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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER DECISION - CLEAN GROWTH AND REGENERATION**

**6 September 2022**

**Joint Report of the Executive Director of Place and the Director of  
Finance & ICT**

**Performance and Budget Monitoring/Forecast Outturn 2022-23 as at  
Quarter 1**

**1. Divisions Affected**

1.1 County-wide.

**2. Key Decision**

2.1 This is not a key decision.

**3. Purpose**

3.1 To provide the Cabinet Member with an update of the Council Plan performance position and the revenue budget position of the Clean Growth and Regeneration portfolio for 2022-23 up to the end of June 2022 (Quarter 1).

**4. Information and Analysis**

**Integrated Reporting**

4.1 This report presents both financial and Council Plan performance data. The performance summary sets out progress on the Council Plan deliverables and measures led by the Clean Growth and Regeneration portfolio. The remainder of the report gives a summary and detail on the revenue budget position for the portfolio.

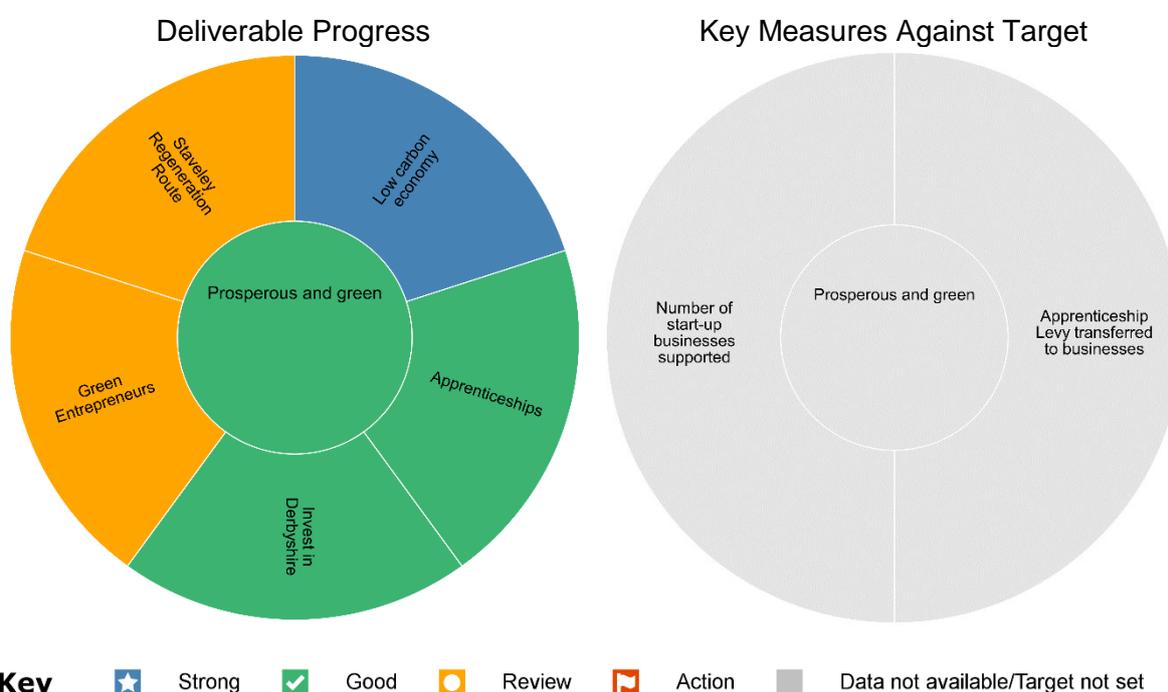
4.2 As an overview, the report shows that progress is "good" or "strong" for the majority of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio, however, the deliverables "Completed Outline Business Case and prepared a planning application to progress the Chesterfield to Staveley

Regeneration Route, which will create new homes and jobs for the area" and "Rolled out the Green Entrepreneurs scheme, a £2m grant fund to help local business to develop and invest in green energy and carbon reduction" have been flagged as "requiring review".

- 4.3 The budget forecast position for 2022-23 is an underspend of £0.185m. This is due to staff turnover and vacancies, and a forecast increase in rent and facility charges at Markham Vale due to the level of current occupancy at the site.

### Performance Summary

- 4.4 The following shows an overview for Quarter 1 of progress against Council Plan deliverables and key measures relating directly to Clean Growth and Regeneration.



- 4.5 Progress is "good" or "strong" for the majority of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio. The key measures against target measures do not currently have targets set against them. A mid year target will be reported in Quarter 2 for these measures.

- 4.6 Key areas of success are:

★ **Continued progress on implementation of approved Covid-19 Economic Recovery Strategy that is facilitating growth across the county. Review of achievements being undertaken now against all elements of the Strategy with a view to completing a gap analysis prior to development of any new strategy going forward:** Submitted a Multiply bid for £3.4m to Government to support adults in improving their numeracy skills and progressed market town renewal through

support to seven Levelling Up Fund bids and eight Shared Prosperity Fund bids, working closely with district and borough councils.

✔ **Worked with Derbyshire businesses to support the creation of apprenticeship opportunities in key economic sectors, connecting people to local job opportunities:** The transfer of the apprenticeship levy proceeds remains on target with a further 11 apprentices supported this quarter, from five different businesses.

✔ **Delivered the “Invest in Derbyshire” plan to increase levels of inward investment into the county.** Numbers of enquiries from businesses looking to invest in Derbyshire have returned to pre-Covid levels. Key sectors continue to be manufacturing and engineering, with a rise in energy-related enquiries.

4.7 Key areas for consideration are:

🟡 **Completed Outline Business Case (OBC) and prepared a planning application to progress the Chesterfield to Staveley Regeneration Route, which will create new homes and jobs for the area**

**Issue:** The deliverable has been rated as 'Requiring Review' as information emerging from the final stages of OBC preparation is highlighting an expected increase in scheme costs due to national inflationary issues.

**Action:** Scheme costs and overall value for money are under review and will be subject to key cabinet decision (go/no go) at the end of Quarter 2.

🟡 **Rolled out the Green Entrepreneurs Fund, a £2m grant fund to help local business to develop and invest in green energy and carbon reduction**

**Issue:** Take up of the GEF has been very successful to date: £541,341 has been awarded on Strand 1 (large scale demonstrator fund) with another full application currently being assessed which is expected to be presented to the GEP Board at the September meeting; £30,780 has been awarded to 28 individuals on Strand 3 (scholarship funding). Take up of the small grants for businesses (Strand 2) has been slower than anticipated – predominantly due to the current market conditions and rising inflation costs which seems to be affecting business confidence. Currently, £94,298 has been awarded to 6 small businesses as a grant and there are 4 more applications invited to submit full applications for a total of £80,000.

**Action:** A report will be considered at the next GEF Board to review of the eligibility parameters surrounding the small grant fund and the current level of marketing that is taking place.

4.8 Further information on the Portfolio's Council Plan performance is included at Appendix 2 with further performance information for other areas of Portfolio responsibilities included in Appendix 3.

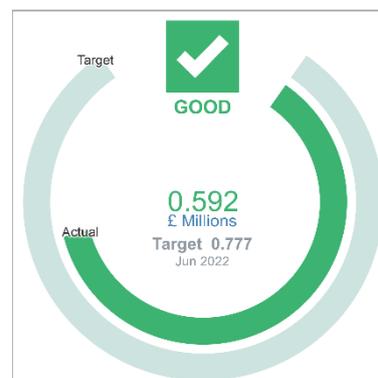
### Budget Forecast Summary

4.9 The net controllable budget for the Clean Growth and Regeneration portfolio is £0.777m.

4.10 The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared for Quarter 1 indicates there is a forecast year-end underspend of £0.185m.

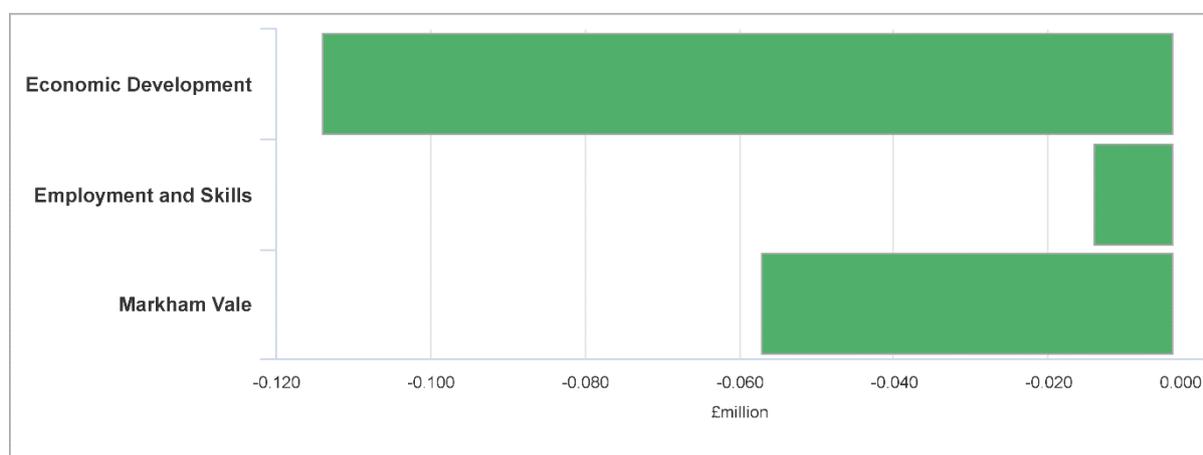
4.11 The areas which make up this forecast are shown in the following table and graph below:

Forecast outturn against target budget



Clean Growth and Regeneration Budget Items  
Forecast Under (-)/Over Spend

	Controllable Budget £m	Full Year Forecast £m	Forecast Under (-)/Over Spend £m	Percentage Under (-)/Over Spend	Budget Performance
Economic Development	0.604	0.490	-0.114	-18.9%	✓
Employment and Skills	0.121	0.107	-0.014	-11.6%	✓
Markham Vale	0.052	-0.005	-0.057	-109.6%	✓
Total	0.777	0.592	-0.185	-23.8%	✓
Covid-19 Funding					
Total after use of additional funding	0.777	0.592	-0.185	-23.8%	✓



### Key Variances

4.12 There are no variances over the de-minims level for inclusion within this report.

## Budget Savings

- 4.13 There are currently no savings targets allocated to areas within this portfolio. The economic development, employment and skills and regeneration functions sit within the Economy and Regeneration Service, for which there is currently a planned staff savings target of £0.9m

## Growth Items and One-Off Funding

- 4.14 The portfolio received the following additional budget allocations in 2022-23:
- 4.15 Regeneration Services Development - £0.275m ongoing, £0.140m one-off. Additional resources to grow core establishment as demands on the service continue to grow. The one off funding was to support the department in administering a number of specialist grants by establishing a 'Grants Team' and 'Bidding Team' to ensure effectiveness so that the Council and its residents are benefitting from all grants available. These costs will be recoverable after a period of two years.

## Earmarked Reserves

- 4.16 Earmarked reserves totalling £5.579m are currently held to support agreed activity; all reserves have a planned expenditure profile and some – such as ERDP LEADER, D2 Business Development etc are provided as match funding for external programmes. Details of these reserves are as follows:

	Reserves	£m
D2N2 Digital Growth		2.340
Green Entrepreneurs	↑	1.904
Vision Derbyshire	▼	0.887
Markham V Centre Ext	▼	0.114
Skills Training	▼	0.099
D2EE Low Carbon Econ	▼	0.068
ERDP LEADER	▼	0.055
D2 Business Dev	▼	0.053
DEP D2 Inward Invest	▼	0.033
Broadband Project		0.028
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>↑</b>	<b>5.579</b>

### Key

- ↑ Reserve has increased over the quarter
- = Reserve is unchanged over the quarter
- ▼ Reserve has decreased over the quarter

## **Traded Services**

- 4.17 A trading area is where the Council receives income in return for providing discretionary services to external organisations and/or individuals
- 4.18 No activities within this portfolio have met the definition of a trading area in 2021-22.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 Not required.

## **6. Alternative Options Considered**

- 6.1 Information on Performance and Finance is provided to ensure the Cabinet Member is aware of progress against the Council's strategic objectives outlined in the Council Plan.
- 6.2 Not providing this information would prevent the Cabinet Members from being aware of current performance and budgetary information.

## **7. Implications**

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

## **8. Background Papers**

- 8.1 None identified.

## **9. Appendices**

- 9.1 Appendix 1 - Implications
- 9.2 Appendix 2 - Clean Growth and Regeneration Performance Report Quarter 1, 2022-23.
- 9.3 Appendix 3 - Key Portfolio Performance Indicators.

## **10. Recommendation**

That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Notes the current performance and budgetary positions at the end of Quarter 1 and actions being undertaken to address performance, as set out in section 4 above, where it has not met the desired level.

- b) Agrees the proposed actions to address performance regarding the preparation of a Cabinet report for Chesterfield Staveley Regeneration Route and the review of small business grant criteria for the Green Entrepreneurs Fund.

## **11. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 11.1 To inform Members of Performance and Financial information relating to their Portfolio and ensure that appropriate action is taken to address any areas of under-performance.

## **12. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?**

- 12.1 No.

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## **Implications**

### **Financial**

1.1 As detailed in the report.

### **Legal**

2.1 The Council has a duty to prepare a balanced budget and provide regular updates on income and expenditure, together with the associated levels of performance and risk, to help demonstrate that the Council has sound financial systems in place.

### **Human Resources**

3.1 None.

### **Information Technology**

4.1 None.

### **Equalities Impact**

5.1 None.

### **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

6.1 The monitoring of performance and the revenue outturn position helps to deliver the following Council Plan priorities: High Performing and Value for Money and Resident-Focused Services.

### **Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)**

7.1 None.