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For County Councillors

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Update on Campus project

Introduction

The Campus Redevelopment Programme has been working to plan the future use of the County Hall campus with a view to developing a multi-agency public service hub, sharing spaces with local partners. Its key aims are to improve customer access and reduce costs for organisations by sharing spaces.

Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) is considering its long-term accommodation options and in 2014 approved County hall as its preferred option.

Since then, County Council officers have been working with district colleagues to bring about a scheme that would be acceptable to all parties.

This work was based on an initial scheme concept of refurbished office accommodation in A Block, along with new build extension to the rear of A Block to create a new Councillor meeting space and new reception facilities to host TDBC and other partner service delivery such as the Library and Police.

Update

In the light of on-going austerity and the need for more cost effective and affordable solutions for the public purse, a revised proposal has now been developed for consideration by TDBC.

Some of the changes include the Library remaining at its current location and no extensions to A Block, with a revised plan for meeting rooms and reception within the existing footprint of A Block. The office accommodation proposal being unchanged from the original proposal.

TDBC will be considering its options, including the revised County Hall proposals and longer occupation of Deane House, before it makes a final decision.

The Campus Redevelopment Project has been paused while this happens and we will keep you updated on any developments.

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