

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

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Title: Efficiency Savings Programme:
2019/20 Quarter 1: Progress Report

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Service: Resources

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee on the Quarter 1 position of key 2019/20 projects and business cases within the overall Efficiency Savings Programme.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to note the position of the projects, in terms of both project and savings delivery.

3. Summary

The Authority has implemented significant change to support delivery of its Efficiency Savings Programme and its six key priority outcomes:

- Ready for School
- Ready for Work and Life
- Cared for, Safeguarded and Healthy
- Great Place to Live, Work Visit
- Fit for Purpose Organisation
- Maximising Resources

As part of the 2019-2023 financial planning process, the Cabinet and Council agreed an Efficiency Plan which set out a series of projects which would deliver required savings whilst delivering priority outcomes. These projects form the basis of this report.

The table below provides a summary of progress in project delivery and achievement of savings and/or income across the programme.

Project Delivery			Savings Delivery			£m
Blue	All milestones complete	20	Blue	Full saving realised and coded in the General Ledger	12	1.161
Green	All milestones are forecast to be met within timescales; no concerns about delivery of future milestones	10	Green	Full saving forecast to be realised but not yet coded in the General Ledger	22	6.271
Amber	Some milestones delayed and/or minor concern about delivering some future milestones	9	Amber	Projected shortfall in savings up to a value of £0.050m	7	0.169
Red	Milestones significantly delayed and/or major concern about delivering future milestones	7	Red	Projected shortfall in savings in excess of £0.050m	5	2.932

The Authority's financial position at the end of quarter one reported that:

- £1.161m has been delivered against the overall target via project activities outlined in associated business cases;
- A further £5.171m is expected to be delivered against the targets during the course of the financial year;
- Another £1.100m of underachieving projects are projected to be achieved by management action mitigation in-year;
- £3.101m of the overall target remains to be delivered at this stage of the financial year.

4. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report:

- Efficiency Savings Programme 2019/20 Update Report: Quarter 1(attached)