

TITLE OF REPORT: **Corporate Asset Management – Annual Delivery and Performance Report**

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SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the progress made against the Council's Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan and the year on year performance of the property portfolio.

The Committee is requested to consider whether sufficient progress has been made in relation to property performance.

Background

1. In June 2009, as part of the review of how the Council manages its property portfolio, it was recognised that councillor engagement was essential in both the monitoring and scrutiny of the way in which the Council uses its property portfolio, to deliver its services and priorities.
2. It was agreed this would be in respect of two specific elements:
 - approval of a Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan (CASMP); and
 - monitoring the performance of the property portfolio.

The CASMP sets the strategic direction for the use of the Council's land and buildings in support of its policy priorities. It provides the focus for the efficient use of property assets to support service delivery and the strategic management of, and investment in, the Council's property portfolio.

The Council's vision therefore is for an effective and appropriate land and property asset portfolio supporting the Thrive agenda: Making Gateshead a place where everybody thrives. At a time of continuing budgetary constraint, and increasing pressures on resources due to rising demand, it is essential that the Council can demonstrate that it has a property portfolio that is: fit for purpose; appropriate for service delivery; sustainable and performing well; and supports the overall aims and ambitions of the Council.

3. The performance of the assets is assessed against the provisions of the Thrive Agenda, the CASMP and the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

4. The CASMP, together with the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Workforce Strategy, is one of the three main corporate strategies that support the Thrive agenda.
5. The establishment of the role of Corporate Property Officer (a role held by the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance since 2010 but transferring to the Strategic Director Economy Innovation & Growth), along with the subsequent creation of the Corporate Asset Strategy Team, continues to work well; and the ability to take a more strategic approach to the way the portfolio is managed overall, has enabled the Council to deliver budgetary savings through the reduction of its operational portfolio by way of rationalisation and consolidation.

Performance Update

6. The Property Performance Report sets out an update of asset management performance and property performance. Annex 1 to the report details the definition for the accessibility indicators. The report includes trends in how the Council property is performing over the periods:
 - 2015/2016
 - 2016/2017
 - 2017/2018
 - 2018/2019
7. As advised in previous reports, the National Property Performance Indicators (NaPPMI) are no longer collated by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and as such the Council is now having to use its own data to consider its own year on year performance in areas such as energy consumption, water use and CO₂ emissions.

Recommendations

9. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to:
 - (i) Note the progress achieved over the period
 - (ii) Comment on the level of progress to date.