

## Central Bedfordshire Council

EXECUTIVE

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### Corporate Asset Management Strategy

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#### Purpose of this report

1. To present the Corporate Asset Management Strategy and to seek approval from executive.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

##### The Executive is asked to:

1. **Approve the Corporate Asset Management Strategy [CAMS].**

#### Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

2. This report was presented to Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 May 2016 for review. The Committee recommended:
  - That the Committee endorse the document for Executive approval.
  - The inclusion of a Member communication protocol within the strategy in order to facilitate clear understanding of the direction of travel at all stages.
  - That individual elements of the strategy be considered at the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committees and included within work programmes accordingly.

#### Reason/s for decision

3. The CAMS sets out how we, as a council will manage, develop and utilise our property and land assets portfolio to ensure that it makes an increasingly significant contribution to the successful delivery of the councils strategic priorities, vision and values over the next four years.

4. The purpose of the CAMS is to establish how the council's asset portfolio will become better aligned to support the delivery of our corporate aims and objectives, whilst ensuring that land and building assets are structured to support the best interests of the organisation.

### **Council Priorities**

5. Indicate how the proposed action supports at least one of the Council's priorities, listed below:
  - Enhancing Central Bedfordshire
  - Great resident services
  - Improving education and skills
  - Protecting the vulnerable; improving wellbeing
  - Creating stronger communities
  - A more efficient and responsive Council.
6. The aim of the CAMS is to promote the best use of the council's assets for service delivery, delivery of an optimum return from our commercial and agricultural investments, and to facilitate regeneration and development. Clearly this cannot be achieved in every case, in some cases service delivery and optimising return may be incompatible. Projects will be assessed on a case by case basis with the best fit for delivery of our council priorities being adopted.

### **Corporate Implications**

7. This strategy will have an impact on all of our property assets, as such its wider implications for the delivery of services by CBC need to be borne in mind and facilitated.

### **Legal Implications**

8. None other than referred to in the Strategy.

### **Financial and Risk Implications**

9. None other than referred to in the Strategy.

### **Equalities Implications**

10. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics. The Asset Management Strategy sets out the Council's commitment to using its land and property assets in a corporate manner which realises their optimum benefit to the community and represents value for money.

11. This could include positive equality impacts such as:
  - Developing Community Hubs to bring together services and meeting spaces for customers and the public, incorporating a variety of uses and enabling good service delivery; and
  - Bringing together health and social care services incorporating GPs, Social workers and Community clinics
12. Where appropriate, the Council will use its surplus land and property assets to contribute towards corporate objectives for regeneration across the region.
13. The Council will also consider the disposal of land and property assets to community groups where they develop a proposal and raise capital to bid for an “asset of community interest”.

### **Implications for Work Programming**

14. None.

### **Conclusion and next Steps**

15. In conclusion it is requested that the Executive accept and adopt the Corporate Asset Management Strategy document as presented.

### **Appendices**

The following Appendix is attached:

Corporate Asset Management Strategy [CAMS]