

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY

Derek Murphy, Cabinet Member for Economic Development

DECISION NO:

23/00026

For publication

Key decision: No

Subject: Old Rectory Management Contract

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Economic Development, I agree to extend the existing Old Rectory Business Centre Management Services contract by a further one year and delegate to the Director Growth & Communities to take other relevant actions including but not limited to entering into required legal agreements as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Old Rectory Business Centre in Northfleet, is a Kent County Council owned facility that has been offering high quality office space to SMEs and new businesses since 2009. The current contract for management services was awarded in 2015 to an external supplier for a period of seven years, with an extension granted for a further year which expires on 30th November 2023. A further one-year extension will enable the centre to continue to provide business support services to local SMEs and new businesses and enable the Council to undertake a full review of the options for the future.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decisions will be considered by Members of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 16th May 2023.

Any alternatives considered:

1. Extend the contract for the duration of 3-years
2. Initiate a full PCR compliant procurement exercise.
3. Dispose of the asset.
4. Dispose of the asset and transfer its functions (as a business centre) as an ongoing concern.

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

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signed

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date

Name: