

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC, POLICY AND BUDGET

11th February 2014

Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance

BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 9 2013-2014

1. Purpose of the Report

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

2. Information and Analysis

The budget for the Strategic, Policy and Budget portfolio is approximately £5.2m. The budget monitoring is projecting an underspend for the year of £0.6m.

Key variances

Communications – projected underspend £0.429m

The main underspends relate to staffing particularly within the Contact Centre (£0.200m), a full time post in Public Relations 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 (£0.135m).

Policy Unit – projected underspend £0.105m

The main area of underspend relates to staffing vacancies and maternity leave. The consultation budget is also currently projected to underspend but some of it may be required for engagement activities relating to the budget.

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

That the Cabinet Member notes the position on the 2013-14 Revenue Budget for the portfolio.

Ian Stephenson
Chief Executive

Peter Handford
Director of Finance

STRATEGIC, POLICY AND BUDGET BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 DECEMBER 2013					
DIVISION	2013/14 CONTROLLABLE BUDGET	ACTUALS TO DATE	REST OF YEAR FORECAST	2013/14 CONTROLLABLE FORECAST	CONTROLLABLE (UNDER)/ OVER
	£	£	£	£	£
COMMUNICATIONS	4,111,500	2,547,119	1,135,193	3,682,312	(429,188)
POLICY AND RESEARCH					
- Policy Unit	1,588,416	1,089,785	393,176	1,482,961	(105,455)
- Performance Management	104,709	15,586	18,499	34,085	(70,624)
- Troubled Families Initiative	(1,356,000)	(1,356,000)	0	(1,356,000)	0
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	717,884	601,541	110,883	712,424	(5,460)
TOTAL	5,166,509	2,898,031	1,657,751	4,555,782	(610,727)