

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:

For publication

Key decision*

Non-key decision

Subject Matter / Title of Decision:

Disposal of land at Danley Road Sheppey - Part of Former Danley Middle School to Minister for Communities Housing and Local Government (MHCLG) for provision of new Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) School.

Decision:

As Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services I;

- authorise Kent County Council to transfer the land at Danley Road, Sheppey to MHCLG; and
- delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure to take necessary actions, included but not limited to entering into relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as required to implement this decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

Whilst the transfer of sites to the Minister for Communities Housing and Local Government (MHCLG) for Free Schools is a delegated and established practice, in view of the land values for this particular site a decision is sought from the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services.

The County Council will need to transfer the land to allow the Department for Education (DfE) to deliver a new special school.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

To be updated on Record of Decision in due course.

Any alternatives considered:

KCC to retain the freehold of the land and grant the DfE a 125-year lease of the site. As with other recent land transactions for school sites between KCC with MHCLG and DfE, the DfE will not accept anything other than the terms of their standard model lease when taking sites for schools. The DfE Model form of lease leaves KCC with ongoing risk and liabilities and thus is not acceptable to KCC.

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