

EX118. COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS ACCOMMODATION

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting an appraisal of the options available in regard to the Council's headquarters accommodation, with the recommendation that the Council pursues a phased development of a new office facility followed, at a later date, by the construction of a new civic facility.

The Policy and Resources Committee had previously considered the condition and costs relating to the Council's headquarters accommodation, the Municipal Buildings. An appraisal of the four options considered by the Committee was presented. These were:-

Option 1 - Do minimum

Option 2 - Full scale replacement

Option 3 - Refurbishment of the existing Municipal Buildings complex

Option 4 - Staged approach to the development of new build office and civic/town hall accommodation

The costs and key features of each option were summarised together with information relating to the costs of leasing accommodation in Abbotsford House and Callendar Square.

It was proposed that a member/officer working group be established with a remit set out in appendix 2 to the report.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) in principle the approach to delivery of the project involving a general standard for net floor space of 8sq/m per FTE and 0.8 desks per FTE;**
 - (2) to proceed with the next steps as set out at paragraph 6 of the report involving the preparation of full business case documents for delivery of a) the council office headquarters accommodation based on option 4a set out in the report and b) a replacement civic/town hall facility;**
 - (3) that a further report on the outcomes of the full business case be presented to the Executive in 2014, and**
- (1) to establish a member/officer headquarters working group as set out in appendix 2 to the report. The membership will initially comprise the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition and the portfolio holders for Culture, Leisure and Tourism; Economic Development and Environment. Other members may be invited on to the Group as required.**