

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET****25 July 2016****Report of the Chief Executive, Strategic Director, Economy, Transport and Communities, and Director of Finance****REVENUE OUTTURN 2015-16****1 Purpose of the Report**

To report the final revenue outturn position for 2015-16, to identify significant variations in expenditure from the budget, and to make proposals for the use of any underspends.

2 Information and Analysis**2.1 Summary**

Attached as Appendix 1 to this report is a statement setting out the final outturn position for 2015-16. Controllable net expenditure was £6.405m against a budget of £7.489m resulting in a controllable underspend of £1.083m.

2.2 Key Variances**Communications - underspend £0.498m**

The main underspends relate to staffing particularly within the Call Derbyshire (£0.229m) due to turnover and recruitment timescales and Communications (£0.269m) due to a reduction in spending on publicity and vacancy control to manage the cuts. Underspend on staffing budgets at this level is not anticipated for 2016-17.

Policy and Research Division - underspend £0.196m

The main area of underspends relate to staffing challenges recruiting into specialist posts and vacancy control to manage the cuts.

Office of the Chief Executive – underspend £0.260m

Resulting mainly from front loaded cuts from 2014-15, which will be reduced by the end of 2016-17 to manage the budget cuts within Chief Executive's Office.

Regeneration – underspend £0.117m

Over the last few years, there has been a reduction in the contribution to East Midlands Chamber for Visit Peak, resulting in an underspend in 2015-16 of £0.087m. The remaining underspend was mainly due to less than anticipated spend on the Digital Derbyshire team.

2.3 Proposals for the use of underspends

Cabinet, at its meeting on 26 July is being asked to agree the allocation of £1.040m from underspends to enable the portfolio to fund projects, as outlined below:

1. Call Derbyshire - £0.271m – Service improvement
2. VCS - £0.086m – Extension to VCS Grants funding for 2017-18
3. Partnership and Customer Engagement - £0.194m – To develop and deliver communications and engagement activities for a range of Council programmes and initiatives.
4. Digital Channel Shift Feasibility Assessment - £0.292m – To help deliver improvement to the Council's website and online functionality.
5. Refugee Partnership - £0.080m – To fund 2 temporary posts to support the co-ordination of Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme.
6. Regeneration underspend - £0.117m – To cover any slippage in delivering the departmental cuts for 2016-17, and one off projects to be agreed at future Cabco.

2.4 Savings Against 2015-16 Target

Budget reductions totalling £0.496m were allocated to Chief Executive's Office for the year, £0.496m were achieved.

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

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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

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, and social value considerations.

4 Background Papers

Files and reports held by the Director of Finance in Room 102, County Hall.

5 Key Decision

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6 OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** To note the revenue outturn position for 2015-16.
- 6.2** To approve the new bids requested from underspends.

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STRATEGIC, POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET			
BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16			
DIVISION	2015/16 CONTROLLABLE BUDGET £	ACTUALS £	CONTROLLABLE (UNDER)/OVER £
<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT</u>			
COMMUNICATIONS			
- Communcations	1,557,293	1,287,939	-269,354
- Call Centre	1,872,367	1,643,412	-228,955
COMMUNICATIONS TOTAL	3,429,660	2,931,351	-498,309
POLICY AND RESEARCH			
- Policy Unit	1,333,342	1,137,028	-196,314
- Thriving Families Initiative	7,576	7,576	0
POLICY AND RESEARCH TOTAL	1,340,918	1,144,604	-196,314
PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT	107,845	96,001	-11,844
CHIEF EXECUTIVE			
- Management	577,502	397,734	-179,768
- Members and Management Support	501,350	420,788	-80,561
- Transformation Challenge Award	159,001	159,001	0
- Innovations and Transformation	204,678	204,678	0
CHIEF EXECUTIVES TOTAL	1,442,531	1,182,201	-260,329
<u>ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT</u>			
REGENERATION	1,167,697	1,051,114	-116,583
ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITIES TOTAL	1,167,697	1,051,114	-116,583
<u>TOTAL</u>	7,488,650	6,405,271	-1,083,380

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