

## **ASSET/PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATE FEBRUARY 2008**

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**Recommendation** - that the Committee considers the update report on the Council's Asset/Property Management Plan.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Members are provided with an interim update of activities and are asked to note the following:

### **RESOURCES**

Following a report to Executive in December 2007 the Property section is to be transferred from Finance and Business Development to the Regeneration Service Unit.

The current property officer reached retirement age in January 2008, personnel panel has approved the provision of one full time contract/property officer with the retiring officer continuing part time for initially a further year. Interviews for the post were held in October 2007, an appointment made and subsequently the appointee decided not to take up the offer the week before commencing employment. The post has subsequently been advertised twice so responses are awaited.

### **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

These continue with the latest disposal being Bankyard View, Parton.

Next are: Whites School at Kells where there has been some delay due to incorporating the opportunity for local persons to purchase self build plots (through setting up an association), with the balance of the site to be offered for sale for housing development;

Harras Moor where joint disposal of the land with the County Council is envisaged;

Red Lonning which may present another opportunity for self build plots, and

Birks Road Cleator Moor where discussions are ongoing with the Church and Area Regeneration team re adjacent land, prior to marketing the Council land.

## **ASSET VALUATIONS**

The annual Asset valuations are underway using Capita services to provide information for Finance.

## **PUBLIC BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Subject to full Council approval in February the budgetary cost of the backlog of repair on existing buildings is expected to be met in full for the next three years. If approved this will be the first time that the financing has been provided to fully address maintenance requirements, and will require provision of sufficient resources.

A number of minor Disability Discrimination Act items are to be addressed shortly at Moresby Parks to enable all Council buildings to be fully compliant.

### **List of Appendices**

Appendix A – Schedule of backlog of the repair work needed on Council buildings.

### **List of Background Documents:**

Appendix B – Extract from Asset Management Plan 2007/8