

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

PROGRAMME AREA RESPONSIBILITY: RESOURCES

CABINET

15TH SEPTEMBER, 2005

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To approve the 2005 edition of the Council's Asset Management Plan (AMP).

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Recommendation:

THAT the 2005 Asset Management Plan be approved.

Reasons

To enable the Council's property assets to be managed in accordance with the Council's objectives.

Considerations

1. The Council has written an AMP for the last five years. The AMP is being sent separately to Cabinet Members and is available in the Members' Room, on the Council's website and on request.
2. These plans were originally a requirement of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) who prescribed the format of the AMP and stated primary and secondary criteria upon which the plan was assessed.
3. The Government Office for West Midlands acted as agents for the ODPM in reviewing these reports. Once a 'Good' rating was obtained, which Herefordshire Council achieved two years ago, submission was no longer required.
4. The AMP gives details of the property portfolio of the Council and outlines property issues and action to be taken in the short-term. It also details the results of actions taken over the last twelve months.
5. Contained within the AMP are fifteen performance indicators that cover property issues such as energy, maintenance, rates of return and costs. The Council submits these PIs to an association known as the Institute of Public Finance (IPF). This enables comparison with other Councils.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
Colin S Birks, Property Services Manager on 01432 261980

Financial Implications

Full revenue and Capital implications are contained in the AMP.

While comparisons with other Councils is difficult because of the range of different services provided, in general the Council's PIs are in the middle to upper quartiles.

Herefordshire Council was one of fifteen Councils involved in a pilot scheme undertaken by an organisation known as York Consulting. They were appointed by the ODPM to review how Councils resourced the writing of the AMP and the quality of the plan produced. The proposal is to continue using York Consulting to facilitate the AMP process and to obtain an independent annual report.

Full revenue and capital implications are contained in the AMP and the current year's proposed expenditure is supported by the budget allocations for 2005/06.

Alternative Options

None.

Risk Management

Inadequate financial and staff resources to meet the requirements of the AMP. Financial aspect is supported by capital programme bids and staffing resources being dealt with in accordance with the Pay and Workforce Development Strategy.

Consultees

Cabinet Member for Resources

Cabinet Member, Rural Regeneration, Smallholdings and Commons

Officers on Capital Strategy Group

Background Papers

Annual Core Data Sheets