

# DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER - HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

21 August 2020

**Joint Report of the Executive Director of Adult Care, Executive Director of Commissioning, Communities and Policy, Executive Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, Director of Finance & ICT and Director of Public Health**

### **BUDGET MONITORING 2020-21 – PERIOD 2 (as at 31 May 2020) (HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)**

#### **1 Purpose of the Report**

To provide the Cabinet Member with an update of the Revenue Budget position of the Health and Communities portfolio for 2020-21 up to the end of May (Period 2).

#### **2 Information and Analysis**

##### **2.1 Forecast Summary**

The net controllable budget for the Health and Communities portfolio is £8.619m.

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 2 indicates that there is a projected year-end overspend of £0.567m.

The overspend will be supported by the use of £1.483m additional Covid-19 funding. After the use of this funding the forecast position is an underspend of £0.916m.

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

	<b>Controllable Budget £m</b>	<b>Projected Actuals £m</b>	<b>Forecast Over/(Under) Spend £m</b>
Public Health – Live Life Better Derbyshire	3.235	2.660	(0.575)
Public Health – OBA Priorities	0.500	0.250	(0.250)

Other minor balances	1.297	1.251	(0.046)
<b>Total for Public Health</b>	<b>5.032</b>	<b>4.161</b>	<b>(0.871)</b>
Emergency Planning – additional costs related to Covid-19	0.269	0.594	0.325
Community Safety – Domestic Violence additional costs related to Covid-19	0.793	0.988	0.195
Trading Standards - loss of income due to Covid-19	1.242	1.325	0.083
Registrars – loss of income due to Covid-19	(0.564)	0.206	0.770
Coroners	1.847	1.912	0.065
<b>Total for remainder of Portfolio</b>	<b>3.587</b>	<b>5.025</b>	<b>1.438</b>
<b>Total for Portfolio</b>	<b>8.619</b>	<b>9.186</b>	<b>0.567</b>
Use of Covid-19 funding	1.483	0.000	(1.483)
<b>Total After Use of Additional Funding</b>	<b>10.102</b>	<b>9.186</b>	<b>(0.916)</b>

## 2.2 Key Variances

### 2.2.1 Public Health - underspend £0.871m

A significant part of the underspend is generated from the Live Life Better Derbyshire Service which has seen activity adversely affected by Covid-19 and the need to socially distance and self-isolate.

### 2.2.2 Registrars - overspend £0.770m

The majority of this overspend is due to loss of income from fees as a result of Covid-19.

### 2.2.3 Emergency Planning - overspend £0.325m

The majority of this overspend is due to additional costs incurred in April and forecast to June 2020, due to Covid-19, for hand sanitiser and the cost for overtime for Emergency Planning staff.

## 2.2.4 Community Safety - overspend £0.195m

The majority of this overspend is due to additional costs relating to Covid-19 in Domestic Violence and Hate Crime services.

## 2.3 Budget Savings

Budget reductions totaling £0.216m were allocated for the year. There was no carry forward of reductions allocated in prior years that had not been achieved and so the total reductions to be achieved is £0.216m at the start of the year.

The value of the savings initiatives which have been identified for implementation in the current year is £0.216m.

The shortfall between the total reductions expected to be achieved and the identified savings initiatives at the start of the year is £0.000m.

It is forecast that £0.216m of savings will have been achieved by the year-end.

The table below shows performance against the target.

<b>Identified Savings Initiatives</b>	<b>Budget Reduction Amount £m</b>	<b>Forecast to be Achieved by the end of 2020-21 £m</b>	<b>(Shortfall)/ Additional Savings Achieved £m</b>
Community Safety – reduction in staffing	0.065	0.065	0.000
Community Safety – cease funding Stop Hate	0.007	0.007	0.000
Community Safety – Increase recharges for Training	0.008	0.008	0.000
Trading Standards - Restructure	0.061	0.061	0.000
Trading Standards – Cessation of Weight Restriction enforcement	0.025	0.025	0.000
Registrars – increased charges	0.050	0.050	0.000
<b>Total of Identified Savings Initiatives</b>	<b>0.216</b>	<b>0.216</b>	<b>0.000</b>

Shortfall/(Surplus) of Identified Savings	0.000		
<b>Total Savings Target</b>	<b>0.216</b>	<b>0.216</b>	<b>0.000</b>

<b>Budget Reductions</b>	<b>£m</b>
Prior Year B/f	0.000
Current Year	0.216
<b>Total Savings Target</b>	<b>0.216</b>

## 2.4 Growth Items and One-Off Funding

The portfolio received the following additional budget allocations in 2020-21:

### 2.4.1 Coroners – Pathologists costs - £0.101m ongoing

This is being used to meet the increasing fees due to a national shortage of Pathologists. Currently £0.017m has been spent.

### 2.4.2 Community Safety – Use of Domestic Violence Reserve - £0.500m one-off

This is being used to meet increasing costs of Domestic Violence services. Currently £0.125m has been spent.

## 2.5 Risks

There is a risk that the following issues could negatively impact on the portfolio's forecast outturn position reported in the Forecast Summary above:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Sensitivity*</b> <b>£m</b>	<b>Likelihood</b> <b>1 = Low,</b> <b>5 = High</b>
Coroners service	Accommodation at Chesterfield	0.008	5
Coroners service	Increased costs of Case Management system	0.060	5
Service-wide	Covid-19 pressures – loss of fee income, increase in instances of Domestic Violence and Hate Crime, continuing increase in costs	1.483	3

\*Sensitivity represents the potential negative impact on the outturn position should the event occur.

## 2.6 Earmarked Reserves

Earmarked reserves totaling £10.264m are currently held to support future expenditure. Details of these reserves are as follows:

<b>Reserve Description</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
Public Health ring-fenced reserve	7.424
Public Health externally funded reserve	0.244
Emergency Planning - Reservoirs	0.078
Community Safety – Domestic Violence	2.142
Community Safety	0.021
Syrian Refugee Project	0.079
Proceeds of Crime	0.135
Trusted Trader	0.044
Scams Prevention	0.057
Coroners – new Case Load system	0.040
<b>Total Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>10.264</b>

## 2.7 Debt Position

Debt figures relating to Public Health are included in the Adult Social Care and Health Department's figures as reported in the Adult Care portfolio month 2 Budget and Performance report. Figures for the remainder of the portfolio are included in the Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department's figures as reported in the Council Services portfolio month 2 Budget and Performance report.

### **3 Financial Considerations**

As detailed in the report.

### **4 Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, 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 Adult Social Care and Health, Commissioning Communities and Policy and Economy Transport and Environment Departments. Officer contact details – Karen Howes extension 38730 (Emergency Planning), Paula Littlewood extension 38922 (Community Safety, Trading Standards, Coroners and Registrars) and David King extension 38758 (Public Health).

### **8 Officer Recommendations**

That the Cabinet Member notes the report.

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