ABSTRACT
This report presents Angus Council's Annual Efficiency Statement for 2010/11 which has been submitted to COSLA for consolidation into a national report to the Scottish Government.

1 RECOMMENDATION
The Committee note the terms of the council’s 2010/11 efficiency statement as attached. (APPENDIX, APPENDIX A)

2 BACKGROUND
As part of the 2004 spending review the then Scottish Executive introduced the efficient government agenda with local government set an efficiency target for the three year spending review period.

The Scottish Government as part of the 2007 Spending Review continued to set efficiency targets and within the 2008-11 spending review period set a target of 2% per annum for all of the public sector.

Each council is required to publish an annual efficiency statement that sets out the level of efficiency savings delivered during the financial year. The statement is also required to identify key areas where further efficiencies are targeted in the current financial year.

Council's were required to submit the 2010/11 statement to COSLA by 19 August 2011 to enable COSLA to prepare a statement on behalf of all councils for submission to the Scottish Government.

3 2010/11 EFFICIENCY STATEMENT
The council’s efficiency statement for 2010/11 is attached and in considering the statement the committee is asked to note:-

- The statement highlights cashable efficiency gains of £4.821m within the council. With the addition of non-cashable efficiencies of £0.546m this gives a total efficiency gain of £5.367m against a target of £2.1m.

- A pragmatic approach to measuring efficiency has been taken to avoid creating a bureaucratic time consuming operation which would be in conflict with efficient government. This approach will have meant that the level of efficiency gains will inevitably have been understated.

- The key areas of efficiency targeted in 2011/12.

Council’s were required to publish their efficiency statement by 31 August 2011 and the statement is on the council’s website.
4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Efficiency savings achieved have, in the main, already been allowed for in the budgets that were set for 2010/11.

It is worth noting that since 2005/06 the council has achieved cash efficiency savings of £14.788m and non-cash efficiency savings of £0.928m.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The issues contained in this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

7 CONSULTATION

The Director of Corporate Services, Head of Law and Administration and Head of Finance and have been consulted on the terms of this report.

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NOTE No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.