

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services)**

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012**

**Subject: Asset management**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Appendix number:		

**Summary of main issues**

1. At its January meeting the Board discussed with the Leader of Council, Councillor Wakefield, the Executive's initial budget proposals. During that discussion reference was made to asset management, particularly the management and disposal of surplus property but also the opportunities that Changing the Workplace, including new ways of working, presents to support the release of property assets. Members will recall Scrutiny Board's previous work and recommendations on the former issue.
2. It was agreed in January that the Leader and appropriate officers would be invited to today's meeting to further explore these asset management issues. To assist the debate two reports are been provided. Appendix 1 deals with the opportunities that Changing the Workplace presents to support the release of property assets. Appendix 2 advises Members on the improved processes that have been implemented to speed up the disposal of surplus property assets.

**Recommendations**

3. Members are asked to:
  - a) Consider the attached reports and make comment as appropriate.

## Background documents<sup>1</sup>

4. None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.