

Council meeting 7 October 2009

22-26 Stannary Street Limited

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

22-26 Stannary Street Limited ('the company') was acquired with the Council's agreement in 2005 in order to acquire the premises at that address, to provide additional office and meeting room space.

The building was subsequently converted to meet HPC's needs and now comprises meeting rooms on the ground floor and office space on the first and second floors.

It is now proposed that the company should be wound up. The Executive feel that the advantages of winding up the company (simplifying accounting, simplifying statutory reporting and eliminating the need for company directors and filing company returns) would outweigh the disadvantages (losing the remaining value of capital allowance tax benefits).

The Finance and Resources Committee and the Audit Committee have had the tax implications explained by Baker Tilly, HPC's Tax Advisors.

Decision

The Council is requested to discuss and approve that 22-26 Stannary Street Limited should be wound up, subject to confirmation from HMRC that there will be no adverse tax implications for HPC.

Background information

The board of 22-26 Stannary Street Limited has discussed the proposed winding-up of the company, most recently at its board meeting on 10 September 2009.

The Finance and Resources Committee have been consulted on this matter on 15 September 2009.

The Audit Committee have been consulted on this matter on 29 September 2009. The director of finance will update the council with the outcome of discussions from this meeting.

Resource implications

None.

Financial implications

To be advised.

Appendices

None.

Date of paper

24 September 2009.