

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP, CULTURE AND
TOURISM****22 November 2019****Joint Report of the Executive Director of Commissioning, Communities
and Policy, the Executive Director of Economy, Transport and
Environment and the Director of Finance & ICT****BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 – PERIOD 5
(as at 31 August 2019)****1 Purpose of the Report**

To provide the Cabinet Member with an update of the Revenue Budget position of the SLCT portfolio for 2019-20 up to the end of August 2019. (Period 5).

2 Information and Analysis**2.1 Forecast Summary**

The net controllable budget for the SLCT portfolio is £12.746m.

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 5 indicates that there is a projected year-end underspend of £0.255m.

The significant areas which make up this projection are shown in the table below:

	Controllable Budget £m	Full Year Forecast £m	Forecasted (under)/over Spend £m
COMMISSIONING, COMMUNITIES AND POLICY			
Communications	0.985	0.921	-0.064
Policy	1.922	1.774	-0.148
Call Derbyshire	2.000	1.915	-0.085
Libraries	7.053	7.107	0.054

TOTAL CCP	11.960	11.717	-0.243
ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT			
Conservation	0.572	0.643	0.071
Tourism & Twinning	0.214	0.131	-0.083
TOTAL ETE	0.786	0.774	-0.012
TOTAL SLCT	12.746	12.491	-0.255
Total After Use of Reserves	12.746	12.491	-0.255

2.2 Key Variances

2.2.1 Communications. underspend £0.064m

The main underspend relates to:

Your Derbyshire – 3 copies per year instead of 4	£0.027m
Running expenses	£0.036m

2.2.2 Policy and Research. Underspend £0.148m

Underspends relate to:

G9 vacancy in Performance Management	£0.030m
VCS grants – CVP Bolsover folded	£0.015m
Staffing	£0.103m

2.2.3 Call Derbyshire. Underspend £0.150m

The underspend relates to staff turnover and vacancy control.

2.2.4 Tourism. Underspend £0.083m.

The underspend is due to reducing spend on tourism related activities in Derbyshire.

2.2.5 Heritage. Overspend £0.071m.

The overspend is due mainly to the Environmental Studies Service which was allocated a budget saving in 2018/19 that has not yet been achieved.

2.3 Budget Savings

Budget reductions totaling £0.701m were allocated for the year.

It is forecast that £0.701m of savings will have been achieved by the year-end. The table below shows performance against the target.

Identified Savings Initiatives	Budget Reduction Amount	Forecast to be Achieved by the end of 2019-20	(Shortfall)/ Additional Savings Achieved
	£m	£m	£m
Call Derbyshire - staffing	0.135	0.135	0.000
Policy - staffing	0.100	0.100	0.000
Comms - Advertising Income	0.102	0.102	0.000
Libraries HQ ICT	0.040	0.040	0.000
Mobile Libraries	0.050	0.050	0.000
Materials Fund	0.140	0.140	0.000
Library Service - reduction in hours	0.134	0.134	0.000
Total of Identified Savings Initiatives	0.701	0.701	0.000

Budget Reductions	£m
Prior Year B/f	0.159
Current Year	0.542
Total Savings Target	0.701

2.4 Growth Items and One-Off Funding

The portfolio received the following additional budget allocations in 2019-20:

2.4.1 Thriving Communities £0.368m (on going)

Funding to concentrate on three priorities in respect of rolling out the Council Plan commitment across Derbyshire: radically reshaping demand, unlocking community potential and creating an alliance for work and skills.

2.4.2 Enterprising Council £0.094m (ongoing)

Support for this programme of transformational change, which will affect the whole organization and is a Council Plan commitment.

2.4.3 Community Managed Libraries - £0.742m (one off)

Funding for the Council Plan commitment to introduce community managed libraries.

2.5 Risks

No quantifiable risks identified.

2.6 Earmarked Reserves

Earmarked reserves totaling £3.206m are currently held to support future expenditure. Details of these reserves are as follows:

	Balance at 31.08.2019 £
Policy & Research	
- Thriving Communities Initiative	5,376
- Performance Management	133,460
- Customer Segmentation	80,000
- Speech recognition	100,000
- GIS	35,000
- Action Grants	404,385
- Money Matters	27,000
Strategic Policy Underspends	
- Call Derbyshire - service improvement	201,000
- Web Chat solution	12,000
- Self Service Design templates	14,010
- Replacement social media platform	25,000
- Channel Shift	122,694
- Print & Design solution - Panacea	17,747
- Action Grant Publicity	22,779
- Thriving Communities Initiative	20,000
- Digital Developer Training	21,000
- Armed Forces Covenant	12,500
Partnership Forum	29,007
Arts Partnership	66,559
Library Strategy Implementation	428,645
Museum Acquisitions	30,924
EM RR - Made in Derbyshire	45,500
County Records	48,779
Paul Mellon Reserve	7,343
Arts Council	84,560
Proceeds Sale of Mobile Libraries	37,600
Digital Exclusion	21,000
Matinee - Paul Hamlyn Foundation	57,747
New Burdens	71,612
Literature Development	2,806
Community Managed Libraries	742,000
Creswell Crag	36,000

Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site	192,000
D2N2 Visitor Economy	50,000
Total	3,206,033

3 Financial Considerations

As detailed in the report.

4 Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity; and environmental, health, human resources, property, social value and transport considerations.

5 Key Decision

No.

6 Call-In

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

7 Background Papers

Held on file within the CCP Department. Officer contact details – Claire Bell, extension 38756.

8 Officers' Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member notes the report.

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