

CABINET – 4TH APRIL 2024

Report of the Scrutiny Commission

ASSETS REVIEW

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Assets Review.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Director of Commercial and Economic Development.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

- i. The newer part of Southfields Offices had been constructed in the 1980s and initially had a life expectancy of approximately 25 years. This time frame had been surpassed due to the careful maintenance undertaken to preserve the building. It was anticipated that further updates and maintenance would prolong the building for another 25-30 years. The new build option that the council had previously considered would have a life expectancy of approximately 35-40 years, but would have costed the council significantly more.
- ii. The £500k requested would be used to facilitate the development and planning of the programme of works required. The full cost of the improvement programme would be known after a programme of works had been developed and would be subject to Cabinet and Council approval. It was expected that a budget of approximately £6m would be required.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rule 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a Scrutiny Committee should be considered by Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information in this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Scrutiny Commission Minute 130 2023/24, 2nd April 2024.
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