

**Scrutiny Committee A****1 March 2018****A1 Scrutiny Group****Purpose of Report:** Progress report

The working group met with the Portfolio Holder to discuss the review of office accommodation in the north of the County. It was noted that, in due course, reviews will take place of office accommodation in the mid and south of the County. A number of options were under consideration and the Group were able to support the Portfolio Holder in his preferred option.

However the discussion raised issues about the Authority's approach to property management which, the Group believed could be improved by having all the Authority's properties managed corporately. This would include all assets including schools, libraries, offices and county farms etc to ensure the most efficient use of building could be achieved. The Group was aware of different assets being managed by different services, leading to a lack of knowledge as to what is available. A corporate approach was thought to be more efficient and cost effective and the Group has made this recommendation to Cabinet.

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**Group Membership: County Councillors D Selby (Lead Member), D O Evans, E Jones, A Williams and G Williams. County Councillor E Vaughan was in attendance.**