

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE 29th July 2019

APRIL – MARCH FINANCIAL SAVINGS MONITORING REPORT 2018/19

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor David Thain
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 April – March 2018/19. This report presents the savings delivered for the full year against those identified in the medium term financial plan (MTFP)

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee note the final financial position for savings as presented in the report and at Appendix 1.

3. KEY ISSUES

3.1 This report provides a statement to show the savings for 2018/19 as detailed in the MTFP and approved by Council in February 2018.

3.2 The statement shows that savings of £717k for 2018/19 were delivered during the financial year. The only saving target missed was £4k for subscription savings.

3.3 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 was recommended to be undertaken by this Committee and Grant Thornton further advised that the savings monitoring should be against the Medium Term Financial Plan rather than the efficiency plan as the MTFP is the more recently approved budget projection for the Council. The savings statement attached reflects this approach.

3.4 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.

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 April – March 2018/19

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Available from Financial Services

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