

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Outline Business Case for the review of the Town Centre Office Portfolio

Report to Cabinet

Date: 29 June 2021

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance

Key Decision: (b) Y

Forward Plan ☒

General Exception ☐

Special Urgency ☐

(Mark with a Y
if applicable)

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to update on the review work of the Council's operational office town centre estate following the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the fundamental way in which this has changed the way the Council works, which was highlighted in the December 2020 Asset Management Plan (AMP) cabinet report as being an important element of the first in a series of asset reviews. This report seeks cabinet support to proceed with the review of the options outlined in the report.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

This report provides details of the progress made to date to potentially deliver an ambitious and significant reshaping of the Town Centre office portfolio. This project seeks to deliver and support new ways of providing Council services to our residents and modernising our working practices. The potential investment is significant and will see some of Stockport's landmark buildings updated to support new ways of working, whilst protecting our heritage and minimising our environmental impact. With the aim in the long term of this being a self financing project in terms of the savings that will accrue. I am pleased to recommend that we proceed to Final Business case.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

Cabinet is recommended to :-

- Note the content of this report and work undertaken to date.
- Note the links to the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- Approve progression to Final Business Case.
- Approve the procurement of the delivery of the next design stage at a cost of £583,000.
- Note that a further report will be provided to the Cabinet towards the end of 2021/early 2022, reporting the outcome of the Final Business Case and Design/Construction Tender.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (e)

Corporate, Resource Management & Governance

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(f)**

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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‘Urgent Business’: **(g)**

Yes/ No (Please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as ‘urgent business’ and the decision exempted from ‘call-in’ for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as ‘urgent business’ was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.
