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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO THE CABINET MEMBER – CLEAN GROWTH AND
REGENERATION**

12 December 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 2**

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 September 2022 (Quarter 2).

4. Information and Analysis

Integrated Reporting

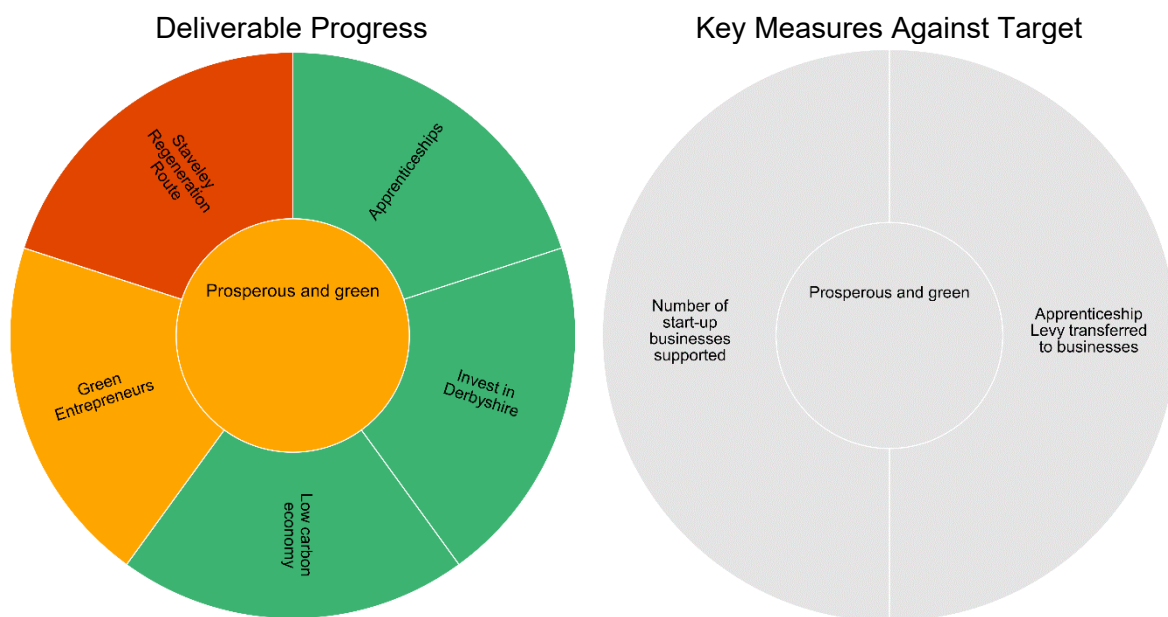
4.1 This report presents both financial and Council Plan performance data. The performance summary sets out progress on the Council Plan deliverables and measures led by the Clean Growth and Regeneration portfolio. The remainder of the report gives a summary and detail on the revenue budget position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

4.2 As an overview, the report shows that progress is “good” for the majority of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio, however, the deliverable “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” has been flagged as “requiring action”.

4.3 The budget forecast position for 2022-23 is an underspend of £0.169m.

Performance Summary

4.4 The following shows an overview for Quarter 2 of progress on the Council Plan deliverables and key measures relating directly to Clean Growth and Regeneration.



Key ★ Strong ✓ Good ◯ Review 📌 Action ■ Data not available/Target not set

4.5 Progress is “good” for the majority of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio.

4.6 Key areas of success are:

✓ **Worked with Derbyshire businesses to support the creation of apprenticeship opportunities in key economic sectors, connecting people to local job opportunities**

The number of apprentices and businesses supported are both on target, supporting key economic sectors.

✓ **Delivered the “Invest in Derbyshire” plan to increase levels of inward investment into the County**

The Invest in Derbyshire project enjoys strong delivery with outputs in all categories meeting targets at the level of 90% and above.



Agreed and implemented the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Strategy to drive good growth and maximise low carbon economic opportunities

Implementation of the the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Strategy is now complete and has been signed off by the Derbyshire Economic Partnership Board (DEP) and the D2 Joint Committee. All Recovery arrangements have been stood down. Much activity is now embedded into local authority and partner 'business as usual' programmes and will progress accordingly e.g. business support.

4.7 Key areas for consideration are:



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

Issue: Scheme cost remains the main issue, with both Government and local contributions needing to be finalised.

Action: Active discussions are underway with both Government and private sector stakeholders over project funding, including securing letters of confirmation on contributions from developers which will be used as a basis for Collaboration Agreements. A report was considered at Cabinet on 8 December and secured approval to formally submit the Outline Business Case to Government; this will secure the level of grant funding.



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

Issue: Good progress is being made on two of the three strands of the GEF – demonstrator projects and scholarship grants – take up of the smaller grant package has not matched expectations, suggesting low level of entrepreneurship, or concern over investment in the current economic climate.

Response: Work has taken place with the University of Derby to intensify networking opportunities and engage further with businesses and raise the awareness of the Green Entrepreneur Fund. In addition, a review of grant criteria has been undertaken to widen eligibility and make the scheme more attractive to local businesses.

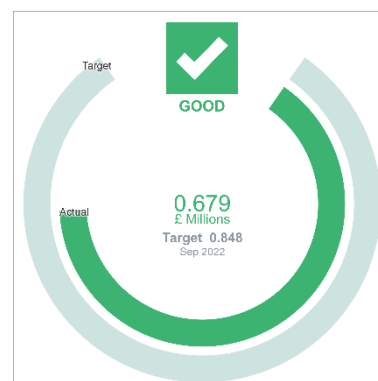
4.8 The targets for key measures underpinning these deliverables that are highlighted in 4.4 are being agreed.

4.9 Further information on the portfolio's Council Plan performance is included at Appendix 2. Appendix 3 provides additional information on a number of Service Plan Key Performance Indicators that fall within the remit of the Portfolio Holder.

Budget Forecast Summary

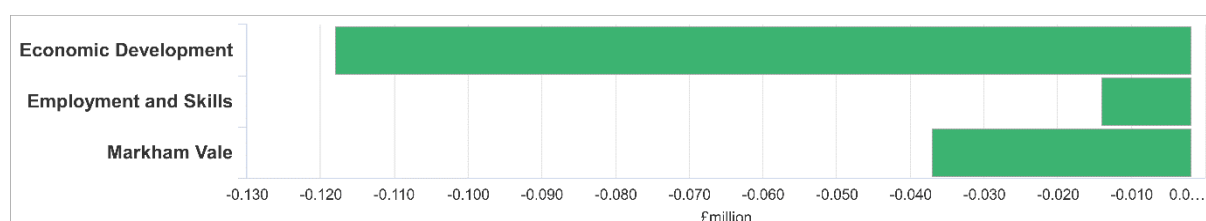
- 4.10 The net controllable budget for the Clean Growth and Regeneration portfolio is £0.848m.
- 4.11 The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared for Quarter 2 indicates there is a forecast year-end underspend of £0.169m.
- 4.12 The areas which make up this forecast are shown in the following table 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	0.675	0.557	-0.118	-17.5%	✓
Employment and Skills	0.121	0.107	-0.014	-11.6%	✓
Markham Vale	0.052	0.015	-0.037	-71.2%	✓
Total	0.848	0.679	-0.169	-19.9%	✓
Covid-19 Funding	0.000				
Total after use of additional funding	0.848	0.679	-0.169	-19.9%	✓



Key Variances

- 4.13 All variances are considered to be within tolerance.

Growth Items and One-Off Funding

- 4.14 The portfolio received the following additional budget allocations in 2022-23:

- 4.15 **Regeneration Services Development - £0.275 ongoing, £0.140m one-off**

Additional resources have been secured through pressure bids to extend the staffing establishment – both to the baseline and temporarily. This is in response to increased demands on the service.

Implementation of a 'grants team' and 'bidding team' has commenced and once fully established, is aimed to be largely self funding.

Earmarked Reserves

4.16 Earmarked reserves totalling £5.679m are currently held to support future expenditure. 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
D2 Growth Fund		0.100
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
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Total Reserves	▲	5.679

Key

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

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 2, 2022-23.

9.3 Appendix 3 - Key Service Plan Performance Indicators

10. Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Notes the report and considers whether there are any further actions that should be undertaken to address performance, where it has not met the desired level.

11. Reasons for Recommendation

11.1 To inform Members of Performance and Financial information relating to their Portfolio.

11.2 To determine whether further action is required to address areas of under/over performance.

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

12.1 No.

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The budget forecast position for 2022-23 is an underspend of £0.169m, as detailed in the report.
- 1.2 Unallocated savings for the Economy and Regeneration Service of £836,000 are attributable to this portfolio, along with the Infrastructure and Environment and Highways, Assets and Transport portfolios.

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 Not applicable.

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.