

Audit Wales - Springing Forward – Strategic Asset Management

What are we trying to achieve, the outcome	A suitably located, sustainable, well equipped and connected Council Estate that enables services and staff to function effectively and efficiently and puts the needs of residents at the centre of what we do. Importantly, this also means making the best use of resources, taking account of the Council's current and forecasted financial position, including sharing appropriate building and work spaces with partners and other organisations and quickly disposing of Assets that do not meet our aims.
Why we need to do it:	Lessons learnt and new ways of hybrid working emerging from the pandemic, significant increase in digitalisation of the Council's processes, the urgent need to meet our Carbon Reduction targets and become more efficient are key drivers. However, given the levels of deprivation we also need to ensure that within the community no one is left behind.

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<p>AW SFSAM 01</p> <p>The Council needs to ensure the Sustainable Development principle is driving and shaping its approach to all its assets. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Council should develop a longer-term approach to its assets; and the Council will need to fully integrate its workforce and digital strategies with its longer-term plans for its assets. 	<p>AGREED</p> <p>The Council is currently revising its Corporate Asset Management Plan which will be put in place in 2023. This provides a timely opportunity to apply the Sustainable Development principles into our plans. In doing so we will be guided by the Well-being of Future Generations legislation and subsequent reports including the Auditor General's National Report on the findings from the Sustainable Development principle examinations May 2020.</p> <p>The Council is developing a separate Office Accommodation Strategy creating a 'Workspace Plan: Fit for the Future'. This</p>	<p>Seek Cabinet approval of the new Corporate Asset Management Plan for the wider Council property portfolio to efficiently manage assets in ways that meet the Sustainable Development principle through further consideration of the 5 ways of working.</p> <p>Seek Cabinet approval of the draft Office Accommodation Strategy comprising our Vision, Key</p>	31/03/23	Paula McCarthy

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	Workspace Plan will integrate the Workforce and ICT considerations that will seek to maximise the location and use of the Council's accommodation portfolio for services, their users and a range of staff.	Objectives and a work programme for the next 7 years to 2030 . This period aligns with our carbon reduction targets.	31/03/23	Paula McCarthy

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