

**Subject:** Asset Management Plan update

**Status:** For Publication

**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009

**Report of:** Head of Financial Services

**Portfolio** Finance & Resources

**Holder:**

**Key Decision:** Yes / No

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Member approval for the updated Asset Management Plan (AMP).

## 2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- Delivering quality Services to our customers
- Delivering regeneration across the Borough
- Encouraging healthy and respectful communities
- Keeping our Borough clean, green and safe
- Promoting the Borough
- Providing value for money services

## 3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- The Council and its officers need to continue to progress the embedding of financial management practices. The adoption of an AMP is one of a number of key financial documents, aligned to corporate priorities, which evidence that the Council is doing just this.
- Failure to keep the AMP up to date may prejudice the delivery of corporate priorities and their outcomes.

#### **4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

- 4.1 In July Cabinet approved a revised and updated Capital strategy. The Asset Management Plan is integrally linked to the Capital Strategy and therefore requires a refresh.
- 4.2 The AMP received a “good” rating in 2007, from Government Office North West (GONW), but now requires revision to reflect current circumstances, Council priorities and the recent updates to the Capital strategy. The Council is no longer required to submit its strategy to GONW however it is good practice to ensure that its strategy is up to date and reflects the current priorities and objectives set by Council.
- 4.3 The AMP is a policy document which sets out the ways in which the Council uses its assets, to the best advantage for the benefit of the Council and the Community. These assets will range from property and land to vehicles, plant and machinery and office equipment. The adoption of the Asset Management Plan as a policy document will:
- Enable corporate decisions to be made which protect and enhance the Council’s Assets;
  - Ensure a planned and structured approach to the management, acquisition and disposal of assets to meet the Council’s future service delivery strategy;
  - Ensure that any asset disposal programme is structured in a way which will take advantage of favourable market conditions to ensure best value is obtained from the disposal of that asset;
  - Ensure that the Council’s assets are maintained properly and fit for the purpose for which they are used;
  - Ensure that the AMP meets the objectives of the Council’s Community Strategy and other corporate priorities;
  - Ensure that property assets operate efficiently in terms of energy use, occupation, accessibility and health & safety requirements;
  - Ensure that assets held as investments are providing adequate returns on capital invested;
  - Ensure that property running costs are kept to a minimum;
  - Ensure the disposal of surplus assets as quickly as possible once they have been identified as surplus;
  - Set out clear reasoning for retaining ownership of assets, in line with corporate priorities and service plans
- 4.4 The Council’s resources for capital investment are limited and the pressure upon them will undoubtedly increase over the medium term. The AMP, alongside The Capital Strategy is important, as they not only set out the position the Council is currently in but also assesses what the Council’s circumstances might be over the next three years. With this in mind a Member Capital Monitoring Group, under the chairmanship of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, has been established to monitor the overall performance of the capital programme.

#### **COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

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**5. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

5.1 Financial matters are dealt within the report and the Asset Management Plan.

**6. MONITORING OFFICER**

6.1 No further additions to the report.

**7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

7.1 There are no people or policy issues.

**8. CONCLUSION**

8.1 Members should consider the robustness of both the Asset Management Plan and whether it is fit for purpose in meeting both the needs of the Council and the achievement of its corporate priorities.

**9. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

9.1 That Members consider and approve the updated Asset Management Plan.

**10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

10.1 Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources.

10.2 Previous versions approved by GONW and Overview & Scrutiny

**11. COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Is a Community Impact Assessment required Yes / ~~No~~

Is a Community Impact Assessment attached Yes / ~~No~~

*Previously submitted*

**12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required Yes / No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached Yes / No

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Previous AMP published in 2007	Property Services
Updates	Attached