
Meeting: Executive
Date: 9 February 2010
Subject: Asset Management Plan
Report of: Cllr Maurice Jones , Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources
Summary: The report presents the Asset Management Plan for Central Bedfordshire Council for the period 2009/11 and the Council's approach to the management of its assets for consideration by the Executive.

Advising Officer: Clive Heaphy, Director of Corporate Resources
Contact Officer: Peter Burt, Head of Property Assets
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Executive
Key Decision Yes
**Reason for urgency/
exemption from call-in
(if appropriate)** N/A

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The Asset Management Plan (AMP) sets out the Council's strategic plans for the management of its assets and shows how it will develop its assets to meet the strategic priorities of the Council and operational and service needs. It also forms a key tool in the delivery of services in partnership with other bodies.

Financial:

This plan has no direct financial implications although the delivery of the plan will result in both expenditure and the generation of both income and capital receipts. The Council's financial plans support the delivery of the strategic plans for assets through investment, disposals, transfers and rationalisation or by more efficient asset use.

Legal:

None within the AMP

Risk Management:

The plan itself has no direct risks although its delivery will have considerable risk implication which will be considered via Detailed Business Cases as required by Financial Regulations

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None

Equalities/Human Rights:

Under the terms of equality legislation, when developing proposals and making policy decisions public authorities must ensure that decisions are made in such a way as to minimise unfairness, and they do not have a disproportionately negative effect on people from different ethnic groups, disabled people and men and women.

The AMP is written to obtain consistency to ensure there are no disproportionate negative effects.

Community Safety:

The AMP considers all aspects of community and 3rd sector use of assets and the safety of all our properties is paramount.

Sustainability:

One of the key aspects of the AMP is to facilitate the management of the property portfolio to deliver sustainable development.

Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Comments:

- The Asset Management Plan has not been considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That the Executive Committee adopt the Asset Management Plan as its approach to the management of its assets.**

Reason for Recommendation): The Asset Management Plan sets out the principles which provide the platform from which the Council's priorities will be delivered

Executive Summary

1. The delivery of the Asset Management Plan will assist Central Bedfordshire delivering its extensive key priorities over the next few years. It outlines the Key Service Delivery Objectives (as detailed in section 4.1 of the plan) and their property implications, a timetable for the strategic management of the plan and the role that senior officers and the property team need to play in the delivery and implementation of the plan.

2. Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) is committed to improving the way in which services are provided to the public and this is set out in the Strategic Plan 2009-11. The Council's services are delivered through four Directorates: Children Families & Learning, Customer and Shared Services, Social Care Health & Housing and Sustainable Communities. Asset Management sits within the Customer and Shared Services Directorate, but all Directorates have an active part to play to ensure the successful implementation of the Asset Management Plan if CBC is to meet its strategic goals.

3. Property assets play a key role in supporting and enabling the delivery of improved public services. This Asset Management Plan (AMP) takes into account the Central Bedfordshire Council's Medium Term Property Strategy 2009 – 12. CBC is setting the foundation for making the most efficient, effective and economic use of its property resources.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Central Bedfordshire Council Asset Management Plan 2009/11

Background papers:

None