

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:

24/00090

For publication

Key Decision: Non - Key decision

The granting of a lease of accommodation in excess of 20 years.

Subject: Granting of formal lease for Electricity Sub Station at the proposed replacement school site at Crete Hall Road, Northfleet, for Rosherville Church of England Primary School.

Decision:

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services to agree to:

1. authorise the granting of a lease in excess of 20 years to UK Power Networks (UKPN) in order that a new electricity substation can be built within the grounds of the school, to serve the newly built development for operational educational requirements; 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 take necessary actions, including but not limited to entering into relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as required to implement this.

Reason(s) for decision:

In order that an adequate electricity supply can be provided to support new facilities, expansion and relocation of Rosherville Church of England Primary School, it is necessary for a new electricity substation to be provided on site by UKPN.

A lease in excess of 20 years will need to be granted for the provision and operation of the new substation.

The granting of a Formal Lease in excess 20 years requires a Key Decision in accordance with the County Council's Constitution (Property Management Protocol).

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

This matter will be considered at Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee in November 2024.

The local Members for Northfleet, Dr Sullivan (Labour) and Gravesend West, Mr Broadley (Conservative,) have been formally notified of the proposed lease. Any comments will be reported to both the Cabinet Committee meeting and Cabinet Member taking the decision.

Any alternatives considered:

The option of not offering the land to UKPN for its substation to serve the school was considered and rejected as there would be no other suitable sites available near to the new school buildings and it could not be operated without adequate electricity supply. The substation will be necessary to ensure the development can be completed and brought into use, which accords with a recommendation to offer the land and grant a lease to UKPN.

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

None.

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Signed

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