

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR PROPERTY

A meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee for Property was held on 5 December 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors C M Rooney (Chair), M Carr, D Rooney, M Thompson, N J Walker and L Young.

OFFICIALS: J Bromiley, M Canavan, D Velemir.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor J Brunton Dobson, Councillor J Rostron.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

18/7 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

The minutes of the Executive Sub-Committee for Property meeting held on 26 September 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

18/8 UPDATE ON ESTATES STRATEGY AND ASSET DISPOSALS

The Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support submitted a report, the purpose of which was to provide an update on the implementation of the Estates Strategy and on assets agreed for disposal in the financial year 2018/19 from April to November.

In accordance with the asset disposals policy, proposed disposals and other transactions with a value of over £150,000 were already considered and decided by the Committee. Proposals below that value were decided either by the Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support or the Head of Financial Planning and Support according to their value.

The Estates Strategy Board, chaired by the Chief Executive, met monthly and monitored progress on the implementation of the Estates Strategy. It also tracked progress on live asset disposals via the Consolidated Asset Disposal Control Sheet.

The report provided information relating to asset disposals and the implementation of the Estates Strategy.

The Committee thanked officers for their efforts in the removal of the VFM "except for" opinion.

OPTIONS**Other potential decisions and why these had not been recommended**

That Executive asks not be notified of decisions under appropriate delegations. This would lead to reduced transparency on asset disposals.

ORDERED

That asset disposals in the financial year 2017/18 and the success in the removal of the VFM "except for" opinion in 2017/18 be noted.

REASONS

The decision was supported by the following reason:

The recommended decisions continued good governance around the Asset Disposal Process.

18/9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

ORDERED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

18/10 CENTRE SQUARE FUTURE PHASES – THE DISPOSAL OF MELROSE HOUSE

The Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy, the Executive Member for Finance and Governance, the Executive Director of Growth and Place, and the Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support submitted a report in relation to Centre Square Future Phases, and the Disposal of Melrose House.

The report provided background information and the options considered in relation to the proposed decision.

ORDERED

That the recommendations of the report be approved.

REASON

The decisions were supported by the following reasons:

For reasons outlined in the report.

The decision(s) will come into force after five working days following the day the decision(s) was published unless the decision becomes subject to the call in procedures.