

## Better Utilisation of Property Assets Programme

# Fenland Project Business Case

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A **Technical Brief** has been produced to contain all common assumptions or definitions for each element of the Business Case, e.g. financial model, sensitive analysis.

### 1. Executive Summary

The top 5 most deprived Super Output Areas of Cambridgeshire are all in or around Wisbech, whilst its unemployment rate remains substantially higher than the Cambridgeshire average.

The property holdings of the council in Fenland are in poor condition, not fit for purpose and in the wrong locations. This project provides an opportunity to vacate a number of such properties and provide new, fit for purpose accommodation designed with services to meet their requirements.

Three options were investigated and compared to the baseline. These investigations showed that all could better meet the needs of the Fenland area and the objectives of the Better Utilisation of Property Assets, which are directly related to the council's objectives. Each would be at a cost.

Options to focus the new development in Wisbech (Option 1) or Wisbech and March (Option 2) produced the best scores against the objectives of the Programme. The option to spread the focus more widely to include Chatteris and Whittlesey (Option 3) scored more highly than the baseline but not as highly as Options 1 and 2.

The preferred option is Option 1. This option sees the focus on the area of greatest need - Wisbech. The development of a new facility in the town will provide employment associated with the construction in the short term. In the medium to long term, the movement of jobs from elsewhere in the county will benefit the town as, to a potentially greater extent, will the freeing-up of the Queen Mary Centre site for development. The difference in Net Present Cost of this option compared to the baseline over 40 years is around £12M.

## 2. Background and Context

2.1 The Need for Change

The top 5 most deprived Super Output Areas of Cambridgeshire are all in or around Wisbech, whilst its unemployment rate remains substantially higher than the Cambridgeshire average.

As part of the Suitability Survey in 2007, a number of facilities in Wisbech and March were identified as 'Better Utilisation'. In many cases services are operating from buildings that are wholly unsuitable for use, in a poor state of repair and/or under-occupied.

There are a number of key 'push' factors including:

- The cost of a number of leases amounting to almost £100K pa. This represents real monies exiting the Council.
- The unsuitability of several buildings for service delivery.

• A clear and stated desire by the council to increase activities in the Fenland area.

There are a number of key 'pull' factors including:

- Generate better value/improved accommodation in a new build scheme.
- Two potential capital receipts amounting to £730K.
- The opportunity to contribute to the regeneration of the area through both a potential construction project and increase in CCC jobs delivered from the area.
- An opportunity to improve the council's energy performance.
- The positive interest shown by the District authority to engage in the project.

#### 2.2 The Objectives

For the main BUPA Programme objectives, see the accompanying Technical Brief.

The objectives particular to this project include:

- Facilitate the delivery of services where they are most needed.
- Contribute to the regeneration of Wisbech and the surrounding area.
- Work with district partners to achieve the best outcomes for Fenland.

#### 2.3 The Challenge

As an individual project, providing new facilities in Fenland cannot be achieved at a neutral cost to the authority. The properties that will be divested and the leases that will be given up will not result in returns at a sufficient level. Therefore, this project must be viewed as a part of the BUPA Programme that aims to reinvest in areas where need is greatest and value for money can be best achieved.

Transport and IT links to Wisbech in particular are not as good as other market towns in Cambridgeshire. Whereas the project can address the latter to a degree, the former will remain an issue in particular when considering moving an employee's base from elsewhere. The paucity of good transport and IT links arguably increases the need for projects of this nature in Wisbech.

#### 3. Scope

The scope of the project covers a number of existing facilities in Wisbech and March. Some key information for these facilities is given in Table 1.

BU = Better Utilisation. CM = Continued Maintenance. S = Surplus.

| Name   | Tenure    | Designation<br>under<br>suitability<br>survey | Gross<br>Internal<br>Area (sqm) | Number of<br>employees<br>located here |
|--|-----------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| 100 Churchill Road<br>(SSD Area office)                                | Leasehold | BU  | 669                             | 36                                     |
| Connections Building<br>4-6 Stermyn Street                             | Leasehold | СМ  | 243                             | 37                                     |
| (Current site)<br>Queen Mary Centre<br>Queens Road                     | Freehold  | BU  | 1308                            | 3                                      |
| (Home Care Office),<br>March Business Centre<br>Dartford Road          | Leasehold | СМ  | 163                             | 7                                      |
| March Business Centre<br>Dartford Road                                 | Leasehold | BU  | 331                             | 23                                     |
| Current site)<br>Hereward Hall<br>County Road                          | Freehold  | СМ  | 1675                            | 131                                    |
| March Youth & Community<br>Centre<br>34 Station Rd                     | Freehold  | S   | 1082                            | 5                                      |
| Fenland Register Offices<br>(March)<br>Audmoor House<br>93 High Street | Leasehold | BU  | 239                             | 6                                      |
| The Centre<br>City Road,<br>March and Chatteris Locality<br>Team       | Leasehold | BU  | N/A                             | 24                                     |

Table 1. Details of Facilities in Scope

## 4. Options Appraisal

#### 4.1 Options considered

The options appraisal considered 3 options against a do minimum/nothing option. The difference between the options was based on the number of locations built or retained in the proposals.

|                             | Option 0   | Option 1  | Option 2   | Option 3   |  |
|-----------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Option<br>Description       | Continue with and maintain<br>8 baseline buildings. This<br>includes 3 in Wisbech and 5 in<br>March (see list below) | Procure and own new<br>larger single<br>operational hub in<br>Wisbech. Retain<br>existing Hereward Hall<br>hub in March.  | Procure and own<br>new smaller single<br>hub in Wisbech.<br>Build extension in<br>March on Hereward<br>Hall site and relocate<br>Registry Office | A multi dispersed 4 site<br>model. Procure and<br>own single hub in<br>Wisbech. Retain<br>existing Hereward Hall |  |
| Scale &<br>Occupancy        | 141 employees<br>76 employees located in<br>Wisbech  | (136) relocating from sites listed under Option 0 with additional capacity for a further 100 employees to relocate from other service areas or partners that are either currently located in Fenland or |  |  |  |
| Gross Internal<br>Area sq m | approximately 4,035 sq m   |   | sq m<br>March Hub  813 sqm<br><i>Total area 1813 sqm</i>   | Wisbech Hub 1383 sq<br>m<br>Chatteris Hub 215 sq m<br>Whittlesey Hub 215 sq<br>m<br>Total Area 1813              |  |
|                             | 1. 100 Churchill Road<br>2. 4-6 Stermyn Street<br>3. Hereward Hall<br>4. Queen Mary Centre, Queens<br>Road           |   | Divest from 7  | Divest from 7 buildings<br>(Retain Hereward Hall)  |  |
|                             |  | It is assumed that any Wisbech development will be carried out on currently owned land such as the plot on Somers Lane.   |  |  |  |
| Receipts from sales         |  | March Business Centre, Dartford Road, March<br>Queen Mary Centre, Wisbech   |  |  |  |

Table 2. Fenland Project Options for Appraisal.

The Queen Mary Centre in Wisbech was initially used as the indicative site on which to base calculations for the early appraisal work of the various options to establish a new prime council facility in the town. This has been replaced latterly with the land at Somers Rd, as it is clear that the Queen Mary site has other potential uses with more significant regeneration opportunities. Other sites were considered and the selection of a preferred site will be carried out in discussion with partners including Fenland District Council.

Town centre or nearby locations are proposed with good accessibility for staff and public. Accessibility within the building would be designed in including reception and suitable ground floor meeting rooms.

#### 4.2 Assessment Criteria

Both a financial and non-financial appraisal were carried out for each of the options. The criteria against which each option would be judged are shown in Tables 3 and 4. Briefly these were:

- Financial Net Present Cost (40 Year) and Revenue Costs at Year 10.
- Non-financial Service Modernisation/Transformation, Environmental Sustainability, Economic Regeneration, Efficiency Gain, Quality and Performance, Reputation, Partner Working and Deliverability.

The non-financial criteria were weighted and the same weightings applied to each BUPA project. In each case the non-financial appraisal was carried out by at least 3 people. At least 2 took part in the appraisal for each phase 1 project to maintain a consistent approach.

#### 4.3 Evaluation of Options

#### 4.3.1 The Financial Appraisal

Financial information was gathered for the options including existing lease costs, FM and maintenance costs and other running costs. Information was also gathered for Options 1, 2 and 3 to indicate the cost of provision including build costs, future FM and maintenance costs and other running costs based on a performance specification for a new build. In some cases actual data was unavailable and expert opinion and industry standards were applied.

In some cases, actual data was unavailable and expert opinion and industry standards were applied. Assumptions were made about the number of employees that could be moved into Fenland from elsewhere in the county and where those employees lived and worked. It is assumed that office accommodation would be provided at a 5:10 desk ratio.

Net Present Cost and Revenue Savings were calculated and were verified and approved by an accountant.

|                                | Baseline   | Option 1    | Option 2    | Option 3    |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Net Present Cost               | £6,392,887 | £18,402,223 | £19,686,083 | £18,289,883 |
| Operating Expenditure (Year 10 | £235,465   | £457,862    | £465,062    | £566,703    |

Table 3 - Net Present Costs and Revenue Costs at Year 10.

The financial appraisal indicates that all the options would require significant investment above the baseline position both in capital and revenue terms.

#### 4.3.2 The Non-financial Appraisal

In addition to the financial appraisal of the options, there was a need to test the options against the objectives of the BUPA Programme. Categories reflected the objectives using sub-division to reflect the need to score their different aspects. For example, 'Environment' was separated into a building performance element and a travel element, which were scored separately then aggregated to produce a single score.

Table 4 shows the results of the non-financial appraisal.

| Category (weighting)                           | Option 0<br>-<br>Baseline | Option 1<br>–<br>Wisbech<br>Hub | Option 2<br>–<br>Wisbech<br>Hub.<br>Hereward<br>Hall<br>extension | Option 3 –<br>Wisbech,<br>Hereward<br>Hall,<br>Chatteris<br>and<br>Whittlesey |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Service Modernisation/<br>Transformation (15%) | 1                         | 3.2                             | 3.2   | 3   |
| Environmental<br>Sustainability (20%)          | 2                         | 2.5                             | 3   | 2   |
| Economic Regeneration<br>(15%)                 | 1                         | 4                               | 4   | 4   |
| Efficiency Gain (12.5%)                        | 1                         | 2.5                             | 2.5   | 2.3   |
| Quality and Performance<br>(5%)                | 1                         | 2                               | 2   | 2   |
| Reputation (5%)                                | 1                         | 2                               | 2   | 3   |
| Partner Working (12.5%)                        | 1                         | 4                               | 3   | 4   |
| Deliverability (15%)                           | 4.3                       | 3.7                             | 3.3   | 2.7   |
| Total inc weighting                            | 158                       | 264                             | 269   | 238   |

Table 4. Non-Financial Scores (weighted).

The results of the non-financial appraisal indicate the potential for Options 1 and 2 to best meet the objectives of the Programme. Option 3 is also considered to be a considerable improvement on current.

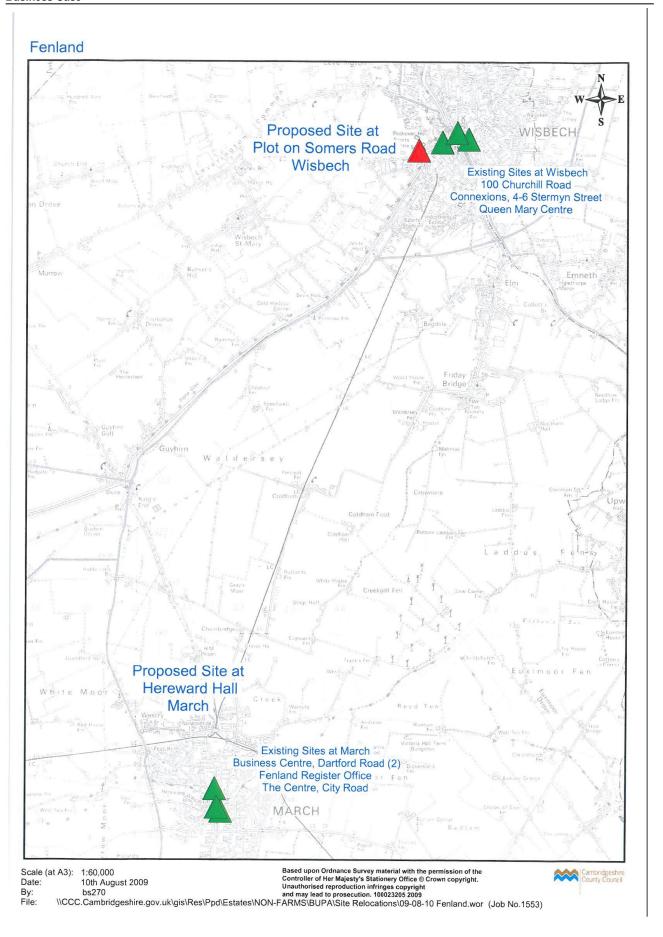
#### 4.4 Preferred Options

In non-financial terms Options 1 and 2 were superior to Option 3 and far outperformed the baseline option. When the financial analysis is taken into account, although Options 1 and 2 are less cost effective than the baseline and Option 3, it can be argued that they represent better value for money overall because of the non-financial appraisals.

Further to this, as Option 1 outperforms Option 2 financially, whilst performing only marginally worse in the non-financial appraisals this report recommends Option 1 as the preferred option.

Sensitivity analysis has been used to demonstrate the cost of moving different numbers of employees/jobs to the area from elsewhere in the county. In some cases these jobs would be frontline; in the case of services wishing to undertake redistribution to where the need is. In other cases these would be back-office functions that could be undertaken from any part of the county. If it were intended that a significant number of employees/jobs be relocated then success of the project would be predicated on it having support at the highest level.

Key characteristics for the preferred option were stated in Table 2. This option would see the condensing of 7 sites in the Fenland area into a development of a plot on the proposed site of Somers Road in Wisbech. This is illustrated on the map overleaf.



## 5. Preferred Option

#### 5.1 Affordability

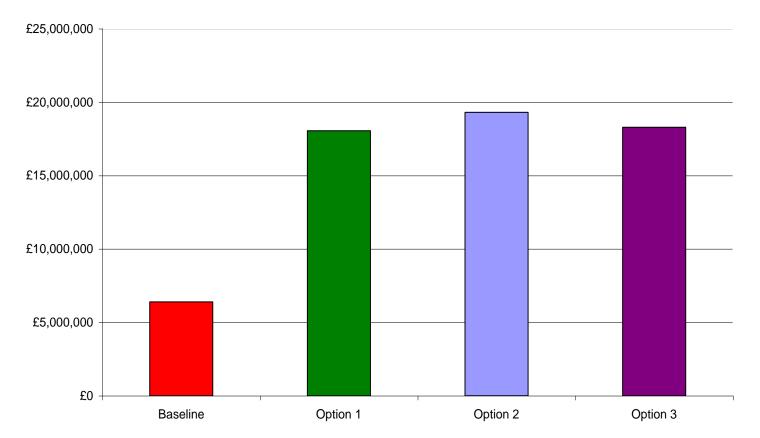
5.1.1 Cost

The table below displays the headline costings for all the options against the baseline.

|                                | Baseline    | Option 1    | Option 2    | Option 3    |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Capital Cost (Excl. Res Value) | £2,491,800  | £8,340,804  | £9,309,928  | £6,953,456  |
| Revenue Cost (40 Years)        | £11,684,426 | £29,542,171 | £31,162,374 | £31,367,211 |
| Net Present Cost               | £6,392,887  | £18,402,223 | £19,686,083 | £18,289,883 |
| Operating Expenditure (Year 10 | £235,465    | £457,862    | £465,062    | £566,703    |

Table 5:Headline Costs for Options

The following diagram compares the Net Present Cost of all the options to the current baseline position:



#### **Diagram 1 - Net Present Cost**

As the diagram above demonstrates all the options would require a significant investment above the baseline position. Whilst all the options have relatively similar NPCs it is Option 3 and Option 1 that represent the lowest cost 'do something' options.

Diagram 2 (below) describes the revenue costs of the project in year 10. This year has been selected to remove the impact of the short-term spike in revenue expenditure resulting from employee reorganisation costs.

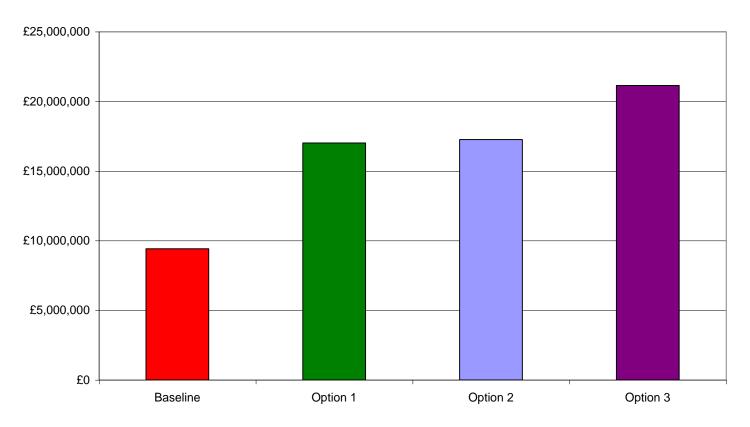
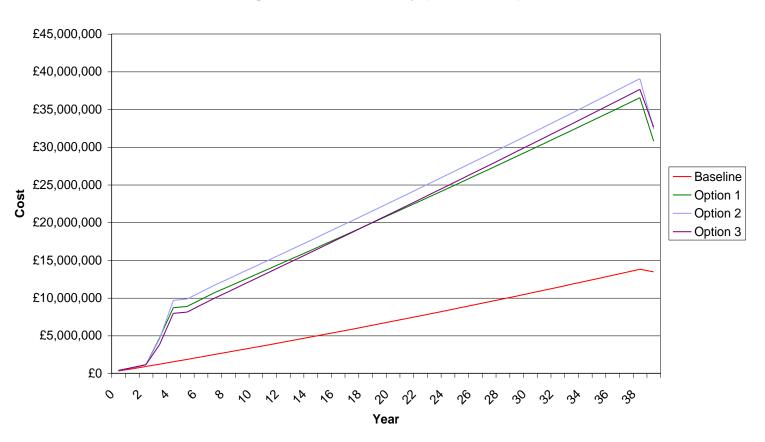


Diagram 2 - Net Operating Expenditure (Year 10)

As the chart above illustrates all the Options represent a significant jump in costs of over £200,000 pa. Whilst Options 1 and 2 have very similar revenue implications option 3 reflects a much larger rise in revenue costs due to the assumption of leased buildings in Chatteris and Whittlesey.

#### 5.1.2 Affordability Diagram



#### Diagram 3 - Affordability (Cumulative)

The diagram above describes the cumulative expenditure for the options over the 40year period. The dips on the right hand side of option 1 reflect the residual values of retained buildings, which are reflected as a capital receipt after 40 years.

As the graph indicates no option succeeds in breaking even with the baseline at any time during the projects life. This diagram details actual costs prior to discounting, and shows that under these circumstances option 1 outperforms both option 2 and 3.

#### 5.1.2 Funding source

It has been assumed that the initial capital outlay included in all 'do something' options shall be funded using prudential borrowing and the costs of servicing this debt have been built into estimates throughout the projects life.

It is anticipated that all options will also generate an additional revenue burden on the organisation. It is anticipated that this burden will be counteracted by savings generated through other BUPA projects.

#### 5.2 Achievability

#### 5.2.1 Timescale

Estimates assume that the transition into any new built facility would occur in Year 4 after cabinet approval had been gained.

5.3 Investment Appraisal

Work to date on this project has shown that in straight financial terms Option 0 has the lowest cost in Net Present Cost terms. In the non-financial assessment Options 1 and 2 are well ahead of Options 0 and 3. It was apparent that some of the influencing factors to the overall financials could vary. Therefore a sensitivity analysis was undertaken to consider variations of the key influencing factors and their impact on the Options.

5.4 Sensitivity Analysis

The preferred option has been tested against the following sensitivities:

1) 100 less (zero extra Fenland-based employees) – This sensitivity examines the financial implications of reducing to zero the number of employees moved to the Fenland district from other areas.

2) 100 more (200 extra Fenland-based employees) – This sensitivity examines the financial implications of doubling the number of employees moved to the Fenland district from other areas to 200.

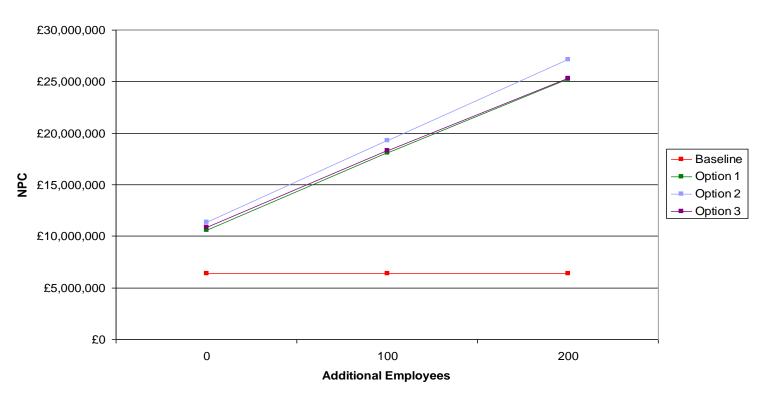


Diagram 4 - Fenland Sensitivity Analysis

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As would be expected changing the numbers of employees moved to the fenland area has a significant impact on the NPCs of all options. Changing the amount of employees moved from out of the Fenland area is particularly costly due to the reorganisation allowance payments due to employees whose work base has moved a significant distance. In the scenario of 200 employees moved to the Fenland area reorganisation costs have been estimated at £525,000 over 3 years.

It is also important to note that no options or sensitivities explored in this project assume any savings that may exist from freeing up space in other areas of the county to feed Fenland. Therefore, whilst an additional cost is incurred from moving additional employees to the Fenland district no corresponding saving from their old location is accounted for.

Further consideration as to the need and benefit of providing additional space for those not currently occupying the facilities in scope is required and this will affect the scale of the new facility.

#### 5.5 Benefits

Under Option 1 as it is portrayed, there are no financial benefits but costs as demonstrated in Table 3. Sensitivity analysis shows that the degree of cost changes depending on a number of factors including the number of employees/jobs moved from elsewhere in the county into the Fenland area. Fewer employees/jobs substantially reduces both the Net Present Cost and future revenue costs however, conversely this also reduces the positive impact on regeneration.

The benefits of the preferred option are non-financial. Although the major benefit is to regeneration of the deprived area, there are a number of other potential benefits including the reduction of carbon emissions from CCC buildings, service improvement, reputation and efficiency. These benefits are detailed in Table 6.

| Benefit                            | Aim   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Contribute to the regeneration of  | Initiate at least 1 construction workstream   |
| deprived areas.                    | and move 100 jobs into the Fenland area.      |
| Provision of modern flexible       | Provision of around 1800 sqm of new space     |
| facilities.                        | designed for flexibility.                     |
| Contributes to reduction of carbon | New space provision is designed to be         |
| footprint.                         | energy efficient – achieving energy use of    |
|                                    | 133 KWh sqm pa (TFA)                          |
| Unlock value in land and buildings | Capital receipt - £730K will be reinvested in |
| for reinvestment in frontline      | the project to provide improved               |
| services.                          | accommodation for frontline and support       |
|                                    | services.                                     |
| Reduce the number of leases for    | Withdraw from 4 leased buildings.             |
| unsuitable buildings.              |   |

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| A more efficiently run estate/<br>principles of whole life costing<br>applied. | Centralised revenue streams established and planned maintenance initiated. |
|--|--|
| Higher service performance and quality.  | Methodology to assess will be determined.                                  |
| Promote and support partnership working.                                       | Attract 2 or more partner organisations to use the facilities.             |

Table 6. The Non-financial Benefits Associated with Preferred Options.

#### 5.6 Risks and Impact

There are a number of risks associated with delivery of Option 1. These are shown in Table 7.

| Risk   | Mitigating action  |
|--|--|
| Capital receipt value not realised.                          | <ul> <li>Keeping in close touch with the marketing agents.</li> <li>Progressing planning applications/ investigations/<br/>preparations for future disposals.</li> </ul>   |
| Difficulties in engaging key services.                       | - Senior Manager involvement in discussing option with employees.  |
| New facilities not<br>suitable for service<br>requirements   | <ul> <li>Involve affected services in pre-design and design stages.</li> <li>Develop building use guidelines in consultation with services.</li> <li>Ensure space is as flexible as possible to enable change of use should occupying teams change.</li> </ul> |
| CCC employees do<br>not buy in to the<br>option.             | <ul> <li>Develop and implement an effective<br/>communication strategy and plan.</li> <li>Provide support and advice to staff undergoing<br/>changes.</li> <li>Ensure clear leadership is given from senior<br/>officers from across the council.</li> </ul>   |
| Disruption to service delivery.                              | <ul> <li>Planning of the design and delivery of the option<br/>with services.</li> </ul>   |
| Not minimising carbon footprint.                             | <ul> <li>Identify opportunities in design to minimise carbon<br/>footprint of any new space.</li> </ul>  |
| Partner involvement<br>impacts on scale and<br>scope.        | <ul> <li>Engage partners now to determine requirements.</li> <li>Ensure cost/benefit analysis of including each<br/>partner is carried out.</li> </ul>   |
| Construction cost<br>escalation due to<br>unforeseen issues. | <ul> <li>Contingencies provided in business case and in design brief.</li> <li>Confirm that all relevant compliance standards are met and condition surveys are up to date.</li> </ul>   |
| Planning consent not<br>forthcoming                          | <ul> <li>Continue to engage the local planning authority in<br/>the project.</li> </ul>  |

| Opportunity to realise<br>full regeneration<br>benefits missed   | <ul> <li>Weigh the benefits of the movement of CCC jobs into the area.</li> <li>Determine distributed model (Options 2 and 3) impact on regeneration.</li> <li>Cost in any space/facilities freed up as part of this movement.</li> </ul> |
|--|---|
| Impact on retention of<br>employees in posts<br>moved to Wisbech | <ul> <li>Produce guidance in consultation with HR and<br/>unions.</li> <li>Manage cases on an individual basis via the line<br/>management structure.</li> </ul>  |

Table 7. Key Risks Associated with the Preferred Option.

When Option 1 is compared to Options 2 and 3, there are subtle differences in the regenerative affects. Option 1 concentrates the provision of new facilities in Wisbech where the need is greatest. Option 3 spreads the focus reducing the direct benefit to Wisbech but with space available in Chatteris through this option, the risk to retention of employees is likely to be reduced.

An extended risk analysis will be carried out as part of the planning work that will follow a decision to proceed with the preferred option. In addition, the impact of the Project on the Programme level risks that have already been identified will be undertaken.

#### 5.7 Issues

| Issue                              | Action                                   |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Lack of good transport links to    |  |
| Wisbech in particular reduces      | - Ensure full range of flexible working  |
| employees' travel options.         | options are available to employees.      |
| Changes in headcount impact on     | - New space to be flexible.              |
| requirement for space.             | - Option to reduce space in design.      |
|                                    | - Monitor progress on Shire Hall         |
| Outcome of the review of the Shire | scheme.                                  |
|                                    | - Review Shire Hall and Fenland          |
| Hall project may impact on numbers | projects together post cabinet decision. |
| of posts to disperse to Fenland    | - Ensure other potential candidates for  |
|                                    | moving to Wisbech are identified.        |
|                                    | - Produce clear processes and            |
|                                    | guidelines.                              |
| Changes require organisation wide  | - Secure senior officer and member       |
| buy-in.                            | support.                                 |
|                                    | - Determine appropriate penalties for    |
|                                    | non-compliance.                          |

Table 8. Key Issues associated with the Preferred Option.

## 6. Delivery Approach

#### 6.1 Governance arrangement

The project will adhere to the corporate approach to Programme and Project Management.

The governance of the project will be through the existing BUPA Programme structure. Table 11 shows the key decisions and responsibilities.

| Key decision              | Timing            | Responsible     |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Cabinet approval to       | September 2009    | Cabinet         |
| proceed to Stage 1        |                   |                 |
| Stage 1                   |                   |                 |
| Sign-off the project plan | Winter 2009/10    | Project Sponsor |
| Agree the resource        | Winter 2009/10    | BUPA Programme  |
| allocation                |                   | Board           |
| Sign-off the building/s   | Spring 2010       | Project Board   |
| design specification/s    |                   |                 |
| Agree capital sales       | Spring 2010       | Cabinet         |
| Agree the appointment     | Summer 2010       | Project Sponsor |
| of contractor/s           |                   |                 |
| Stage 2                   |                   |                 |
| Undertake detailed        | TBC               | Project Board   |
| design and tendering      |                   |                 |
| (depending on             |                   |                 |
| procurement method        |                   |                 |
| selected)                 |                   |                 |
| Appoint contractor and    | TBC               | Project Board   |
| construction phase        |                   |                 |
| Move in and               | TBC - target 2013 | Programme Board |
| commissioning             |                   |                 |

Table 9. Governance for the Delivery of Option 3.

#### 6.2 Approach for procurement

The procurement rules for Cambridgeshire County Council will be followed.

Facilities will be procured through the design and build method under EU procurement rules. Briefly the steps are:

- Create a design specification.
- Undertake the procurement process.
- Appoint a design and build contractor.
- Undertake detailed design work.
- Deliver the building.
- Close the workstream to deliver the building.

There is a potential opportunity for this project to be delivered as part of a larger project to deliver, for example a town centre redevelopment in Wisbech. This may open up further procurement methods:

- Local Asset Backed Vehicle (LABV). This would see a partnership formed with a private sector organisation to deliver this project as part of a larger development. Private Finance Initiative (PFI) may also be considered.
- Negotiated Tendering. This involves a lengthened tendering process and is designed to achieve better outcomes for large-scale projects.

A number of parallel workstreams would run alongside the procurement including service redesign, updated systems and processes, HR and communications.

#### 6.3 Use of resources

There are a number of parallel workstreams running along with the building. The resources in Table 10 are required to deliver all workstreams.

| Resource           | Туре                 | Area of responsibility        |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| BUPA project       | Internal -           | The work associated with      |
| management         | project<br>delivery. | delivering the project.       |
| Services based in  | Internal -           | Advice and input into the     |
| the facilities in  | service              | solution design and use.      |
| scope              | delivery input.      |                               |
| Other CCC services | Internal -           | Advice and input into the     |
| moved from         | service              | solution design and use.      |
| elsewhere          | delivery input.      |                               |
| Other CCC services | Internal -           | Specialist resources          |
| e.g. IT, FM, HR.   | delivery of          | required to deliver           |
|                    | project              | elements of the project       |
|                    | elements.            | including provision of IT,    |
|                    |                      | design of the processes       |
|                    |                      | required, the movement of     |
|                    |                      | employees, etc.               |
| Internal property, | Internal -           | Professional advice and       |
| finance and legal  | project              | input into the delivery of    |
| professionals      | delivery.            | the project.                  |
| Consultants        | External -           | Specialist advice in relation |
|                    | delivery of          | to delivering the buildings   |
|                    | the buildings.       | not able to be provided       |
|                    |                      | internally.                   |
| Prime contractor   | External -           | The design and build of       |
|                    | delivery of          | new facilities to meet the    |
|                    | the buildings.       | design specification.         |

Table 10. The Use of Resources to Deliver the Preferred Option

## 7. Suggested Course of Action

It is clear that the potential to have a positive impact on Wisbech and the surrounding area exists and can be realised through the project. Financially this project represents a large commitment on the part of the Council. This capital investment should be considered as a positive demonstration of the council's commitment to the area and progressing with Option 1 is the recommended course of action. In addition, it is suggested that the opportunity to extend Hereward Hall in March be retained with a review of cost and benefit taking place as the project develops further. The amount of additional space provided in addition to re-providing for CCC employees in the buildings in scope should be subjected to further examination through development of the project and discussions with partners.

Should the decision to proceed with Option 1 - 3 not be taken, continuous review of changes to the components /factors that might influence a move would be monitored. For example, if an opportunistic purchase came to the market that would provide improved accommodation, the Council would have the ability to make a prompt and informed judgement to react to the market, based on the detailed investigative and preparatory work undertaken. If the opportunity to move does not present itself in the meantime, a full review should be carried out during years 4-5. If such a review concluded that a move were desirable, this would occur at around year 8.

A **Technical Brief** will be produced to contain all common assumptions or definitions for each element of the Business Case, e.g. financial model, sensitive analysis.

## 8. Appendix

Below is the financial pro-forma for the Fenland project. To access the full pro-forma including timings see this link: Finances\FP Merged Financials v0.2.xls

|                                      | Baseline    | Option 1    | Option 2    | Option 3    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                      |             |             |             |             |
| CAPITAL                              |             |             |             |             |
| 1) Non-Recurrent Setup Costs         |             |             |             |             |
|                                      |             |             |             |             |
| Land                                 | £0          | £0          | £0          | £0          |
| Building                             | £0          | £3,703,620  | £3,703,620  | £2,766,189  |
| Externals                            | £0          | £370,362    | £370,362    | £276,619    |
| Fitout (Incl Furniture)              | £0          | £828,884    | £828,884    | £661,083    |
| Move/Disposal Costs                  | £0          | £48,200     | £48,200     | £48,200     |
|                                      | £0          | £180,050    | £176,953    | £197,606    |
| Professional fees @ 15%              | £0          | £769,667    | £769,203    | £592,455    |
| Duplication Uplift @ 15%             | £0          | £0          | £884,583    | £681,323    |
| Contingency @ 10%                    | £0<br>£0    | £590,078    | £678,180    | £454,215    |
| Sub-total                            | £U          | £6,490,862  | £7,459,985  | £5,677,690  |
| 2) Recurrent Capital Running Costs   |             |             |             |             |
| Maintenance                          | £2,491,800  | £2,579,942  | £2,579,942  | £2,005,766  |
| Sub-total (pa)                       | £2,491,800  | £2,579,942  | £2,579,942  | £2,005,766  |
|                                      | 22,101,000  | 22,010,012  | 22,010,012  | 22,000,100  |
| 3) Non-Recurrent Capital Returns     |             |             |             |             |
| Residual Value                       | £730,000    | £6,490,862  | £7,459,985  | £5,677,690  |
| Capital Receipts                     | £0          | £730,000    | £730,000    | £730,000    |
| Sub-total                            | £730,000    | £7,220,862  | £8,189,985  | £6,407,690  |
|                                      |             |             |             |             |
| Net Capital Cost (40 Years)          | £2,491,800  | £8,340,804  | £9,309,928  | £6,953,456  |
| Capital Costs/Savings (vs Baseline)  | L           | £5,849,004  | £6,818,128  | £4,461,656  |
| REVENUE                              |             |             |             |             |
| REVENUE                              |             |             |             |             |
| 4) Recurrent Running Costs           |             |             |             |             |
| IT                                   | £537,120    | £664.860    | £916,860    | £1,559,040  |
| FM Costs                             | £4,892,270  | £16,166,739 | £16,166,739 | £15,844,017 |
| Lease Costs                          | £3,989,200  | £498,650    | £498,650    | £3,736,628  |
| Sub-total (pa)                       | £9,418,590  | £17,330,249 | £17,582,249 | £21,139,685 |
|                                      |             | •           |             |             |
| 5) Non-Recurrent Running Costs       |             |             |             |             |
| Employee Reorganisation Costs        | £0          | £378,937    | £226,968    |             |
| Project Management Costs             | £0          | £250,000    | £250,000    |             |
| Cost of Borrowing (Prudential)       | £2,265,836  | £11,582,986 | £13,103,157 | £9,796,026  |
| Sub-total                            | £2,265,836  | £12,211,922 | £13,580,125 | £10,227,526 |
| Net Devenue Conto (40 Varia)         | 044 004 400 | 000 540 474 | 004 400 074 | 004 007 044 |
| Net Revenue Costs (40 Years)         | £11,684,426 | £29,542,171 | £31,162,374 | £31,367,211 |
| Revenue Costs/Savings (vs Baseline)  | L           | £17,857,746 | £19,477,949 | £19,682,785 |
| OVERALL                              |             |             |             |             |
| OVERALE                              |             |             |             |             |
| Total Project Cost (Incl. Res Value) | £13,446,226 | £31,392,114 | £33,012,317 | £32,642,977 |
| Net Present Cost*                    | £6,392,887  | £18,402,223 | £19,686,083 |             |
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