

**RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION
BY CABINET**

ITEM:	County Hall
Cabinet Members Present:	Councillors Simon Geraghty (Chairman), David Chambers, Marcus Hart, Adam Kent, Steve Mackay, Karen May, David Ross and Emma Stokes.
Date of Decision:	6 February 2025
Purpose:	To consider the current and ongoing position with County Hall.
DECISION:	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) noted the investigative works carried out at County Hall, further to the July 2024 Cabinet decision; b) noted the outcome of the investigative works, additional costs and considerations associated with bringing County Hall back into operational use as it was prior to vacating the building in June 2024; c) agreed in principle that County Hall is now surplus to the current needs of the Council; d) approved the use of £250k of the previously approved £1.5m earmarked reserve for the activities contained within this report set out in paragraphs 52 to 57; e) authorised the Strategic Director for Economy & Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Corporate Services and Communications, to prepare proposals for County Hall; and f) requested a report back to Cabinet in Quarter 1 of 2025/26 to cover proposals for the site.
Reason(s) for the Decision:	To be able to assess the situation with County Hall in order to consider future options and progress the plans for the future of the building.

Alternative Options Considered:	As detailed in the report
Conflict of Interest (any declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/any dispensation granted)	None
Date the decision is due to take effect:	13 February 2025

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