

10. PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT - PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the performance of Property Asset Management for 2017/18.

The council owned and managed property assets to support the delivery of services, which included schools, community, operational, administrative and commercial property. The estate extended to 242 properties comprising of 431,318m².

The Property Asset Management Plan for 2013/14 to 2017/18 which set out the activity themes for the management of property assets highlighted a number of performance indicators for each of the corporate measures. These were outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the report together with respective results. Two of the indicators were reported as part of the Scottish Specified Performance Indicators Framework, which were Condition and Suitability. Further information on these two indicators was contained in the report.

The Panel continued to be advised that over the past year a number of significant projects and planning improvements had been undertaken and these included the new West Calder High School; Whitehill Service Centre; Blackburn Partnership Centre; East Calder Partnership Centre; and nursery extensions at Boghall and Torphichen.

A new Property Asset Management Plan had now been devised and would cover the period 2018/19 to 2027/28; this was being presented to the Panel in a separate report. The new plan would build upon previous successes and emphasise the council's effective and efficient management of its property assets.

In terms of the coming years the report summarised those projects that would be undertaken by officers. These significant investments reflected the council's commitment to investing in property assets to support the modernisation of service delivery; improving the built environment of our communities and working partnership.

It was recommended that the Panel notes :-

1. The overall condition of Property Assets for 2017/18;
2. The overall suitability of Property Assets for 2017/18;
3. The overall performance of Property Assets for 2017/18 against the performance measures outlined in the report; and
4. The projects delivered that had contributed to delivery of the council's property asset management priorities

Decision

To note the contents of the report

