

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC, POLICY AND BUDGET

9th September 2014

Report of the Chief Executive and Director of Finance

REVENUE OUTTURN 2013-14

1 Purpose of the Report

To report the final revenue outturn position for 2013-14, 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 2013-14. Controllable net expenditure was £4.2m against a budget of £4.9m resulting in a controllable underspend of £0.7m.

2.2 Key Variances

Communications - underspend £0.486m

The main underspends relate to staffing particularly within the Contact Centre (£0.173m), Public relations (£0.069m) due in part to a full time post which is being used on fostering publicity funded by CAYA which hasn't been back-filled and the reduction in expenditure on publications and campaigns (£0.153m).

Policy unit - underspend £0.134m

The main area of underspend relates to staffing vacancies and maternity leave. The Consultation and Local Area forum budgets also underspent whilst the grants budget overspent.

2.3 Proposals for the use of Underspend

There are a number of commitments against the underspend, which have already been approved by Cabco, they total £0.056m and are listed in Appendix 2. There is also one bid totalling £0.050m, as set out below:

Assistant to the new post of Innovation Programme Manager – temporary 12 months:

To support the new Innovation Programme Manager to help establish the service and speed up delivery of the innovation programme.

2.4 Reserves

The earmarked reserves that relate to the Strategic, Policy and Budget portfolio are listed below:

Troubled Families Initiative – community budget £0.172m

The Government's Troubled Families Initiative grants the authority project funding to the TFI project team.

This earmarked funding has been allocated to support work on the Thriving Families project.

Literacy funding £0.117m

Commitment previously made in the sum of £100,000, a report is being prepared to seek approval to allocate the funding.

Fostering publicity £0.090m

Communications section is carrying out publicity work in order to help increase the number of Foster carers. This work is on behalf of, and funded by, CAYA over two years.

Performance management £0.050m

Approval has been given to extend the existing contract for the Corvu performance management software pending procurement of new software. The budget for the performance management will be vired from Corporate to Policy Unit where the project is managed. This reserve is to cover project contingency requirements.

Equal Pay £15.324m

To support the liability associated with equal pay cases lost, and associated legal costs

Derbyshire Challenge fund £0.543m

The fund was established to ensure that there are sufficient one-off

funds available to pump prime changes in service delivery that deliver significant savings towards the overall target of £157 million.

Invest to save £0.247m

This is committed to fund the replacement of the school's accounting system with SAP.

The reserves are set out in Appendix 3

2.5 Returned to General Reserves

Once the commitments and bid are accounted for, there is a transfer to general reserves of £0.546m. The position is summarised in Appendix 2.

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 Background Papers

Files and reports held by the Director of Finance in Room 203, County Hall.

5 Key Decision

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6 OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 To note the revenue outturn position for 2013-14.

6.2 To approve the use of underspends to meet the commitments outlined in the report.

6.3 To approve the new bid requested from underspends

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STRATEGIC, POLICY AND BUDGET BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 Year-end Outturn			
DIVISION	2013/14 CONTROLLABLE BUDGET £	ACTUALS TO DATE £	CONTROLLABLE (UNDER)/ OVERSPEND £
COMMUNICATIONS	3,940,533	3,454,894	(485,639)
POLICY AND RESEARCH			
- Policy unit	1,510,025	1,376,280	(133,744)
- Performance management	54,709	33,648	(21,061)
- Troubled Families Initiative	(1,356,000)	(1,356,000)	0
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	717,884	706,402	(11,483)
TOTAL	4,867,151	4,215,224	(651,926)

APPENDIX 2**Summary position**

Net underspend	£0.652m
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Commitments:

Review of Communications	£0.038m
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-Strategic, Policy & Budget Cabco 11/02/14

Climate Change Project Officer - contract extension	£0.018m
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-Council Services Cabco 27/03/14

Bids for use of underspends:

Assistant to Innovation Programme Manager – 12 months	£0.050m
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Net transfer to General Reserve	£0.546m
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APPENDIX 3

STATEMENT OF RESERVES

2013/14

	Balance at 1.4.2013 £	Movements in year £	Balance at 31.3.2014 £
Reserve			
TFI 'community budget'	127,500	44,272	171,772
Literacy funding	75,000	41,838	116,838
Fostering publicity	230,658	(140,513)	90,145
Performance management	0	50,000	50,000
Derbyshire Challenge Fund	0	543,583	543,583
Equal Pay	15,200,000	124,000	15,324,000
Invest to Save		247,000	247,000