

Asset Rationalisation Update

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Presentation Overview



To provide an update to the Councils Asset Rationalisation Programme



Context





Background

- The Asset Rationalisation Programme was established in the Autumn of 2022.
- By rationalising the buildings that the Council holds, the program is tasked to deliver a range of outcomes including:-
 - ✤ financial savings,
 - optimising the use of property assets,
 - enhancing demand management and supporting more efficient and effective partnership working



Governance

- The Programme is controlled through the Asset Rationalisation Board.
- This Board reports to the Council's Delivery Board.
- The Board is chaired by Emily Feenan Director of Corporate Governance, Property and Procurement and Monitoring Officer
- Membership includes the s151 Officer and various service Directors from across the Council



Council House

- On 14 June 2023 Cabinet :-
- Recognised that the Council House was underutilised asset
- Supported delivery of Phase 1 of the Council House Optimization Strategy

Phase 1 Vision - Health and Social Care Hub on the 1st floor

• Benefits

- Generate revenue
- Improve partnership working
- Regeneration of City Centre.



Progress To date

- May 2022 30 Desks Occupied by "Team Up" an NHS consultation service.
- Integrated Care Board (ICB) confirmed move to Council House in April 2024 - 70 Desks subject to contract
- Further follow up from three NHS organisations c. 75 desks timescales still under discussion, looking to phase to Sept-Dec 2024



Impact

- Significant Council resources required to achieve these moves:
- Accommodating ICB and NHS tenants will involve a whole scale reorganisation of the 1st floor with knock on impacts for 2nd and 3rd floors
- Engagement with all teams on all floors to understand space requirements (HoS Survey live).
- Service engagement to optimise space arrangements and to coordinate internal and inward moves
- Will be a reduction in storage and desk allocations
- Tight programme to achieve April 2024 deadline





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Thank you

