

FC20. Strategic Property Review: Update

Council considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on the work of the strategic property review (SPR) and sought the reestablishment of the strategic property review working group.

The next phase of the SPR was underway and was being finalised with all Council Services and the Falkirk Community Trust to establish current and future asset requirements. The SPR included work to establish the Council's future office needs reflecting the balance of customer facing and back office facilities, the roll out of mobile and flexible working and development of new locality based advice hubs. A comprehensive condition survey of the Municipal Buildings had been undertaken to determine its capacity for refurbishment.

Decision

Council:-

- (1) noted progress on the strategic property review and agreed to progress the next phase of the review;**
- (2) agreed to re-establish the strategic property review working group, with a political membership of 3 SNP, 3 Labour and 3 Conservative and that the groups' appointments would be submitted to the Chief Governance Officer ;**
- (3) noted the progress on the survey work undertaken in the Municipal Buildings complex;**
- (4) agreed to further develop options for delivery of the headquarters project by undertaking an initial market testing exercise for suitable regeneration projects in Falkirk Town Centre which might enable delivery of the civic office headquarters and arts centre;**
- (5) agreed that a programme of interim office solutions, including for staff currently located at Abbotsford House and Callendar Square, be prepared for consideration by the Executive in August, and**
- (6) agreed that future reports on the strategic property review be considered by the Executive.**