

Cabinet Meeting on Wednesday 16 October 2019

Staffordshire County Council Property Strategy



Cllr Mark Deaville, Cabinet Member for Commercial said,

“The county council owns hundreds of buildings and we aim to use those assets wisely, providing employees with good facilities from which to deliver our services effectively and efficiently for all our residents.

Service needs and requirements change in time, so we regularly review all our resources, including thousands of acres of land across the county, to ensure we’re making best use of them, as less money spent on maintaining unneeded property means more money is available for providing essential services elsewhere.

Some assets have been earmarked to meet future need and are being saved for extra care facilities, health centres, or schools; some are being used towards the demand for housing and generate significant receipts; and some will be ideal for industry and commerce – securing jobs for residents and generating prosperity for Staffordshire.”

Report Summary:

Staffordshire County Council has developed a Property strategy which reflects the requirements of the wider corporate and service plans, and sets out at a high level, the direction of travel in order to achieve its targets and goals.

The strategy was developed in consultation with the strategic property team, council managers, the Senior Leadership team, and members of the Wider Leadership Team.

The draft strategy was discussed at Corporate review on the 13th June. Comments and recommendations received, have been included.

Recommendation

I recommend that:

- a. Cabinet approve the Property Strategy.

Local Members Interest
N/A

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Recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Commercial

I recommend that:

- a. Cabinet approve the Strategy.

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Reasons for Recommendations:

1. The strategy is lean and succinct, providing a high-level framework for decisions and actions to be based. The Implementation and delivery will be via the District Asset Plans, where details of specific property and asset transformation will be seen.
2. The ambition of the strategy is for all to recognise the importance of effective use of our property assets, set within the wider changes and challenges. It sets out the need to ensure value for money, meet the needs of customers, maximise opportunities for integrated and partnership working, support regeneration and economic growth across the county, including the disposal or reconfiguration of assets, promote efficiency and effectiveness and ensure compliance with related statutory and regulatory codes.
3. The strategy is closely aligned to the MTFs and the need for Corporate Property to have a robust and proactive property rationalisation propose, recognise the need for a Corporate Property Strategy and Formal Asset Management approach and approves the commencement of assumptions validation study based on an approved Corporate Property Strategy and Property Asset Planning approach.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

List of Background Papers:

- Property Strategy 2010 – 2015
- Strategy Asset Management Plan

List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Property Strategy

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