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SUBJECT:	ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010 TO 2015	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM 01

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Council's updated Asset Management Plan for 2010 to 2015 is considered and approved.
- 1.2 That the Plan is reviewed and updated as necessary and at least on a yearly basis.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 This report introduces an updated Asset Management Plan (AMP).
- 2.2 Having reviewed the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan, the Committee is now asked to consider and review its arrangements for managing the Council's assets prior to the 2011/12 budget round.

3.0 Detail

Background

- 3.1 The Asset Management Plan (AMP) is a property strategy document which seeks to align the Council's non-housing asset base with our corporate objectives, to ensure services are delivered efficiently. It therefore identifies the gaps between the current position of the asset base and where we want it to be, and the strategy to achieve this alignment.

- 3.2 As the implications of the 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review impact upon the Council it is important that our assets are managed in a flexible, innovative manner to respond to the budget pressures. Property is second only to staff in terms of resource costs, and the AMP must therefore be systematically reviewed to reflect our evolving service needs and objectives.
- 3.3 A revised AMP is therefore enclosed for Members' consideration and comment.

Consultations

- 3.4 A draft of this updated AMP has been circulated to all relevant Service Managers. The service needs identified through this consultation have been reflected in the future asset strategy.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 No direct implications with formulating and updating the AMP.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The Council's land and property assets are the largest resource after the Council's workforce. Consequently, the efficient management and use of the assets can be a key factor in the performance of service provision.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 A key theme of the AMP is contributing to the vision and priorities of the Council and meeting service requirements. These are largely formulated after consultation with the local community and other stakeholders.
- 6.2 The Plan has been subject to the Council's Equality Impact Assessment and has been 'screened' as Medium. Evidence suggests that different groups of people may have different needs when it comes to accessing services in Council property.
- 6.3 Such issues are dealt with as part of the Plan based on accessibility audits. Any reasonable adjustments identified form part of the subsequent maintenance programme.
- 6.4 In addition, the AMP can provide opportunities to promote equality more effectively. For example, new and upgraded facilities can be designed and constructed with equality issues in mind.