

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

COMMITTEE:	Environment								
MEETING DATE AND TIME	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall						
REPORT FROM	Serena Van Schepdael – Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)								
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	7 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 <sup>th</sup> September 2025, month 6, see Appendix 1.								
Updates	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Income</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Expenditure</b> 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%.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hanging basket plants and consumables.</li><li>• In Bloom displays.</li><li>• Sundries for local projects.</li><li>• Travel expenses to the Competition Award ceremonies</li><li>• Ticket costs to attend the Award Ceremonies.</li><li>• Portfolio design and printing</li><li>• Judging day expenses</li></ul> <table><tr><td>Expenditure to month 6</td><td>£14,222</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure is still due to be paid per purchase orders; this may change.</td><td>£2,602</td></tr><tr><td>Expected total known expenditure</td><td>£16,824</td></tr></table>			Expenditure to month 6	£14,222	Expenditure is still due to be paid per purchase orders; this may change.	£2,602	Expected total known expenditure	£16,824
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Decision Requested	To receive the Floral In Bloom Management Account to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025.								

Sep-25

Floral  
Income

## Expenditure

Net Expenditure over income

ANNUAL BUDGET	BUDGET TO		ACTUAL TO M6		E VARIANCE OF M6 BUDGETS	% AGAINST M6 BUDGETS	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET	% VARIANCE AGAINST M6 EXPECTED
	M6							
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%
12,172	6,086	7,082	-	996		116.37%	58.2%	8.18%

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

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