

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER - JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT**

25 March 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 £88.544m. The budget monitoring is currently projecting an underspend of £1.940m at the year end.

Key Variances

Departmental Management Team - £0.100m projected underspend

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

Commercial Services - £0.307m 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 - £0.861m projected underspend

The main areas of underspend relate to gold card reimbursements, less than anticipated take up of B_Line concessionary fares, and revenue support of the local bus network.

Highway Management (excluding maintenance) - £0.228m projected overspend

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

Highways Maintenance - £0.998m projected overspend

The overspend relates to a projected overspend of £1.435m 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 break even, subject to Cabinet approval.

Resources and Improvement - £0.417 projected underspend

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

Waste Management - £1.337m 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.

Regeneration - £0.220m projected underspend

There is a projected underspend in employee costs due to vacancy control, and also spend on projects in the year less than anticipated. However, due to projects agreed in the year, this underspend is all committed and will be requested to be put into a specific reserve at year end as part of the outturn report.

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 (Room 161). Officer contact details – Karen Howes, extension 38730.

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

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Outturn forecast

	Budget (£)	Period 9 Actual (£)	Rest of Year Estimate (£)	Year End Forecast (£)	Under/Over spend (£)
Departmental Management Team	671,129	418,759	152,330	571,089	(100,040)
Commercial Services	(2,001,683)	(2,457,668)	148,722	(2,308,946)	(307,263)
Markham Employment Growth Zone	492,473	304,122	174,976	479,098	(13,375)
Transport and Technical Policy	21,311,082	15,695,941	4,753,648	20,449,589	(861,493)
Highway Management (exc maintenance)	3,728,517	10,992,609	(7,036,409)	3,956,200	227,683
Highways Maintenance	20,918,789	10,923,008	10,993,822	21,916,830	998,041
Resources and Improvement	3,866,879	2,667,083	782,994	3,450,077	(416,802)
Countryside	3,211,812	2,430,467	839,048	3,269,515	57,703
Conservation & Design	497,686	254,123	219,105	473,228	(24,458)
Waste Management	33,837,889	24,550,627	7,950,093	32,500,720	(1,337,169)
Planning Services	985,594	771,742	247,965	1,019,707	34,113
Regeneration	1,024,011	214,888	589,439	804,327	(219,684)
Unallocated Budgets (inc cuts)	0	12,058	10,723	22,781	22,781
TOTAL	88,544,178	66,777,759	19,826,456	86,604,215	(1,939,963)