

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND BUDGET

12 January 2016

Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance

BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 – MONTH 7

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Cabinet Member of the current budget monitoring position as at the end of month 7 (April to October 2015).

2. Information and Analysis

2.1 Summary

The budget for the Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget portfolio currently stands at approximately £8.465m. The budget monitoring for month 7 is currently projecting an underspend of £0.945m, as detailed in Appendix 1.

2.2 Key variances

Communications – projected underspend £0.298m

The key underspends relate to staffing within Call Derbyshire and Communications, due to strict vacancy control to help plan for and meet future budget reductions. This underspend will reduce in 2016-17 due to full years costs of newly recruited staff.

Chief Executives – projected underspend £0.336m

The Chief Executive's Office, excluding Regeneration, has achieved savings of £0.412m, compared to the 2014/15 target of £0.175m resulting in front loaded savings of £0.237m. This will be utilized to meet savings targets in future years.

Policy – projected underspend £0.162m

The key underspends relate to staffing created by funding from Public Health and vacancy control, and the Consultancy budget not being spent.

2.3 Reserves

The current balances on the Earmarked Reserves (including reserves held corporately, by the Chief Executive's Office and by the Economy, Transport and Environment Department), totaling £19.191m, are listed in Appendix 2. These have been earmarked for corporate issues or committed to projects and initiatives that contribute to the Council's Council Plan pledges and priorities.

2.4 Budget Reductions

Budget reductions totaling £0.496m were allocated in 2015/16 and £0.496m was achieved in April 2015. The table showing performance against target is attached as Appendix 3.

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 the Corporate Finance Accountancy section

6. Call-in

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

7. OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member notes the monitoring position for period 7 on the 2015-16 revenue budget.

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Chief Executive

Peter Handford
Director of Finance

APPENDIX 1

STRATEGIC, POLICY AND BUDGET BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 OCTOBER 2015					
DIVISION	2015/16 CONTROLLABLE BUDGET £	ACTUALS TO DATE £	REST OF YEAR FORECAST £	2015/16 CONTROLLABLE FORECAST £	CONTROLLABLE (UNDER)/ OVER £
<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT</u>					
COMMUNICATIONS					
- Communications	1,528,393	779,877	551,603	1,331,480	-196,913
- Call Centre	1,872,367	1,027,747	743,690	1,771,437	-100,930
COMMUNICATIONS TOTAL	3,400,760	1,807,624	1,295,293	3,102,917	-297,843
POLICY AND RESEARCH					
- Policy unit	1,317,016	687,462	467,291	1,154,753	-162,263
- Thriving Families Initiative	87,500	0	87,500	87,500	0
POLICY AND RESEARCH TOTAL	1,404,516	687,462	554,791	1,242,253	-162,263
PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT	202,845	88,209	114,636	202,845	0
CHIEF EXECUTIVE					
- Management	665,593	216,906	134,245	351,151	-314,442
- Secretariat	249,904	131,260	97,009	228,269	-21,635
- Transformation Challenge	745,000	135,500	609,500	745,000	0
- Innovation & Transformation	494,858	4,232	490,626	494,858	0
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S TOTAL	2,155,355	487,898	1,331,380	1,819,278	-336,077
<u>ECONOMY, TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT</u>					
REGENERATION	1,301,648	-181,999	1,335,143	1,153,144	-148,504
ECONOMY, TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT TOTAL	1,301,648	-181,999	1,335,143	1,153,144	-148,504
TOTAL	8,465,124	2,889,194	4,631,243	7,520,437	-944,687

APPENDIX 2

Ear Marked Reserves

	Balance at 30.10.2015
Thriving Families Initiative	213,483
Literacy	116,838
Fostering Publicity	13,568
Performance Management	50,000
Innovation Programme Support	50,000
Equal Pay - including Legal Costs	15,308,266
Derbyshire Challenge Fund	1,504,596
Invest to Save	75,000
Call Derbyshire automation - Speech recognition	70,000
GIS	65,000
Govdelivery	50,000
Derbyshire Economic Partnership Committed Liability - Revenue	16,083
Innovations & Transformation	960,000
Buxton Crescent Legal Fees	0
Apprenticeship Scheme Committed Liability - Revenue	167,200
Markham Vale Seymour Impact Assessment Committed Liability	100,000
Markham Vale Centre Extension Committed Liability - Revenue	280,041
Food & Drink Fair General Uncommitted Reserves	22,000
D2N2 - Demand Stimulation	100,000
Partnership Forum	29,007
	19,191,082

APPENDIX 3

Budget Reductions 2015/16

	Budget Reduction target £m	Achieved Amount £m
POLICY		
Reduction in staffing	0.030	0.030
Reduction in Corporate Consultation budget	0.011	0.011
Reduction in Corporate Sustainability budget	0.001	0.001
Reduction of Corporate Equalities budget	0.001	0.001
Reduction in Corporate Literacy budget	0.001	0.001
Cessation of support to Local Area Forums	0.084	0.084
POLICY TOTAL	0.128	0.128
COMMUNICATIONS		
Reduction in staffing	0.194	0.194
Reduction in publicity budget	0.094	0.094
Reduction in non- recruitment advertising budget	0.005	0.005
COMMUNICATIONS TOTAL	0.293	0.293
CHIEF EXECUTIVES		
Deletion of Derbyshire County PCT budget - now Public Health	0.075	0.075
CHIEF EXECUTIVES TOTAL	0.075	0.075
TOTAL	0.496	0.496