

Report to:	Policy and Performance Advisory Committee
Date:	27 January 2022
Title:	Asset Management
Exemption:	None
Report of:	Ian Fitzpatrick, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of Cabinet report:	To consider future office space rationalisation resulting in more economic and sustainable use of assets and improved customer contact facilities.
Officer recommendations to the Cabinet:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That Cabinet approves the proposals set out in paragraph 2.6.1 to 2.8.1 of this report regarding the Council's wider office estate. 2) That the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Leader, be given delegated authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conclude negotiations for the grant of a lease of Southover House to Charleston; and - enter into a lease of Southover House on the terms agreed, including all ancillary documents. 3) That the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Leader, be given delegated authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conclude negotiations for the taking of a lease by the Council of premises at County Hall for temporary office and reception space; and - enter into a lease of premises at County Hall on the terms agreed, including all ancillary documents. 4) That in respect of the proposed grant of a lease to Charleston, Cabinet waives compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules in the event that the agreed rent exceeds £25,000 per annum, for the reasons set out in paragraph 2.4.2 to 2.4.9 of this report.
Recommendations to the Committee	The recommendations are detailed at 1.3 of this report

Reasons for recommendations to the Committee:

To provide a critical friend challenge to the Cabinet decision and policy making process.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 In its role as a provider of public scrutiny and as critical friend, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee has a duty to provide a challenge to the executive decision and policy makers.
- 1.2 The Policy and Performance Advisory Committee is able to provide this challenge through the inclusion of the Council's Forward Plan of Decisions as a standing item on each of the Committee's agendas, allowing the Committee to request the inclusion of reports due for consideration by the Cabinet on its agenda and by asking that the relevant officers, heads of service or directors, attend the Committee meetings and discuss the content of the reports.
- 1.3 Following consideration of each item, where the Members will be able to ask questions of the relevant officers, heads of service, directors and other stakeholders, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee will provide one of the following three recommendations to the Cabinet:
- 1) To support the recommendations in the report in full; or
 - 2) To support the recommendation in the report subject to the consideration by the Cabinet of any amendments agreed by Committee; or
 - 3) To not support the recommendations in the report and give reasons.
- 1.4 The Cabinet will be provided with the recommendations from the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee when it considers the main report.

2 Financial / Legal / Risk Management / Equality Analysis/ Environmental Sustainability Implications/ Background Papers

- 2.1 All implications are addressed in the Cabinet report attached at Appendix 1.

3 Appendix – none.