

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

20 January 2015

**Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities
and the Director of Finance**

BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 7 2014-2015

1. Purpose of the Report:

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

2. Information and Analysis:

2.1 Summary

The gross budget for the Health and Communities portfolio is approximately £53m. The budget monitoring statement (Appendix 1) is projecting an underspend for the year of £4.745m, of which £4.478m relates to the Public Health function. At year-end the Public Health underspend will be transferred into the Public Health Resource Fund leaving a projected underspend for the remaining portfolio of £0.267m.

2.2 Key Variances

Public Health – projected underspend £4.478m

The Public Health function is mainly funded by a ring fenced grant of £35.651m. The latest projections are predicting an underspend of £4.478m at the end of the financial year. Key areas of underspend are:-

£m	reason
2.741	Commitments to Public Health Resource Fund
0.412	lower than anticipated claims from attendances at GUM Clinics
0.269	vacancy control
0.250	lower than expected costs on the Substance Misuse Drug Prescribing budget
0.212	Affordable Warmth Project
0.169	reduction in the value of Smoking Cessation claims
0.167	Healthy Workplaces Project

The 2014-15 underspend at year-end will be transferred into the Public Health Resource Fund from which further allocations will be made in 2015-16 which will be the subject of a separate report to Cabinet. Allocations have already been made in 2014-15 from the balance of the

Resource Fund which was the result of underspends against the Public Health Ring-Fenced Grant in 2013-14.

There has recently been a major re-design/re-procurement of Obesity and Smoking Cessation services which has resulted in greater efficiencies worth a 15% saving on the original annual budget value. The new integrated service started on 1 December 2014 so the savings effect will start to be felt in the early months of 2015.

2.3 Reserves

The Department's Earmarked Reserves total £3.068m and are listed in Appendix 2.

2.4 Budget Reductions

Budget reductions totaling £1.288m were agreed by Full Council as part of the approval of the 2014-15 budget. The savings will be achieved by the end of the financial year. A table showing performance against target is attached as Appendix 3.

3. Other Considerations:

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

4. Key Decision:

No

5. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of decisions proposed in the report? No

6. Background Papers:

Working papers held in Corporate Finance Accountancy section.

7. Officers' Recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member notes the position on the 2014-15 Revenue Budget.

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APPENDIX 1

HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 OCTOBER 2014							
DIVISION	2014/15 GROSS CONTROLLABLE BUDGET £	2014/15 INCOME BUDGET £	2014/15 CONTROLLABLE NET BUDGET £	ACTUALS TO DATE £	REST OF YEAR FORECAST £	2014/15 CONTROLLABLE FORECAST £	CONTROLLABLE (UNDER)/ OVER £
PUBLIC HEALTH	37,077,135	-37,077,135	0	-9,822,026	5,343,961	-4,478,065	-4,478,065
COMMUNITY SAFETY	1,530,019	-20,442	1,509,577	505,256	925,417	1,430,673	-78,904
EMERGENCY PLANNING	729,383	-302,524	426,859	146,786	260,343	407,129	-19,730
LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE	10,452,645	-1,205,860	9,246,785	5,070,751	4,096,284	9,167,035	-79,750
TRADING STANDARDS	1,680,862	-110,963	1,569,899	909,340	678,675	1,588,015	18,116
DERBYSHIRE SPORT	1,291,624	-1,136,191	155,433	-37,034	192,467	155,433	0
OTHER	237,479	0	237,479	71,395	59,614	131,009	-106,470
TOTAL	52,999,147	-39,853,115	13,146,032	-3,155,532	11,556,761	8,401,229	-4,744,803

APPENDIX 2

Earmarked Reserves

	Balance at 31.10.2014 £	
Arts Partnership	44,704	Arts activities funded by Arts Council
Derbyshire Literature Festival	24,960	To take place as part of 'Made in Derbyshire' event
Derbyshire Poet Laureate	19,496	to fund her activities
Libraries Computer Reserve	65,552	Fund replacement of IT kit for public use
Museums Acquisitions reserve	10,381	donations from the public to fund acquisitions
Picture the Past	114,605	Partnership with OLA's
PSA1 reward grant	208,284	major part will fund library refurbishments and Local Studies equipment
Rural and Community Tour	4,515	Arts Council funding
Readwritetell	3,250	To be transferred back to general reserves
School Library service	23,676	To meet deficits if they arise
Made in Derbyshire	136,286	To fund the Made in Derbyshire events in 2015
Trusted Trader	33,586	to contribute towards running the scheme and maintaining subscription levels
County Records	17,800	to cover equipment expenditure
Collections In The Landscape	15,917	Heritage Lottery funding for a scheme run by the museum
Emergency Planning	78,332	reservoir work
Public Health Resource Fund	673,457	incl. £238k committed to Public Health projects
Derbyshire Sport	40,002	partnership body for whom we host their accounts
Upgrade of Broadband in Libraries	300,000	from 13/14 underspends
Buy-out of Mobile Library leases	425,000	from 13/14 underspends
Public Health s256/Externally Funded Programmes	828,658	s256 and others
HCS total	3,068,461	

APPENDIX 3

Budget reductions

	Budget Reduction Amount	Achieved Amount	Not Achieved	
	£	£	£	
Emergency Planning - staffing review	45,000	45,000	0	
Community Safety - staffing re-organisation to tackle anti-social behaviour, domestic violence, re-offending rates	300,000	300,000	0	
Mobile Library Service changes	265,000	100,000	165,000	full impact to be achieved in 15/16. Shortfall in 14/15 to be met by other underspends.
Trading Standards - restructuring of the service	400,000	400,000	0	
Library Service Restructuring	200,000	200,000	0	
Arts Service - reduction in grants awarded to local groups/organisations	65,000	65,000	0	
Departmental HQ - reduction in leadership, management and non-staffing budgets	13,000	13,000	0	
Total	1,288,000	1,123,000	165,000	