

**ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL
PROPERTY SERVICES – ACTION PLAN**

29 March 2011

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
<p>1. That careful consideration is given to the future budget holding position concerning Property Services. This should include examining the advantages and disadvantages of the differing approaches; the implications of each approach for Property Services; and the implications for departmental budgets.</p>	<p>This recommendation was discussed at Environment Budget Clinics and has subsequently been discussed at CMT level. It has now been agreed that such budgets could be better controlled by drawing them together into one area, and it has been proposed by the Chief Executive that the Director of Strategic Resources considers how this can be best achieved.</p>	<p>Strategic Resources</p>	<p>Nil</p>	<p>August 2011</p>
<p>2. That the services available from Property Services are advertised and marketed with a view to securing additional external work.</p>	<p>Consider a marketing strategy to maximise the potential income from the services</p>	<p>Paul Thwaites</p>	<p>Minimal, to be absorbed by additional income</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>3. That in view of the transfer of some Property Services functions back to Middlesbrough Council from Mouchel, and given the financial challenges facing the authority, the opportunity is taken to review and rationalise the administrative system associated with repairs and maintenance of Council buildings. This should aim to ensure</p>	<p>The building maintenance function and the returning facilities management staff have now been included within the scope of the corporate review of property functions across the council. The outcome of this review will be circulated by the Chief Executive in</p>	<p>Tom Punton</p>	<p>Not known</p>	<p>Complete by December 2011</p>

cost-effectiveness and minimise bureaucracy.	March, and it will then be possible to ensure that the removal of unnecessary bureaucracy is considered in the future delivery of the service. It is anticipated that a review will commence after the services return on 1 st June.			
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