

**REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
ASSET MANAGEMENT****RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SCRUTINY REVIEW
OF COUNCIL OFFICE BUILDINGS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide a response to the Overview Committee on the recommendations arising from the committee's review of Council office buildings.

Information

2. At the meeting of the Overview Committee held on 24 January 2023 it was resolved that:

“That the recommendations from the scrutiny review of Council buildings, as detailed in the report of the Chairman of the Overview Committee, be endorsed and referred to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management for their consideration.”

3. In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000 the relevant Cabinet Member is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview Committee within two months of receiving the recommendations of the Overview Committee. In providing this response the Cabinet Member is asked to state whether or not they accept each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. The Cabinet Member must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take in response to each recommendation.
4. The responses to the recommendations made are set out in the table at **Appendix 1**.

Other Options Considered

5. None. In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000 the relevant Cabinet Member is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview Committee within two months of receiving the recommendations of the Overview Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. To provide the Overview Committee with the response of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management on the recommendations made by the committee's review of Council office buildings.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

8. There are no direct financial implications relating to the recommendations of this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Overview Committee receives and notes the response of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management to the recommendations arising from the committee's review of Council office buildings.
- 2) That the Overview Committee continues to monitor the implementation of the recommendations arising from the committee's review of Council office buildings.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 13/03/2023)

9. The Overview Committee is the correct Committee to receive this report following their review of Council office buildings.

Financial Comments (MM 13/03/23)

10. As stated in paragraph 8 above, there are no direct financial implications relating to the recommendations of this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- [Outcomes of the Scrutiny Review of Council Office Buildings – Report to Overview Committee 24 January 2023](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All