

Annual Efficiency Statement - Backward Look

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Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain

	Quality Cross Check Met?	2004/05 annual efficiency gains (£)	...of which related to capital spend (£)	...of which related to other spend (£)	...of which cashable (£)
Adult social services	Yes	205,000			205,000
<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain: Following a utilisation-review of the Council's Day Centre provision it was possible to close an existing establishment that was providing a service that was not considered to be of adequate quality. Additional capacity was identified within the Council's remaining establishments enabling an annual saving of £180,000 to be achieved.</p> <p>Savings of £25,000 were achieved following post-negotiation procurement concerning the review of a particular care package for an individual client.</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>					
Children's services	Yes	0			0
<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain:</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>					
Culture and sport	Yes	0			0
<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain:</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>					
Environmental services	Yes	30,000			30,000
<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain: There has been considerable development and investment in the IT systems being used by planning and building control and this has led to increased operational capacity. As a result a review has resulted in the restructuring of the Development Control teams from three to two leading to savings of approximately £30,000</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes: To be agreed</p>					
Local transport	Yes	0	0	0	0
<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain:</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>					
LA social housing	Yes	0	0	0	0
<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain:</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>					
Non-school educational services	Yes	0			0
<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain:</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>					
Supporting people	Yes	0			0
<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain:</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>					
Homelessness	Yes	0			0
<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain:</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>					

Other cross-cutting efficiencies not covered above

Corporate services	Yes	60,000			60,000
	<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain: Following significant work in improving the internal audit function and the gaining of full "managed audit" status the Council has been able to reduce the level and costs associated with the external audit of its services. As such there has been a reduction in the annual audit fee of £60,000</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>				
Procurement	Yes	0			0
	<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain:</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>				
Productive time	Yes	0			0
	<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain:</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>				
Transactions	Yes	0			0
	<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain:</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>				
Miscellaneous efficiencies	Yes	490,000			490,000
	<p>Activities undertaken to achieve efficiency gain: A major Department Restructure was instigated within the Authority in 2004/05 that resulted in the combination of two key Directorates, Environment Services and Leisure. This enabled the Council to consolidate the activities in relation to sustainability, land management, public protection, culture and recreation. The amalgamation of two key departments enable significant savings to be achieved, in particular through staff savings (removal of senior key duplicate posts).</p> <p>Such a major departmental review cuts across many service areas and work streams and as such has been included within the Miscellaneous Efficiencies Section</p> <p>Quality cross-check notes:</p>				
Total		785,000	0	0	785,000