

REPORT FOR: **CABINET**

Date of Meeting:	17 July 2014
Subject:	Revenue Monitoring 2014-15
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Simon George, Director of Finance and Assurance
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Sachin Shah, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Major Contracts
Exempt:	No
Decision subject to Call-in:	No, as the decision is for noting only
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 - MTFS Savings

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the progress on achieving the savings included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) approved by Council in February 2014.

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to: Note the progress on achieving the MTFS savings as at P2 (end of May 2014).

Reason: To update Cabinet members on the progress in achieving the MTFS savings agreed at February 2014 Council.

Section 2 – Report

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Cabinet has in previous years received its first report on progress against the Medium Term Financial Strategy for quarter one, up to the end of June, in September. This is regarded as not timely, particularly given the substantial savings the Council is required to make in order to achieve a balanced budget. There are however difficulties in reporting to an earlier meeting given the lead in times to reporting and that Cabinet does not normally meet in August. This report helps to address this issue by providing information on the progress against the savings included in the MTFS.

Savings Tracker 2014/15

1.2 Appendix 1 shows a list of the individual red, amber and green (RAG) rated savings in the MTFS agreed by Council in February 2014. The table below shows the summary position for each directorate:

Table 1: Savings Tracker 2014/15 – Directorate Summary

	Red	Amber	Green	Total
Children & Families	0	-650	-1,348	-1,998
Environment & Enterprise	-25	0	-1,901	-1,926
Community, Health & Wellbeing	-400	-3,752	-2,615	-6,767
Resources	0	-100	-1,630	-1,730
Corporate	0	0	-518	-518
Total	-425	-4,502	-8,012	-12,939

1.3 There are three savings currently red rated in 2014-15 as follows:

Table 2: 2014/15 Savings Tracker – Red rated savings

	£000
Environment & Enterprise	
Revenue maximisation - Fleet sponsorship: Explore advertisement opportunities for PRS fleet	-25
Housing General Fund	
Homelessness [100 families & anticipated B&B HB changes). Savings from 2012-13 MTFS assumed to arise from increased subsidy for B&B placements which did not actually materialise.	-100
Empty Homes Initiative. Reduced cost of temporary accommodation as a result of bringing empty properties back into use.	-300

1.4 To the extent that any of the savings are not fully achievable, directorates will work to contain any shortfall within current resources within their own directorates.

Reporting on 2014-15 Financial Year

1.5 Cabinet will receive quarterly monitoring reports during the year as follows:

- Quarter 1 September 2014
- Quarter 2 December 2014
- Quarter 3 February 2015
- Outturn report June 2015

2.0 Options considered

2.1 None

3.0 Legal Implications

3.1 There are none directly related to this report.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Financial matters are integral to this report.

5.0 Performance Issues

5.1 Good financial monitoring is essential to ensuring that there are adequate and appropriately directed resources to support delivery and achievement of Council vision and priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan. In addition, adherence to the Prudential Framework ensures capital expenditure plans remain affordable in the longer term and that capital resources are maximised.

5.2 As at period 2, 3% by value of the total of £12.939m of savings built into the 2014-15 budget are RAG rated red and 35% amber.

5.3 Financial performance is considered quarterly at Cabinet.

6.0 Environmental Impact

6.1 There are none directly related to this report.

7.0 Risk Management Implications

7.1 The risks to the council and how they are being managed are set out in the report.

7.2 Risks included on Directorate risk registers? Yes

8.0 Equalities implications

8.1 Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

8.2 EqIAs were undertaken for proposals where relevant in relation to the proposals listed as part of the MTFs process.

9.0 Council Priorities

9.1 This report deals with the Revenue and Capital monitoring which is key to delivering the Council's new priorities:

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for local business's
- Making a difference for families.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Simon George	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Financial Officer
Date: 19 June 2014		
Name: Jessica Farmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 24 June 2014		

Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Alex Dewsnap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Divisional Director Strategic Commissioning
Date: 19 June 2014		

Section 5 – Environmental Impact Officer Clearance

Name: Venetia Reid-Baptiste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Corporate Director (Environment & Enterprise)
Date: 23 June 2014		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Dawn Calvert (dawn.calvert@harrow.gov.uk)

Background Papers:

[Report to Council 27 February 2014: Final Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014-15 to 2016-17](#)

[Report to Council 27 February 2014: Tabled amendment](#)

[Report to Cabinet 13 February 2014: Final Revenue Budget 2014/15 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014-15 to 2016-17](#)

Call-In Waived by the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	NOT APPLICABLE <i>[Call-in does not apply as the decision is for noting only]</i>
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