

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

7 June 2018

Report of the Strategic Director for Economy, Transport and Environment, Strategic Director for Adult Care, Strategic Director for Commissioning, Communities and Policy, Director of Finance & ICT and Director of Public Health

BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 9 2017-2018

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Cabinet Member of the current budget monitoring position. This report was originally taken to the 8 March 2018 meeting but an amendment to section 2.1 first paragraph was necessary which has meant the report needs to be brought to the next available meeting.

2. Information and Analysis

2.1 Summary

The 2017-18 controllable net budget for the Health and Communities portfolio is approximately £3.631m. This figure includes the Public Health Ring-Fenced base budget of £41.618m which is fully funded by the Ring-Fenced Public Health Grant. This results in a net base budget of zero for Public Health.

The latest budget monitoring is projecting an underspend for Public Health of £0.724m with the remainder of the portfolio showing a forecasted underspend of £0.106m. This results in a total projected underspend of £0.830m for the portfolio.

The areas which make up this projection are shown in the table below:-

	Controllable Net Budget £m	Projected Outturn 2017-18 £m	Projected Over/(Under) Spend for year £m
Public Health	0.043	(0.681)	(0.724)
Community Safety	0.957	0.824	(0.133)
Trading Standards	1.335	1.337	0.002
Emergency Planning	0.399	0.395	(0.004)
Coroners	1.426	1.439	0.013
Registrars	(0.529)	(0.513)	0.016
Total	3.631	2.801	(0.830)

2.2 Key variances

Public Health – projected underspend £0.724m

The Public Health function is mainly funded by a Ring-fenced grant of £41.618m. There has been a 2.47% reduction in the value of the Grant for 2017-18 which equates to £1.052m. The latest projections are predicting an underspend of £0.724m at the end of the financial year.

A large proportion of the underspend continues to be generated from activity-based contracts which are not meeting anticipated levels of service activity. An underspend has been introduced in this budget monitoring to reflect a more gradual increase in activity for the new Live Life Better Derbyshire Service which commenced on 1 December 2017.

The underspend at year-end will be transferred into the Public Health Reserve and will help to meet Public Health Department restructure costs and pay protection arrangements for 2 years from April 2018 and also to support investment in a comprehensive programme of sports and physical activity grants as outlined in the Council Plan.

Community Safety – projected underspend £0.133m

The underspend is mainly due to staff vacancies and an underspend on Community Safety projects.

2.3 Budget Savings

A savings target of £0.281m has been allocated for 2017-18, of which £0.212m will be achieved.

The table below shows performance against the target.

	Budget Reduction Target £m	Achieved £m	Not Achieved £m
Emergency Planning	0.044	0.044	0.000
Community Safety	0.168	0.168	0.000
Trading Standards	0.069	0.000	0.069
Total	0.281	0.212	0.069

The Trading Standards saving will not be achieved until the staffing review is complete. However, due to a combination of Public Health funding, vacancies and underspends elsewhere in the division, Trading Standards is not projected to overspend.

2.4 Reserves

Earmarked Reserves relating to this portfolio, totalling £6.964m, are currently held to support future expenditure. Future use of the Public Health Reserve is described in section 2.2.

Details of these reserves are shown below:

	Amount £m
Public Health Reserve	6.343
Public Health s256/Externally Funded Reserve	0.266
Public Health Food in the Community Reserve	0.051
Emergency Planning - Reservoirs	0.078
Community Safety	0.160
Trusted Trader	0.016
Proceeds of Crime	0.035
Registrars – high quality printers	0.015
Total Earmarked Reserves	6.964

3. Social value

All expenditure incurred is fully assessed against the Social Value imperatives.

4. 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.

5. Key Decision

No.

6. Call-in

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

7. Background Papers

Files and reports held by Accountancy sections within Adult Care, Commissioning, Communities and Policy, and Economy, Transport and Environment.

8. OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member notes the position on the 2017-18 Revenue Budget.

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