

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE 6th JULY 2017

APRIL – MARCH FINANCIAL SAVINGS MONITORING REPORT 2016/17

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor John Fisher
Portfolio Holder Consulted	-
Relevant Head of Service	Jayne Pickering – Exec Director Finance and Resources
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	No
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	Non–Key Decision

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

To report to the Committee the monitoring of the savings for 2016/17. This report includes the delivery of savings and additional income for the period April 2016 – March 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee note the final financial position for savings as presented in the report for the period April 2016 – March 2017.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 This report provides a statement to show the savings for April 2016 – March 2017 for each strategic purpose and the delivery of the saving for the financial year. This report is separate to the main financial monitoring report that is presented to Executive as it focuses on the delivery of savings rather than the overall financial position of the Council. For 2016/17 this report also presents other savings and additional income that have been generated across the Council.
- 3.2 The External Auditors, Grant Thornton, have recommended that the delivery of savings be monitored more closely to ensure that the Council is meeting savings in the way that was expected when the budget was set. This monitoring is recommended to be undertaken by this Committee and the statement attached at Appendix 1 details the savings to be achieved and the financial position of each area.
- 3.3 As members may be aware during the budget process, heads of service propose savings that are to be delivered during future financial years. The budget allocation is then reduced to reflect the proposed saving and officers meet on a monthly basis to ensure that all estimated reductions to budget are being delivered.

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3.4 Appendix 1 shows that for April 2016 – March 2017 savings to budgets have been delivered. In addition further savings / additional income are shown that were not included in the original budget projections. A further £348k was generated in savings and additional income at the end of the financial year 2016/17.

3.5 Legal Implications

None as a direct result of this report.

3.6 Service/Operational Implications

Timely and accurate financial monitoring ensures that services can be delivered as agreed within the financial budgets of the Council

4. Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

None, as a direct result of this report.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Effective financial management is included in the Corporate Risk Register.

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Saving monitoring 2016/17

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Available from Financial Services

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