

Birmingham City Council

Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: **Asset Disposal Programme Update**

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides an update to the Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the current progress of the Asset Disposals Programme.
- 1.2 This report contains details of the sales completed to date, properties under offer and provides a highlight of new assets which will be marketed imminently. This report will be shared with the monthly Cabinet Committee Property (CCP), which will next meet on 8 May 2024.

2 Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 2.1 **Notes the assets disposed of since 1 January 2024 to end March 2024.**
- 2.2 **Notes current progress in the disposals of assets where authority has been approved; and**
- 2.3 **Notes the status of the pipeline of future assets being brought forward for disposal in the coming months.**

3 Background

- 3.1 The disposal of assets is an integral part of the Council's Improvement Recovery Plan (IRP).

- 3.2 To provide oversight on the delivery of the Asset Disposals Programme and the rationalisation of the property portfolio and enable the Council to focus on its core activities and services.
- 3.3 Agreement to the recommendations in this report will contribute to the reduction in the Council's future financial commitments, general disposal receipts at the earliest opportunity and reduce the Council's borrowing.
- 3.4 The disposal strategy supports the priority of the new Corporate Plan for 'a Council that lives within its means, balances the budget and delivers best value for taxpayers and service users'.

4 Update on Asset Sales

- 4.1 Appendix 1 (exempt) sets out the current update on asset sales.

5 Any Finance Implications

- 5.1 The asset disposal programme has generated capital receipts of £9.29M to date.
- 5.2 Further financial implications are set out in Appendix 1 (exempt).

6 Any Legal Implications

- 6.1 A local authority has a statutory duty under section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 when disposing of an interest in land to obtain the best consideration reasonably obtainable. It is for the authority to demonstrate that it has achieved best consideration; if best consideration is not obtained, Secretary of State approval is required.

7 Risk Management Implications

- 7.1 Appendix 1 (exempt) sets out the risk management implications.

8 Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 (exempt): Update on Asset Sales, additional financial implications and risk management implications

9 Background Papers

- 9.1 There are no background papers.