

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by Chief Officer Supply, Distribution & Property****Infrastructure Regeneration and Economic Development Committee:****1 February 2023**

**Subject: Corporate Asset Framework and
Property Asset Plan 2023 - 2028**

1. Purpose

- 1.1.** The purpose of the report is to provide IRED Committee members with the new Corporate Asset Framework and the Property Asset Plan 2023 – 2028.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** It is recommended that IRED Committee approve the Corporate Asset Management Framework; and the Property Asset Plan 2023 – 2028.

3. Background

- 3.1.** All of the Council's assets are key resources that require to be effectively managed, utilised in the most efficient manner and enable the delivery of sustainable services to communities.
- 3.2.** Guidance from CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) suggests that Local Authorities should classify assets under six generic categories (asset groups) as follows:
- Property
 - Open Spaces
 - Roads Structures, Lighting and Water Related Infrastructure
 - Housing
 - Vehicle, Fleet and Plant
 - Information and Information Technology (ICT)

4. Main Issues**Corporate Asset Management Framework**

- 4.1.** The new Corporate Asset Management Framework (Appendix 1) provides the strategic overview for the associated Asset Plans which are in place for each of the asset groups. The Framework ensures assets remain aligned to and support the delivery of the Council's Strategic Plan and priorities, the commitments in our Climate Change Strategy and takes account of changing economic and financial environment.

- 4.2. The Framework sets out the commitment to that our assets continue to be managed corporately and prioritised to support the delivery of key services, meeting the needs of our communities.
- 4.3. The associated Asset Management Plans within the asset group set out at paragraph 3.2 above, will continue to be reviewed and reported appropriately to Committee in line with their agreed timelines. The Strategic Asset Management Group ensure that the actions and objectives contained within each of the Asset Plans support the delivery of key services and provide efficiency and effectiveness in meeting the current and future needs.

Property Asset Plan 2023 - 28

- 4.4. The Property Asset Plan has been reviewed and updated and is attached at Appendix 2. The plan provides information about the current property portfolio and sets out the targets for continued maintenance and improvement.

5. People Implications

- 5.1. Effective asset management planning will require cognisance to be taken of the workforce planning implications related to models for the future delivery of core services. Arrangements will require to be sufficiently flexible to meet changing demand across a range of factors including accommodation, technology, location of services, modernisation etc., whilst at the same time providing sustainable solutions.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial or procurement implications associated with the Corporate Asset Framework.
- 6.2. Through Property Asset Plan we will endeavour to secure efficiencies across our asset base. Any capital investment required will be undertaken in line with the process including business case / capital bids and where required, approved appropriately through council or committee.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1. The aim of this Framework and its associated plans is to ensure that these asset plans are appropriately prioritised from a corporate perspective and that the financial consequences in revenue and capital investment terms can be properly assessed. There is a risk that this would not be achieved if the Framework and Property Asset Plan are not approved

8. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 8.1. An Equality Impact Screening was undertaken and confirmed no further action required in relation to any recommendations.

9. Consultation

9.1. In order to prepare the Corporate Asset Management Framework and the Property Asset Plan 2023 – 2028, Corporate Asset Management consulted with the Strategic Asset Management Group and the following service areas:

- Resources
- Education
- Regulatory & Regeneration
- Roads & Neighbourhood
- People & Technology
- Supply, Distribution & Property
- Citizen, Culture & Facilities

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1. The overarching Corporate Asset Management Framework and the Property Asset Plan 2023 – 2028 both cover a range of activity which will contribute to the delivery the Strategic Plan.

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Appendices: Appendix 1: Corporate Asset Management Framework
Appendix 2: Property Asset Plan 2023 - 2028