

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Brian Collins, Deputy Leader

DECISION NUMBER:

25/00048

For publication**Key decision: YES**

Key decision criteria. 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 of Decision: Freehold Disposal of Thistley Hill, Melbourne Avenue, Dover, CT16 2JH**Decision:**

As Deputy Leader, I agree to:

1. the disposal of Thistley Hill, Melbourne Avenue, Dover, CT16 2JH; and
2. delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, 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 projected value, to pursue a disposal, will require a Key Decision as per Kent County Council's (KCC'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 is due to be discussed by the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 8 July 2025.

The views of the Local Member will be sought and reported to Cabinet Committee meeting and Cabinet Member taking the decision.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Other options considered were to:

- Reuse the site - no other services have a requirement for the buildings as they are too dilapidated to bring back into beneficial use.
- Continue to hold the site vacant in case of a future requirement - not considered practical due to on-going holding costs, risk and the opportunity cost associated with the capital receipt.
- Let the property as part of the Tenanted Estate to generate an income - not considered feasible due to the poor condition of the buildings and the opportunity cost associated with the capital receipt.
- Disposal of the asset - to reduce the revenue holding costs and deliver a capital receipt. This is the recommended option.

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

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