Meeting: Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 8 April 2014

Subject: Corporate Asset Management Strategy & Plan (CAMSAP)

Report of: CIIr Maurice Jones, Executive Member for Corporate Resources

Summary: The CAMSAP sets out the Council's strategic objectives for the

management of its property and land assets for the period 2014-2018

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

- Because the CAMSAP is about the provision of operational and non operational property for the Council as a whole and has implications for capital and revenue income and expenditure in addition to service provision, all the below are impacted:
 - Enhancing Central Bedfordshire creating jobs, managing growth, protecting our countryside and enabling businesses to grow.
 - Improved educational attainment.
 - Promote health and wellbeing and protecting the vulnerable.
 - Better infrastructure improved roads, broadband reach and transport.
 - Great universal services bins, leisure and libraries.
 - Value for money freezing council tax.

Financial:

2. The CAMSAP has implications for both capital and revenue income and expenditure.

Legal:

3. Because the CAMSAP covers each and every Council property, it has implications for a full range of property related matters.

Risk Management:

4. The risks associated with an out of date, or misaligned CAMSAP could impact on revenue and capital budgets and adversely affect service delivery.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

5. Not Applicable

Equalities/Human Rights:

- 6. Because the CAMSAP covers each and every Council property, it has implications for a wide range of equalities and human rights issues.
- 7. The Council manages a range of assets such as community and service facilities, early years, schools and specialist care facilities. Effective management of such assets can greatly support regeneration and help meet the changing needs of local communities.
- 8. Equality Impact Assessment not appropriate

Public Health

9. Because the CAMSAP covers each and every Council property, it has implications for a wide range of Public Health issues.

Community Safety:

- 10. Because the CAMSAP covers each and every Council property, it has implications for a wide range of community safety issues.
- 11. The Council has a statutory duty under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all that it reasonable can, across all of its functions, to reduce crime and disorder in its area. Because the CAMSAP covers each and every Council property, it has implications for a wide range of community safety issues.

Sustainability:

12. Because the CAMSAP covers each and every Council property, it has implications for a wide range of sustainability issues. The CAMSAP will help deliver the schools carbon reduction programme and corporate carbon management plan and will also have a key role to play in delivering the Council's wider regeneration priorities.

Procurement:

13. Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Committee is asked to:-

Note and comment on the CAMSAP and its direction of travel.

Introduction and Iteration 1

- 14. The Asset Management Plan in place for 2012 to 2016 had not aged well and needed a mid-term refresh. The approach adopted was that of evolution rather than revolution and to move forward incrementally. The start position was a reworking and updating of the current AMP.
- 15. Informed by feedback there was support for the development of a regional strategy, together with a farms strategy

It was also considered helpful to incorporate community health as an additional strand in each of the regional Four Town Plans.

Iteration 2

- 17. The CAMSAP is on a journey that will take up to 18 months.
- 18. The Town based strategies are being developed sequentially and there is a framework within the developing CAMSAP to develop the Farms Strategy.
- 19. As a helpful bi-product, it also presents the opportunity for a sharper more commercially focused approach.
- 20. In order to move forward, however there will need to be full engagement of all stakeholders, particularly in relation to Service Plans and Member aspirations.
- 21. Further iteration of the CAMSAP will also necessarily include property maintenance and investment properties and consideration of the Corporate Landlord function.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Power point