

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – ~~PROPOSED~~ RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION ~~TO BE~~ TAKEN BY:

Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Business Strategy, Audit, Transformation and Commercial and Traded Services

DECISION NO:

1600017

For publication

Key decision*

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions

Subject: Re-location of KCC Services from Tonbridge Gateway

Decision:

As Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Business Strategy, Audit, Transformation and Commercial and Traded Services I agree to the relocation of KCC Services and commissioned services from the Tonbridge Gateway to Tonbridge Library and Tonbridge Adult Education Centre.

In addition, I agree that an urgent review of the Council's estate in Tonbridge and the services provided from that estate be undertaken.

Reason(s) for decision:

To ensure that KCC are delivering cost effective face to face gateway services in the Tonbridge area. By exercising the break clause in in the current partnership and leasing agreements KCC will save £46,000 per annum whilst still maintaining the current service provision.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

A 6-week public consultation ending on 21st February 2016 was held.

The Policy and Resources Cabinet considered and endorsed the proposed decision at its meeting on the 14th March 2016

Any alternatives considered:

Continuing occupation at the current location.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

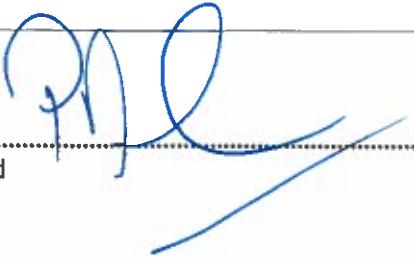
During the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee, Members commented that;

- The consultation did not propose an alternative option and conversations had not taken place with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council about detailed funding arrangements
- Continuation of service provision was important
- Work should continue to review KCC-owned properties in Tonbridge and Malling
- Consideration in the longer term should be given to providing services from a centrally

located premise

- The needs of people who cannot access services on-line be taken into account

These comments were considered prior to endorsement of the proposal to relocate KCC services and commissioned services to Tonbridge Library and Adult Education Centre.



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