

Response to Request for Information

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Local Government Estates Strategy

Request:

I am writing to you as part of a research project looking into Local Government estates strategy.

Specifically, I would like to ask for information on the following questions:

- Whether your Local Authority has any plans to establish or move any of its municipal offices to new premises or to modify or refurbish existing premises in the coming five years.
 - The Council has a Future Space programme that is a rationalisation programme of office accommodation across the City. The Council is rationalising its office estate from 20 buildings to retain 4. The Civic Centre (City Centre office) is currently undergoing a maintenance refurbishment programme which will enable the vacation and disposal of the remaining 16.
- 2. Whether, as part of an estates strategy, your Local Authority has plans to colocate with any of the following services:
 - Central Government
 - Other Local Government (including district or county)
 - Police services
 - Fire & Rescue services
 - Ambulance services
 - NHS

The Council is leading on two One Public Estate (OPE) projects:

- Creation of Health and Social Care Hubs (NHS and other Local Government)
- Feasibility on the development of a Public Sector Hub (NHS, Fire, Police, other Local Government, Education, Central Government)
- Any further information you have regarding the timescale, floorplan size, cost of the project and staff numbers involved (full time-equivalents).
 No detail available at present as only at the feasibility stages of the OPE projects

For your own convenience, if your Authority holds any business plan or strategy documents available for public release on these topics that would more easily answer my questions, I would be happy for you to forward to me the relevant files.