

**Meeting of the Cabinet - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**Report of the Director of Law and Property**

**Corporate Property Policy: 2005 - 2009**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the revised Corporate Property Policy 2005 – 2009, a copy of which is available in the Members' Room and on CMIS.

**Background**

2. In 2004 the Council approved the first Corporate Property Policy. Earlier this year the document was amended to incorporate several improvement initiatives recommended following visits made by staff and Elected Members to Beacon Council for Asset Management events. The improvement initiatives were approved at the November 2006 meeting of the Cabinet as part of the Annual Property Performance Report.
3. In addition to reflecting the progress made by the Council since 2004, the Policy has been updated to specifically include:
  - Clearer cross referencing between the body of the document and the Work Plan attached as Appendix 1 to the Policy;
  - An updated position statement provided for Work Plan objectives A to I;
  - The incorporation of Asset Management Improvement Plan items into the Work Plan as Objectives J to Q.

**Finance**

4. 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**

5. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do any thing which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions.

**Equality Impact**

6. 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.
7. Children and young people are consulted on significant property decisions that affect them.

**Recommendation**

8. It is recommended that the Cabinet consider and approve the draft Corporate Property Policy 2005-2009.

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**List of Background Papers**

None