

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**CABINET MEMBER MEETING – JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT**

11 February 2014

Joint Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment
and the Director of Finance

BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14

- (1) **Purpose of the Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of the current budget monitoring position.
- (2) **Information and Analysis** The net budget for the Jobs, Economy and Transport portfolio is £88.315m. The budget monitoring is currently projecting an underspend of £2.067m at the year end.

Key Variances

Departmental Management Team - £0.124m projected underspend

The underspend is in the staffing budget as a result of the recent Senior Management vacancies.

Commercial Services - £0.381m projected underspend

The main area of underspend is in employee costs due to vacancy control plus reductions in external hiring of vehicles.

Transport and Technical Policy - £0.809m projected underspend

The main areas of underspend relate to gold card re-imbursements, revenue support of buses and employee costs, including school crossing patrol staff, due to vacancy control.

Highway Management (excluding maintenance) - £0.123m projected overspend

The main areas of underspend is in employee costs due to vacancy control but this has been off-set by an under-recovery of parking income.

Highways Maintenance - £0.765m projected overspend

The overspend relates to a projected overspend of £1.083m on winter maintenance which is off-set by an over-recovery of income for Section 74 and commuted maintenance. The overspend on winter maintenance will be

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funded from the Winter Reserve if there is insufficient underspends elsewhere within the department to enable it to breakeven subject to Cabinet approval.

Resources and Improvement - £0.367 projected underspend

The main area of underspend is in employee costs due to vacancy control plus savings made in the furniture, equipment and training budgets.

Waste Management - £1.054m projected underspend

There is a projected underspend on the various waste contracts due to lower than anticipated tonnages plus underspends on staffing and consultants. Also there is a projected over-recovery of income as a result of the recent changes in the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations.

Countryside - £0.028m projected overspend

The projected overspend is due to the under-recovery of income (£0.040m) mainly relating to car parking at Countryside sites which is off-set by some underspends in the staffing budgets.

Regeneration - £0.264m projected underspend

There is a projected underspend in the Regeneration Treasure Chest and in employee costs due to vacancy control.

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.

(3) **Key Decision** No.

(4) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(5) **Background Papers** Working papers held in the Finance Section of the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Pat Holmes, extension 38757.

(6) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member notes the report.

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