



Housing and Technical Resources
Executive Director **Jim Hayton**
Support Services

Memo

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Subject: Financial Services Scrutiny Forum Query – Grounds Maintenance Query

In response to your memo dated 10 November 2009, the charges relate to the Care of Garden scheme for Owner Occupiers as this is a seasonal service during the summer months. As a result of this seasonal nature, the impact of the overspend is only experienced over the summer months. The period 6 position now represents the final charge for this service.

This service is demand led, and therefore we have very little control over spend. Housing and Technical Resources have been aware of this level of overspend for sometime, and this has been reported through budget monitoring and outturn exercises over recent years. Additional revenue budget has been requested during the years, with no success to date.

If you require any additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

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