

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Council Assets Update 4th July 2012

Report of Head of Community Engagement

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update members on the implementation of the Council's Assets Management Plan

This report is public

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted

1.0 Introduction

At the Cabinet meeting of 9th November 2010 a number of resolutions were agreed (Min No. 64 refers) and these are included within the table in Appendix 1 along with progress to date.

2.0 Report

Officers from both County and City Councils have had a number of discussions over recent months and many of the issues relating to the resolutions have been actioned.

- 2.1 Much of the dialogue is associated with the requirement to review the Museums Partnership with County Council. Following the Cabinet meeting of 14th February 2012 the following resolutions was agreed (Min No. 94 refers):-

- *That the City Council continues with the existing partnership agreement with Lancashire County Council for a further year in order to continue ongoing dialogue aimed at developing a new shared service arrangement for the museums service in the district.*

- *That further reports are brought back to members during 2012/13 presenting more detailed information that will form the basis of the new arrangements prior to their implementation*

2.2 Officers are continuing with the review process and during this process the Council's assets forming part of this agreement continue to be maintained. Some examples of benefits to the City Council as a result of improved communication and a more positive working relationship are cited in 2.3 and 2.4 below.

2.3 Provision of display cabinets at the Platform facility in Morecambe have been provided by County and relevant displays are now available for public to view free of charge in the foyer area. This has proven popular and is particularly useful when people queuing to enter the Platform are able to view exhibits relating to Morecambe's history.

2.4 The Williamson family tree has been supplied by County and is on display at Williamson Park, again providing some good levels of interest for the visiting public.

3.0 Conclusion

The level of dialogue has increased over the past twelve months between County and City councils and there is further opportunity as part of the Museums Partnership review for this to continue. Officers from Property Services have arranged for the necessary work to be undertaken as identified in Appendix 1 and will ensure the necessary follow up work is undertaken, subject to any relevant approvals being sought and as and when budget provision allows.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications; however, this is dependant on the outcome of the ongoing Museums condition survey. Once received, and a programme of works developed, the need for additional funding may be identified for one off and recurring

maintenance costs over and above those already budgeted for, which might be met from within the existing general renewals reserve (subject to availability) and/or reviewed as part of the annual budget process alongside other competing priorities. Further reports to members will be required prior to any new arrangements being implemented.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

None

Information Services:

none

Property:

As set out in the report

Open Spaces:

None

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

none

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