

Committee: **Lead Member for Resources**

Date: **28th January 2020**

Title of Report: **Strategic Asset Plan 2020-2025**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

Purpose of Report: **To seek Lead Member endorsement of, and approval to publish, a new Strategic Asset Plan in support of asset management policy, strategy and action plans going forward.**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Endorse the County Council's revised Strategic Asset Plan for the period 2020-2025 and to approve its publication.**
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1. Background

1.1 A Strategic Asset Plan is one of the Council's core property asset related documents aligning strategic, service and organisational needs with specific action plans and targets. The last published plan, for the period 2013-2018, saw significant change across the Authority, its funding and the market dynamics within which its services operate, so this is an opportune moment to refresh and update the Plan.

1.2 Our core objectives remain, seeking both to ensure corporate assets are used to their full value and benefit, (whether for operational or investment purposes), as well as deliver value for money to the community of East Sussex.

2. Supporting information

2.1 Property assets are a powerful force in organisational change, by inspiring innovation and encouraging improvements in service and delivery quality. Although it is an asset which responds slowly to change, it is important to future proof and build in flexibility in both design and use, and to allow an organisation to change their service delivery models in response to changes in market, customer demand or political direction.

2.2 Managing property assets requires co-ordination with all parts of the organisation. It is a strategic resource requiring the co-operation of the whole organisation in order that the most effective space is delivered and best value secured from its asset base. In so doing, we do not lose sight of the substantial benefit of partnering with our local authority colleagues where we can add value to deliver enhanced benefits and value to the public purse.

3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendations

3.1 The County Council's asset management plan is due for updating and this Strategic Asset Plan provides a refresh and new set of actions to support operational activities and service improvement. It remains a "live" document so will continue to be updated as targets and action plans are met.

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