

Meeting of the Cabinet - 28th October 2009

Report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources

Corporate Property Policy: 2009 - 2014

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the revised Corporate Property Policy 2009 – 2014, a copy of which is available in the Members' Room and on CMIS.

Background

2. The Council has had a Corporate Property Policy in place since 2004. This document has a 5 year planning horizon and is reviewed on an annual basis by the Corporate Property Group.
3. Approaching the end of the first 5 years the document has been revised to reflect changes in good asset management practice and amended to incorporate several improvements.
4. The main amendments to the policy reflect:
 - A reduction from 16 to 5 high level objectives which reflects the changing context in which the Council now owns, occupies and manages assets;
 - The requirement for the Council to develop a coherent back office estate strategy that is flexible enough to address long standing accommodation problems whilst continuing to support front line services;
 - An amended Work Plan which is managed on an ongoing basis by the Corporate Property Group.

Finance

5. There are no immediate financial implications arising from these proposals. Further development of specific objectives highlighted within the Policy will be carried out within existing resources. Any additional funding identified as a result of such development work would need to be considered accordingly.

Law

6. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 enables the Council to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area.

Equality and Diversity

7. This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equality and diversity and pays particular attention to its statutory obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the Cabinet consider and approve the draft Corporate Property Policy 2009-2014.



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List of Background Papers

None