

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**

Gary Cooke, Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services

**DECISION NO:**

16/00065-e

**For publication****Key decision**

Decisions which should be regarded as Key decisions because they are likely to have a significant effect either in financial terms or on the Council's services to the community include:

(a) Decisions about expenditure or savings over £1,000,000 which are not provided for within the approved budget or Medium Term Financial Plan.

**Subject:**

Disposal of land at Astor of Hever, Oakwood Park, Maidstone

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, I agree to the sale of land at Astor of Hever, Oakwood Park, Maidstone on the terms set out in the Exempt Report and to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, the Director of Finance and Procurement and the Cabinet Member for Finance, to finalise the selected purchaser and terms of the proposed sale.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

The site has been identified as surplus to the Council's requirements. The proceeds from any disposal will support the delivery of the Council's Medium Term Capital Programme and the disposal will streamline the property portfolio to achieve financial and efficiency benefits in line with the appropriate property policy.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The proposed decision was discussed by the Property Sub-Committee on 8 July 2016 and the proceedings were as follows:

*Mr K Pulsford, Asset Strategy and Disposals Manager, was in attendance for this item.*

1. Mrs Spore introduced the report and confirmed that it was proposed that the parcels of land listed be brought to the market to test their market value and the appetite for conditional or unconditional offers (ie with or without planning permission), in order to achieve best value for public money when disposing of them. Endorsement was thus being sought for the proposed sale of the properties, subject to the outcome of the market testing exercise.
2. Mrs Spore and Mr Cooke answered questions of detail from the Sub-Committee about the sites listed and the impact of their disposal upon the County's ability to accommodate future demand to increase school places, and it was suggested that, to reassure Members, a report setting out in detail the process around identifying school sites as surplus to requirements be made to this Sub-Committee and to the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee.
3. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, to sell the properties, subject to the outcome of the market testing exercise, and to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement and the Director of Finance and Procurement, to finalise the selected purchaser and terms of the proposed sale, be endorsed; and
- b) a report setting out in detail the process around identifying school sites as surplus to requirements be made to this Sub-Committee and to the Education and Young People's Services Cabinet Committee.

Local Members are being consulted in line with the Property Management Protocol prior to marketing

**Any alternatives considered:**

None

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

None

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signed

11/8/2016  
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date