
Meeting: Customer & Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 11 October 2010

Subject: 2010/11 Efficiencies Update

Report of: Cllr Richard Stay, Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Policy & Performance and Cllr Maurice Jones, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance & People

Summary: The report provides a brief update on the progress against the Council's 2010/11 efficiencies target of £12.076M.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Executive / Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Safeguarding the Council's finances is a pre requisite to enabling the organisation to deliver all of its priorities.

Financial:

The 2010/11 efficiency target represents a baseline budget reduction and therefore will directly impact on the 2010/11 year-end revenue position for the Council.

Legal:

This efficiency target forms part of the 2010/11 budget for the Council. This budget was set in accordance with appropriate legal requirements including, for example, the completion of Equality Impact Assessments.

Risk Management:

Failing to achieve the full efficiency target for 2010/11 may place financial strain on other elements of the Council's budget.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

Appropriate staff consultations have or will take place on those savings proposals which entail a reduction in posts.

Equalities/Human Rights:

As stated above, Equality Impact Assessments were completed as part of setting the 2010/11 budget for the Council.

Community Safety:

A small element of the 2010/11 efficiencies target relates to Community Safety and Public Protection.

Sustainability:

None directly.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. That the Committee notes the progress to date against the 2010/11 savings target and agrees to receive quarterly updates as part of the Budget Monitoring Report.

Background

1. The approved revenue budget for 2010/11 is predicated on the delivery of £12.076m of efficiencies. These efficiencies cut across all areas of the organisation.
2. The cross-directorate Efficiencies Implementation Group (EIG), chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive, monitors on a monthly basis progress in achieving the efficiency target.
3. As at the end of August, £10.9m of efficiencies is forecast to be achieved. This includes £1.4m of compensatory savings (i.e. varying from original efficiency proposals). This leaves a potential gap of £1.175m – which will be explained in the Council's overall budget monitoring report, as presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis. Compensatory savings are being sought to offset the potential gap.
4. Figure 1 below shows the current forecast position for the delivery of the Council's 2010/11 efficiency target.
5. Figure 2 below shows the cumulative efficiencies achieved or banked to date.

Figure 1

2010 Efficiencies Corporate Total

- FY Budget
- FY Forecast
- FY Compensatory Savings
- FY Variance

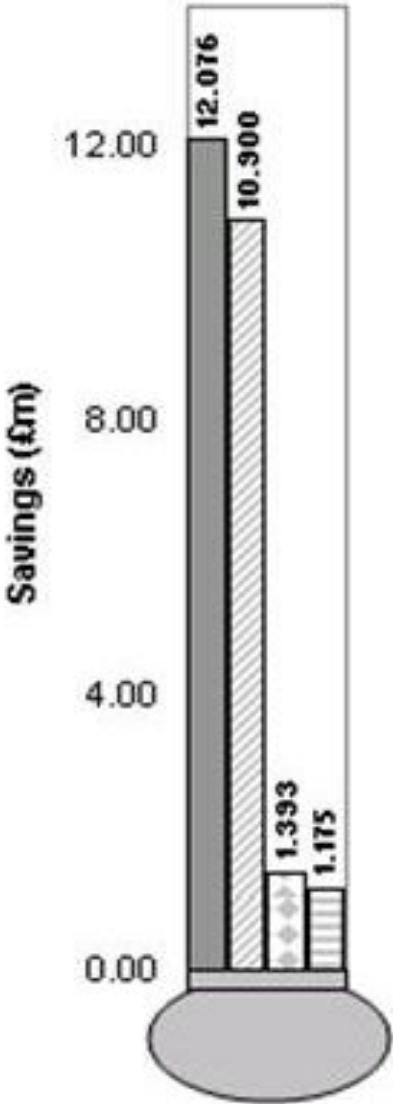
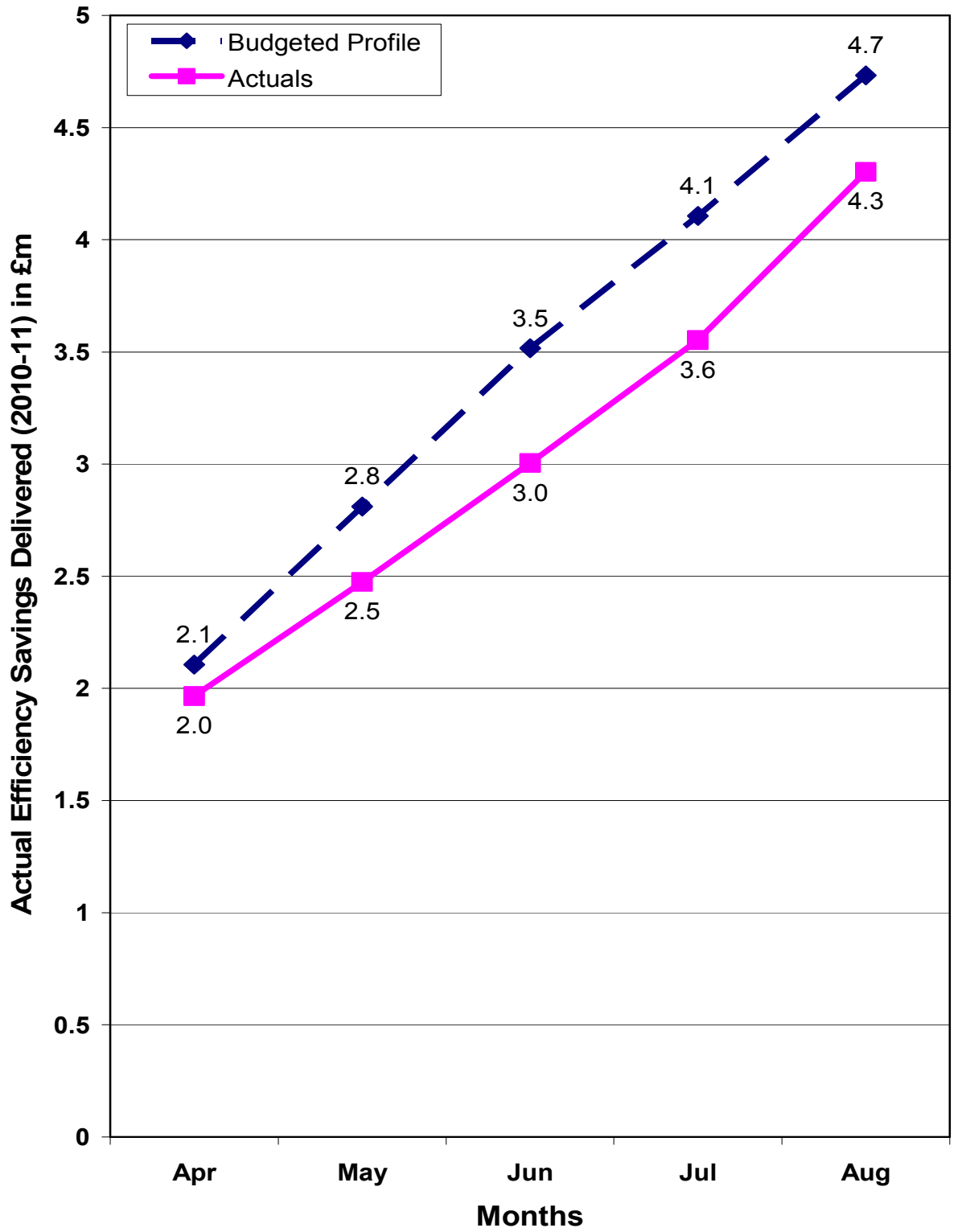


Figure 2

Cumulative 2010/11 Efficiencies 'v' Target Profile



Appendices:

None

Background Papers:

None

Location of papers:

N/A