

CABINET

17 MAY 2013

A.2 - REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE OF 15 APRIL 2013

CIVIC HUB PROJECT – REVIEW OF PROGRESS

BACKGROUND

At the meeting on 15 April 2013, the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee considered the issue of the Civic Hub Project – Review of Progress.

The Committee received a presentation by the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) and the Council's Asset Manager, who advised the Committee that the Civic Hub Project aimed to rationalise Tendring District and Essex County Council's office accommodation and, in doing so, encourage more modern ways of working and the creation of a "front door" one stop shop approach to conducting the Council's affairs. It was hoped that the new Hub would enable the integration of the library and adult learning experience, together with primary care and health education.

The Asset Manager concluded that a full feasibility study of the proposals would be required, including detailed consideration of how the shared services elements would work and detailed work on the IT and building adaption components of the Project.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS TO CABINET

Cabinet is now asked to consider the recommendations and comments of the Committee and determine its response if any:

The Committee **COMMENTS** to Cabinet that the Committee notes the progress presented by the Corporate Director (Corporate Services) and further supports the continuation of the feasibility study into the Civic Hub Project and the Committee therefore requests that, when completed, the final conclusions of the study be brought back to the Committee for further scrutiny and recommendation.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

That the presentation and review of progress be noted and welcomed.