

# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

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### Recommendation

That the Board consider and comment on the report detailing efficiency savings that are proposed as part of the budget setting process for 2017 to 2022 (see appendix A).

### Summary

This information is complimentary to the reports regarding the draft Corporate Strategy 2017-2022, Business Plan 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2021/22 that were considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 3rd November 2016. The reports can be found here;

[OSMB Reports - 3rd November 16](#)

Members have asked for details of the efficiency savings included within the consultation document. Officers apologise for the delay in distributing this. Please note the Increasing Business Efficiency Summary spreadsheet was initially produced to underpin the £29m included in the consultation document. Since that time officers have been undertaking further work to assess the deliverability of the savings.

Please also note that the Business Change/Resources items have been discussed at the relevant Scrutiny Commission where it has been identified that there is a duplicate item relating to Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Officers are currently undertaking a review of all ICT items to determine whether substitute savings can be identified and will confirm their deliverability in due course. The information that went to the Commission is included here as appendix B.

## Context

1. Bristol City Council launched its draft five-year Corporate Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan, along with a draft one-year 2017/18 Business Plan on 13th October 2016. Each Scrutiny Commission has had the opportunity to receive updates regarding the details relevant to their portfolios.
2. As responsibility for overall scrutiny of the Corporate Strategy sits with the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Members may wish to consider whether they want to make any comments to Cabinet when the updated budget proposals are considered at the Cabinet meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

## Financial Implications

3. Full details of the financial implications relating to these proposals will be provided in the report to Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

## Legal Implications

4. In accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Strategy, the Council (through its S151 officer) is required to produce a 3 year medium term financial plan and an annual budget (complying with relevant statutory and regulatory requirements).

## Public Sector Equality Duties

- 5a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following "protected characteristics": age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
  - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to -
    - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
    - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
    - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –

- tackle prejudice; and

- promote understanding.

5b) The Scrutiny function plays an important part in assisting the Council in meeting its public sector equality duties and ensuring that the views of different communities and members of the public are taken into account in the development and delivery of services. Scrutiny work streams need to ensure that assessments of equalities impacts are an integral part of their work both in terms of scoping topics, gathering evidence and formulating recommendations.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Increasing Business Efficiency Savings

Appendix B – Information provided to the Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Commission (now known as Resources Scrutiny Commission)

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

Background Papers:

Corporate Strategy 2017-2022, Business Plan 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2021/22. The reports can be found here; [OSMB Reports - 3rd November 16](#)