

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2005

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Council's Asset Management Plan (AMP) for Members' formal approval. This document is one of the key policies identified in the work programme approved by Council in February 2005 and together with the Capital Strategy forms the basis for management of the Council's asset base.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 For a number of years the Council has maintained and regularly updated its Asset Management Plan. Having previously been assessed by the Government Office - East as "good", the plan will now be a key document in the assessment of the use of resources in the Council's Annual Efficiency Statement.
- 2.2 To determine annual efficiency, on 7 June 2005 the Audit Commission published guidance and a pro forma for self-assessment that district councils must submit to their appointed auditors by 30 September 2005. A "key line of enquiry", is centred round management of the asset base.

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- 3.1 The AMP 2005 follows the same format as in previous years and details existing asset management arrangements, outcomes and planned actions to improve corporate asset use. The AMP is attached to this report at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 As a result of comprehensive asset reviews in 1992 and 1999 and a Best Value Review in 2001 surplus property has been disposed of and the Council's asset base is comparatively modest, comprising principally operational, direct service property.
- 3.3 Elsewhere on this agenda, the Highways and Property Services Manager has provided members with information on Property Performance Indicators including local performance measures. These have been appended to the AMP.

4 OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (ODPM) – CASE STUDY

- 3.4 On the basis of the results in previous years and information obtained through the Institute of Public Finance and Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA), Rochford District Council has been selected as one of 12 authorities to be the subject of a case study by York Consulting on behalf of ODPM. The

purpose of the study is to evaluate the development and implementation of Corporate Capital Strategies and Asset Management Plans by local authorities.

- 3.5 The study will involve a two-day visit by York Consulting in w/c 18 July 2005 and possibly a second visit later in the year. The format appears to be similar to CPA and will involve interviews with relevant officers and Members. More detail should be available by the date of this meeting. Clearly, the AMP 2005 will be a key document in the study.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The purpose of the AMP is to ensure that assets are properly managed and that use of resource is maximised. Failure to produce a plan would increase the risk of mis-management and potential loss.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The AMP 2005 is required for the better management of resources.
- 5.2 The principal cost to the authority in producing the plan is officer time.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To endorse the Asset Management Plan 2005

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Background Papers:- Letter from York Consulting dated 6 May 2005

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