

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC, POLICY AND BUDGET**

**9 September 2014**

**Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance**

**BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 3 2014-2015**

**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 £5.9m. The budget monitoring is currently projecting an underspend of £0.510m, as detailed in Appendix A.

**Key variances**

**Communications – projected underspend £0.348m**

The key underspends relate to staffing within the Call Derbyshire and Communications, due to vacancy control during the communications review, and the reduction in expenditure on publications.

**Policy Unit – projected underspend £0.188m**

This is mainly due to a gradual reduction in the number of payments to other local authorities for the administration of Local Area Forums. There are also underspends of approximately £0.078m on a number of budgets covering staffing, travel and supplies and services.

**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 monitoring position on the 2014-15 revenue budget.

**Ian Stephenson**  
**Chief Executive**

**Peter Handford**  
**Director of Finance**

**STRATEGIC, POLICY AND BUDGET  
BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15  
JUNE 2014**

DIVISION	2014/15			2014/15	CONTROLLABLE
	CONTROLLABLE	ACTUALS	REST OF	CONTROLLABLE	(UNDER)/
	BUDGET	TO DATE	YEAR	FORECAST	OVER
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	3,627,872	828,782	2,451,430	3,280,212	(347,660)
<b>POLICY AND RESEARCH</b>					
- Policy Unit	1,427,416	292,678	945,848	1,238,526	(188,890)
- Performance Management	104,709	0	104,709	104,709	0
- Troubled Families Initiative	87,500	0	87,500	87,500	0
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>	618,096	174,611	470,385	644,996	26,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,865,593</b>	<b>1,296,071</b>	<b>4,059,872</b>	<b>5,355,943</b>	<b>(509,650)</b>