

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Mr Oakford, The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services

DECISION NO:

23/00020

For publication

Key decision: Non-Key Decision

Subject Matter / Title of Decision:

Granting of Long Lease to UK Power Networks for operation and use of Sub Station at St Edmunds Church of England Primary School, West Kingsdown

Decision:

As Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, I agree to:

1. authorise the granting of a new lease, for a term in excess of 20 years, in order for a new electricity substation to be built within the school grounds. This will serve new operational accommodation and development within the school grounds; and
2. authorise the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, to take necessary actions, included but not limited to entering into relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as required to implement this.

Reason(s) for decision:

In order for the new air source heat pumps to be commissioned and become operational, a new electricity substation is required to be provided on site by UK Power Networks and therefore requires Kent County Council to grant them a lease of a term of 99 years.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision was discussed by the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 9 March 2023 and the proceedings were as follows:

It was RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, to agree to:

- 1) authorise the granting of a new lease, for a term in excess of 20 years, in order for a new electricity substation to be built within the school grounds. This will serve new operational accommodation and development within the school grounds; and
- 2) authorise the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, to take necessary actions, included but not limited to entering into relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as required to implement this,

be endorsed.

In response to questions and comments from Members it was said that:

- a) The proposed air source heat pump system was approximately three times more efficient than the existing oil-based heating system.

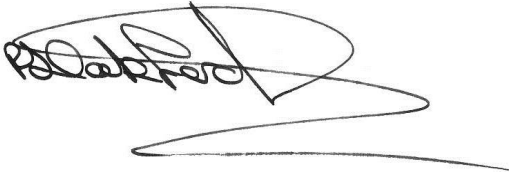
b) Although KCC had received £250k towards the cost of upgrading to air source heat pumps at St Edmunds Church of England Primary School through the Public Sector Decarbonisation Programme, UK Power Networks would be responsible for the costs incurred in providing and maintaining the substation.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

None.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None.



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signed

11 May 2023

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date