

Derbyshire County Council

Meeting with Cabinet Member, Health and Communities

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Report of the Strategic Director of Health and Communities, the Strategic Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, the Strategic Director of CAYA and the Director of Finance

BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 9 2013-2014

1. Purpose of the Report

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

2. Information and Analysis

The gross budget for the Health and Communities portfolio is approximately £59m. The budget monitoring is projecting an underspend for the year of £4.9m, £3.5m of which relates the new Public Health function. This will be transferred into a ring-fenced reserve at the end of the financial year which means that the true forecast at this point in time is an underspend of £1.4m.

Key variances

Public Health – projected underspend £3.5m

This is a new service which transferred to the Council in April this year. It is mainly funded by a ring fenced grant of £34.68m. The latest projections are predicting an underspend of £3.5m at the end of the financial year. The key areas of underspend are £1.7m to meet contingencies arising from the transfer of functions, vacant posts worth £0.54m and lower than anticipated charges to both the Sexual Health budget of £0.3m and Cardio-Vascular Health Checks of £0.2m.. The underspend at year-end will be transferred into a newly created Public Health Resource Fund which was approved by Cabinet in December 2013. This fund will support preventative programmes across the council.

Community Safety – Projected underspend £0.369m

The main element of the underspend of £0.332m relates to a project fund. Within this, projects in the order of £170,000 will be committed and

on-going at the end of the financial year including three schemes which have been approved since the budget monitoring was completed.

Youth Offending – Projected underspend £0.141m

The main items underspending are salaries, due to vacancies and long term sick and a project & activities budget.

When Young People are held on remand or in custody, as of this year the Government class them as “being in care”. This places certain responsibilities on Local Authorities for which additional money was allocated. The money allocated is used to buy back bed places from the Youth Justice Board who place these Young People in appropriate places. The cost per bed per night varies widely depending on perceived requirements but can cost hundreds of pounds. There is a projected overspend on this activity of £60,000.

Libraries, Museums, Arts and Heritage – projected underspend £0.735m

The projected underspend has increased by £0.216m since the last reporting period, this is mainly due to the allocation of underspends from the 12/13 outturn, as agreed at Cabco.

The underspend includes a one-off carry forward of £0.415 which was allocated to help achieve the cuts target for 2013/14. This sum of money will not be available in 2014/15 and an equivalent reduction will need to be identified from the departmental budget.

There is also an underspend in relation to vacancies across services, which have been not been filled in order to help achieve future savings targets.

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

No.

5. Background Papers

Working papers held in Corporate Finance Accountancy section

6. OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 DECEMBER 2013							
DIVISION	2013/14 GROSS CONTROLLABLE BUDGET £	2013/14 INCOME BUDGET £	2013/14 CONTROLLABLE NET BUDGET £	ACTUALS TO DATE £	REST OF YEAR FORECAST £	2013/14 CONTROLLABLE FORECAST £	CONTROLLABLE (UNDER)/ OVER £
PUBLIC HEALTH	36,442,500	(36,442,500)	0	(7,160,985)	3,660,740	(3,500,245)	(3,500,245)
COMMUNITY SAFETY	1,728,497	(20,041)	1,708,456	829,122	510,152	1,339,274	(369,182)
YOUTH OFFENDING	2,950,584	(1,166,496)	1,784,088	1,491,360	151,156	1,642,516	(141,572)
EMERGENCY PLANNING	774,384	(296,593)	477,791	267,929	192,673	460,602	(17,189)
LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, ARTS & HERITAGE	11,656,575	(995,825)	10,660,750	6,913,812	3,011,710	9,925,522	(735,228)
ARCHIVES AND MODERN RECORDS	638,041	(125,404)	512,637	422,327	34,115	456,442	(56,195)
TRADING STANDARDS	2,129,411	(108,786)	2,020,625	1,456,104	537,054	1,993,158	(27,467)
DERBYSHIRE SPORT	2,332,834	(2,177,401)	155,433	25,262	130,171	155,433	0
HISTORIC BUILDINGS	65,012	(8,990)	56,022	20,500	10,000	30,500	0
OTHER	199,500	0	199,500	121,131	35,553	156,684	(42,816)
TOTAL	58,917,338	(41,342,036)	17,575,302	4,386,562	8,273,324	12,659,886	(4,915,416)