



Item 5.1 - Business bulletin

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday 29 October 2015

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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<p>Convener Cllr Alasdair Rankin</p>  <p>Vice – Convener Cllr Bill Cook</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Adam McVey ▪ Cllr Bill Henderson ▪ Cllr David Walker ▪ Cllr Denis Dixon ▪ Cllr Paul Edie ▪ Cllr Gavin Corbett ▪ Cllr Iain Whyte ▪ Cllr Joan Griffiths ▪ Cllr Ricky Henderson ▪ Cllr Paul Godzik ▪ Cllr Allan Jackson ▪ Cllr Andrew Burns (ex officio) ▪ Cllr Sandy Howat (ex officio) 	<p>Veronica Macmillan Committee Officer Tel: 0131 529 4283</p> <p>Linda Fraser Professional Support Manager Tel: 0131 469 3928</p>

Recent news	Background
<p>Annual Efficiency Statement, 2014/15</p> <p>Scottish Ministers expect all public bodies to deliver efficiency savings equal to at least 3% of net expenditure in each year of the current spending review period (ending in 2015/16) and to report publicly on these. Efficiencies are defined as savings where the output, or outcome, has been maintained with a lower cash-terms level of input (cashable) or where a greater output, or outcome, is achieved without a corresponding increase in inputs (non-cashable). COSLA collates the statements on behalf of all of its member authorities and reports these to the Deputy First Minister.</p> <p>The Council's Efficiency Statement for 2014/15 was submitted to COSLA in late August and set out total efficiencies to a value of £32.2m, including significant savings across the areas of procurement and asset management, as well as additional income through increasing the five-year Council Tax collection rate. The statement also captured savings delivered through the Council's Looked-After Children transformation plan, where a shift in the balance of care towards more preventative services aims to provide both financial savings and better outcomes for</p>	<p>Contact: Hugh Dunn, Head of Finance, Tel: 0131 469 3150</p>

children. The total savings identified met the 3% target and now mean that £242m of efficiencies have been reported since 2006/07.

Forthcoming activities
