

Report to: Authority
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1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1 To update the Authority on progress with the Efficiencies Programme.

2. Background

- 2.1 A paper was presented to the Authority on the 8th December setting out the governance arrangements for the Efficiency Programme. These arrangements were approved by the Authority.

3. Efficiency planning and delivery

- 3.1 The BTP established an efficiency challenge panel to review savings and efficiencies to date. An efficiencies register has been established and validated with finance.
- 3.2 The Efficiency Board met on the 18th January and considered how it will take forward the Cipfa benchmarking exercise of back office services. For each service area a lead has been tasked with analysing the findings to identify opportunities for savings.

4. Efficiency Monitoring arrangements

- 4.1 An efficiency dashboard has been developed that will be used to monitor the delivery of efficiency savings (item 6.1). This will be the mechanism by which the Authority will be able to monitor the delivery of efficiencies and savings.
- 4.2 In addition to the dashboard a Benefits tracker has been developed which will be used to capture the non-financial benefits.

5. Quality assurance

- 5.1 An independent third party review of the ICT strategy is planned in this quarter.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Authority to provide feedback on the format of the dashboard.