



PROPERTY SERVICES

The NPA Property Adviser acts as the Authority's corporate property officer and aligns the NPA's property portfolio to support the operational requirements of the Chief Constable, as stated in his Policing Plan. Through Gateshead Council's role as lead authority provides the full range of professional property, design and estates services to NPA.

This involves the acquisition, management, maintenance, development and disposal of all property assets, as well as the development and implementation of NPA's Estates Strategy. The latter is a three-year rolling investment plan within a 10 year context, sufficiently flexible to deal with property opportunities should they arise and fit with the overall policing requirements of the area.

The Property Adviser also prepares the Energy and Sustainability strategies for the occupied premises, acts as the "Design Champion" for the Authority and the Chief Constable, and continuously monitors national and EU trends in procurement methods and regulations.

In recent years a variety of "modern" procurement methods have been used, including: PFI, Design & Build, Turnkey, etc. Each is monitored, lessons learned and applied to the assessment of the next project and its potential procurement routes. The long term physical and financial implications of procurement methodologies is always considered prior to the commitment to invest.

Quarterly reports to Resource Management Committee update members on progress against the Estates Strategy.

For more information about Property Services contact NPA Property Adviser