

SUBJECT:	Asset Management Plan
REPORT OF:	Officer Management Team - Director of Services Prepared by Head of Property and Contract Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to discuss and seek Members agreement to a revised Council Asset Management Plan.

2. Links to Council Policy Objectives

- 2.1 This matter is linked to the Council's aims to provide value for money and the management of the Council's property assets.

3. Background

- 3.1 It used to be a requirement that all Councils' produced and published an Asset Management Plan (AMP) that detailed how it was managing its property resources. The AMP detailed how the Council was managing its property assets both operational, i.e. leisure centres and non-operational properties, i.e. investment property and open spaces for example.
- 3.2 This document was last reviewed by Members and agreed in 2008.

4. Discussion

- 4.1 It is three years since the Asset Management Plan was last reviewed. Although it is no longer a specific requirement to do so, it would seem to be good practice to continue to produce an AMP for a number of reasons. An AMP sets the over arching policy framework under which the property assets will be managed, details an action plan to progress the effective management of the property and it can be accessed by residents.
- 4.2 The Localism Bill is now enacted. This legislation contains the potential to enable a 'community the right to bid' for Council assets with a community use however this not yet in force. In addition the Council may have to keep a list of what it considers to be community assets. The AMP once the legislation is clear would provide a framework to record possible community assets and also the approach the Council would take to any such applications.
- 4.3 There have been a number of changes that have occurred since the last AMP was produced. Accordingly attached at Appendix A is a proposed revised Asset Management Plan for Members to consider, the main changes that have been incorporated are as follows:
- Changes in the way we are working with Partners i.e. the Police and other Councils
 - Sustainability strategy has been developed and published
 - Procurement matters
 - Changes in the property portfolio through disposals that have occurred
 - Changes in the Management structure that have taken place

- Generally updating the document including amending the action plan
- Updating the local performance indicators relating to energy usage

4.4 The Asset Management Plan once approved by Members will be published on the Council's website.

5. Resource and wider policy implications

5.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report at this stage. The resource implications of individual property matters are reported to Members as and when required. There is a capital programme in place for works to the Council's operational property and annual revenue budgets.

6. Summary

6.1 The PAG is therefore asked to advise the Portfolio Holder as to whether the revised Asset Management Plan is acceptable.

6.2 Minor amendments to the above to be agreed with the Resources Portfolio Holder in consultation with the Director of Services.

This matter requires Cabinet / Council agreement.

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Background Papers:	Services working file