

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR COUNCIL SERVICES
2013

Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance

BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 7 2013-2014

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Cabinet Member of the latest budget monitoring position.

2. Information and Analysis

The controllable budget for the Council Services portfolio is approximately £50m. As at month 7, the budget is showing a forecast overspend of nearly £500k for the year. The position statement at month 7 is attached as Appendix 1.

Key variances

Corporate Finance – projected underspend £0.238m

The main area of underspend is on staff vacancies.

Transformation Division – projected underspend £0.293m

The main area of underspend is also on staff vacancies.

Registrars – projected underspend £0.238m

The under-spend is due to the over recovery of income for the various Registrar fees and charges.

HR Development - projected underspend - £0.458m

The main area of underspend relates to vacancies and unpaid staff absences. There are also underspends on the access to work budget at the moment, but this budget responds to demands from departments

Property Division – projected underspend £0.220m

There are a number of posts against the establishment that are currently being held vacant

Industrial Development – projected overspend £0.735m

The main reasons for the overspend are the under recovery of forecasted income for industrial units and small business centres brought about by the difficult economic climate, and the additional costs due to non-domestic rates liability payable on empty properties.

The Director of Property and Head of Regeneration together with the Director of Finance are undertaking a joint review of the industrial unit and small business centre portfolio. However, there is no simple answer as the sites still contribute £1.4m to the Council on an annual basis.

Corporate Management – projected underspend - £0.218m

This underspend represents a saving due to reductions in general subscriptions and audit fees.

Corporate Efficiencies – projected overspend £1.519m

These are the unallocated efficiency savings which have yet to be identified within Corporate budgets.

3. Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Key Decision

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5. Background Papers

Files and reports held by the Director of Finance in rooms 237 and 202.

6. OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member notes the position on the 2013-14 Revenue Budget.

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Chief Executive

PETER HANDFORD
Director of Finance

Appendix 1

COUNCIL SERVICES PORTFOLIO BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 OCTOBER 2013					
DIVISION	2013/14 CONTROLLABLE BUDGET	ACTUALS TO DATE	REST OF YEAR FORECAST	2013/14 CONTROLLABLE FORECAST	CONTROLLABLE (UNDER)/ OVER
	£	£	£	£	£
CORPORATE FINANCE					
- Corporate Finance Division	2,964,053	2,630,311	95,400	2,725,711	(238,342)
- Adult Care - Extracare Scheme	0	22,922	(22,922)	0	0
- BSF/PFI	0	0	0	0	0
- Insurance	3,257,170	171,042	3,086,128	3,257,170	0
- Pension Fund Contribution	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0
- Invest to Save	0	0	0	0	0
- Revenue Contributions to Capital Outlay	141,999	0	0	0	(141,999)
- VR/CR Scheme	475,156	0	475,156	475,156	0
- Core Systems	1,778,725	981,810	786,735	1,768,545	(10,180)
TRANSFORMATION SERVICES					
- Transformation Division	11,677,060	5,717,691	5,666,336	11,384,027	(293,033)
- Change Management	1,329,177	171,643	1,055,455	1,227,098	(102,079)
LEGAL SERVICES					
- Legal Services Division	2,913,687	1,648,272	1,295,083	2,943,355	29,668
- Coroners	1,305,670	704,745	593,850	1,298,595	(7,075)
- Registrars	71,089	(177,657)	(10,249)	(167,408)	(238,497)
H.R. DIVISION					
- HR Development	3,006,624	1,510,647	1,037,959	2,548,606	(458,018)
- Shared Service Centre	1,528,502	735,155	854,680	1,589,835	61,333
- Derbyshire Business Centre	727,990	433,489	224,231	667,720	(70,270)
COUNTY PROPERTY					
- Property Division	4,597,328	4,331,456	45,876	4,377,322	(219,996)
- Building Maintenance	9,965,755	4,813,421	5,152,334	9,965,755	0
- Carbon Reduction	204,000	184,178	0	184,178	(19,822)
- County Buildings	2,292,914	1,550,680	812,818	2,363,498	70,584
- South Normanton JSC	76,400	13,115	249,808	262,923	186,523
- Industrial Development	(1,841,160)	(609,260)	(496,562)	(1,105,852)	735,308
CRD CENTRALLY HELD BUDGETS	857,723	286,829	551,705	838,534	(19,189)
MEMBERS					
- Members' Services	232,988	144,176	88,812	232,988	0
- Chairs Fund	9,361	0	9,361	9,361	0
- Elections	1,008,948	879,802	70,101	949,903	(59,045)
- Democratic Representation and Mgt	1,442,333	767,988	610,851	1,378,839	(63,494)
- Member Community Leadership Scheme	274,800	75,036	199,764	274,800	0
MISCELLANEOUS					
- Corporate Management	601,936	297,923	85,935	383,858	(218,078)
- Unapportionable Central Overheads	40,367	2,245	1,873	4,118	(36,249)
- Flood Defence Levies	283,533	225,830	75,276	301,106	17,573
- Efficiencies	(1,519,048)	0	0	0	1,519,048
- Other	(155,591)	(108,039)	46,908	(61,131)	94,460
TOTAL	50,549,489	28,405,450	22,663,170	51,068,620	519,131
PROPERTY DSO	COSTS TO OCTOBER			INCOME TO OCTOBER	(SURPLUS)/ DEFICIT
	20,511,658			20,566,385	(54,727)

