



## The Council, 24 April 2017

### Report of the Estates Committee

**Date:** 31 March 2017

**Chair:** Dr Simon Eden

**Secretary:** Mrs Becky Bancroft

#### 1 Sports Centre

It was noted that the planning application for the Sport Centre had been submitted with variations for the coach pull in.

#### 2 Audit Update

The question remained as to how the Committee best fits into the overall structure, although this would not change the nature of the Committee.

#### 3. Psychology

David Walker provided a presentation to the Committee.

- The initial project was to refurbish the existing building. The existing building was of poor quality and in need of roof and window replacement and an upgrade / renewal of the M and E services. The constraints on site would require heavy engineering works and it was noted that Veolia heating mains pass through the plant room substation.
- Previous plans for the addition of a lecture theatre were rejected by ECSG due to the poor value for money. The project team are now looking at new build options.
- The new build proposal will incorporate a brick façade and teaching rooms on the south elevation. The site will have a gross internal floor area of 2790m<sup>2</sup> and 48 cellular offices. The project will include the refurbishment of two stone villa's adjacent to the site on Western Bank and Mushroom Lane retaining and enhancing many of the villas original features.
- The estimated project cost was £20.7m.

#### 4. Student Housing Analysis: Sheffield

Chris Garlick gave a presentation to the Committee.

Sheffield has approximately 60,000 students and is seen as an ideal city for investment by developers. 1178 beds were completed in the city in 2016.

Planning applications for a total of 4300 have been granted and when completed will provide a 26% increase in overall student beds within the city.

Keith Lilley reported that due to the substantial student housing in the city, the opportunity to drive rentals down, due to competition would be forthcoming. This would be to the benefit of our students.

The Group agreed that it was positive that there was active interest to build and that the appetite in the private sector for these developments meant that the University was able to concentrate on its academic investments.

## **5. Capital Plan Review**

The capital pipeline of projects was greater than affordable limits and work was being undertaken to prioritise investment. The capital programme would be tailored to the available resources.

## **6. Maintenance Financial Update**

Keith Lilley gave a synopsis of the performance for phase 2, 2015/16 to 2019/20 of the Maintenance Plan and Performance Forecast Report. The Committee were made aware that the paper had been approved by ECSG on 13 March.

## **7. AMRC Update**

Keith Lilley updated the Committee on the site at the former Sheffield airport by way of presentation.

The Committee received plans showing how the site would be split and the location of the Boeing Aerospace building, mindful of demand from the University and the private sector.

## **8. Summary**

Council are asked to note the content of this report.