for 25-26 was increased by £2,000, which is to accommodate possible extra costs for the extra competition, Britain in Bloom. The annual expenditure for In Bloom covers: Hanging basket plants and consumables. In Bloom displays. Sundries for local projects. Travel expenses to the Competition Award ceremonies Ticket costs to attend the Award Ceremonies. Portfolio design and printing 								
	Judging day expenses								
	Expenditure to month 6		£14,222 £2,602						
Expenditure is still due to be paid per									
	purchase orders; this may change.								
Decision	Expected total known e	Expected total known expenditure £16,824							
Decision Requested	To receive the Floral In Bloom Management Account to 30 th September 2025.								

Congleton Town Council Management Accounts 2025-26 Floral/In Bloom Sep-25

6 Month Percentage 50.0%

Floral Income

1180 Donations Received 1195 Sponsorship Income 1199 Misc Income: Hanging Baskets

Total

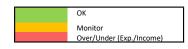
Expenditure

4011 Rates

4162 General Expenditure

Total

Net Expenditure over income



ANNUAL BUDGET		BUDGET TO M6	ACTUAL TO M6	£ VARIANCE OF M6 BUDGETS	% AGAINST M6 BUDGETS	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET	% VARIANCE AGAINST M6 EXPECTED		
	0	-	- 237	237					
	0	-	- 2,540	2,540					
	-4,000	- 2,000	- 4,363	2,363	218.15%	109.1%	59.08%		
	-4,000	- 2,000	- 7,140	5,140	357.00%	178.5%	128.50%		
	172	86	162	- 76	188.37%	94.2%	44.19%		
	16,000	8.000	14,060	- 6,060	175.75%	87.9%	37.88%		
	16,172	8,086	14,222	- 6,136	175.88%	87.9%	37.94%		
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	12,172	6,086	7,082	- 996	116.37%	58.2%	8.18%		

NOTES

Expenditure Variance 0-100% Green 101-115% Amber 115% over Red

Income from hanging basket sales.

Paid in Full for the year, paid for 5 roundabouts See below for exepcted future expenditure