

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – EXEMPT RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

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Cabinet Member for Business Strategy,
Performance and Health

DECISION NO.

11/01794

Exempt – not for publication under Part 3 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act due to the commercial sensitivity of the information contained within the decision.

Subject:

Contractual arrangements for partnership working with Swale Borough Council to help to achieve their plans for a Sittingbourne Community Facility and other town centre regeneration.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Business Strategy, Performance and Health Reform, I agree that authority be delegated to the Director of Property Infrastructure and Support in consultation with me, to sign any necessary legal documents, based on the attached final head of terms, with Swale Borough Council and the Spirit of Sittingbourne Development Company on behalf of KCC to facilitate the transfer of KCC land to Swale BC.

Reason(s) for decision

In order to support and facilitate the attempt by Swale Borough Council to regenerate Sittingbourne Town Centre. The transfer of KCC owned land will allow Swale BC to build a new development, together with their preferred partner, creating a space for work, leisure and living that the Town Centre badly needs. KCC will benefit from the provision of new accommodation within the Civic Centre as payment in kind for land transfers, subject to overage provisions should the development change which protect KCC's obligation to achieve best value.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation

The proposed decision was considered by the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on the 11th July 2012. The Cabinet Committee endorsed the proposed decision put before them.

Any alternatives considered:

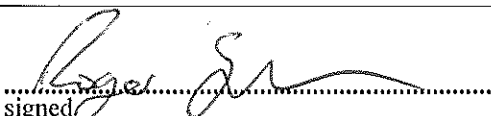
The Cabinet Member considered two alternatives before taking this decision:

1. Doing nothing was not considered to be viable in view of the level of need in Sittingbourne Town Centre and the opportunity that had arisen to address it via Swale BC's plans. In addition the Library would need refurbishing in the short term future which KCC would have had to fund.
2. KCC funded redevelopment of the Town centre was not preferred as it would require a large amount of capital funding to be secured and would not benefit from the partnership links and support offered by the opportunity now presented by Swale BC's plans.

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

None.

signed



date

24/10/12