

PUBLIC

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC, POLICY AND BUDGET

12th November 2013

**Report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and the Director
of Finance**

BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 5 2013-2014

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Cabinet Member of the current budget monitoring position.

To seek approval to transfer funds into reserves

2. Information and Analysis

The budget for the Strategic, Policy and Budget portfolio is approximately £5.1m. The budget monitoring is projecting an underspend for the year of £0.769m.

Key variances

Communications – projected underspend £0.617m

The key underspends relate to staffing particularly within the Contact Centre (£0.195m), and the reduction in expenditure on publications and campaigns (£0.170m). Also, as part of the revenue outturn, Communications Division were successful in securing £0.100m as a contribution towards the replacement of the GIS system, and £0.070m towards a speech recognition system in the Contact Centre.

It is requested that these two items be transferred to an earmarked reserve until the funding is required.

Policy Unit – projected underspend £0.078m

The main area of underspend relates to staffing vacancies and maternity leave.

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 Corporate Finance Accountancy section

6. OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Cabinet Member notes the position on the 2013-14 Revenue Budget for the portfolio.
2. To seek Cabinet approval to transfer the GIS and voice recognition budgets to an earmarked reserve.

John Pitt
Strategic Director of Corporate Resources

Peter Handford
Director of Finance

**STRATEGIC, POLICY AND BUDGET
BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14
AUGUST 2013**

DIVISION	2013/14			2013/14	CONTROLLABLE
	CONTROLLABLE	ACTUALS	REST OF	CONTROLLABLE	(UNDER)/
	BUDGET	TO DATE	YEAR	FORECAST	OVER
	£	£	£	£	£
COMMUNICATIONS	4,088,232	1,418,334	2,052,548	3,470,882	(617,350)
POLICY AND RESEARCH					
- Policy Unit	1,588,416	560,738	949,688	1,510,426	(77,990)
- Performance Management	104,709	9,872	36,700	46,572	(58,136)
- Troubled Families Initiative	(1,356,000)	(1,356,000)	0	(1,356,000)	0
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	717,884	412,955	289,528	702,483	(15,402)
TOTAL	5,143,241	1,045,899	3,328,464	4,374,363	(768,878)