

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**

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

**DECISION NO:**

**20/00019**

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

This is a key decision as the proposed lease length is over 20 years.

**Subject:**

Authority to enter into a sub-lease at Dartford Youth Centre with Europa Weightlifting Club for 30 years

**Decision:**

As Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services I authorise KCC entering into a sublease at the Dartford Youth Centre to Europa Weightlifting Club for a period of 30 years; and delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure to finalise the terms and enter into the necessary legal documentation.

**Background:**

Kent County Council (KCC) has a long ground lease interest in a site known at Dartford Youth Centre (DYC). The land is located in the Temple Hill area of Dartford. The land upon which DYC is built; is owned by Dartford Borough Council (DBC) who is landlord to the County Council.

The centre requires complete refurbishment to bring it into reasonable repair. Most of the property has been occupied by a private gym operator who wishes to take a long lease of the entire property to enable it raise funds for refurbishment.

**Financial Implications:**

See exempt report

**Legal Implications:**

See exempt report

**Equality Implications:**

The proposed sublease will provide an opportunity for the club to invest in the building; providing an enhanced community facility; which in turn will help to improve the health and well being for the community.

**Business Plan:**

N/A

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

A Decision Report was shared with Members of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee with the Proposed Record of Decision and duly noted at the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee Briefing held on 16 June 2020.

**Any alternatives considered:** surrendering KCC's lease was considered as set out in the exempt report

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

Peter Oakford

8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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