
Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 29 September 2021

Report Title

Cabinet Response to Recommendations from Scrutiny Review of Building Use

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

Under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Cabinet is required to respond to any recommendations made by scrutiny. Cabinet considered and agreed the response enclosed at Appendix A at its meeting on 20 September 2021. This report is submitted to ensure that all Members are aware of the response to those recommendations.

Recommendations

1. That Council note Cabinet's response to the scrutiny review of Building Use as set out in Appendix A to this report.

List of Appendices Included

- Appendix A - Response to Recommendations from Scrutiny Review of Building Use

Background Papers

None.

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Cabinet – 20 September 2021

Cabinet – 22 March 2021

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Cabinet Response to Recommendations from Scrutiny Review of Building Use

1. Background

- 1.1 The decision to review the use of the Council's buildings arose from a recommendation made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) at its meeting on 16 September 2020, when considering 'The Year Ahead' report prior to its approval by Cabinet. OSMB determined to establish a sub-group of the Improving Places Select Commission, to feed into the planned review relating to the return to and use of Council buildings. The review took place over a period of time where two national lockdowns and local tiering arrangements were introduced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic situation.
- 1.2 The recommendations from the sub-group were considered by the Council at its meeting on 3 March 2021. Cabinet was asked to consider and respond to the recommendations.
- 1.3 Cabinet's response to those recommendations was considered at its meeting on 20 September 2021.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The review produced seven recommendations, all of which were accepted with the responses listed against each in Appendix A.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 The recommendations and corresponding actions are designed to give Member's assurance that their concerns have been considered.
- 3.2 It is recommended that Council note Cabinet's response to the scrutiny review of Building Use as set out in Appendix A to this report.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 It is noted that each of the action leads listed have been involved in providing the response to the recommendations included within Appendix A to this report and these were shared and discussed with relevant Strategic Directors and Cabinet Members.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The timetable for implementing the recommended actions is set out within Appendix A to this report.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)

6.1 Whilst there are no direct immediate financial implications arising from this report, it is noted within Appendix A to this report, that financial management will be required to ensure that any financial implications arising from any change of use of buildings is within budget and any longer-term implications that may be generated are factored into the Council's medium term financial strategy.

6.2 There are no direct procurement implications contained within the report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)

7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report however it is noted that the legal advice along with any resulting implications for the recommendations set out in Appendix A to this report, has been detailed within that appendix.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 None directly relating to this report. Any associated with Appendix A to this report have been detailed within that appendix.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 Any implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults have been set out in the relevant sections of Appendix A to this report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 As stated in Appendix A to this report, implementation of the recommendations will be monitored to ensure there are no adverse impacts on anyone with one or more protected characteristics, namely age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

11. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 Details of any implications were listed within Appendix A to this report.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 There are no implications for partners directly arising from this report.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 Cabinet's recommendations listed in Appendix A of this report have considered the risks and mitigations associated with all proposed actions.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

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