DFID Strategic Asset Management Plan 2017/18 Content

Executive Summary

The Department for International Development (DFID) leads the UK's work to end extreme poverty, deliver the Global Goals, and tackle global challenges in line with the Government's UK Aid Strategy. The Department's work is firmly in Britain's national interest and will play a crucial part in Britain becoming more outward looking and engaged on the world stage as it exits the European Union.

DFID operates out of two headquarter buildings; 22 Whitehall in London and Abercrombie House in East Kilbride, Scotland. DFID's Overseas Estate has been transferred to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office under the One HMG agreement. Therefore the DFID Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) relates only to these two UK buildings.

DFID's intention is to retain this approach of having two UK headquarter locations, while also participating in the wider government property strategy under the governance of the new Government Property Agency (GPA). The department intends to participate in the New Property Model (NPM) pilot or "shadow exercise" during 2017/2018. This will entail both of DFID's buildings (currently freehold) moving to the NPM and, as a result, the ownership of these assets transferring to the GPA once due diligence is completed. During the pilot "shadow exercise", a suite of agreements will be put in place to underpin the NPM including a partnership agreement, managed service agreements and internal lease agreements. DFID is also engaged with the UK Hubs Programme and continues to discuss the future direction of DFID in relation to plans for future hubs.

The DFID SAMP sets out how DFID, working with GPA, will ensure these assets are maintained, including carrying out essential maintenance at both buildings. We will continue to make improvements that maximise space utilisation and build on existing smarter working routines at 22 Whitehall. Abercrombie House will undergo modest investment to deliver improvements in physical security, health and safety, maintenance and effective utilisation of space. It is important that the DFID estate supports collaboration between teams in the UK buildings and overseas locations and this asset management approach supports DFID's technology strategy. To support the departmental SAMP deliverables, DFID Estates have qualified professionals in operational security, health and safety and facilities management. Others members of staff are enlisted on the Cabinet Office backed British Institute of Facilities Management professional courses.