

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	3 rd July 2025 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Serena Van Schepdael – Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	7.1 Floral/In Bloom Management Accounts		
Background	Variance analysis of the Management Accounts for the year 2025-2026 for the month ending 30 th April 2025, month 1, see Appendix 1.		
Updates	<p>This is an additional report to the Environment Committee. Previously, accounts and expenditure for In Bloom have been presented as a summary to the Finance and Policy Committee. In Bloom is a fully established working group where budgets are noted, but not as a full breakdown.</p> <p>These accounts in the appendix show information for month 1 of 2025-2026, which equates to 8.3% of the budget. <u>The figures below are based on full annual budgets.</u> Information is limited due to the reporting for month 1 only. Please refer to the summary for notes/comments.</p> <p>Further information:</p> <p>Income</p> <p>The budgeted income is for the supply of Hanging Baskets to local shops and businesses. The fees are (plus VAT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baskets - £17.50• Baskets Watered - £35.00• Sponsorship - £10.00 <p>There are opportunities for local businesses to sponsor the roundabouts in town, if selected, a banner is placed on the roundabout of choice.</p> <p>Expenditure</p> <p>Business Rates are payable for the 5 Roundabouts that have the In Bloom signs on them.</p> <p>The budget for 25-26 was increased by £2,000, this is to accommodate possible extra costs for the extra competition, Britain In Bloom. The annual expenditure for In Bloom is £14,000. This 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 (Train or local mini-bus hire).• Ticket costs to attend the Award Ceremonies.		

	<p>To date, additional committed costs (which will appear in future accounts) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plants/Moss: £9,080 • Compost; £1470 • Replacement baskets: £440
Decision Requested	To receive the Floral In Bloom Management Account to 30 th April 2025.

Month	1
Percentage	8.6%

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

4011 Rates
4162 General Expenditure
Total

Net Expenditure over income

OK	OK
Monitor	Monitor
Overspent	Overspent

ANNUAL BUDGET	BUDGET TO M1	ACTUAL SPEND TO M1	E VARIANCE OF M1 BUDGETS	% SPENT AGAINST M1 BUDGETS	% SPENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET	% VARIANCE AGAINST M1 EXPECTED
	0	0	42	-42	0.00%	#DIV/0!
	0	0	2500	-2,500	0.00%	#DIV/0!
	4,000	333	3673	-3,340	1101.90%	91.8%
	4,000	333	6215	-5,882	1864.50%	155.4%
	172	162	162	0	100.00%	94.2%
	16,000	1,333	469	864	35.18%	2.9%
16,172	1,495	631	864	42.20%	3.9%	
12,172	1,162	-5,584	6,746			

NOTES

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

Paid in Full for the year