
Meeting: Customer & Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 21 June 2010
Subject: Asset Disposal Strategy
Report of: Councillor Steve Male, Portfolio Holder for Customers and Systems and Assets
Summary: The report to Executive on 13 July 2010 (Attached as Appendix A) proposes the Asset Disposal Strategy for Central Bedfordshire Council for the period 2010/11 and the Council's appraisal of the management of its assets.

Advising Officer: Richard Ellis, Director of Customer and Shared Services
Contact Officer: Peter Burt, Head of Assets
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The Asset Disposal Strategy sets out the Council's strategy for the disposal of property assets and shows how it will use its assets to meet strategic priority and provide capital to support budgets. It is also part of the Council's CAA considerations.

Financial:

The Council's financial plans support the delivery of the strategic plans for asset disposals, transfers and rationalisation or by more efficient asset use.

Legal:

None within the Disposal Strategy but the conveyancing team will be involved in implementing agreed heads of terms for sale.

Risk Management:

None within the Asset Disposal Strategy but each property will be assessed for risks during analyses for disposal.

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

Community Safety:

The Strategy 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 Strategy is to facilitate the management of the property portfolio to deliver sustainable development.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Asset Disposal Strategy is considered and any comments, if required, are submitted to Executive.

Introduction

1. Attached as Appendix A is the Asset Disposal Strategy report for Executive on 13 July 2010.
2. The Portfolio Holder, Councillor Steve Male, has agreed that this report is considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and welcomes any comments which can then be submitted to the meeting of the Executive.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Asset Disposal Strategy Executive report, 13 July 2010

Background Papers: (open to public inspection)

None.

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands