



Open
Spaces

APSE Parks, Horticulture and Grounds Maintenance Advisory Group

Efficiencies and Income Generation, The City's Open
Spaces Bill and taking the community with you.

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Geographic coverage



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Open Spaces Statistics

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- Land area of over 11,000 acres
- 200 City Garden sites
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's)
- National Nature Reserve
- European Special Area of Conservation (SAC's)
- Over 23 million visitors per annum (pa)
- 900 volunteers contributing a total of 50,000 hrs (pa)
- Protected by Acts of Parliament dating back to 1850's to 1880's, properties held in trust as charities.
- Circa 370 employees across the Open Spaces
- 24 Apprentices appointed in 2017/18 across Dept



Expenditure by Property 2017/18

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(in £'000)

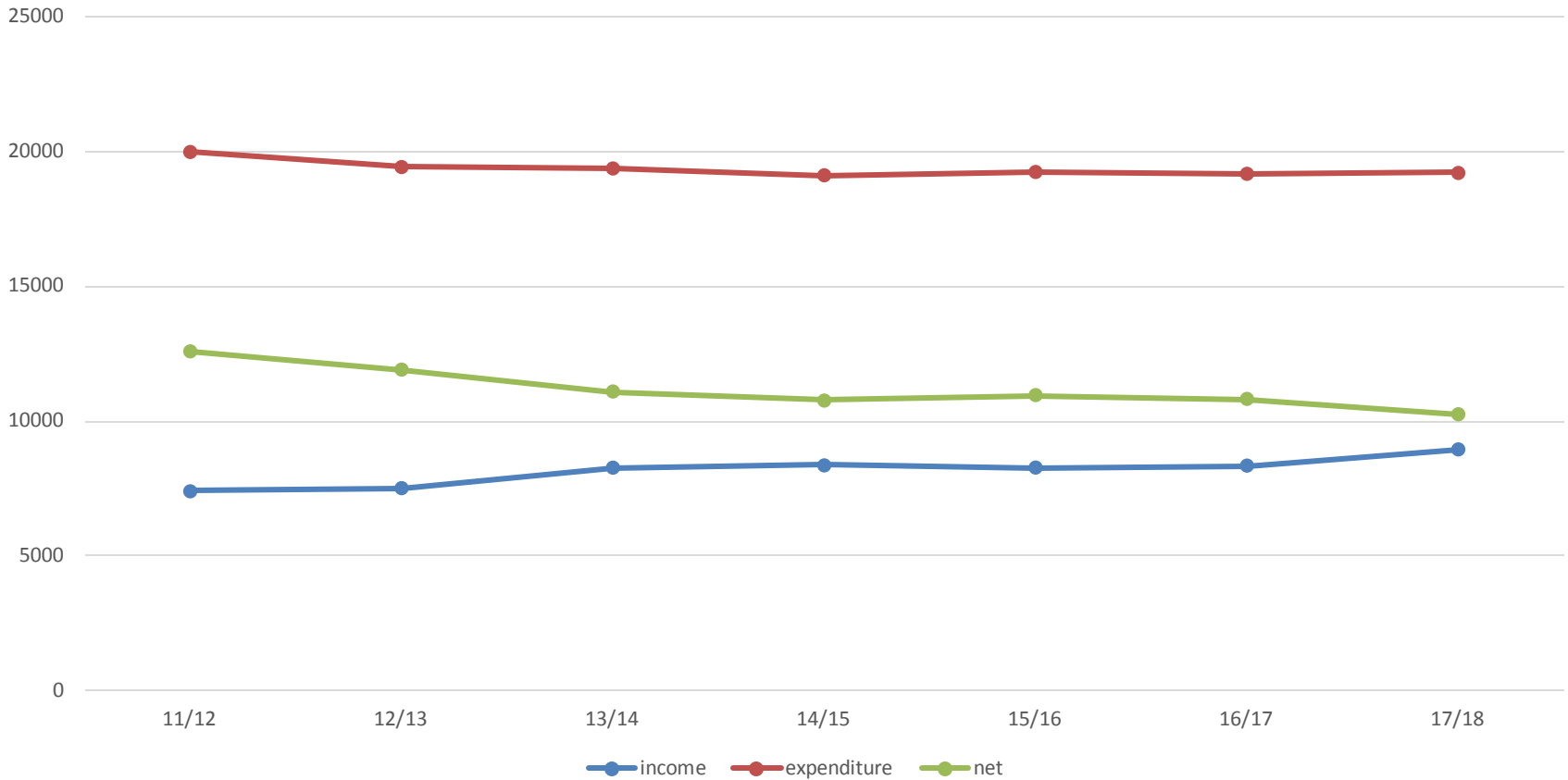
• Epping Forest	4,106
• Hampstead Heath	5,615
• Highgate, Queen's Park & Keats	1,352
• Burnham Beeches & Commons	1,904
• City Gardens & West Ham Park	2,397
• City Cemetery and Crematorium	2,974
• Learning Programme	394
• Directorate	466
Total	19,208
Income	8,616



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Expenditure and Income

Open Spaces - Income & Expenditure Since 2011/12



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The Open Spaces Bill (City of London)

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- The Bill has progressed through Parliament in 2017: Royal Assent anticipated by Easter 2018
- Reflecting modern needs for property and land management, giving freedoms and flexibilities, including: Events, licences and leases, wayleaves, commercial activities, FPN's, and powers to require name & address.
- Defines consultation processes and structures



Practical Steps

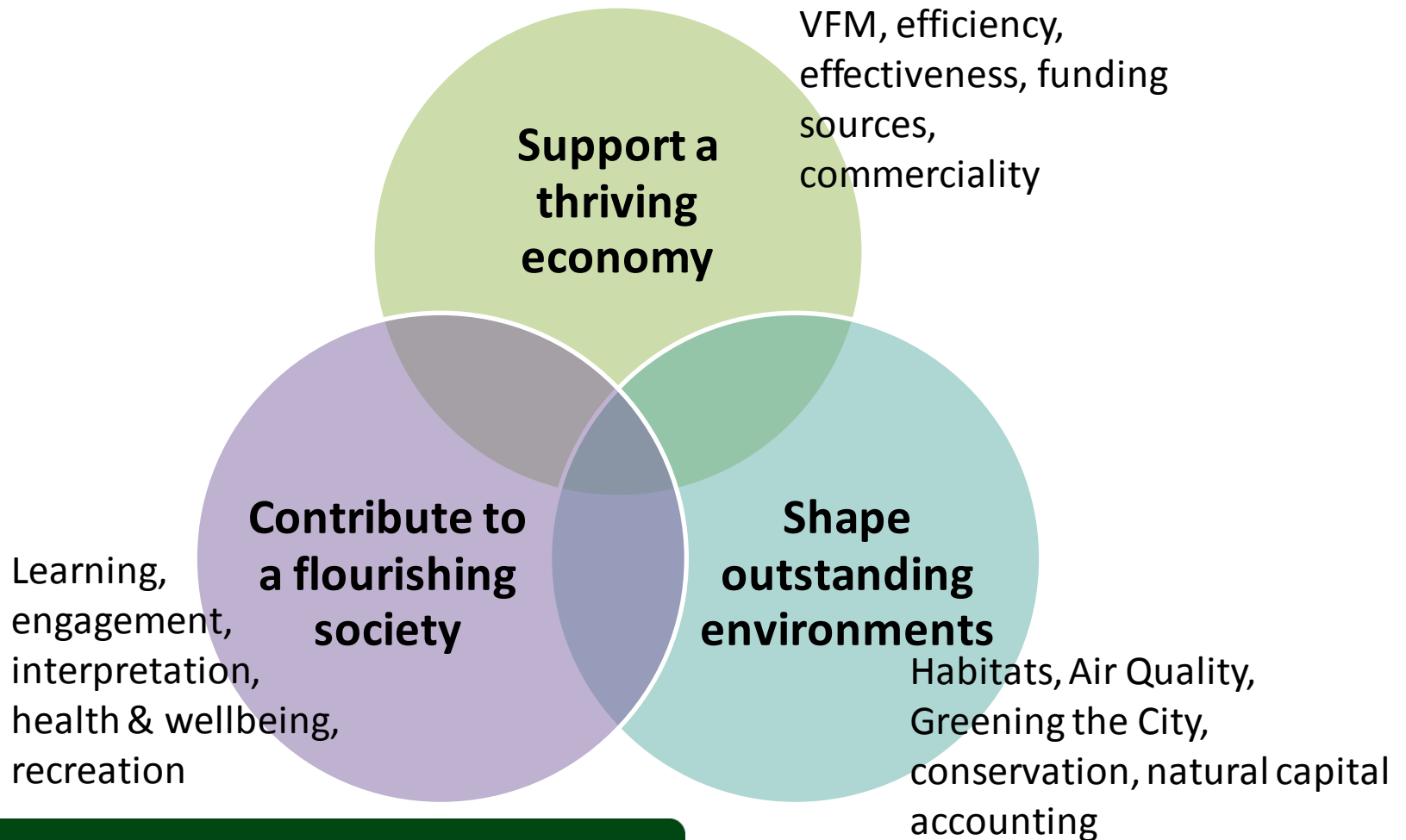
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- Established Consultative Group or Committee for each site to aid communication of challenges & debate
- Identify tendering opportunities e.g. Catering (resulting in good and bad outcomes!)
- Consider existing activity and build on strengths e.g. Sports and Events (Digital)
- Plan for better use of built assets
- Stop doing certain activities (?)
- Hold posts vacant/delete posts(?)
- Seek external funding (Grants, stewardship, Lottery, & Charitable funding)
- Green energy and other capital based spend to save projects



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Finally : Corporate Plan



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