
To: Finance and Resources Policy Board

On: 26 August 2015

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: **ANNUAL EFFICIENCY STATEMENT 2014/15**

1. Summary

- 1.1. Scottish Councils have agreed to publish an Annual Efficiency Statement which reports the council's efficiency projects and activities, and seeks to quantify the level of efficiencies achieved. The attached template identifies the efficiencies achieved in 2013/14.
- 1.2. Efficiencies should comply with the definition adopted by the Scottish Government. There is also an expectation the Statement will be published on the Council website.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is asked to approve the Annual Efficiency Statement.
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3. Background

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Council has a strong record of achieving and reporting efficiencies, as evidenced by the annual Efficiency Statements published by the Council over the past number of years.
- 3.2 The format of the template for the Efficiency Statement remains unchanged from previous years, with the template summarising efficiencies achieved.
- 3.3 The Scottish Government definition of an efficiency is "where a body manages to deliver services or functions that can be shown to result in a broadly similar (or improved) level of outcome for a lower unit input than previously, an efficiency saving has been made". The efficiencies outlined in the Council's statement have been considered in light of the above definition.

- 3.4 The 2014/15 Statement highlights that efficiencies totalling £7.367m were achieved (including £28,500 for Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board which the Statement also covers). This level of efficiency may be analysed as follows:

Workstream	Saving
Procurement	£0.600 million
Shared Services	£0.100 million
Asset Management	£0.190 million
Other Efficiencies	£6.477 million
Total	£7.367 million

- 3.5 A range of performance information is available to demonstrate that the efficiencies generated have not impacted detrimentally on performance, and these are outlined in the Statement. In addition to indicators such as those monitored in both service and corporate scorecards, the audit activity undertaken by independent scrutiny bodies such as Audit Scotland as part of the Council's strategic risk assessment has resulted in a Local Scrutiny Plan which details no significant risks in terms of service delivery.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - This statement will provide a local and national audience with information regarding the council's efficiency programme.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None
3. **Community Planning** – None
4. **Legal** – None
5. **Property/Assets** – The statement highlights the total efficiencies attributable to improved asset management
6. **Information Technology** - None
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required, following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** - None

9. **Procurement** - The statement highlights the total efficiencies attributable to improved procurement practice.
 10. **Risk** - None
 11. **Privacy Impact** - None
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CONFIRMATION OF EFFICIENCIES DELIVERED IN 2014-15

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	Specific steps the local authority has taken during the year to improve collaboration and joint working to deliver efficient and user-focussed services and the improvements achieved.	<p>sample of PIs, which is conducted by our Internal Audit Team. The audit team will assess if adequate systems are in place to collate, review, monitor and report the selected PIs that the data is accurate and appropriate action is taken on any adverse results.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council actively participates in shared service arrangements eg we are progressing procurement of a shared residual waste treatment solution with North Lanarkshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire and North Ayrshire Councils as well as progressing major collaborative infrastructure investment opportunities through the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal.</p>
4	Breakdown of efficiency saving by Procurement, Shared Services or Asset Management (only where relevant – not all efficiencies will fall into these categories, so the figures here do not have to match the overall total.	Procurement = £0.600 million
		Shared Services = £0.100 million
		Asset Management = £0.190 million
5	Evidence: What performance measures and/or quality indicators are used to ensure that efficiencies were achieved without any detriment to services?	<p>Statutory Performance Indicators, for each service's improvement plan and the CMT Quarterly Scorecard.</p> <p>Audit activity undertaken by Audit Scotland and other scrutiny organisations as part of the council's shared risk assessment has resulted in the Local Scrutiny Plan, which highlights no significant risks.</p>

Signed Chief Executive

Date