

# KL funding for increased development, new building

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CITY Hall will operate on a surplus budget for 1995 — though smaller than this year's RM44 million — with an increased allocation for development expenditure.

Datuk Bandar Datuk Mazlan Ahmad said the budget would include allocations for a new City Hall building to house departments which are now "squatting" in other parts of the city.

It will also include funds for the purchase of an incinerator.

The budget is to be tabled in December after endorsement from Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Suleiman Mohamad.

"We expect to be able to balance the budget again ... perhaps with a smaller surplus than last year's," Mazlan said after the City Hall advisory board meeting.

City Hall had a RM25 million deficit in the 1993 budget.

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diture under next year's budget will be increased."

He also indicated that there would be a reduction of about five per cent in the operating expenditure.

A meeting will be held before the end of the year to gauge City Hall's financial performance for this year.

On the proposed new building, he said it was necessary to centralise all City Hall departments currently

not located at the main building in Jalan Raja Laut.

The new building will be near the existing health department in Jalan Tun Razak.

He said the cost and the final details of the project were still being worked out.

Mazlan said City Hall would only purchase the incinerator when the need arose.

"Although there are firm plans to privatise this sector, it does not mean that City Hall cannot do its homework. In this case, it has to acknowledge its responsibility to the public."

Asked if City Hall would consider investments as a source of revenue, he said there was no need for City Hall to do so at the moment.

"We know of cities which have investments but we do not, at this point in time, see the need for City Hall to venture into this. We will, however, be studying different models of investment of such cities."