

STRATEGY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

03 July 2023

5.30 – 22:05

Present: Robertson (Chair), Baigent, Bennett, Bick, Gawthrop Wood, Holloway, Sheil and Young.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR FINANCE & RESOURCES COUNCILLOR S. SMITH)

PLACE GROUP RESOURCE FOR KEY PROJECTS

The Place Group brings together leadership and management of the Councils corporate estate, property investments, responsibility for delivering new council, affordable homes and estate regeneration. The Place Group is tasked with delivering some key programmes and projects for the Council in addition to those currently undertaken including:

- Delivering the asset management plan to meet the Net Zero Carbon (NZC) and Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) objectives through a combination of retrofit, redevelopment and disposal
- Rationalisation of the Council's office and civic accommodation through the Corporate Space Strategy
- Refurbishment of the Market Square
- General Fund Redevelopment Programme for commercial property

To achieve these, initial change to some roles and additional resource is required as set out in this report. Funding will be from General Fund Reserves initially but costs capitalised once capital plan items are brought forward and approved.

These projects will support improving sustainability, how we engage with and the services we provide to our customers and communities, and generate new income streams and capital receipts.

The scale of the projects is as set out in 3.9 below and previous reports on these programmes and projects.

The Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee considered the report and approved the recommendations.

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

Approve funding for additional resource as set out in Section 4 (a) the report.