

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP, CULTURE AND TOURISM** held on 11 October 2018 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor B Lewis

Also in attendance – Councillor R Flatley.

25/18 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 August 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

26/18 **BUDGET MONITORING 2018-19 - MONTH 3** The Cabinet Member was informed of the current budget monitoring position as at the end of month 3 (April to June 2018).

The budget for the Strategic Leadership, Communities and Tourism portfolio currently stood at approximately £13.111m. The budget monitoring for month 3 was currently showing an underspend of £0.004m.

Details were given of the key variances:-

Communications – underspend £0.170m - The key underspend related to vacancies throughout the section.

Policy – underspend £0.155m - The main underspend related to vacancies and a reduction in subscriptions.

Libraries and Heritage - overspend £0.291m - The main area of overspend related to budget savings not being achieved by the library service.

The current balances on the Portfolio's Earmarked Reserves, totalling £3.878m, were listed in Appendix 1 to the Joint report. These had been earmarked for corporate issues or committed to projects and initiatives that contributed to the Council's Council Plan pledges and priorities.

The savings allocated for 2018-19 were £0.091m of which £0.040m had been achieved. The Council had recently completed a 12 week public consultation on a new strategy for the Public Library Service and the results of this would be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet.

RESOLVED to note the monitoring position for period 3 of the 2018-19 revenue budget.

27/18 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING OUTTURN 2017-18

The Cabinet Member was informed of the outturn position for 2017-18.

The controllable expenditure for the Strategic Leadership, Culture and Tourism portfolio was £13.145m against a budget of £13.715m resulting in a controllable underspend of £0.570m, which was detailed in the Joint report.

Details were given of the key variances:-

Chief Executives – underspend £0.361m - the key underspend related to savings generated as a result of the restructuring of the Council's Senior Management Team.

Communications – underspend £0.248m - the key underspend related to vacancy control within the section.

Libraries and Heritage– overspend £0.241m - the overspend related mainly to budget savings not being achieved by the library service.

The current balances on the Portfolio's Earmarked Reserves, totalling £5.619m, were listed in Appendix 1 to the Joint report. These had been earmarked for corporate issues or committed to projects and initiatives that contributed to the Council's Council Plan pledges and priorities.

Budget reductions totalling £1.189m were allocated for the year, with a contribution of £220k towards the shortfall in savings, giving a revised target for the year of £0.969m. The department identified savings of £0.913m, but had only achieved £0.442m, with the balance being met from underspends. The full list was detailed at Appendix 2 to the joint report.

RESOLVED to note the revenue outturn position for 2017-18.