KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO: 23/00085

For publication

Kev decision: YES

Key decision criteria. The decision will:

a) result in savings or expenditure which is significant having regard to the budget for the service or function (currently defined by the Council as in excess of £1,000,000); or

Subject Matter: Granting of a Lease to Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) for Lifeboat Station in Margate.

Decision:

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

- 1. grant the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) a new lease of its Lifeboat Station in Margate on terms as outlined in exempt Appendix A; and
- 2. delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, to finalise terms for the lease and any related agreements for lease including licences for alterations.

Reason(s) for decision:

The proposal involves the granting of a lease term in excess of 20 years which requires a Key Decision in accordance with the County Council's Property Management Protocol.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

This matter was considered at the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 19 September 2023, where the proposed decision was endorsed.

The local Member for Margate, Barry Lewis (Labour) was consulted prior to the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee and acknowledged the proposal but did not make any representations.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

The following alternative options were considered, but rejected;

- 1. Obtain vacant possession.
- 2. Continued occupation with RNLI "holding-over" without a new lease.
- 3. A shorter lease term.
- 4. Sale of site to RNLI.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None.

17 October 2023

Signed date