

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Peter Oakford, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services

DECISION NO:

21/00099

For publication

Key decision – No, Non-Key Significant Decision

Subject Matter / Title of Decision:

Works at Tennyson Lodge and Thomas Place, Maidstone, Kent

Proposed Decision:

As **Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services**, I agree to progress the required works and related activity as detailed in the recommendations as set out within the exempt report and delegate authority to:

1. The **Director of Infrastructure**, in consultation with the **Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services** and **KCC General Counsel**, to take necessary actions, including but not limited to entering into any contracts and legal agreements, required to deliver the works.

Reason(s) for decision:

A decision is required to confirm the progression of and approach to necessary works needed at the relevant properties. Detailed arrangements and considerations are set out within the exempt report.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision was discussed by the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee, 9th November 2021 and the proceedings were as follows:

The proposed decision was **ENDORSED**.

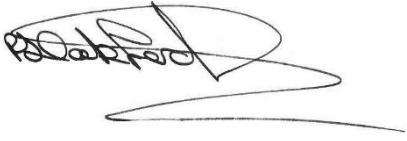
Motion Rayner/Marsh: 'that rectification works proceed but KCC hold back on any agreement pending further scrutiny to see how the situation develops vis a vis the Sec of State's direction regarding lessees being burdened with costs' NOT CARRIED 2/7

Motion Love/Cooke: 'that the committee recommends to the Cabinet Member that he proceed in accordance with the Rec at para 6 of the report but ask that he investigate any impact of the latest Ministerial statement' CARRIED 10/0

Following the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee, 9th November 2021, as agreed, advice was sought from external legal advisors (Burgess Salmon), regarding the announcement that was made in the House of Commons by the new Secretary for State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. This advice was subsequently shared with Committee Members and **The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services** concluded that the Council's position remained unchanged and that the significant decision should be progressed to enable the settlement agreement to be finalised and the works progressed.

Any alternatives considered:
As set out within the exempt report.

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



13 December 2021

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Signed

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