

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:

24/00091

For publication

Key decision: Non - Key decision

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

Subject: Formal Lease for an Electricity Sub Station at Teynham Parochial Church of England Primary School, near Sittingbourne.

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 in order that a new electricity substation can be built within the grounds of the school, to serve new education buildings to be built in 2025; 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 and expansion at Teynham Parochial Church of England Primary School, it is necessary for a new electricity substation to be provided on site by UK Power Networks.

A lease of 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 Member, Mr Lehmann, has been formally notified of the proposed granting of the lease. Any comments will be reported to both the Cabinet Committee meeting and Cabinet Member taking the decision.

Any alternatives considered:

A new substation is required at this site for the provision of additional electricity consumption for new education buildings to be built on the site in 2025.

Consideration was given to locating the substation on the Diocesan Board's land, though having regard to limited timescales (Spring 2025 latest) for provision of the substation, it is preferable to retain control of granting the lease by the County Council, to accord with such timescales. The value of the land to be taken is de minimus.

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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