

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
7 December 2022**

**Community Asset Policy**

**Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider the draft Community Asset Policy.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to

- (a) consider the draft policy and whether it sufficiently supports the Council in delivering its objectives when making future decisions in relation the management and transfer of community assets
- (b) consider whether the consultation on it has been fair, transparent and robust, and how consultation responses will influence the final policy
- (c) make appropriate recommendations prior to the policy being considered at Executive Board for adoption.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 The Council owns a number of assets that bring benefit to communities including community centres, leisure centres, museums, heritage buildings, parks and open spaces as well as those that are occupied by community and voluntary organisations.
- 3.2 The Council is currently reviewing its use of assets so there may be an increase in potential surplus assets that could be of community benefit. Community asset transfers could be a potential option for the Council in the future disposal of these assets and the draft Community Asset Policy has been developed to support the Council in delivering its objectives when making future decisions in relation the management and transfer of community assets.
- 3.3 The Committee last considered the matter at their meeting on 8 June 2022 as part of a wider consideration of the Council's Asset Rationalisation programme. At that meeting the developing Community Asset Policy was discussed. The Committee requested that the policy be brought back for consideration following public consultation but prior to decision and made several recommendations for consideration. These recommendations and the response is detailed in the report attached as appendix A.

- 3.4 This is an opportunity for the Committee to be involved in pre-decision scrutiny by considering the proposed new policy and making recommendations for the Executive Board to consider before it makes a decision on the adoption of the policy.
- 3.4 The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Regeneration and Communications and the Interim Head of Property will be in attendance at the meeting to present the draft policy and answer questions.
- 3.5 A detailed introductory report and the draft policy are attached for the Committee to consider.

#### **4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Introductory report.
- 4.2 Draft Community Asset Policy.

#### **5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

- 5.1 None.

#### **6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

- 6.1 Draft Community Asset Policy.

#### **7 Wards affected**

- 7.1 All.

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