



Executive Advisory Body

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 08 June 2021
Subject	Property Acquisition Paper
Agenda No.	Below the Line
Paper No.	23.7 a
Prepared By	Corporate Services
Purpose	Note

1. Background

- 1.1. This paper was collated in conjunction with Scottish Government Property Division and their commercial property advisors. It outlines our approach and key objectives to acquiring property within Dundee and Glasgow.

2. Key points

Now that we have confirmed permanent locations in Dundee and Glasgow and the commercial matters concluded we wanted to share a paper with the Executive Advisory Body detailing how we had undertaken our property acquisitions to date. In turn the paper will be released with all other Executive Advisory Body papers.

2.1.

3. Conclusions

- 3.1. No action this is for awareness and to provide an update on Property acquisition.



4. GOVERNANCE CHECKLIST

Please ensure that you detail which Corporate Plan Strategic Objective the paper contributes to. These strategic considerations should be used to assist you with the content of your paper.

Strategic Objective	Contribution
Dignity, fairness and respect Delivering a service with dignity, fairness and respect at its core.	<p>When considering the principles of our buildings both points below were key factor in our decision making process ensuring that our buildings were accessible to the people of Scotland.</p> <p>A 'public' building – open and welcoming to our clients and the wider public. Reflects a service that is designed by, and belongs to, the people that use it. (For example, could provide facilities that can be used as a community hub and be used by the public out with any interaction with Social Security Scotland services).</p> <p>Is fully accessible - the buildings and their immediate surroundings go beyond 'compliant' and are recognised as best practice in accessibility (For example accessibility is the 'norm' with no feature staircases; site on flat surroundings with minimal physical barriers etc.).</p>
Equality and tackling poverty Promoting equality and tackling poverty.	<p>Not applicable</p>
Efficiency and alignment Ensuring efficiency and aligning our activities with wider public sector for the benefit of the people we serve.	<p>A comprehensive market overview was commissioned detailing property options as well as highlighting off-market opportunities to partner with landlords, developers, occupiers, local Council and Regeneration Agencies.</p> <p>As a result, in addition to the financial assessment, the recommendations also considered the extent to which the proposals satisfied the qualitative assessment criteria. These included the socio-economic impacts of each option and the suitability of the premises to staff and clients.</p>
Economy, society and environment	<p>We also included the socio-economic impacts of each option and the suitability of the premises to staff and clients.</p>



Strategic Objective	Contribution
Contributing to our economy, society and protection of our environment.	

State here how the paper considers these areas and any consultation undertaken in the agency. Only complete the section(s) relevant to your paper.

Strategic consideration	Impact
Environment	Not applicable
Governance	Not applicable
Data	Not applicable
Finance	Not applicable
Staff	Not applicable
Equalities	Not applicable
Estates	Not applicable
Communications and Presentation	Not applicable

Impact Assessment
<p>An impact assessment must be carried out during the development of all new Agency policies and services and when making significant changes to policies and services.</p> <p>If relevant, please lay out the key findings here.</p>