

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO:

24/00063

For publication**Key decision: YES**

The decision will 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: Disposal of Boughton Mount, Boughton Lane, Boughton Monchelsea ME17 4NA

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

1. the disposal of the property, Boughton Mount, Boughton Lane, Boughton Monchelsea ME17 4NA; 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 the terms of the disposal and execution of all necessary or desirable documentation required to implement the above.

Reason(s) for decision:

The property is surplus to the Council's operational requirements and due to the values requires a key decision as per Kent County Council's constitution.

The sale of the property will result in a capital receipt which will be reinvested back into the Council's Capital Programme.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision was considered by Members at the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 10 July 2024, where the proposed decision was endorsed.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

The Council has an overarching duty under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 to secure not less than best consideration in respect of property disposals. It also has a fiduciary duty to the residents of Kent.

As the property is not required for the Council's operational purposes, the only alternative option would be to seek an operator for the site, who would be willing to pay a market rent and take responsibility for security/holding costs, but this is considered an unrealistic prospect. Given that this approach does not align with the Council's investment strategy and a disposal provides an opportunity to reinvest capital in agreed priorities as set out in the Council's Capital Programme, it is proposed to proceed with the latter.

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

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