



To: Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)

Date: 3rd April

Subject: The Council House as a Democratic Centre

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To invite Members to consider options for the use of the Council House as a Democratic Centre

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) are recommended to:
- 1) Discuss options for the future use of the Council House
 - 2) Identify recommendations for the Cabinet Member Jobs and Regeneration

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Council House is the Democratic Centre of the Council, where Elected Members and Civic Functions are based.
- 3.2 The Council House has committee rooms and the Diamond Rooms as meeting venues on the Ground Floor.
- 3.3 The First Floor is used by Members and Members Services as office space.
- 3.4 The Second Floor and Basement is used by other Council teams as office space and storage. There are also meeting spaces and breakout spaces available for staff.
- 3.5 Since One Friargate opened in 2017, some of the staff teams once located at the Council House have moved to the new offices.
- 3.6 The vacated office space is used as touchdown space for officers, based elsewhere, but who want to work at the Council House.
- 3.7 Part of the space on the ground floor is used by The Wheelhouse as shared office and co-working space. This provides an income for the Council.