

Report to: Cabinet

Date: 3 February 2022

Title: Asset Management

Report of: Ian Fitzpatrick, Director of Regeneration and Planning

On 27 January 2022, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee met to consider and discuss the recommendations in reports going forward to the Cabinet on 3 February 2022. The following members were present for this discussion:

Councillor Joe Miller (Chair); Liz Boorman, Robert Banks, Roy Clay, Christine Brett, Christine Robinson, Adrian Ross, and Richard Turner.

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee on the recommendations set out in the Cabinet report.

The Committee **resolved (unanimously):**

To not support the recommendations in the report at this time, for the following reasons:

- The Committee agreed its support in principle to vacating Southover House in recognition of its underuse, but that additional information was required before the decision could be made.
- It is recommended that a report be brought back to Policy and Performance Advisory Committee and Cabinet to include a full and detailed business case for:
 - A full and clear proposal for a suitable customer-facing space in central Lewes (to include a space for private meetings between residents, councillors and officers);
 - A rental market appraisal of Southover House, and Charleston rental agreement proposal details, to assess the best value of the proposal;
 - The costs to the Council of moving locations both to County Hall and to the former University Technical College, Newhaven; and
 - The additional costs associated with leasing space at County Hall (including for Committees and Officer/Councillor meetings) in addition to the basic rental cost.

For a copy of the report please contact Democratic Services or use the following link to the Council's website:

[Agenda for Lewes District Council Policy and Performance Advisory Committee on Thursday, 27th January, 2022, 2.30 pm \(lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk\)](https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/Agenda-for-Lewes-District-Council-Policy-and-Performance-Advisory-Committee-on-Thursday-27th-January-2022-2.30pm)

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