

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Gary Cooke – Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

DECISION NO:

15/00025

For publication

Subject: West Kingsdown Children’s Centre – Taking of a long lease from Rochester Diocesan Board of Education

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, I agree to the County Council taking a long lease of West Kingsdown Children’s Centre, on terms to be finalised by the Director of Property.

Reason(s) for decision:

Under the Property Management Protocol, the taking of any lease over 20 years in length should be considered by Members, and the Decision taken by the Cabinet Member.

The decision to take the long lease would secure the property for operational use for the future.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

To be entered after the meeting and considered by the Cabinet Member when taking the decision.

Any alternatives considered:

Consideration has been given to retaining the freehold interest in the Centre, though deciding to pursue this would prejudice the desired Academy conversion of the School. The County Council would also become embroiled within a dispute with the Diocesan Board, which would probably be determined by the DfE to the Board’s advantage.

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