

From: Brian Collins, Deputy Leader
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To: Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee – 14 January 2026

Subject: Decisions taken between Cabinet Committee Meetings
Urgent Decision 25/00114
Disposal of the Former Gravesend Adult Education Centre, Darnley Road, Gravesend, DA11 0RX

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Electoral Division: Northfleet and Gravesend West, Matthew Fraser Moat (Reform UK) and Sharon Roots (Reform UK)

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Summary: An urgent decision was taken outside of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee as the property sold for a figure exceeding the £1m key decision threshold. As a result, a key decision which was not previously anticipated and could not reasonably be deferred to the next programmed committee for the reason(s) set out below.

Recommendation(s):

The Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee is asked to note that Decision No. 25/00114, Disposal of the Former Gravesend Adult Education Centre, Darnley Road, Gravesend, DA11 0RX, was taken in accordance with sections 12.32 and 12.35 of the Council's constitution.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with governance arrangements, all significant or Key Decisions must be listed in the Forthcoming Executive Decision List and should be submitted to the relevant Cabinet Committee for endorsement or recommendation prior to the decision being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet.
- 1.2 The property was sold as part of an auction sale. Under competitive tension the property sold for a figure exceeding the £1m threshold and required a key decision, which was not previously anticipated. Due to the timescales involved

in the property transaction an urgent key decision was taken in accordance with KCC's Urgent Decision process.

- 1.3 The decision was taken by the Deputy Leader as set out in KCC's Constitution on 31st December, the decision is not subject to the call-in provisions and has been implemented in accordance with section 12 of the Constitution.
- 1.4 The decision was required so that the asset sale could be completed by 11th January in compliance as required under the auction sale contract which was binding on the authority.
- 1.5 The former Gravesend Adult Education Centre, Darnley Road, Gravesend DA11 0RX had been approved for sale via delegated management of the property portfolio, in accordance with the Asset Disposal Policy. Authority was in place to support the sale via auction of the property as the price was expected to fall well within the normal delegated limits under the Property Management Protocol. The property went to auction on 11th December 2025. The sale price achieved was £1,523,000, which exceeded the officer delegated limits of £1m; a key decision was therefore required to regularise the governance position. Due to the timescales involved in sales by auction the decision followed the urgent decision pathway.
- 1.6 Due to the timescales involved in the property transaction which were not anticipated and the completion scheduled for 11th January 2025, it was not possible for this decision to be discussed by the Cabinet Committee prior to it being taken by the Deputy Leader. Therefore, in accordance with the process set out in the Council's Constitution, the Chairman and Group Spokespersons for this Cabinet Committee, the Chairman and Spokesmen for the Scrutiny Committee were informed prior to the decision being taken and their views were recorded on the Record of Decision attached. After the decision was taken, it was published.

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2. Background Documents

- 2.1 25/00114 - [Decision Report](#)
- 2.2 Appendix A - Exempt appendix to executive decision report
- 2.3 Appendix B - [Site Plan](#)
- 2.4 Appendix C – [Record of Decision](#)
- 2.5 Appendix D - [Equality Impact Assessment](#)

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