

19 January 2023

**Report of the Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee****Matters referred to Cabinet in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules****Exempt Information**

None.

**Executive Summary**

The following Committee has referred the following matter to Cabinet:

Scrutiny Committee	Title of Matter referred	Date of Scrutiny meeting
Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Asset Management Strategy	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Background**

To update Cabinet and to make recommendations to it following consideration of the Asset Management Strategy and related documentation by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 8 December 2022.

At its meeting on 8 December 2022, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee received the draft Asset Management Strategy relating to Council owned operational, investment, heritage and housing built assets, and documents covering acquisitions, disposals and the framework for the development of Asset Management Plans.

It was reported to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee that the Asset Management Strategy was intended to be a five year document, which would be reviewed in light of the current market situation and the Council's financial situation. It was reported that the Strategy aligned with the Council's corporate priorities and as the priorities changed this could be reflected in the strategy. It was reported that in this strategy the housing stock was included, it included different types of investment properties, covered rent reviews and enforcing tenancy arrangements to ensure tenants fulfilled their repairing obligations. Following the implementation of the strategy, there would be more operational plans developed and it was reported that the Asset Management Steering Group would lead on developing the asset management plans for properties or groups of properties in terms of the non-housing stock

The Committee sought and received clarifications in respect of various aspects of the documentation received and following consideration the Committee approved the Asset Management Strategy and accompanying documentation for presentation to Cabinet with the 8 recommendations made by the Committee as set out below.

**Recommendations**

In respect of the Asset Management Strategy and accompanying documentation, the Committee recommends that Cabinet consider:

- 1 Including within the policy a link to the Asset Register
- 2 Adding explicitly within the Strategy how depreciation would be managed
- 3 Adding a section regarding maintenance

- 4 Delaying the implementation of the Asset Management Strategy until the Vision had been revisited
- 5 Adding reference to zero carbon investment into the Asset Management Strategy
- 6 Adding in a glossary of terms within the Strategy and developing “How to” Guides, where relevant, to be included as website resources to support understanding of the Strategy (but not form part of it)
- 7 Including within the strategy that a case-by-case approach be taken for the sale of small purchases of land (with purchasers bearing the legal and administrative costs of the Council in progressing any sale)
- 8 Expanding the stakeholder list to include highway authorities, county council(s), relevant partnerships, voluntary sector, emergency services.

*(Moved by Councillor C Cooke and seconded by Councillor M Cook)*

**Options Considered**

None.

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Chair of Corporate Scrutiny Committee