

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....14th June 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

Asset Review - Update

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the Asset Review and built on previous reports to Members in July, September and November 2011.

Members noted the position with regard to the disposal of Gloucester House and highlighted the progress in rationalising other office accommodation. Particular reference was made to Wrensfield House and it was proposed that the building be offered for community asset transfer.

Progress on Phase 2 of the Review of Facilities Management was provided and it was proposed that the arrangements of the following services be reviewed:-

- Caretaking
- Building Cleaning
- Alarm Systems/Security
- Waste Collection and Recycling from buildings
- Utilities

The review of these arrangements would be considered as a strand of the current Asset Review. Where the review may impact on staffing structures, then appropriate consultation with staff and unions would be a fundamental part of the process.

Progress regarding the review of Libraries was set out in the report and in particular the approach to a forthcoming consultation process.

An update was provided on work that Catalyst was undertaking with respect to the development of a Community Asset Trust.

Cabinet noted that a swimming pool and gym were located adjacent to the buildings of Abbey Hill School. Operational running costs required

£63k funding per annum from the Council. Given the changing use of the facility and in the context of the Council's investment in Splash and Billingham Forum it was proposed that options be reviewed in partnership with the school. Findings and recommendations would be presented as part of the next Asset Review update report, scheduled to be presented at Cabinet in October 2012.

RESOLVED that

1. once vacated, the Wrensfield Office building be advertised for asset transfer and/or disposal by sale.
2. the work to progress the Facilities Management aspects of the review be endorsed.
3. options regarding the future use and funding of the Abbey Hill (Hardwick) Pool and Gym be explored and considered in the next report.
4. a further report be prepared for consideration in October 2012.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To update Cabinet on progress of the EIT Review of Assets.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not later than midnight on Monday 25 June 2012

Proper Officer  
04 May 2012