

Rossendale Borough Council

Review of Property and Asset Management Functions

Rossendale Borough Council currently employs 5 staff in its property and asset management functions 3 in Economic Regeneration and Spatial Development dealing with facilities management and maintenance activities and 2 in Legal and Democratic Services dealing with Estates matters.

This structure is a result of the Organisational Review of the Senior Management structure conducted in 2004.

The Council's last Asset Management Plan was rated as poor (although the accompanying Capital Strategy was rated Fair). The Council's Improvement Board and external auditors see improvement in these areas as crucial. Some work has already begun towards this in terms of condition surveys and the acquisition of an appropriate computer system to manage property information.

The brief for this exercise is to:

1. Review the current organisation of the Council's asset management and property functions and consider whether they are fit for purpose.
2. In the context of appropriate benchmark standards, and the Council's move from provider to commissioner, make recommendations in relation to both organisation and resource levels.
3. Consider the current skill levels within the organisation in the context of current and likely future requirements.
4. Provide an outline action plan for improvement.

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