

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

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Title: Creating a Brighter Future Programme:
2018/19 Quarter 4: End of Year Progress Report

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee on the Quarter 4 end of year position of key 2018/19 projects and business cases within the overall Creating a Brighter Future (CBF) Programme.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to note the position of the projects, in terms of both project and savings delivery.

3. Summary

The Authority has implemented significant change to support delivery of its Creating a Brighter Future programme and its four key priority outcomes:

- Cared for, Safeguarded and Healthy
- Great Place to Live, Work Visit
- Fit for Purpose Organisation
- Maximising Resources

As part of the 2017-2020 financial planning process, the Cabinet and Council agreed an Efficiency Plan which set out a series of projects which would deliver required savings whilst delivering CBF outcomes. These projects form the basis of this report.

The table below provides a summary of progress in project delivery and achievement of savings and/or income across the programme.

Project Delivery			Savings Delivery		
Blue	All milestones completed	40	Blue	Full saving realised via project activities	37
			Green	Some or all of saving achieved via mitigation	6
Red	Milestones not completed	3	Red	Saving unachieved in 2018/19 and will carry forward to 2019/20	0

The Authority's March financial outturn shows that:

- £7.142m was delivered against the overall target via project activities outlined in associated 2018/19 business cases;
- Another £0.147m of underachieving projects was achieved by mitigation in HECS through additional income received in-year;
- £2.854m of the overall target that remained to be delivered at year end was mitigated through in-year actions and savings within the wider General Fund that saw the Authority achieve an overall surplus position in the General Fund at the year end. Mitigation was possible due to additional interest savings generated by the Authority's Treasury Management strategy and additional income received via Central Government (such as the Levy Account Surplus). This was reported as part of the 2018/19 outturn report to Cabinet on 28 May 2019. This risk associated with the delivery of these proposals was recognised during the 2019/20 budget setting process and these are included in the plans to be monitored during 2019/20.

4. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report:

- CBF Programme 2018/19 Update Report: Quarter 4: End of Year (attached)