

Annual Efficiency Statement Backward Looking 2006/07

Report of the Treasurer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report submits the 2006/07 Annual Efficiency Statement (AES) for scrutiny by the Fire Authority. The return itself was required to be submitted by 5 July 2007, but any amendments can be notified to Communities and Local Government (CLG).

2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is recommended to approve the 2006/07 Backward Looking Annual Efficiency Statement

3 Background

The Authority has a policy of seeking to provide best value and therefore to maximise efficiencies. The Authority has set a policy of trying to match its disaggregated share of the national fire service target for efficiencies. This would mean finding £930,000 between 2004/05 and the end of 2007/08. The Authority is aware however that this might be difficult for itself (and other authorities) who had made efficiencies before the period for the national target.

4 2006/07 Efficiencies

The appendix summarises the position, which has been well reported to previous meetings. The main differences between the figures now reported for 2006/07 are

- i Procurement: Additional one-off savings of £18,000 have been identified from using Firebuy contracts for appliances, equipment and radios. This has offset a reduction of £10,000 in general savings on purchasing.



- ii Efficiencies through effective use of the vehicle workshop total £9,000, compared to an estimate of £14,000.

5 Summary

The Fire Authority remains above the nationally disaggregated milestone efficiencies anticipated to have been achieved by the end of 2006/07.

6 Financial Implications

The financial implications are as outlined in the report.

7 Legal Comment

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

8 Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Personnel 5 Part 2) and have decided that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed.

9 Appendix

Efficiency Gains Achieved in 2006/07

10 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.



Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	*
Capacity		Member Involvement	
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings	*	Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial		Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	*



Efficiency Gains Achieved in 2006/07

	Annual Cashable Efficiency Gains £000	Cumulative Cashable Efficiency Gains £000	Cumulative Non-Cashable Efficiency Gains £000
1 Revised Shift System / Crewing Arrangements			
Crewing aerial appliances	259	259	
2 Other IRMP Efficiencies	-	102	12
3 Other Human Resource savings			
– Non-uniformed Fire Safety Inspectors	25	25	
– Revised duties for Retained Support Officers	25	25	
– Other	-	15	
	50	65	
4 Better Procurement			
Firebuy	28	3	
Other	-	107	5
	28	110	5
5 Corporate	-	73	
6 Other			
Internal workshop – increased productivity	9	9	
Other	-	70	
	9	79	
	346	688	17

