

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

2007/08 Annual Efficiency Statement

29 July 2008

Report of the Accountancy Services Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Panel with details of the 2007/08 Backward Looking Annual Efficiency Statement.

This report is public

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Budget and Performance Panel consider and note the Annual Efficiency Statement submitted for 2007/08.**

2. Introduction

As part of the Panel's overview and scrutiny function it must receive regular updates on the Council's progress against the Value for Money / Efficiency Strategy, and this report provides details of the cumulative efficiency savings achieved as at 31 March 08.

3. 2007/08 Backward Looking Annual Efficiency Statement

The total cumulative Gershon efficiency target for 2007/08, as set by the Government, was £1,752,000 of which 50% must be cashable (£876,000). Following reviews of on-going savings and new initiatives being implemented the Council has actually achieved savings of £2,596,913 (£844,913 more than the target), of which £945,960 are cashable (£69,960 more than the target). Details of the areas where efficiencies have been achieved is attached at **Appendix A**.

As reported previously, the Panel has responsibility for monitoring progress throughout the year, to check that the initiatives to achieve the targets are being pursued to ensure predicted outcomes.

4. Conclusion

Members are asked to consider and note the 2007/08 Backward Looking Annual Efficiency Statements.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing) None identified arising from this report.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS There are no financial implications arising directly as a result of this report.	
SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS There are no legal implications arising directly as a result of this report.	
MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.	
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