

SCRUTINY OF SERVICE PROPERTY STRATEGIES

Report of the Corporate Director - People and Property

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1. Purpose of the report

In the light of statutory Corporate Asset Management Plan this reports seeks to establish a short life panel to scrutinise the service property strategies related to the services it covers and advise the relevant chief officer(s) of any changes needed.

2. Summary

2.1 The service property strategies have been produced by services since 1995 and previously went to committee. The requirements for service property strategies (SPSs) have been revised to meet the requirements of the DETR to produce a new corporate asset management plan. Guidance has been issued to all services on the structure and content of the strategies. The SPSs are intended to set out each service's position on property in terms of :

- service property objectives to meet policies for service delivery
- problems with the property which impact on service delivery
- priorities and actions to solve the problems.

2.2 The corporate asset management plan will be considered by Cabinet. The DETR will use the corporate asset management plan and the capital strategy to determine the allocation of the part of the single capital pot which will be at ministers' discretion - effective for financial year 2002 / 2003.

- 2.3 The panels are requested to meet in late March once the relevant strategies have been produced and to report to the relevant Chief Officer by the end of that month (some slippage may be possible on this). Where a committee has more than one strategy to scrutinise then the panel may wish to meet specifically to consider each one.
- 2.4 The timing of the scrutiny is to meet the reporting deadline set by the DETR for the corporate asset management plan.

3. Conclusions

The committee is requested to identify members to form the panel.

4. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications from carrying out the scrutiny.

Background papers used by the author in compiling this report:

Property Guidance Note 2 - Preparation of a service property strategy.