

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TAKEN BY

Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

## DECISION NO.

13/00060

For publication

## Subject:

Mid Kent Key Office Hub - Acquisition of Premises

## Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, I agree to:

1. the freehold purchase of a property in Ashford, as named in the exempt report, and in line with the financial expectations also set out therein
2. the additional costs of purchase including agents' fees and stamp duty and works as set out in the exempt report
3. the refurbishment and modernisation costs required to make the space fit for purpose under the New Ways of Working Programme, in line with the financial expectations set out in the exempt report

## Governance

The Executive Scheme of Delegation for Officers set out in Appendix 2 Part 4 of the Constitution (and the directorate schemes of sub-delegation made thereunder) provides the governance pathway for the implementation of this decision by officers. In this instance, the Director of Property, Infrastructure and Support (on behalf of the Corporate Director Business Strategy & Support) will take all such steps as are necessary to implement the decision

## Reason(s) for decision

The New Ways of Working Programme of which the Mid Kent Key Office Hub forms part is a foundation stone to the Council's Doing Things Differently initiative which in turn is key to KCC's future in Facing the Challenge. The acquisition of the property identified in the report will enable a base for the Mid Kent Hub to be established and the consolidation of office estate; consequently the hub will enable an environment for a more modern and agile workforce and revenue costs to the office estate will significantly reduce.

## Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The decision cannot reasonably be deferred until the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee as to do so would put at risk the best interests of the Council and therefore it will be reported retrospectively in January 2014. Local procedures for such circumstances will be applied. All statutory requirements will be fulfilled

## Any alternatives considered:

Alternatives considered are outlined in the option appraisal and appendix 1 of the exempt report

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

None

Signed

Date

6/1/2014