



Item 5.1 - Business bulletin

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday 8 September 2016

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

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Recent news	Background
<p>Annual Efficiency Statement, 2015/16</p> <p>Scottish Ministers expect all public bodies to have delivered efficiency savings equal to at least 3% of net expenditure in each year of the spending review period ending in 2015/16 and to have reported 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 2015/16 was submitted to COSLA in late August and set out total efficiencies to a value of £40.2m, including further significant savings across procurement as well as additional income through increasing the five-year Council Tax collection rate and reducing expenditure incurred through partner organisations and independent fostering agencies. The statement also captured initial savings delivered through the Council’s transformation plan and Integrated Health Joint Board with the NHS. The total savings identified met the 3% target and now mean that £283m of efficiencies have been reported since 2006/07.</p>	

Despite the difficult current economic climate, the Council's overall performance continues to improve as evidenced by a range of recent independent assessments.

Redhall House

At its meeting on 3 August 2016, the Development Management Sub Committee voted to refuse the planning application for new build units on the site. The owner has indicated that they intend to appeal against that decision.

In the meantime, the court action to enforce the development obligations contained in the sale contract is on hold until 15 September 2016. Officers, with the agreement of the owner, will seek a further extension of time from the Court to allow the planning appeal to be concluded.

Carr Comm

The proposals for the former Engine Shed, to convert into a distillery, has now received planning consent. Good progress has been made with Carr Comm over their proposed lease of the upper floors of Fountainbridge Library albeit there has been a delay due to scheduled asset management works being carried out to the building.

Forthcoming activities
