

Finance and Resources Committee 15 September 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).

Baker Tilly, the HPC's tax advisers and external auditors, will be present at the meeting to explain the tax implications.

Decision

The Committee is asked to recommend to the Council that 22-26 Stannary Street Limited should be wound up, subject to confirmation 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 Audit Committee on 29 September 2009 will also be asked to agree to recommend to the Council that the company should be wound up.

Resource implications

None.

Financial implications

To be advised.

Appendices

None.

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10 September 2009.