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| SUBJECT: | JOINT WORKING SAVINGS |
| RESPONSIBLE OFFICER | Director of Resources |
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| WARD/S AFFECTED | N/a |

1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Committee with information it had requested on the savings from the shared services work with South Bucks DC

RECOMMENDATION

To note the report.

2. Reasons for Recommendations

N/a.

3. Content of Report

- 3.1 The two Councils sign a Joint Agreement in February 2012 that formally initiated their joint working. This was followed in March 2012 with the establishment of a joint Management Team. By March 2013 this was followed by the appointment of the Heads of Service and the two Principal Officers that completed the joint senior management team.
- 3.2 During 2013/14 work commenced on testing the business case for the first shared teams which were Licensing, Community Safety and Building Control. These first service areas were established as joint teams in April 2014. Over the next three years 20 business cases have been approved to establish shared services. Aligned to this all staff have been moved to harmonised terms and conditions.
- 3.3 At its June meeting the Committee requested a brief update report be provided at its next meeting on the financial saving arising over time from the shared service arrangements
- 3.4 The Appendix to the report sets out the savings to date from the shared services implemented, plus the savings expected from the implementation of the Planning shared service currently in progress. The savings do not include any that have arisen from joint contracting for supplies and services that have been enabled by the creation of shared teams.

4. Consultation

N/a

5. Options

N/a

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 The legal basis of the shared service programme was set down in the Inter Authority Agreement, and each shared service established was done with the formal agreement of both Councils.
- 6.2 The savings from the joint work, £1.9m are in excess of 10% of the original service budgets, and have been built into the Councils' base budgets. The cost of undertaking the programme over its four years in terms of in-house and external resources was £379k.

7. Links to Council Policy Objectives

- 7.1 The shared services programme supports the delivery of the Councils' joint business plan in the particular the delivery of cost effective customer service.

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| Background Papers: | None |
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