

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Wokingham Borough Council, Future Office Provision</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee on 4 October 2023
<b>WARD</b>	(All Wards);
<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	Neil Carr, Scrutiny Officer

## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

At its meeting on 11 September 2023, the Committee considered the Executive Forward Programme and noted that the Executive was due to consider a report on the Council's future office accommodation provision at its meeting on 28 September 2023.

Members requested that this item be brought to the next meeting of the Management Committee for discussion and consideration of potential recommendations to the Executive.

The 28 September Executive report is appended to this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee:

1. considers the attached Executive report on future WBC office accommodation provision;
2. makes recommendations, as appropriate, to the Executive.

## **Background**

The purpose of the Executive report is to consider the Council's current office provision and identify opportunities for a change in approach and provision which could bring financial and social-environmental benefits.

The issue is considered in the context of the current and future financial pressures on the authority and a review of how best to use its own assets to help address these pressures.

Any decisions made by the Executive at its meeting on 28 September will be reported to the Management Committee at its meeting on 4 October 2023.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

*The Council faces unprecedented financial pressures as a result of; the longer term impact of the COVID-19 crisis, Brexit, the war in Ukraine and the general economic climate of rising prices and the increasing cost of debt. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are optimised and are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.*

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	Set out in attached Executive report		
Next Financial Year (Year 2)			
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

<b>Other Financial Information</b>
Set out in attached Executive report

<b>Public Sector Equality Duty</b>
Set out in attached Executive report

<b>Climate Emergency</b>
Set out in attached Executive report

<b>Reasons for considering the report in Closed Session</b>
None

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
None

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