

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – URGENT RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NUMBER:

24/00050

For publication

Key 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).*

Title of decision: Disposal of the Former Rosemary Centre, 189 High Road, Wilmington DA2 7DP

Decision:

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

1. Approve the sale of the property for £1.274m under the auction terms and conditions;
2. Confirm the Director of Infrastructure's decision under delegated authority to dispose of the property known as Rosemary Centre PRU, 189 High Road, Wilmington DA2 7DP, noting that the property's performance at auction exceeded the expectations underpinning the original disposal plan; and
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services to finalise the sale and take other actions including but not limited to, entering into relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement this decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

Under competitive tension, as part of an auction sale, the property sold for a figure exceeding the £1m threshold and so now requires a key decision.

Due to the timescales involved in the property transaction an urgent key decision is sought.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

This is an Urgent decision due to timescales associated with sale via auction.

The Chair of Scrutiny Committee, Mr Booth, agreed that the decision could not be reasonably deferred and supported the decision to be taken as urgent.

There were no comments from the Group Spokespeople of the Scrutiny Committee, Dr Sullivan, Rich Lehmann and Antony Hook.

The Chair and the Spokespeople of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee, Mr Brazier, Dr Sullivan, Rich Lehmann and Antony Hook supported the decision.

No Cabinet Committee consultation possible due to urgency process. The decision will be reported to a future Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee.

The Local Member was consulted as part of the initial disposal plan and Officer level decision process as per the Council's constitutional requirements. No comments were made in respect of the proposal to dispose of the site.

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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29 May 2024

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signed

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date