

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	5 th February 2026 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 31 st December 2025, month 9, see Appendix 1.		
Updates	<p>These accounts in the appendix show information for month 9 of 2025-2026, which equates to 75% 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>Income 238.5% of expected income at month 9, this is due to sponsorship income being received this year, which does not have an expected budget allocated, see Appendix for total income, this will balance down over the year.</p> <p>Expenditure 138.93% spend at month 9, 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.</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">• 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		
Decision Requested	To receive the Floral In Bloom Management Account to 31 st December 2025.		

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

	OK
	Monitor
	Over/Under (Exp./Income)

Month 9
 Percentage 75.0%

Floral
Income

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

ANNUAL BUDGET	BUDGET TO M9	ACTUAL TO M9	£ VARIANCE OF M9 BUDGETS	% AGAINST M9 BUDGETS	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET	% VARIANCE AGAINST M9 EXPECTED
0	-	-	237			
0	-	-	2,540			
-4,000	- 3,000	- 4,379	1,379	145.97%	109.5%	34.48%
-4,000	- 3,000	- 7,156	4,156	238.53%	178.9%	103.90%
Expenditure						
4011 Rates	172	129	162	- 33	125.58%	94.2% 19.19%
4162 General Expenditure	16,000	12,000	16,689	- 4,689	139.08%	104.3% 29.31%
Total	16,172	12,129	16,851	- 4,722	138.93%	104.2% 29.20%
Net Expenditure over income	12,172	9,129	9,695	- 566	106.20%	79.7% 4.65%

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

Breakdown: TBC

Plants & Compost 11,791
 Judging Days 1,274
 General Competition 868
 General 716
 Awards Ceremony 845
 Thank You Evening at CTC 932
 Expenses 258
16,684