

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

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| COMMITTEE: | Environment | | |
| MEETING DATE AND TIME | 2nd April 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 28 th February 2026, month 11, see Appendix 1. | | |
| Updates | <p>These accounts in the appendix show information for month 11 of 2025-2026, which equates to 91.6% 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, outstanding invoice is due for £1,300 for upgrades to planters and baskets.</p> <p>Income 195% of expected income at month 11, 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 115.8% spend at month 11. Floral spends mainly take place at the start of the financial year due to the timings of the events, excess income covers overspend, leaving an overall breakeven outcome.</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 28 th February 2026. | | |

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

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| | OK |
| | Monitor |
| | Over/Under (Exp./Income) |

Month 11
 Percentage 91.6%

Floral
Income

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

| ANNUAL BUDGET | BUDGET TO M11 | ACTUAL TO M11 | £ VARIANCE OF M11 BUDGETS | % AGAINST M11 BUDGETS | % OF ANNUAL BUDGET | % VARIANCE AGAINST M11 EXPECTED |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 0 | - | - | 237 | | | |
| 0 | - | - | 2,540 | | | |
| -4,000 | 3,667 | 4,379 | 712 | 119.43% | 109.5% | 17.88% |
| -4,000 | 3,667 | 7,156 | 3,489 | 195.16% | 178.9% | 87.30% |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| 4011 Rates | 172 | 158 | 162 | 4 | 102.75% | 94.2% |
| 4162 General Expenditure | 16,000 | 14,667 | 17,004 | 2,337 | 115.94% | 106.3% |
| Total | 16,172 | 14,824 | 17,166 | 2,342 | 115.80% | 106.1% |
| Net Expenditure over income | 12,172 | 11,158 | 10,010 | 1,148 | 89.71% | -9.36% |

NOTES

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

Income from hanging basket sales.

Breakdown: TBC

Plants & Compost 11,791
 Judging Days 1,274
 General Competition 1,188
 General 716
 Awards Ceremony 845
 Thank You Evening at CTC 932
 Expenses 258
17,004