

Place Budget Scrutiny

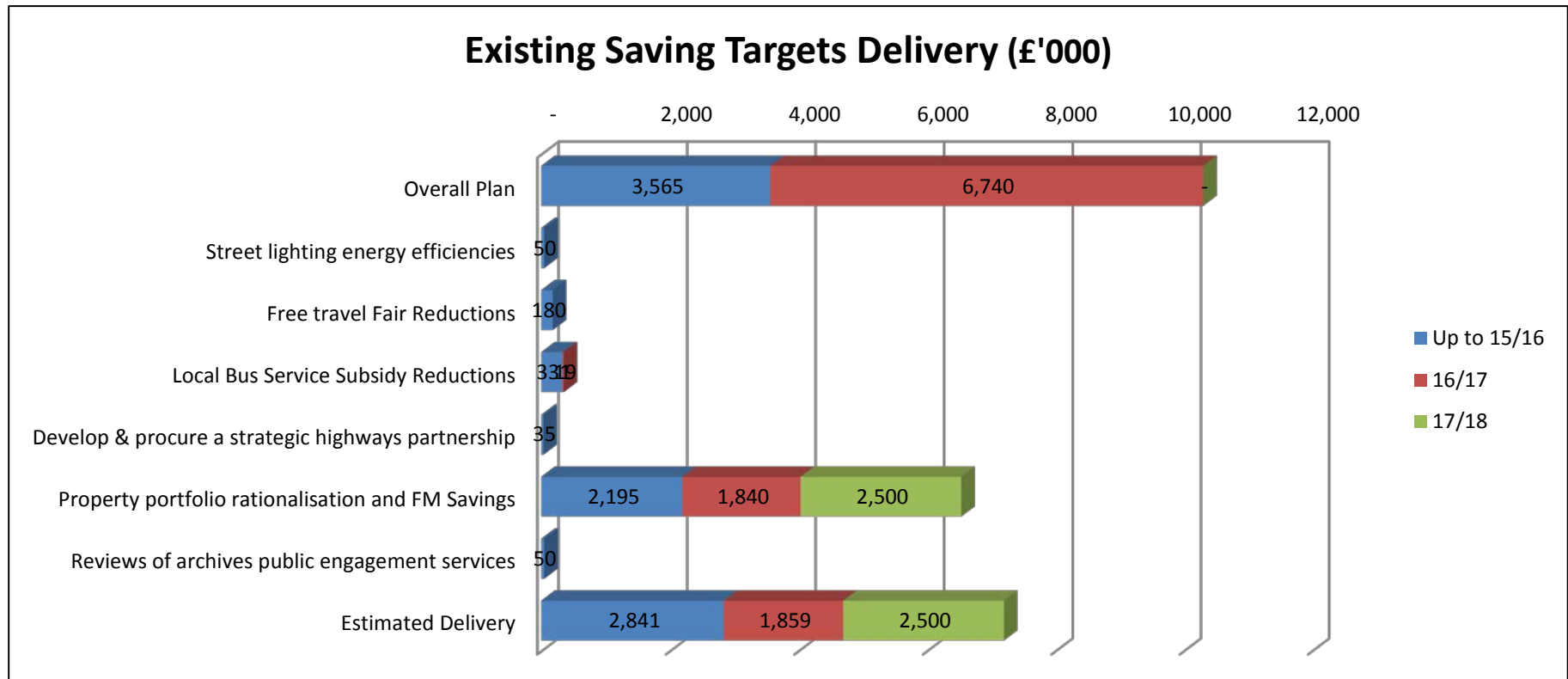
Response to Members Questions

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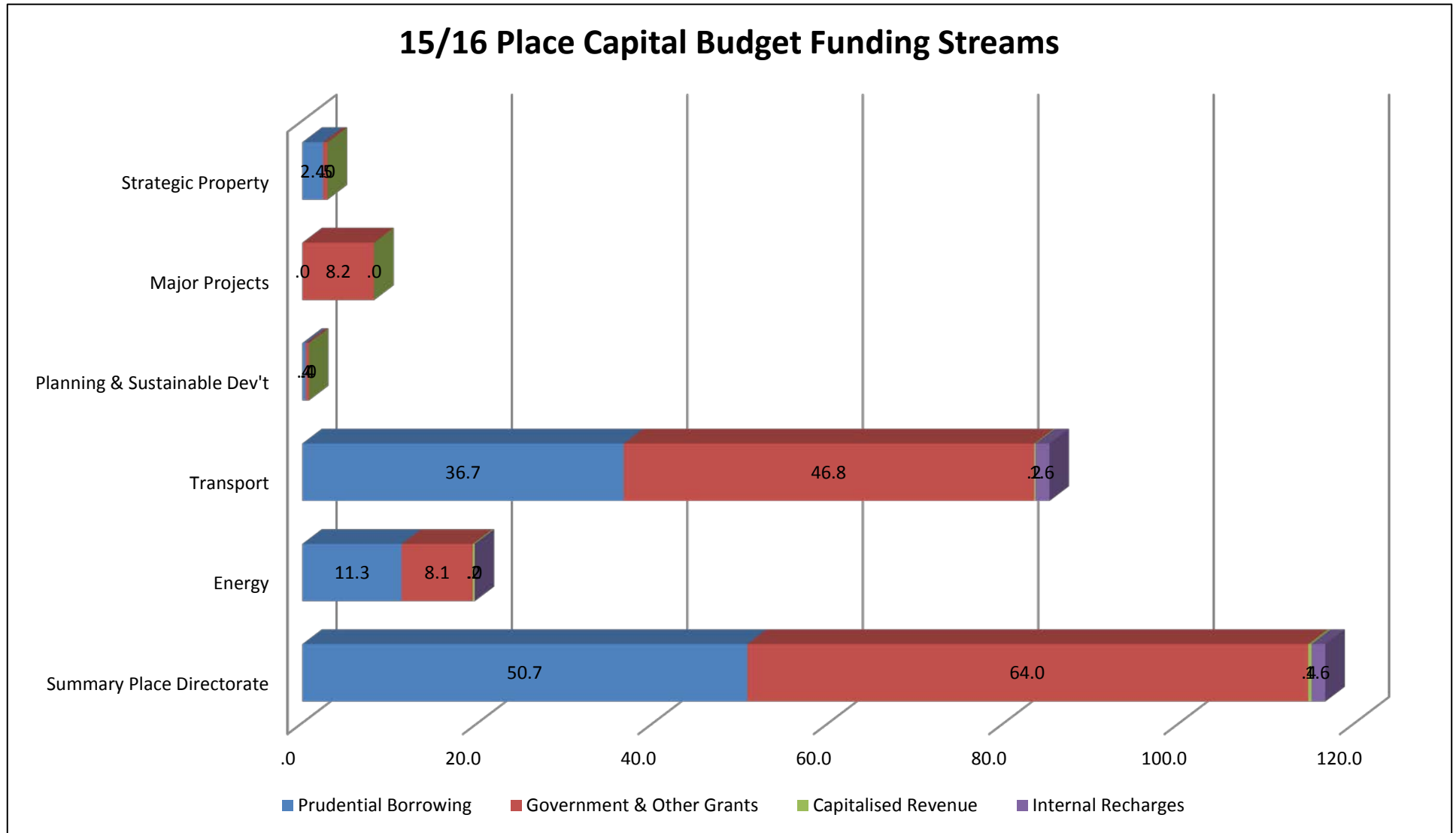
	Up to 15/16	16/17	17/18	Total Estimated Delivery
Overall Plan	3,565	6,740	-	10,305
Traffic	50	-	-	50
Sustainable Transport	511	19	-	530
Highways	35	-	-	35
Property	2,195	1,840	2,500	6,535
Culture	50	-	-	50
Estimated Delivery	2,841	1,859	2,500	7,200
Estimated Gaps in Delivery	(724)	(4,881)	2,500	(3,105)

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- *Majority of the MTFS saving targets are against Property savings through asset optimisation, facility management and improved performance of property investment asset portfolio.*
- *The graphs on the previous page illustrate the estimated saving deliveries against Place MTFS targets.*
- *Against the property £10m savings target, so far £4.035m has been identified within the MTFS period up to March 2017. This represent a gap of circa. £6m against the original MTFS timescales.*
- *A further £2.5m has been put forward in addition to the £4m mentioned above, subject to reviews being carried out by external specialist property consultancy firms by mid 2016. The implementation of these schemes are likely to be in the financial year 17/18 which is outside the initial MTFS period.*
- *Please note: in addition to the above, a level of schemes previously listed under property MTFS delivery have been removed due to duplications of benefit counting with other corporate schemes such as BWP.*

Point D: Updated Place Capital Programme Funding Chart



Point F: An Idea of the Level of Subsidy to maintain voluntary and community groups on peppercorn rents

The City council currently assists voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations by making available buildings and spaces which are subject to occupational arrangements at below market value across the city. These range from short-term licences to long leases. The Council provides this subsidy as part of its commitment to the community via its Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Policy. This enables the occupants to use a council asset (building or land) on preferential terms, often at less than the market rent or without paying rent at all. Such occupation is regulated by lease or licence and supported by a clear service agreement.

A register of all concessionary arrangements is maintained in order to record the level of in-kind support that the council provides annually to Bristol's third sector. The current revenue support involves approximately 130 assets and the gap between revenue actually generated and open market value is c £1.6m per annum.

Point H: Level of Agency Staff Expenditure 2015/16

Period 9 (December) Financial Forecast

Division	Forecast £
Property	125,720
Planning	709,382
Transport	534,610
Economy	254,623
ABS team	88,938
Energy	543,173
Place Directorate Total	<hr/> 2,256,446
Total Staff Costs Forecast	38,002,430
%	6%

** A proportion of the agency cost is funded through capital and Fees income under the mixed economy model of operations in Place Directorate.*

Point I: Overview of Current Plans on Flood Infrastructure

- *Our Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (<http://tinyurl.com/jcu652b>) sets our vision for managing flood risk in Bristol together with our partner risk management authorities such as the Environment Agency and Wessex Water;*
- *With regard to flood mitigation project delivery, our priority Actions are to progress the River Avon Strategic Flood Defences and Avonmouth/Sevenside Flood Defences. Both of these projects are required to facilitate an Enterprise Area and Zone. Progress for each project is as follows;*
 - *Action 1.2 - River Avon Strategic Flood Defences project is to produce a Tidal Flood Risk Management Strategy including funding strategy by Summer 2016;*
 - *Action 1.3 - Avonmouth/Sevenside Flood Defences to produce a detailed business case, including detailed designs of flood defences, to enable funding to construct the interventions;*
- *Whilst the River Avon and Avonmouth/Sevenside Flood defence projects are the two largest we continue to work with the Environment Agency, through their Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) programme to deliver flood infrastructure in the City. A recent example being a new flood wall along Cumberland Road as part of MetroBus programme.*
- *Much of our other work is looking to promote city resilience through community engagement and promoting green infrastructure and natural flood management*