

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

24 July 2012

Joint Report of the Director of Property Services and Chief Executive

PROPERTY SERVICES REVIEW – (Finance and Management)

1. Purpose of the Report

To receive the report prepared by Ernst & Young into their review of the corporate property function which was carried out between March and May 2012.

2. Information and Analysis

The report from Ernst & Young into corporate property services was received in May 2012 and full copies of the report have been previously made available to both individual Cabinet Members and Leaders of the Opposition. A copy of the report has also been placed in each of the Group rooms for reference.

The report sets out in detail a “process map” for change that, over time, will lead to value for money benefits to the Council. In order to progress this review and capture the benefits which the report identifies a programme of reviews, “quick wins”, business planning and market testing has been developed.

The attached appendix sets out a proposal for the implementation of activities required to be carried out to achieve the first milestone (“gateway”) which the consultants have identified. These activities have been divided into six work streams each with a project lead from Property’s Senior Management Team. The make-up of each of the work streams and the proposed external resources necessary to support the project which is the subject of a further detailed report included in the Exempt part of the agenda, from both Corporate Property and other Council Departments is set out in the appendix.

3. Considerations (to be specified individually where appropriate)

Human Resources

The employees and the trades unions have been fully engaged with and consulted on the review to date and will continue to be actively involved in the process.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Key Decision

No

5. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

6. Background Papers *(this is not required if the report is exempt)*

Full report from Ernst and Young

7. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet are asked:

1. To receive the report from Ernst & Young which reviews the Council's corporate property function.
2. To approve the proposed internal arrangements to enable the first stage of the report to be implemented.

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