EX34. Strategic Property Review and Civic Headquarters Project Update Report

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on the Strategic Property Review (SPR), with particular focus on the progress in determining the approach to the Council's civic headquarters project. The report also sought approval to progress an action programme for the review and to purchase the former Westbank health facility.

Information was provided on the work undertaken to date to progress the Council headquarters project which included the results of the further condition survey undertaken at the Municipal Buildings, and to the market testing exercise carried out to identify locations in the town centre.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted progress on the Strategic Property Review and the Council's civic headquarters project;
- (2) noted the result of the recent condition survey of the Municipal Buildings complex;
- (3) agreed to authorise the Director of Development Services to acquire the former Westbank health facility from NHS Forth Valley at a cost of £155,000;
- (4) noted the outcome of the recent market testing exercise for town centre sites and that, following assessment of the submissions, a further report will be submitted to the Executive on the way forward;
- (5) agreed the Strategic Property Review action programme, and
- (6) agreed to proceed with the actions described in paragraph 6.2 of the report, including:
 - termination of the lease at Camelon One Stop Shop and Bonnybridge Finance office
 - renewal of the lease for a further year at Callendar Square
 - progress works to prepare Carronbank House as a location for a West area hub facility.