Appendix E: Progress against 2024/25 approved Savings as at 31 March 2025 (Quarter 4) Total

Savings of £19.5m for 2024/25 were approved by Council on 9 February 2024.

The outturn of the delivered approved savings at 31 March 2025 (Quarter 4) is noted below:

Directorate	Approved Savings	Delivered	Not Delivered
	£m	£m	£m
Community Wellbeing	3.2	2.4	0.8
Children & Young People	2.3	2.3	-
Economy & Environment	3.3	2.8	0.5
Corporate Services	2.8	1.2	1.6
Council-wide	7.9	2.2	5.7
Total Savings	19.5	10.9	8.6
	100%	56%	44%

At 31 March 2025 (Quarter 4), £10.9 million (56%) of the 2024/25 £19.5 million savings were delivered, and £8.6 million (44%) were outstanding.

The status of individual Directorate savings as per Appendix B of the Council Report approved on 9 February 2024, is shown in Annex 1 below.

Annex 1: Status of delivery of approved savings at 31 March 2025 (Quarter 4)

Community Wellbeing 2024/25 Saving Targets Q2 Forecast	Target £'000	At Risk £'000	In Progress £'000	On Target £'000	Delivered Recurrent £'000
S1 (i) Workforce service review - reduce posts in Talk Community	353	-	-	-	353
S3 Delete vacant permanent posts not currently occupied	801	-	-	-	801
S4 Review of high cost packages in Adult Social Care	1,000	649	-	-	351

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S5 Better utilisation of existing care contracts	200	200	-	-	-
S6 Reduction in non-care contract values	104	-	-	-	104
S7 Public Health Savings	211	-	-	-	211
S8 Maximise housing benefit claims	22	-	-	-	22
S9 Ensure correct pathways for funding of complex care	500	-	-	-	500
S10 Charge for welfare benefits support	5	-	-	-	5
Total Community Wellbeing	3,196	849	-	-	2,347
Children & Young People 2024/25 Saving Targets Q2 Forecast	Target £'000	At Risk £'000	In Progress £'000	On Target £'000	Delivered Recurrent £'000
S1 Reduce Children's High Cost Placements	959	-		-	959
S2 Reduce the number of Social Workers based on assumption of reduced demand	338	-	-	-	338
S3 From 1 October 2024 convert 30 posts from Agency to permanent	1,006	-	-	-	1,006
Total Children and Young People	2,303	-	-	-	2,303
Economy & Environment 2024/25 Saving Targets Q2 Forecast	Target £'000	At Risk £'000	In Progress £'000	On Target £'000	Delivered Recurrent £'000
S1 Delete vacant permanent posts not currently	340	-	-	-	340

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S3 BBLP – Annual Efficiency Saving	250	-	-	-	250
S4 Reduced Energy Costs	580	-	-	-	580
S5 Changes to School Enforcement team	40	3	-	-	37
S6 Inflationary Increases in Fees and Charges	350	267	-	-	83
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S7 Waste Collection Service	800	-	-	-	800
S8 Transfer of functions from the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	250	-	-	-	150
S9 Stop using Scoot Highways System	20	-	-	-	20
S4 Transferred from C&YP SEN Transport Efficiencies	200	200	-	-	-
Total Economy and Environment	3,280	470	-	-	2,810
Corporate Services 2024/25 Saving Targets Q2 Forecast	Target £'000	At Risk £'000	In Progress £'000	On Target £'000	Delivered Recurrent £'000
2024/25 Saving Targets	Target £'000 200	Risk	Progress	Target	Recurrent
2024/25 Saving Targets Q2 Forecast		Risk	Progress	Target	Recurrent £'000
2024/25 Saving Targets Q2 Forecast S1 Governance & Legal Services: 50% reduction in locum budget	200	Risk	Progress	Target	Recurrent £'000 200
2024/25 Saving Targets Q2 Forecast S1 Governance & Legal Services: 50% reduction in locum budget S2 Governance & Legal Services: 20% reduction in external legal budget	200 100	Risk £'000 - -	Progress	Target	Recurrent £'000 200
2024/25 Saving Targets Q2 Forecast S1 Governance & Legal Services: 50% reduction in locum budget S2 Governance & Legal Services: 20% reduction in external legal budget S3 Resources & Assurance: Implementation of Oxygen Finance solution S4 Resources & Assurance: Reduction in mobile phone provider contract S5 Resources & Assurance: automation of Council Tax and Business Rate processes	200 100 60	Risk £'000 - - 60	Progress	Target	Recurrent £'000 200 100
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Central Budget 2024/25 Saving Targets Q2 Forecast	Target £'000	At Risk £'000	In Progress £'000	On Target £'000	Delivered Recurrent £'000
S1 Mutual Early Resignation Scheme 2024 (MERS24)	4,500	2,375	-	-	2,136
S2 Transformation: Thrive Programme Savings	2,600	2,541	-	-	59
S3 Transformation: Target Operating Model	815	815	-	-	-
Total Central Budget	7,915	5,731	-	-	2,195
Total All Directorates 2024/25 Savings Targets	19,466	8,592	-	-	10,885