

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

**Brian Collins, Deputy Leader**

**DECISION NUMBER:**

**25/00059**

**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 Land at the junction of West Malling Bypass & South of the London Road, Leybourne.**

**Decision:** As Deputy Leader, I agree to:

1. the disposal of Land at the junction of West Malling Bypass and land south of the London Road, Leybourne; and
2. to 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. 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:** KCC has no operational requirement for the site
- **Continue to hold the site subject to the existing license in case of a future requirement:** Whilst there are minimal ongoing costs and the income is currently £1 per annum, the option for holding as an investment has been discounted as the capital receipts generated are significantly higher in the event of planning consent being granted for development and sale on this basis.
- **Disposal of the asset:** A freehold disposal will allow a capital receipt to be generated for reinvestment back into the Council's stated capital priorities and support the delivery of the Council's statutory obligations. **Recommended option.**

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

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