

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 Vision 2030 and the Council Plan. 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 Council Plan, 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 Council Plan.
5. The establishment of the role of Corporate Property Officer (a role held by the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance since 2010), 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. Appendix 1 of this report sets out an update of asset management performance and property performance. The Annex 1 to Appendix 1 details the definition for the accessibility indicators. The report includes trends in how the Council property is performing over the periods:
 - 2012/2013
 - 2013/2014
 - 2014/2015
 - 2015/2016
7. As advised in last year's report, 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 has, as in previous years, had to rely on its own data and consider its own year on year performance in areas such as energy consumption, water use and CO₂ emissions.
8. Instead of collating the NaPPMI data, CIPFA now relies on the information garnered from the value for money reviews it undertakes with a number of local authorities to produce a benchmarking framework. The Council has taken part in the reviews and summary of the findings are set out in the Property Performance report.

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.