

Cherwell District Council

Executive

4 January 2016

Asset Management Strategy Action Plan Update

Report of Head of Regeneration and Housing

This report is public

Appendices 1 and 2 are exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

Purpose of report

To update the Executive on the progress of the priority actions arising from the Asset Management Strategy Review as reported in December 2014 and as part of the 2015/16 budget process.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the updates on the priority actions arising from the Asset Management Plan set out in exempt Appendix 1 and to approve the recommendations set out therein.
- 1.2 To note the further progress associated with re developing The Hill Youth and Community Centre and note the full capital cost to complete the replacement of the current facility indicated in the exempt Appendix 1.
- 1.3 To note the Expression of Interest made to Sport England and the Lottery Fund to support the redevelopment of the Hill Youth and Community Centre, details of which are contained in the exempt Appendix 1.
- 1.4 To note and approve the latest position in respect of the Bolton Road car park facility, and the revised financial position contained in the exempt Appendix 1.
- 1.5 To support the necessary work through the Accommodation Asset Strategy Board to conclude an investment and disposal strategy for core and noncore assets to enable the Executive to consider and approve the Strategy by April 2016 with the costs associated with completing this work to be met from the approved additional resources of £100K available to deliver action plan objectives.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 At the December 2014 Executive it was agreed that the following would be priority actions arising out of the Asset Review & Strategy work.

- 1) Asset Strategy Resource Plan
- 2) Operational Offices Plan
- 3) Car Parks Plan
- 4) Community Buildings Plan including the proposals for The Hill as per the 2015/16 capital budget proposals.

2.2 Action plans and revenue funding were allocated to each of these focus areas and project teams were established to deliver outcomes. This report will provide an update on the work to date.

3.0 Report details

3.1 Exempt Appendix 1 contains an overview of each of the focus areas together with an indication of timescales, additional funding required and approvals needed.

3.2 The Accommodation Asset Strategy Board provides a forum for debate and discussion about property matters. The Board comprises the Lead Members for Finance and Estates/Economy. The officer support is made up of representatives of Estates, Regeneration, Housing, Finance, and Bicester. The board is monitoring the actions and priorities arising out of the Asset Strategy.

3.3 A detailed action / resource plan is being monitored and will be presented to the Executive as part of the 2016/17 budget process.

3.4 Any use of specialist consultants will be subject to demonstrating VFM and will be subject to the Council's procurement process.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 It is important that adequate resource and specialist reviews are being undertaken in order to inform the work programme, capital programme and current strategic development projects.

5.0 Consultation

- Banbury Developments Board (priority focus 2 and 3)
- Bolton Road Project Team (priority focus 3)
- Community Centre Project Team (priority focus 4)
- The Hill Project Team (priority focus 4).

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 There is an option not to consider this update and identified financial outcomes. This is not recommended as a number of priority actions require resource updates

now as they will impact on other Council projects and priorities when the 2016/17 budget priorities are subsequently considered.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 There is no requirement to provide further funding for priority actions detailed in exempt Appendix 1.
- 7.2 This expenditure can be met from earmarked reserves and existing capital budgets. Any further capital or revenue expenditure will need to be considered as part of a future budget process.
- 7.3 The review of core and noncore assets, and the production of a new Investment and Disposals strategy, will create new capital receipt opportunities, which in turn will provide new capital resources for investment. Executive will receive recommendations in April 2016.

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Legal Implications

- 7.4 There are no legal implications as a result of this report. The legal team will be involved as required in ensuring that any actions are implemented in a lawful way and subject to appropriate contractual terms in the interests of the Council as necessary

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Risk Implications

- 7.5 There are no direct risks as a result of this report. In preparing a comprehensive action list for implementing the Asset Management Strategy a risk and mitigation register will be compiled and monitored.

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8.0 Decision Information

Key Decision

Financial Threshold Met: Yes

Community Impact Threshold Met: Yes

Wards Affected

All

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

Most people use public assets, such as council buildings, leisure centres, car parks and community facilities. They help shape the character of local areas and influence the quality of life for local people. They make an important contribution to local priorities. This proposal will enable the Council to deliver its vision for asset management which will meet the objectives of all of the Council's Strategic Objectives:

- District of Opportunity
- Thriving Communities
- Safe, Green and Clean
- Sound Budgets and Customer Focused Council

Lead Member

Councillor Norman Bolster, Lead Member for Estates and the Economy

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1	Update on priority actions (exempt)
2	Sport England Expression of Interest (EOI) (exempt)
Background Papers	
None	
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